



DECEMBER 7-8, 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

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

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

Finance Council: Chris DeMarco, Chair

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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
Deacon Raymond A. Pieretti, Pastoral Associate
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*

FROM THE NATIVITY PARISH COMMUNITY:

Advent Reflection - in the Year of Our Lord 2019

That time in the cycle of seasons is now upon us when the struggle between the profane and sacred, the secular and spiritual, worldly and Divine, reaches its greatest intensity.

Indeed, just a few days before the celebration of one of mankind's largest and most ancient of Feasts, our northern hemisphere will undergo its longest and darkest night. The symbolism of this annual occurrence was not lost on the ancients. It should not be lost on us.

We shall reach the point in the battle at which the darkness seems to have the upper hand.

Pagans of old sensed a deeper meaning in this, but did not have divine revelation. Pagans of our day have divine revelation, but prefer something else.

The deepest longing of man's soul was born as he beheld the mystery of the created universe. "If all of this was created," he asked, "By whom was it created?"

We must understand the roots of our human expression of this deep longing. The myths, legends, poems, practices, and traditions that sprang from our common yearning found fulfillment and sanctification when a great star rose in the East and settled for a time over the hills of Judea. It was then that eternity itself entered our dimension of time, for no other reason than to bring his creation back to him.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen observed: "There are only two philosophies of life. The Christian, which says: 'First the fast, then the feast.' And the pagan, which says: 'First the feast, then the headache.'

As of this writing, we have entered the season of fasting and penance, which the Church in her wisdom has given us in order to prepare us for that great Feast.

The attendees of that first Feast, which stands directly at the center of all human history, hosted by exiles of the House of David, could not have been more diverse: pagan shepherds invited by angels - it required the supernatural to break through their cynical and superstitious perception of human existence. The great scholars of the East - invited by the gift of reason, which they would later come to understand was of Divine origin. By some accounts, a Judean midwife and her companions - those who awaited the restoration of the kingdom with the faith of their father, Abraham. Last but not least, the animals, which God created before man.

This loving circle of witnesses excluded the haughty and proud, on whom the infant-King, when fully grown, would pronounce judgment.

Let us marvel at these great events of our shared human story, even as Mary "treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart." (Luke 2:19).

May our Christmas lights twinkle merrily, mocking the longest and darkest night of the year, in hope-filled anticipation of the "dawn from on high breaking upon us." (Luke 1:78). May worldly cares not stifle our enthusiasm during this joyous season. (Matthew 6:31). May the noise of the world not drown out the still, small voice. (1 Kings 19:11).

And may this penitential season of Advent, given to us for our benefit, fully prepare our hearts for the one, the only, and the true meaning of Christmas Day.

Tom Casey

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS


Retirement Fund for Religious December 07-08

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES: The appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be **taken up at Masses this weekend.** The annual, parish-based collection is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and benefits 31,000 aging Catholic sisters, brothers and priests in religious orders.

The collection for the Religious Retirement Fund is distinct and separate from the monthly collection taken in parishes for the Care and Education of Priests of the Diocese of Scranton.

ADORATION AT NATIVITY BVM
Wednesday December 11, 2019
During the Divine Mercy Hour
3:00 - 4:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME
This is a personal invitation to you
from Jesus



Be Silent Be Attentive Be Alert

NSM YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT
Calling all 8-12 graders!
Saturday, December 14th
6:00-9:00PM



Come for the 5:00PM Mass if you can and stay for a Christmas Movie Night including food, popcorn and candy! Please bring a can of food to donate!

Contact Nicholas DeMarco for more info (570-453-9309).



NATIVITY ALTAR & ROSARY TRIP TO RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL FOR THE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th

Our schedule is:

- The bus will **leave Nativity's parking lot at 6:30AM**
- We will stop at McDonald's on Route 80 in New Jersey for breakfast (on your own)
- The show starts at 11:00AM
- The afternoon is yours to enjoy the sights & sounds of New York City
- The bus will **leave NYC at 4:30PM** for the trip home (NOTE: There will be no stop coming home – feel free to bring a "goodie bag" with your snacks for the trip home)

For information, call:

Sue Barziloski – 570-836-1351
Carole Rubbinaccio – 570-836-2284



NOTE REGARDING WINE AT MASS: Continuing until the end of March, we will not be sharing the wine cup at Mass as a precaution due to the prevalence of flu in this period. Your understanding is appreciated.

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.

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.

