

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TUNKHANNOCK, PA



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LAKE WINOLA, PA

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair

Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair

Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Pastor
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Rev. Dennis Bajkowski (Ret.)

Parish Office: Fr. Nallin Hall, Tunkhannock
Business Manager: Dick Schwoebel (570)677-7634
Secretary: Mary Lou Chackan
Office hours: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

WELCOME: We warmly welcome all to join us in worship of our God. If you are new to our parish community, please be sure to tell Fr. Pat that you will be joining our parish community. Contact the parish office if you have any questions. Visitor envelopes are available at all entrances.

MARRIAGE: Christian marriage is a sacred and serious commitment. Couples contemplating marriage should notify a parish priest at least nine months before the date on which they intend to marry. This should be done before any other arrangements are made so that a couple may be suitably served by the parish and diocese. All couples are required to take part in a Pre-Cana program or Engaged Encounter Weekend. **Sunday Weddings are not permitted.**

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a community journey that leads to transformation of mind and spirit. Guided by the gospel and the examples of parish members, newcomers can find their place in the RCIA community of believers and discover their own relationship with Christ. The program runs from September through Pentecost with reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Information is available at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Knowing the Catholic faith and tradition is essential if faith and tradition are to continue to be nourishing facets of our lives. Religious formation is valuable for both youth and adults. Classes are conducted from September to May following the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday. Information on religious education programs for youth of all ages and educational opportunities for adults are available at the parish office.

BULLETIN: If you have information that you would like to place in the bulletin (community news, society/social news, etc.), please have it at the parish office no later than Tuesday morning.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Forty-five minutes before Saturday evening Mass or by appointment.

SHUT-INS: If someone you know is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Communion or receive a copy of our weekly bulletin, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM: All parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation meeting before this sacrament will be celebrated. Contact Father Pat at the parish office (570-836-3275) to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's baptism.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Visits are made on a regular basis.
PLEASE NOTE: The new privacy laws limit the amount of information that we receive from the hospitals or nursing/convalescent homes. It is necessary that family or friends notify us of these admittances.

HANDICAPPED SEATING AREA: Please note that the front pew nearest to the side door is reserved to accommodate those who have need due to disability. Please be kind enough to leave this pew available for that purpose.

PARKING LOT: [St. Mary's] Please keep the emergency lane in front of the church clear at all times. It is essential that vehicles are able to get in and out of the parking lot in case of an emergency. Please adhere to the parking spaces as delineated. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners when you are backing up or turning to park or to exit the parking lot. There is ample parking on the upper level and supplemental parking on the side of the church.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**"TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD
AND ONE ANOTHER
IN IMITATION OF MARY"**

*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils
January 2007*

www.nativitystmary.org
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SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: August 10-11, 2019

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 3,399.00
Difference:.....\$(1,401.00)

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 2,416.00
Difference:.....\$ 416.00

*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2019-2020 Parish Collections goal (envelopes and loose). It does NOT include Fundraising, Religious Education Income or any other income.

**Actual Offertory represents the total amount received in the weekly collection (not including Easter or special collections).

The generosity of our people is truly appreciated. We may not always reach our budgeted goals, but we are grateful to those who make a sacrifice on a weekly basis to sustain our parish ministries.



A WELCOMING COMMUNITY: You enter this church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

Up&Over Middle School Retreat – September 27-29, 2019

A team-building and problem solving retreat for middle school students in grades 6th, 7th, or 8th. It's guaranteed to be a weekend of fun, friendship, & faith at the beautiful wooded Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. Participants will spend time outdoors, meet new friends & learn how their God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! Built into the weekend are opportunities to deepen your faith and a number of fun activities and events including weekend Mass, a movie, free time, & an outdoor obstacle course!

Students arrive at 7:00PM on Friday, September 27th and depart at noon on Sunday, September 30th. Cost for the weekend is \$140.00. **Your parish will pay half of the cost for all attendees.**

Register online at Dioceseofscranton.org. For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-2213, ext. 1155.

CAPUCHIN SISTERS SUPPORT FUND: If you would like to assist with this need, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Capuchin Sisters" and deposit it in the collection at any time.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR: It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations.

In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at 570-862-7551.

VIRTUS: Two training sessions for adults in the Protecting God's Children (PGC-VIRTUS) program has been scheduled:

- ▶ **Wednesday, August 21st at The Gathering Room, Our Lady of the Snows, Clarks Summit @ 6:30PM.**
- ▶ **Tuesday, September 17th at All Saints Academy, Scranton, 6:00-9:00PM.**

Complete information is posted at: www.dioceseofscranton.org (safe environment-child protection-VIRTUS)

If you are an adult employee or volunteer who has direct contact or routine interaction with children, please make every effort to participate in this training. Your attendance is important. Thank you.