BVM ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Altar servers are needed for **all Christmas & New Year's Masses:**
 Christmas Eve..... 5:00PM & 10:00PM
 Christmas Day 11:00AM
 New Year's Eve 5:00PM
 New Year's Day 11:00AM
 Call Mary Olshan (570 836-1457) if you can help.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: Nov. 30-Dec. 01, 2019

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 4,800.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 3,000.00
 Difference:..... **\$(1,800.00)**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 2,000.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 2,043.00
 Difference:..... **\$ 43.00**

*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.

BOY SCOUT NEWS



**Next Committee Meeting:
December 10th – 6:30PM**

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 – 5:45PM



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.

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.

2019 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of December 2nd

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00
PLEGGED:..... \$23,779.00
STATUS:..... 69.9%

UNDER GOAL:..... \$10,221.00
PARTICIPATION: 13.64% (127 FAMILIES OUT OF 931)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00
PLEGGED:..... \$12,330.00
STATUS..... 94.8%

UNDER GOAL:..... \$ 670.00
PARTICIPATION: 11.68% (50 FAMILIES OUT OF 428)

Your support is necessary to maintain the programs and resources funded by the Appeal
Please consider making a pledge or donation to the Appeal today
More information is available on the diocesan website – www.dioceseofscranton.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.

THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: 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)**

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.



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

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.

B E R E A V E M E N T S U P P O R T G A T H E R I N G S
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.

ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES: January 17, 2020: Holiday Inn Express, Harrisburg East

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

For more info, contact registration team @ 717-356-2185 or visit our website: **HelpOurMarriage.com**.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

celebrates the solemn celebration of belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. It is universally celebrated on December 8th, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8th. The Immaculate Conception is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, and is celebrated worldwide.



By Pontifical designation and decree, it is the patronal feast day of Argentina, Brazil, Korea, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines, Spain, the United States, Uruguay and Italy. By royal decree, it is also designated as the Patroness of Portugal. It is celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church as well as a few other closely related Protestant Christian churches, but not by the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Oriental Orthodox Church, and Church of the East.

Since 1953, the pope in his capacity as Bishop of Rome visits the Column of the Immaculate Conception in Piazza di Spagna to offer expiatory prayers commemorating the solemn event.

The feast was first solemnized as a Holy Day of Obligation on December 6, 1708 under the Papal Bull *Commissi Nobis Divinitus* by Pope Clement XII and is often celebrated with Mass, parades, fireworks, processions, ethnic foods, and cultural festivities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is generally considered a Family Day, especially in many majority Catholic countries.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the subject of a lot of misconceptions (so to speak). Perhaps the most common one, held even by many Catholics, is that it celebrates the conception of Christ in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That the feast occurs only 17 days before Christmas should make the error obvious! We celebrate another feast—the Annunciation of the Lord—on March 25th, exactly nine months before Christmas. It was at the Annunciation when the Blessed Virgin Mary humbly accepted the honor bestowed on her by God and announced by the angel Gabriel, that the conception of Christ took place.

WHEN IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THIS YEAR?

Usually a Holy Day of Obligation but is not in 2019. The USCCB explains, "Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. **The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer.**"

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.

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>.

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."

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.



FREE TO ANYONE WHO MAY NEED IT

Millennium M-10

respiratorics air compressor

The Millennium M10 is designed to be the highest performing and most reliable 10 liter oxygen machine available. It's engineered to reduce the cost of providing oxygen for patients who need high levels of oxygen.

Contact the Parish Office if interested.

**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.

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.

Follow the Diocese on Social Media
www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr
 If you're not already doing so, you can follow Bishop Bambera on Twitter by going to:
www.twitter.com/BishopBambera
 Also check out our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton
 Other Diocesan departments are listed at:
<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

"Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely."

— Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

Echoes of Faith

Do you want to know more about your faith? Are you a catechist or DRE who is looking for a way to earn a certificate in catechesis? Can you spare an hour a week? The Echoes of Faith 3.0 is for YOU!

Created by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) and published by RCL Benziger, *Echoes of Faith* is an online education program offering basic adult formation in the Catholic Faith.

With fourteen modules divided into three categories, the Echoes of Faith Learning Center can be used for parish Adult Faith Formation and for Basic Catechist Certification. It is also one way to complete the pre-requisites for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry. For information on how to get started for an affordable \$15.00 a year, contact Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org.

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/>.

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.