VIRTUS: A (live) Mandated Reporter Training will take place on **Thursday, September 12th from 6:00-9:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton** (former Bishop Hannan High School).

Trainings are **limited to the first 50 participants** and are for those individuals who are identified as mandated reporters of child abuse but have not yet completed the online training through the University of Pittsburgh.

PLEASE NOTE: this IS NOT a VIRTUS training session. For all Protecting God's Children program (VIRTUS) trainings, please refer to the Diocese of Scranton's website at: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/compliance-office/victim-assistance-coordinator/virtus/>

PIEROGI SALES: For a limited time, **we are continuing to sell pierogies at the Parish Office.** Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. First come, first served.



HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR? It is a wonderful honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. It signifies that you are being asked to live your life as an example and in imitation of God's love for the person you sponsor.

To serve as a sponsor, it is required that a person obtain a sponsor letter from his/her pastor. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, (If married) be married according to the regulations for marriage as provided by the Roman Catholic Church, officially registered and participating weekly in the Sunday Eucharist & actively striving to live out your own baptismal commitment to Christ.

EARN EXTRA MONEY: Could you use a little extra income? Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing fieldwork.

Support Your Community

Decennial census data are used to determine your representation in Congress, as well as how funds are spent for roads, schools, hospitals, and more. Help ensure that everyone in your community is counted in the next decennial census.

Fit Your Schedule

Temporary positions for the 2020 Census feature flexible hours—a perfect fit if you are looking to earn a little extra money, even if you already have other commitments.

Be a Part of History

Every 10 years since 1790, the United States has undertaken the momentous task of counting all of its residents. This is your chance to play a role.

Apply here: <https://2020census.gov/jobs>
Employment Opportunities - 2020census.gov

View all employment opportunities at the Census Bureau. ... On the Census Team, every one counts, from the recent graduate to the career statistician whose analysis of statistical methodology puts you on the leading edge.



EWTN: The Eternal Word Television Network display with valuable Catholic programming information is available in the front of Nativity BVM church. There is a display of this information in the front vestibule of

the church closest to Tioga Street. Feel free to stop by and take the information regarding their programming.

Bishop Bambera's Statement on the Immigration Situation

The image of Oscar Alberto Martinez Ramirez, and his 23-month-old daughter, Angie Valeria, both of whom drowned trying to cross the Rio Grande from Mexico to the United States will remain in many people's hearts and minds for years to come. When we preach about love and human dignity, we are talking about our moral values. As Catholics, we do not have the privilege of compromising our moral values to match our preexisting stereotypes or beliefs. When we preach a pro-life ethic, we must stand by this value to defend the unborn, the immigrant, the imprisoned, and all those who are left in vulnerable positions by their government or social circumstances. We cannot rank one of these groups above the others. The Catholic Church is called to seek out those silences and give voice to the voiceless. We have a responsibility to all people, regardless of race, religion, or immigration status. It is not our role to condemn a family for leaving their country of origin in search of a better future for their children. It is our role to love these people as members of one human family. We must continue to advocate for safe spaces for migrants and especially for children. The privately run detention centers where children are waiting to be reunited with their families are not acceptable. It is time for our leaders to set aside partisan politics and to fix a broken system. At the center of our faith is mercy without judgment; our pro-life values teach us to protect the innocent at all costs. These children deserve more from America. Recently, vigils were held in support of migrant families across the Diocese, in communities including Scranton, Stroudsburg and Wellsboro. As these events show, we are called to fight for justice for immigrants and for comprehensive immigration reform. Today and always, we are called to continue the fight for all who are vulnerable: for the unborn, for the struggling mother, and for the father who faces an impossible decision to leave his homeland. I ask you to continue not only your prayers, but your efforts to speak up against injustice and protect the basic humanity of migrants and refugees.

A Prayer

By St. Pio of Pietrelcina

May your heart always be the
temple of the Holy Spirit
May Jesus always be the helmsman
of your little spiritual ship.

May Mary be the star which
shines on your path and may she
show you the safe way to reach
the Heavenly Father.

Amen.

LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM



FITNESS CLASSES HAVE RESUMED: With the completion of church renovations at St. Mary's, the Parish Hall is again the site for the DanceFit and YogaFit programs on **Wednesday evenings. DanceFit begins at 6:00PM & the YogaFit classes are at 7:00PM.** All are welcome to attend.

THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: The Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry has **added hours** to provide our community neighbors a more convenient opportunity to help stock their kitchen with staples. The Pantry remains open as before on the **first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:00AM.** The new added hours are on the **first and third Monday evening of the month from 6:00-8:00PM.**

We are in need of a few new volunteers. Your scheduled two hour shift will take place perhaps three times a year. If you think that this is a service you would like to try, please call me and we can talk about it.

If you or someone you know from the Lower Wyoming County is in need of food, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your consideration....God bless! **Mary Lou Franko (570-586-4811)**

ANNULMENT PROCESS: Do you want to know more about the annulment process? In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact Fr. Pat or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: All adult Catholics (age 18 and over) are expected to be officially registered in a Parish and participating at Mass and the other Sacraments on a regular basis. If you have graduated from College or High School and are now employed, you are expected to join on your own unless you are attending college or a trade school. In order for a child to receive First Penance, First Eucharist or Confirmation, at least one of their parents or legal guardian must belong to and participate in our Parish. If you need to register or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Parish Office at 570-836-3275.

CAN YOU HELP? Both of our parishes are in need of volunteers to **help count the collection each week.** At **Nativity**, the counting takes place on **Sunday morning** starting at about 9:00AM. **St. Mary of the Lake** counting takes place on **Monday morning** at about 9:00AM. If you can help out **approximately once a month** in either parish, please contact Dick Schwoebel at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) or at 570-677-7634. It doesn't take long and we could really use your help.



BOY SCOUT NEWS

Next Committee Meeting: September 9th

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall

Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson

570-233-4000 adelano1230@gmail.com

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fr. Nallin Hall

TBA



PRAYER FOR AN END TO INFANTICIDE

"Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life."

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GATHERINGS OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH, CLARKS SUMMIT

- Support group meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM and the third Sunday of the month at 2:00PM

- The Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State Street, Clarks Summit

All are welcome; no registration is required.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

An Engaged Encounter is a retreat weekend for engaged couples. It is an opportunity to gather with other engaged couples, to enjoy time both in groups and alone as a couple, and to dialogue about your future married life together.

A team of married couples, as well as a priest, present ideas related to many pertinent topics. The weekend concludes with a Sunday Mass celebration. With your pastor's permission, an Engaged Encounter Weekend can qualify as PreCana preparation.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held throughout the year, both through the Diocese of Camden and through the Diocese of Harrisburg. To learn more about Engaged Encounter, or to register for a weekend, go to <http://www.engagedencounter.org/>.

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA: We want to remind you that Nativity parish is pleased to offer the Lighthouse Media bookracks in Nativity church and in Fr. Nallin Hall. Many of our parishioners have taken the opportunity to read one or more of the excellent printed materials and to listen to the CDs. There's a wealth of good information in these resources and we encourage all of our parishioners to pick up one of the items and give it a try. Be sure and let us know how you feel about these resources.



**AED IS LOCATED IN NATIVITY BVM CHURCH
& ALSO IN FR. NALLIN HALL**

**ST. MARY'S AED IS LOCATED IN THE FOYER
BETWEEN THE CHURCH & HALL**



**NEW DIOCESAN PROGRAM
FOR YOUNG PARISHIONERS**

Many faithful say young people are the **future** of the Church. That isn't the case. Young people are a part of the Church **right now** and they are leaving their mark each day.

At the conclusion of Mass for this year's World Youth Day in Panama, Pope Francis' last words were for the young people of the Church. "We are on a journey," the Holy Father reminded them. "Keep walking, keep living the faith and sharing it...you are not the tomorrow, you are not the 'meantime,' you are the Now of God."

Do you know a religious education or Catholic school teacher that has helped you deepen your faith or your child's faith? Is there a young person in your parish that is making a difference in your community? Do you know someone who is living a life of faith and service to our Diocese and our world at large?

The Catholic Light is launching a new effort to recognize the young people who are actively and fully engaged in the Catholic Church through a new effort called the **Diocese of Scranton's 20 Under 40**.

We believe that good news should be shared and that our faithful young people deserve special recognition. We are asking Pastors, Parish Life Coordinators and everyday parishioners to nominate the young people and dedicated volunteers in their midst.

The final 20 will be featured in a fall edition of *The Catholic Light* and through Diocesan social media accounts.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Nominee must be between 18 and 39 years of age as of December 31, 2019
- Nominee should be committed to serving others and providing leadership to his or her parish, school and/or the Diocese of Scranton
- Individuals may nominate themselves for recognition
- If nominating multiple individuals, separate forms should be completed for each nomination

WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Demonstrates impact to their field / ministry / community
- Brings recognition and pride to the work of the Diocese of Scranton
- Ability to uphold and enhance the core values and mission of the Diocese of Scranton

Candidates must be willing to submit a headshot, if selected, which can be published

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Eric Deabill, Diocesan Secretary for Communications & Editor-in-Chief, *The Catholic Light*: EDeabill@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 591-5001

The deadline for submissions will be Friday, September 20, 2019.