WELCOME: We extend our prayerful congratulations to **ISABELLA MARIE POIRER and PAUL REGINALD POIRER**, children of **Stephen & Heidi (Schlappich) Poirer**, both of whom were baptized by Fr. Pat **this Saturday, December 7th at Noon in Nativity BVM Church.** We offer our best wishes to Isabella and Paul, their parents, godparents, grandparents and members of their families. May they continue to grow in age, wisdom and love before God and others.



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

"And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

"Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ."
— Benedict XVI

The feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

In Palestine Christians gather today in Jerusalem for the celebration of holy Mass. In Rome they proceed to the stational church "Holy Cross at Jerusalem" which serves to give the atmosphere of the Holy City.

Why "Jerusalem"? Excavations of ancient sites often reveal a number of strata. When enemies destroyed a city, a new one would rise on the same location, so that today there are several layers of remains, one city, as it were, above the other. Our Jerusalem likewise has four strata. The bottommost layer is the Jerusalem of the Jews, that venerable land where the Lord Jesus began His mission of redemption, where He suffered and died. This is the historical Jerusalem so dear to us Christians. Anyone making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land enters that ancient city with holy awe. That Jerusalem, however, lies buried deep.

For us another has been built upon it, the Jerusalem of Christians, God's kingdom on earth, the holy Church. This city still stands; it is the one which the divine King will enter at Christmas. Now we understand why we will hear so much about Jerusalem during the coming week. We should now clean and adorn our city, improving its streets and avenues through which the Savior will make His entrance. As a motto we should take the words of the precursor, St. John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths; let every valley

be filled, every hill be leveled." Holy Mother Church's message today is that the Savior is coming to the Jerusalem of the Christians, to the Church.

Above the second stratum there arises a third, the heavenly Jerusalem at the end of time. Already now the Church sings of this Jerusalem. For during Advent we await the Savior who will appear on the Last Day to take all into "the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven."

Finally, there may be recognized a fourth Jerusalem, our souls in sanctifying grace. This city too must be adorned and prepared, for the King will want to enter. That is our present task.

On Epiphany, the climax to the current season, the Church will cry out: "Arise, shine, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee." That is the goal. Today we must prepare for the great King's visit to our city. The whole coming week must be devoted to it. The Church prays: "Awaken our hearts to prepare the way for Your only-begotten Son that we may serve Him with purified hearts."

In the time of the Roman Empire, rulers rode from city to city for the purpose of official visitations. Their appearance, called *epiphany* or *parousia*, was a great event, one preceded by months of preparation. Something analogous takes place in the Jerusalem of our souls. From a high watchtower we see the Lord coming afar off. Suddenly John the Baptist appears; he hurries into the city to announce the King's approach. God condescends to manifest Himself to us in grace; but He demands the proper reception.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING, 2019 AND BEYOND:

The Diocese of Scranton has begun a new collaboration with Couple to Couple League International (CCL) in order to better promote the use of Natural Family Planning (NFP) in our Diocese.



This organization is doing great work in bringing the teaching and practice of NFP forward through the use of modern technology. Our Diocese is blessed to have a number of individuals and couples trained to teach NFP in person. Through CCL, couples are also able to access flexible learning options online. To learn more please visit the website for Couple to Couple League at www.ccli.org for a wealth of NFP related information and training options. For additional information about Natural Family Planning, or to access our Diocesan NFP Training Providers, contact Jennifer Housel, Director for Community and Family Development, at jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org or 570-207-2213, x1104 or visit our diocesan website at:

www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/.

FITNESS CLASSES HAVE CEASED AT ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL: St. Mary's Parish Hall is no longer the site for the DanceFit and YogaFit programs on Wednesday evenings.