POPE ENCOURAGES PRIESTS DEJECTED BY ABUSE

CRISIS: Pope Francis acknowledged the shame and frustration felt by priests who are discouraged by the actions of fellow clergy members who betrayed the trust of their flock through sexual abuse and abuse of conscience and power. In a letter addressed to priests around the world August 4th, the pope said that many priests have spoken or written to him expressing "their outrage at what happened" and the doubts and fears the sexual abuse crisis has caused. "Without denying or dismissing the harm caused by some of our brothers, it would be unfair not to express our gratitude to all those priests who faithfully and generously spend their lives in the service of others," he said. Commemorating the 160th anniversary of the death of St. John Mary Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, the pope praised those priests who, like their patron, carry out their mission "often without fanfare and at personal cost, amid weariness, infirmity and sorrow." However, he also shared his concern that many priests "feel themselves attacked and blamed for crimes they did not commit." The revelations of sexual abuse and cover-up by clergy members, he explained, has "been a time of great suffering in the lives of those who experienced such abuse, but also in the lives of their families and of the entire people of God." The pope added that priests have not been immune to the pain felt by the faithful and "embody a spiritual fatherhood capable of weeping with those who weep." "Countless priests make of their lives a work of mercy in areas or situations that are often hostile, isolated or ignored, even at the risk of their lives," he said. "I acknowledge and appreciate your courageous and steadfast example; in these times of turbulence, shame and pain, you demonstrate that you have joyfully put your lives on the line for the sake of the Gospel." Nevertheless, the pope said, the current crisis is a time of "ecclesial purification" that "makes us realize that without (God) we are simply dust."

RESOURCES FOR ATONEMENT AND HEALING:

Resources for ongoing prayer for atonement and healing for victims of sexual abuse in our Diocese, including a sample rosary with reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries, sample intercessions and prayers can be found on the diocesan website. The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) has also provided a resource which can be found on its website, <https://fdlc.org/resources>.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Our daily Mass schedule is:

Nativity BVM Church

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00AM

St. Mary of the Lake Church

Tuesday, Thursday 8:00AM

When there is a school delay or closure due to inclement weather, no Mass will be celebrated.

OBLATES' LABOR DAY TRIDUUM, MASS TO HONOR SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER: The Oblates of Saint Joseph congregation will host their annual Labor Day Triduum and Mass in honor of Saint Joseph the Worker during the upcoming Labor Day Weekend, **August 30-September 2**, at the Oblates' seminary chapel, located on **Route 315 in Laflin**. Masses during the Triduum — Friday, August 30th through Sunday, September 1st — will be celebrated each evening at 7:00PM, followed by devotional prayers to Saint Joseph as the patron saint of laborers. Confessions and recitation of the Rosary will precede each Mass. The Triduum will conclude with a special Labor Day Mass honoring Saint Joseph the Worker on Monday, September 2nd at 11:00AM, concelebrated by the Oblate Fathers. Principal celebrant and homilist will be Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus John M. Dougherty. At the conclusion of the Mass, bread will be blessed and distributed to the faithful as a symbol of the "fruit of our labor." All are welcome. For more information, call the OSJ seminary office at (570) 654-7542.

REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR ABORTION VICTIMS: The Diocese of Scranton will participate in the seventh annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on **Saturday, September 14th** — Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross — when pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the nearly 60 million unborn victims of abortion since its legalization in 1973. Diocesan observances on September 14th will include a **Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion to be held at 11:00AM at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton**. The pro-life gathering will take place **at Mount Olivet's Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb for the Unborn,"** located on the top of the hill on the cemetery grounds. During the memorial observance, the Rosary will be recited in remembrance of all aborted babies. All faithful are invited. For more information, contact Ada Magni at (570) 693-1338.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support. Help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call (570) 207-2283.

The need of the moment is not one religion, but mutual respect and tolerance of the devotees of the different religions.
Mahatma Gandhi

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE ON FEAST OF SAINT FAUSTINA: The Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy Cenacle will host their annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, in October to coincide with the Feast of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska — the saint of Divine Mercy. The pilgrimage will be held on Saint Faustina's feast day, **Saturday, October 5th**. The bus excursion will **depart for the Divine Mercy Shrine at 7:00AM from the grounds of Saint Joseph's Oblate Seminary, 1880 Highway 315, Laflin**. Estimated arrival time at the shrine is 11:00AM. Upon arrival, pilgrims will participate in the day's events at the Mother of Mercy outdoor shrine, beginning with a presentation on Saint Faustina. The remainder of the day's itinerary is as follows:

1:00PM — Eucharistic adoration and opportunity for private confessions;
1:30PM — recitation of the Rosary for Life;
2:00PM — celebration of Holy Mass;
3:00PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet, benediction, veneration of first-class relic of Saint Faustina, and blessing of religious articles;
4:45PM — departure from shrine for home, including dinner stop at Cork 'N Hearth Restaurant in Lee, Mass.

Cost for the pilgrimage, including complimentary refreshments, Shrine entrance fee, and fullcourse dinner, is **\$75.00 per person**. For more information and reservations, contact Cathy Mack, trip coordinator, at (570) 654- 6063.

Traditional Home Health and Hospice

Come help the team that helps the community

As the volunteer coordinator at Traditional Home Health and Hospice, I would like to extend an invitation to join our team. Volunteers are an integral part of our community support network.

As a volunteer, you can expect to:

- Provide companionship to patients through conversation, reading, letter writing, music appreciation, movie/TV watching, walking or sitting outside to get some fresh air, and all sort of hobby sharing.
- Help patients and their families by running errands, doing light household chores, doing yard work, or preparing a meal.
- Provide respite to family caregivers, so they may take a break from their caregiving duties for a couple of hours, i.e., doctor appointments, errands, etc.

We offer a comprehensive training program which includes both video and one-on-one training.

Contact Lisa Morgan at (570) 207-9286. She will make arrangements to meet with you and to describe more fully the mission.

"It's an universal law-- intolerance is the first sign of an inadequate education. An ill-educated person behaves with arrogant impatience, whereas truly profound education breeds humility." **Solzhenitsyn**



MILITARY HONOR ROLL
 PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN
 YOUR PRAYERS
 DURING THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

If you have a relative or friend serving in the military, please let us know so that we can include their name on our Honor Roll

A Prayer for our Military

Father, we could never thank our military men and women enough for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people. We lift up our voices to express gratefulness and honor to these military troops both from the past and present.



**NIGHT PRAYERS
 with DEACON RAY**

**Tuesday evening prayers
 4:00PM @ St. Mary's Church
 All are welcome!**



If your child's crying or talking becomes excessive or disruptive to others, please be considerate and use the cry rooms in our churches.



PRO-LIFE ROSE

The Pro-Life red rose in front of the statue of Mary at Nativity this week is in memory of



All Victims of Gun Violence
 Donated by the Pro-Life Committee

If you would like to donate for a Pro-Life Rose at Nativity, please contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055)



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

**St. Mary of the Lake
 Thursdays 5:30-7:00PM
 in the Parish Hall**

All women of the parish are invited to join us.



Nativity BVM

In need of a prayer shawl?
 Please call Sue Barziloski (570-836-1351)

**WYOMING COUNTY
 COMMUNITY FAIR**

Fairgrounds - Route 6, Meshoppen
 Wed., August 28 - Monday, September 2

Both of our parishes will again have a booth at the Fair. This is a major fundraiser for both parishes and volunteers are needed to work at the booths. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office @ 570-836-3275 (Nativity) or Ellen Wengen @ 570-378-2014 (St. Mary). Booth schedules are in the bulletin. Your help is needed & appreciated.



St. Mary of the Lake Parish

**Annual Parish
 Meeting
 & Breakfast**



**Sunday, September 8th
 Following the 9:00AM Mass**

Boy Scout Troop 518 will be cooking and serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, potatoes, O.J., coffee & tea

**Donation: \$5.00 per person
 (pay at the door)**

You are encouraged to join us as we discuss our activities of this past year and look forward to the challenges of our next year. This gives everyone time to be together to dine and discuss as a parish.



Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, 54 Warren Street in Tunkhannock (formerly the P&G Credit Union building), serves a hearty meal every Monday through Friday from 5:00-6:30PM. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Those who desire to volunteer to work at the kitchen or to donate food or make a financial contribution are asked to contact 570-996-5005 or 570-836-3145.



BULLETIN BEAUTIES

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

**THE MOST BLESSED
SACRAMENT IS RESERVED
WHERE MASS IS SAID
We respectfully ask that all
observe a reverent silence
and appropriate dress**

Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM

Parents must be registered in the Parish. In order to understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism, first time expectant parents are required to attend one pre-Baptism instruction. A call to the Parish Office 4 months before your child is due will make the scheduling of your session easier and give you ample time to prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation to the life of grace.