MILITARY HONOR ROLL

PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

- CADET RYAN ELL – U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY
- SN MICHAEL T. BARBER – U.S. NAVY
- PVT NIKKI CAPWELL – U.S. ARMY
- SPEC DEVIN BATTENBERG – NATIONAL GUARD
- CADET MARK AGUILAR – U.S.C.G. ACADEMY
- MAJOR JEFFREY O'DELL – U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL CHRISTOPHER HNATKO – U.S. MARINES
- CAPTAIN JOSEPH P. BREYMEIER – U.S. ARMY
- PVT JACOB BURGESS – U.S. MARINES
- CPL CHARLES BLISS – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ALFIER – U.S.A.F. ACADEMY
- PVT ANDREW SOLANIC – U.S. ARMY
- COL. JAMES J. CLANCY – U.S. ARMY
- PFC MATTHEW CLANCY – U.S. MARINES
- SEAMAN KAMRON HUBBARD – U.S. NAVY
- SPEC. NICOLE GRIFFITH – U.S. ARMY
- STAFF SGT ROBERT GOHLSE – U.S. MARINES
- LT CHELSEA ZWICKER – U.S. NAVY
- COL. CRAIG KEYES – U.S.A.F.
- CPL GARRETT SUND – U. S. ARMY
- LIEUTENANT AMY LEBER – U.S. NAVY
- LT COL ANDREW STRALEY – U.S. MARINES
- LT JOHN D. PETERS, M.D. – U.S. NAVY
- SGT JOSEPH A. HARDISKY – U.S. ARMY
- PO2 ALEC FISHER – U.S. NAVY
- CWO4 TONY RICHARDSON – U.S. MARINES
- COL. CARL PACKER – U.S. ARMY
- TECH SGT DONALD WEITZ – U.S.A.F.
- SGT SETH CAINES – U.S. ARMY
- CPO ERIC TOMCZAK – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT. PETER FRANKO III – U.S.A.F.
- SGT THOMAS DILIONE – NATIONAL GUARD
- ET2 JACOB KINTNER – U.S. NAVY
- LCPL OLIVIA NICOLE CARICHER – U.S. MARINES
- STAFF SGT DAVID BALTRUSAITIS – NATIONAL GUARD
- SCPO KENNETH C. FRANK – U.S. NAVY
- SGT ROBERT J. POLSTER – U.S. ARMY
- AIRMAN 1st CLASS AVERY REECE NEHWART – U.S. AIR FORCE
- SFC RICKY BROWN – NATIONAL GUARD
- PFC RYAN M. ERDEK – U.S. ARMY
- SGT ROBERT D. BARBER III – U.S. MARINES

We also want to recognize the service of the following veterans who have served our country:

- MAJOR GEORGE D. KASZUBA, U.S. AIR FORCE (IRAQ)
- CORPORAL JOSEPH IGNATOVICH, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- SPEC. FRANK GAUS, U.S. ARMY SPEC. FORCES (VIETNAM)
- SPEC. WILLIAM F. MARRONE, U.S. ARMY
- PRIVATE JAMES DEEGAN, U.S. ARMY (NO. AFRICA, ITALY)
- MAJOR FRANCIS TURNER, U.S. ARMY (WW II)
- SPEC. 4 RANDY GREENIP, U.S. ARMY (ASA TURKEY)
- AIRMAN 1st CLASS DONALD WHITE, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- AIRMAN BRUCE GELNETT, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- SPEC. 4 CARL I. PACKER, U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL RICHARD DOMBROSKI – U.S.MARINES (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. RICHARD DOMBROSKI – NAT'L. GUARD (RET.)
- SGT. WALTER J. ZOLA, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- AE3 KENNETH C. FRANK, U.S. NAVY (KOREA)
- SSG WILLIAM SHAW, U.S. ARMY (GERMANY)
- SGT. JOHN WILPIZESKI, U.S. ARMY
- SFC TONY LANDI, U.S. ARMY (RET.)
- SGT. SAMUEL HERRING, US ARMY (KOREA)
- SGT. JERRY BEAUCHEANE, U.S. AIR FORCE
- PFC NICHOLAS KORDILLA, U.S. MARINE CORPS (WW II)
- SGT. NICHOLAS FERRUGGIA – U.S. MARINES
- SGT. E5 ROBERT SPRAGUE – U.S. ARMY
- SGT. JAMES SNYDER – U.S AIR FORCE
- LT. J.G. TIMOTHY LEBER – U.S.COAST GUARD
- CAPT ALAN B. FLANAGAN – U.S. NAVY
- AE1 JOSEPH YAKOSKI – U.S. NAVY (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. STEPHANIE DANIELS SUND (AFGHANISTAN)

God Bless all who serve or have served our country.



PRO-LIFE ROSE

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

Bonnie Prevost

Donated by Theresa Zola and family



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



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.



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.



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)



Holy Redeemer High School
PLACEMENT / SCHOLARSHIP TEST
for interested Public and Private School 8th graders
Saturday – December 14, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at
570-829-2424



**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

St. Mary's Center

320 Mifflin Avenue, Scranton

Dinner – December 12th

6:00PM Seating

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Menu:

Tossed garden salad

Carving Stations: Tender Roast of Beef, Country Glazed Smoked Ham, Oven Roasted Turkey Breast

Sides Station: Fluffy Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Candied Yams, Italian Green Beans w/Red Peppers & Garlic, Sweet Buttery Corn w/Parsley, Herb Stuffing

Dessert: Chef's Special Holiday Egg Nog Lush

Coffee, tea, water and soda included.