MARRIAGE

The engaged couple is asked to call the Parish Office and arrange an appointment with the priest. Please allow 12 months for the completion of the necessary preparations. Do not enter into any other commitments before confirming a wedding date and time in the parish.

Confession Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated **every Saturday:**

St. Mary of the Lake

.....**3:15-3:45PM**

Nativity of the BVM

.....**4:15-4:45PM**

or **at any time by appointment.**

Contact the Parish Office (836-3275).

Cemetery Lots Available

Pieta Cemetery, one of our Parish Cemeteries (located on Dark Hollow Road in Tunkhannock Township) **has burial lots available.** For further info, to view the map of available lots and to inquire about prices & regulations, please contact our Parish Secretary, Mary Lou, at the Parish Office (570-836-3275).



Community News

Community Blood Drive

Honoring community volunteers

Wednesday, August 21st

1:00-6:00PM

St. Peter's Church

3832 SR 6, Tunkhannock

For an appointment: 1-800-733-2767

or visit redcrossblood.org

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& Professional Women**

The Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc.

570-836-4745

www.hswcPA.org

The Humane Society of Wyoming County is a non-profit, tax-exempt, all volunteer organization. Volunteers and donations always needed.

If anyone is having trouble affording spay/neuter surgery, they should contact us; we may be able to help them find an affordable plan.

If anyone suspects animal neglect/abuse, they should contact us. All calls are confidential.

Words of Life

"The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Catholic Considerations for Our
Earthly Passing"**



This ultra-fine StreakFree Microfiber Cloth does not damage any surface. The fibers grab and hold dirt, dust and grime. This is the magnet effect. Made from 80% Polyester, 20% Polyamide (nylon) Single fiber is approximately 1/20th the diameter of a strand of silk. Disperses oil, grease, dirt, grime, film, dust. Tough on dirt and gentle on surface.

As seen on TV - Only **\$5.00**

Available at the Parish Office



Line Dancing
Wednesday evening
7:00-8:30PM
Fr. Nallin Hall
All are welcome

Nativity BVM CCD News

CCD will begin on September 15, 2019. Class begins at 9:50AM and ends at 10:50AM. Registration forms are at the entrances at the back of the church and also can be found online (nativitystmary.org). I can also mail one to you. Please either call me at 570-240-2094 or e-mail me at Judybccd@gmail.com. The forms can be dropped off at the Parish Office or you can bring them to the first CCD class.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our children back for CCD! Enjoy the rest of your summer. **Mrs. B**

We are in need of teachers for the 3rd & 5th grades for the CCD program. If you can help, please contact Judy Boyanowski (570-833-5239 or 570-240-2094).

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Parents: Don't forget to fill out your registration forms and get them back to me. **Jenny Sinker**

PRO-LIFE ROSE

Looking for a wonderful way to remember a loved one on a special day? **Why not donate the Rose that is placed before the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nativity BVM Church?**


Contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055) to schedule the date that you desire and how you want it listed. Many weekends available.



Parish Bulletin Advertising

Space is currently available in our weekly parish bulletin for your business advertisement. Contact Dick Schwoebel, at (570) 836-3275 or (570) 677-7634 for information and pricing. Various sizes are available; the cost is reasonable.

Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved **or had an address change**, please contact the parish office  at 570-836-3275 so that our records may be updated. **If we don't have a mailable address on file for you, we will have to remove your name from our parish roster.**

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2019

SATURDAY	AUG	17	4:00PM	JOHN HAMBURG – OFFERED BY RANDY & CAROLE GREENIP
SUNDAY	AUG	18	9:00AM	JAMES & ALICE McGROARTY – OFFERED BY MAUREEN MULROONEY
MONDAY	AUG	19	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	AUG	20	8:00AM	JAMES BATTLE – OFFERED BY RICK & MARY LOU FRANKO
WEDNESDAY	AUG	21	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	AUG	22	8:00AM	BARBARA CZYZYK – OFFERED BY THE DOUGHERTY FAMILY
FRIDAY	AUG	23	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	AUG	24	4:00PM	ANNA VANAUKEN – OFFERED BY THE DISCIPLES OF MARY ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
SUNDAY	AUG	25	9:00AM	PETER & DOLORES POLINSKY – OFFERED BY THE POLINSKY FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<p>SAT AUG. 17 & SUN. AUG. 18</p> <p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</p> <p>LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)</p> <p>USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS</p>	<p>SATURDAY 4:00PM</p> <p>DEACON RAY BOB ANDREWS CARMEL WILLIAMS SANTINA WILLIAMS JEWEL STOVER</p> <p>JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW DEE PASKO SELECTION BY USHERS</p>	<p>SUNDAY 9:00AM</p> <p>DEACON RAY SEAN PIERETTI PATRICIA ZALESKI STEVE FRANKO ASHLEY KENIA ALEX PIERETTI ANTHONY WILLIAMS DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER ABBA FRANKO SELECTION BY USHERS LEN NASH & PAT ZALESKI</p>
<p>SAT. AUG. 24 & SUN. AUG. 25</p> <p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</p> <p>LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)</p> <p>USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS</p>	<p>SATURDAY 4:00PM</p> <p>DEACON RAY LISA JANOSKI DOROTHY TRAUGER BILL WATERS ZACH ZELNA</p> <p>BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER PEG GARVEY SELECTION BY USHERS</p>	<p>SUNDAY 9:00AM</p> <p>DEACON RAY ANN MARIE GORKO TOM WOLFF ASHLEY KENIA MICHAEL GREEN RACHEL KENIA</p> <p>RANDY PIERETTI & STEVE ZDANIEWICZ JOHN HARRIS SELECTION BY USHERS BILL & JANET SHAW</p>

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole who healed those who believed. Amen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

--- THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED, ESPECIALLY: LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, CARMEN PIERCE, ELAINE HUG, CHASE RUSSELLO, AVA MASON, LYNN McGLYNN, BONNIE KILGANNON, MSGR. DAVID L. TRESSLER, RUSTY PERKINS, JULIA KAIFER, MICHELLE HUERBIN, JENNIFER BUNNELL, JOSEPH PIERCE, THELMA SHEBBY, EDD KILGANNON, AUDREY DAVIS, SHIRLEY ROCHA, DOT JOHNSON, JAMES DOUGHERTY, STACIE MAGNECZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, CAROLLYN DAVIS, LINDA ZALEWSKI, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, RON GORKO, KATIE PACKER, PETER POLINSKY, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., ANN SMITH, DELORES HEAGY, FRAN MOLLUSKY, PEARL PIERCE, BERNICE BURANICH, CEIL IGNATOVICH, MARY PETERSEN, SUE MIGLIORI, JOE SCHIAVONE, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, FLORENCE KEYES, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILIO, DICK & FLORENCE KELLY, MIKE HAMBURG, HARRIET McGARRIGLE, JONI JAMES, KAY NOREIKA, NATHAN REEVES.

--- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS

PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (378-2181) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 18TH FOR **MARYANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$2,416.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

<p>AUG. 28- SEPT. 02 WYOMING COUNTY FAIR</p> <p>SEPT. 04 PARISH COUNCIL MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL</p> <p>SEPT. 08 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & BREAKFAST</p> <p>SEPT. 15 INSTALLATION OF CCD TEACHERS/ CLASSES BEGIN</p> <p>SEPT. 22 CCD CLASS</p> <p>SEPT. 29 CCD CLASS</p> <p>OCT. 06 CCD CLASS/BLESSING OF ANIMALS – NOON</p> <p>OCT. 13 CCD CLASS</p>	<p>OCT. 20 CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS/ CLASS MASS</p> <p>OCT. 27 CLASS/HALLOWEEN FUN</p> <p>NOV. 03 CCD CLASS</p> <p>NOV. 10 CCD CLASS</p> <p>NOV. 17 CCD CLASS</p> <p>NOV. 24 CCD CLASS</p> <p>DEC. 01 NO CCD CLASS – THANKSGIVING VACATION</p> <p>DEC. 08 CCD CLASS</p> <p>DEC. 15 7TH GRADE CLASS MASS/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @10:30AM/DESSERT RECEPTION</p>
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NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2019

SATURDAY	AUG	17	5:00PM	ROGER BETTS – OFFERED BY HEATHER BETTS
SUNDAY	AUG	18	7:30AM	JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS
			9:00AM	CATHERINE MITCHELL – OFFERED BY DAVE & LINDA RUSSO
			11:00AM	JOHN PASTERNAK JR. – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
MONDAY	AUG	19	7:00AM	THE ABANDONED SOULS IN PURGATORY – OFFERED BY THE RUEHLMAN FAMILY
TUESDAY	AUG	20	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	AUG	21	7:00AM	GARY SHAPIRO – OFFERED BY JULIE SALBIA
THURSDAY	AUG	22	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	AUG	23	7:00AM	MARY KUKUCHKA – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SATURDAY	AUG	24	5:00PM	WILLIAM & ANNA FANNON – OFFERED BY PAT SCATURRO
SUNDAY	AUG	25	7:30AM	WALTER ZOLA – OFFERED BY MICHAEL DISTADIO & SUSAN DISTADIO
			9:00AM	JOSEPH HOLUB – OFFERED BY EDWARD & LEE ANN HOLUB JR.
			11:00AM	ROSE KOWALSKI – OFFERED BY CAROL GERZAROWSKI