Cash bar available.

**Reserve by end of day Dec. 9th
570-343-5151**

The **Mill City Assembly of God** (located on Route 307) invites all girls and ladies to a **Christmas Tea** on **Saturday, December 14th starting at noon.** Please feel free to dress festive and if you feel like a hat, by all means wear it! Our theme is "Home for Christmas Tea".....please bring an old photo of you at Christmastime! **Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 570-378-2318.**

Mill City Assembly of God Christmas Cantata

"Messiah, Heaven's Glory"

Sunday, December 22nd

6:00PM

All are welcome

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Traditional Christmas wafers (Oplatek) are available at the doors to the church and also in the Parish Office. Donation is \$2.00 per pack (6 wafers).



Words of Life

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at resuscite.org/support-her.

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"10 Ways to Support Her When She's
Unexpectedly Expecting"**

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Krispy Kreme update: Due to circumstances beyond our control, Donuts and Certificates will be delivered on the weekend of **December 14/15.** Thanks again for supporting our program!

God Bless,

Jenny Sinker

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.

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.



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



PIEROGIES



Only 24 dozen pierogies left!! If you need pierogies for your Christmas Eve or Christmas

Day celebrations, now is the time to get them. No orders – first come, first served.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019

SATURDAY	DEC	07	5:00PM	JACK DELMAR – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE & FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC	08	7:30AM	CHARLES & DOROTHY KOVALCHICK – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
			9:00AM	MARY CASSIDY – OFFERED BY KEN, ROSE & FAMILY
			11:00AM	ROGER BETTS – OFFERED BY HEATHER BETTS
MONDAY	DEC	09	7:00AM	JOSEPH & FLORENCE STELMA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, CHERYL ANN & JENNIFER
TUESDAY	DEC	10	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC	11	7:00AM	MARY KOZIELSKI – OFFERED BY MARY ANN BROWN & FAMILY
THURSDAY	DEC	12	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC	13	7:00AM	BONNIE PREVOST – OFFERED BY DAD, MOM, BROTHER & SISTER
SATURDAY	DEC	14	5:00PM	MARGARET KINTNER – OFFERED BY CAROLE THOMAS & FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC	15	7:30AM	WALTER ZOLA – OFFERED BY MARIE MIRABELLI
			9:00AM	HELEN YONCHIUUK – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
			11:00AM	HEALTH & BLESSING FOR SARA RUEHLMAN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC. 07 & SUN. DEC. 08</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY	MARY ROBBINS	DEACON RAY	DEACON RAY
LECTOR	PAULA ECKERT	MARY SOHNS	ALYSSA VIKARA	GLORIA PASTERNAK
ALTAR SERVER(S)	AIDEN BURRY ROBERT BURRY KATHRYN CUSATIS	JOSEPH COLAVITTI LEAH DeMARCO SARAH DeMARCO	PAUL BINNER CORR MILNER HANNAH MILNER	ZAK KEISER BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS			K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	
<u>SAT. DEC. 14 & SUN. DEC 15</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY	NAN DeMARCO	DEACON RAY	DEACON RAY
LECTOR	JOHN BURKE	CHRIS DeMARCO	LYNNE BINNER	MEGHAN KEISER
ALTAR SERVER(S)	MAIA BURRY HANNAH ECKERT JACK ZEUNEN	ELIZABETH DeMARCO NICHOLAS DeMARCO ANNA EVANS	EVAN BRODY MOLLY KEISER NOAH POWERS	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 TRAYER, 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, 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, LINDA RUEHLMAN, ROY PREVOST, ALLEN KEYES, CATHERINE LITWIN, JUDI HOWE, LEAH WILSEY, ANN ZACKARIAS, NATHAN DELMAR, LINDA, KATHLEEN ALTEMUS, CARL ALTEMUS, MARY LOUISE BECKETT, PAULA MOELLER, GEORGE ZALDONIS, PAT STASCavage, JOHN RUEHLMAN JR, MARY BOLOUSKI, PEGGY FINNEGAN, JOAN STEPHENS, PEG BALL, NORM BALL, JOSEPH YAKOSKI, PENNY ZONNEVILLE, SALLY MINGOS, ALLAN FITCH, ALICE WALSH, BOB & BETTY FORBA, JONATHAN STEFANICK, CAMILLE STEFANICK BERROCAL, EMMA BRODA, MARI CLAIRE JONES, CARMEN BOLIN.

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED **ESPECIALLY NICHOLAS KORDILLA** AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.
PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (836-3275) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING
 THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8TH FOR
WALT ZOLA
 OFFERED BY THERESA & FAMILY

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$3,000.00
Clergy Care	\$ 444.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

DEC. 08	CCD CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS	DEC. 29	NO CCD CLASS – NEW YEAR'S VACATION
DEC. 11	ADORATION – 3:00-4:00PM	DEC. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 5:00PM
DEC. 14	YOUTH GROUP MTG. – 6:00PM – FNH		
DEC. 15	CCD CLASS/CLASS PARTIES/ CONFIRMATION CLASS	JAN. 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 11:00AM
DEC. 15	HOLIDAY PAINT PARTY – 1:00PM – FNH	JAN. 05	CCD CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS
DEC. 18	ADORATION – 3:00-4:00PM	JAN. 08	ADORATION – 3:00-4:00PM
DEC. 22	NO CCD CLASS – CHRISTMAS VACATION	JAN. 12	CCD CLASS
DEC. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – 5:00PM & 10:00PM	JAN. 15	ADORATION – 3:00-4:00PM
DEC. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 11:00AM	JAN. 19	CCD CLASS/6 TH GRADE MASS/ CONFIRMATION CLASS
		JAN. 22	ADORATION – 3:00-4:00PM

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019

SATURDAY	DEC	07	4:00PM	ANNA VAN AUKEN – OFFERED BY HER FELLOW ALTAR SERVERS
SUNDAY	DEC	08	9:00AM	MICHAEL HOVAN – OFFERED BY TOM & JUNE KUKUCHKA
MONDAY	DEC	09	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC	10	8:00AM	PATRICIA VANDERVEKEN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
WEDNESDAY	DEC	11	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC	12	8:00AM	CHRISTINE VANDERVEKEN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
FRIDAY	DEC	13	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	DEC	14	4:00PM	TOM McGLYNN – OFFERED BY JOY PILLA
SUNDAY	DEC	15	9:00AM	RON WILLIAMS – OFFERED BY THE ABRUZZINI FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT DEC. 07 & SUN. DEC. 08	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	MARIE PACKER	ANN MARIE GORKO
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	DON AMES DANIEL DRISCOLE	NICK MIGLIORI ALEX PIERETTI IRENE PIERETTI ANTHONY WILLIAMS
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS ADVENT WREATH	CARL PACKER & BILL SHAW DEE PASKO SELECTION BY USHERS GARVEY FAMILY	DAVE SINKER & DJ SINKER BILL WATERS SELECTION BY USHERS RANDY & CAROLE GREENIP FRANKO FAMILY
SAT. DEC. 14 & SUN. DEC. 15	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DOROTHY TRAUGER	JOAN STROKA
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	GEORGE KAMAGE DANIEL DRISCOLE	ASHLEY KENIA MASON BERKHIMER OWEN BERKHIMER ZACH ZELNA
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS ADVENT WREATH	JIM BILLINGS & BERNIE GARVEY CAROLE KAMAGE SELECTION BY USHERS AMES FAMILY	7TH GRADE CCD 7TH GRADE CCD 7TH GRADE CCD DON & CAROL AMES 7TH GRADE CCD

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 SANCTURAY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING
THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8TH FOR
MARYANN KASZUBA
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$2,043.00
Clergy Care	\$ 209.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

<p>DEC. 08 CCD CLASS</p> <p>DEC. 15 7TH GRADE CLASS MASS/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @10:30AM/DESSERT RECEPTION</p> <p>DEC. 22 NO CCD CLASS – CHRISTMAS VACATION</p> <p>DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – 4:00PM</p> <p>DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p>DEC. 29 NO CCD CLASS – NEW YEAR'S VACATION</p> <p>DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 4:00PM</p> <p>JAN. 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p>JAN. 05 CCD CLASS</p>	<p>JAN. 12 CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 18 FIRST RECONCILIATION @ 10:00AM</p> <p>JAN. 19 CCD CLASS/BANNER DAY 1 PARENT MUST BE PRESENT</p> <p>JAN. 26 CCD CLASS/5TH GRADE CLASS MASS</p> <p>JAN. 28 MINISTRY COMMITTEES MTG. – 6:30-8:00PM – HALL</p> <p>FEB. 02 CCD CLASS</p> <p>FEB. 09 CCD CLASS/VALENTINE FUN BREAKFAST</p> <p>FEB. 11 FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30PM – HALL</p>
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