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. AUG. 17 & SUN. AUG. 18	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	GARY TEWKSBURY DONNA KASKUS SUSAN BARZILOSKI	DEACON RAY NAN DeMARCO AGNES MASSACESI	JOHN KEEFE ROY BRODY LYNNE BINNER	JUDY BOYANOWSKI RITA FITZGERALD DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR	JOHN BURKE	SAM ELIAS	ART DAVIS	MEGHAN KEISER
ALTAR SERVER(S)	IAN BURKE SOPHIE BURKE HANNAH ECKERT	ELIZABETH DeMARCO NICHOLAS DeMARCO SARAH DeMARCO	ANNA EVANS CARA EVANS JACOB POWERS	HEIDI WILLIAMS MATTHEW WILLIAMS SEAN WILLIAMS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS			K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	

SAT. AUG. 24 & SUN. AUG. 25	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	GARY TEWKSBURY DONNA KASKUS CHARLOTTE SMITH	DEACON RAY NAN DeMARCO ALISHA NUDO	JOHN KEEFE CARL SHINKO GENE SCHWEITZER	LISA RANSOM DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR	PAT MURRAY	TAMMY NUDO	RITA FITZGERALD	GLORIA PASTERNAK
ALTAR SERVER(S)	EMMA ELIAS THOMAS ELIAS ALYSSA KOVALCHICK	CORA MILNER HANNAH MILNER NOAH POWERS	MARCUS BINNER PAUL BINNER EVAN BRODY	HELEN BELLUCCI THOMAS BELLUCCI MATTHEW KALETA
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS			B. KIRBY, W. OLIVER, R. THORNE	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

---- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, JENNIFER BUNNELL, MARIE STAIR, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELLE MORTIMER, SHERI RAIL, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, MARGE HOLUB, BEN BROWN, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DON WHITE, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, GARRET CONOVER, ANALISA DOMINIC, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, BILL IVEY, VERNA PRAWDZIK, MATTHEW FORTESE, JACOB WALTER, CURTIS, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LaBAR, TIKI LYONS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, JEAN YABLONSKI, AUSTIN THOMAS, JIM BORDEN, JERRY STROKA, LINDA NIEMIEC, DIANE THOMPSON, ROSEANN GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMORE, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLSHAN, JR., HELEN RAIL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, FLORENCE KEYES, LINDA RUEHLMAN, ROY PREVOST, ALLEN KEYES, CATHERINE LITWIN, JUDI HOWE, LEAH WILSEY, ANN ZACKARIAS, CHRISTOPHER BELL, NATHAN DELMAR, LINDA, KATHLEEN ALTEMUS, CARL ALTEMUS, MARY LOUISE BECKETT, PAULA MOELLER, GEORGE ZALDONIS, PAT STASCAVAGE, JOHN RUEHLMAN JR, MICHALINE WIERNUSZ, MARY BOLOUSKI, PEGGY FINNEGAN, JOAN STEPHENS, PEG BALL, NORM BALL, JOSEPH YAKOSKI, PENNY ZONNEVILLE, SALLY MINGOS.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 18TH FOR **LORRAINE GELNETT**
OFFERED BY MARIAN STROKA

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$3,399.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

AUG. 28 - SEPT. 02	WYOMING COUNTY FAIR	NOV. 03	CCD CLASS
		NOV. 10	CCD CLASS/2ND GRADE MASS @9:00AM
		NOV. 17	CCD CLASS
SEPT. 14	TEACHER INSTALLATION MASS @5:00PM TEACHER MTG. AFTER MASS	NOV. 24	CCD CLASS
SEPT. 15	CCD BEGINS	DEC. 01	NO CCD CLASS – THANKSGIVING VACATION
SEPT. 22	CCD CLASS	DEC. 08	CCD CLASS
SEPT. 29	CCD CLASS	DEC. 15	CCD CLASS/CLASS PARTIES
OCT. 06	CCD CLASS/BLESSING OF ANIMALS – NOON	DEC. 22	NO CCD CLASS CHRISTMAS VACATION
OCT. 13	CCD CLASS/7TH GRADE MASS @9:00AM	DEC. 29	NO CCD CLASS CHRISTMAS VACATION
OCT. 20	CCD CLASS		
OCT. 27	CCD CLASS		