



DECEMBER 14-15, 2019



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
99 EAST TIOGA STREET
P.O. BOX 186
TUNKHANNOCK, PA 18657
(570) 836-3275 (570) 836-4268 (Fax)
(570) 836-8946 (Kitchen/CCD)
nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com
nativity@nativitystmary.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

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

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

Finance Council: Chris DeMarco, Chair

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE
1872 DALTON ROAD
P.O. BOX 1
LAKE WINOLA, PA 18625
(570) 378-2181

stmaryofthelake@frontier.com

stmary@nativitystmary.org

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 DEACON'S BENCH:

My Brothers and Sisters,



As we continue our Advent journey, we have to ask ourselves if we are doing what the season calls us to do: prepare. Prepare for Christmas. Prepare for the season. Prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. We do this in many ways:

- 1). We can go out searching for the perfect gift for someone we love or who we are close to, and that's a good thing. But how about those who have no one? Who do they search for? Do we care?
- 2). We can see and hear about the critical needs of the less fortunate, feel sorry for them but do nothing. After all, someone will take care of them. Someone else will take the tags off the giving tree and I'm sure the Adopt-A-Family has received enough donations.
- 3). We see families and organizations taking time to collect food for those who are experiencing tough times and think, "Well, that's great. I'll donate next time" and do nothing to help.
- 4) We have an opportunity to make someone else's life a little brighter but ignore it, push it aside and never do it.

I came across a story in *Connections* by Eileen Spinelli that I would like to share:

Mr. Hatch lived a quiet life, unnoticed and alone in his little house in a rural area. His neighbors said he liked to keep to himself. One cold day, as he cleared the light snow off his front porch, a delivery came in the form of a wrapped Christmas present. Mr. Hatch took the gift into his home and wondered who had sent it. Maybe he had caring neighbors after all? Then he did something he hadn't done in quite a long time; he laughed. The unexpected gift gave him the spirit to dress up and walk around town and greet strangers with a warm smile. He sought out those who needed a little help, those who also had no one – all because someone thought of him. Someone took the time to send him a gift. He couldn't remember feeling this good about the coming birth of Christ in many, many years.

The next day the delivery truck pulled up and the driver informed Mr. Hatch that the gift had been intended for a neighbor, apologized for the mistake, took the gift back and drove away. Mr. Hatch stood on his porch for a long time and thought that he has been right all along. No one cared about him after all. He had no one. So, he walked back inside his house, closed the door and reverted back to his lonely life of isolation.

As we continue our Advent journey to Christmas, we must ask ourselves, do we know anyone like Mr. Hatch and are we willing to reach out this year?

May God Bless You,

Deacon Ray

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Clergy Care & Education January 04-05

**ADORATION AT NATIVITY BVM
Wednesday December 18, 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**

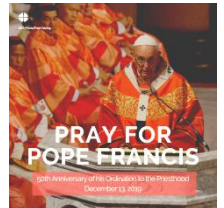


Come for the 5:00PM Mass if you can and stay for a Christmas Movie Night including food, popcorn and candy! Please bring a can of food to donate!

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

Celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Pope Francis December 13, 2019

Father of mercy, we come before you with gratitude for the fifty years of priesthood of Pope Francis, whom you have made Peter's successor. Support him with the Spirit's gifts, so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly zeal and lead the Church with wisdom and strength and courage. May his example of long and faithful service be an inspiration to your priests and to all your faithful. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



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.

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.



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

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 07-08, 2019

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 4,999.00
Difference:.....\$ **199.00**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 1,693.00
Difference:.....\$ **(307.00)**

*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.

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.

BOY SCOUT NEWS



**Next Committee Meeting:
January 13th – 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



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

**2019 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of December 9th**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:.....\$34,000.00
PLEGGED:.....\$25,104.00
STATUS:.....73.8%

UNDER GOAL:.....\$ 8,896.00
PARTICIPATION: 14.72% (137 FAMILIES OUT OF 931)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:.....\$13,000.00
PLEGGED:.....\$13,850.00
STATUS.....106.5%

OVER GOAL:.....\$ 850.00
PARTICIPATION: 13.29% (57 FAMILIES OUT OF 429)

**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.



**LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM**

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the following Nativity BVM parishioners who have passed away:



SALLY MINGOS, whose funeral was this past Wednesday;

MICHAELINE WIERNUSZ, whose funeral was this Saturday;

HELEN GETEK, whose funeral will take place this Monday.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**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.

"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively" — **Bob Marley**

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**.

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.

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.

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."

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>.

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.

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.

You can demand courtesy but you have to earn respect.
Lawrence Goldstone

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WRITERS: Do you have a will or desire to share your convictions of your Catholic faith? We still **need people to write for our church bulletin for February, March and April and anytime after May.** You can text 570-877-2695 or email atir10@hotmail.com. We would love to hear what motivates you to live your faith.

LAY MINISTRY OVERNIGHT RETREAT: The Office for Parish Life will be holding the 2020 Lay Ministry Overnight Retreat entitled, "Preparing Our Hearts" from **Friday, February 7 to Saturday, February 8, 2020** with Fr. Michael Bryant as the retreat facilitator. This gathering is offered for all Certificate in Ministry Studies participants, Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry Candidates and Pastoral Associates, and will be held at the **Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, 1000 Seminary Road, Dalton (formerly Pius X Seminary).** The retreat begins on Friday evening with arrival between 5:00-6:00PM and will conclude by 3:00PM on Saturday. The **cost is \$100** and includes the retreat program, meals and lodging. Please **confirm your attendance** with Kitty Scanlan **no later than Wednesday, January 29, 2020** at 570-207-2213 or kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org.

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 prerequisites 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.

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN LAY MINISTRY APPLICATIONS

The Office for Parish Life encourages parish leaders to consider application for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry for January 2020! The Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving their parish in areas such as:

- Parish Pastoral Councils
- Directors of Religious Education and Catechists
- Liturgical Coordinators
- Parish Staff
- Volunteer Ministry teams
- and others!

Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, Diocesan Certificate candidates enrich their knowledge base, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities. **Starting with our New Candidate Orientation Retreat on Saturday, January 25, 2020**, the Office for Parish Life anticipates welcoming new candidates into the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry program in the New Year. Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207- 2213, ext. 1157 or by email at Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials, and application submissions.

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.

Parishioners of Nativity BVM,

My name is Joseph Colavitti, and I recently attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. The Parish graciously covered the majority of the cost of the conference, and I would like to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude. NCYC brought twenty-five thousand young Catholics together to worship God, participate in Mass and Adoration, and to have fun and live in our faith. It was incredible to be in a stadium with so many others my age and see what the future of the Church truly looks like. As Pope Francis says, young Catholics aren't the future of the Church, but the now of the Church, and I can tell you that attending NCYC gave me great hope for our Church. It truly was a life changing experience, and I would like to extend my gratitude once more to Nativity BVM, Fr. Pat, and to you, in our wonderful church community.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the soul of **ROSEANN NOVEMBRINO**, mother of St. Mary of the Lake parishioner Elaine Hug, who passed away this week. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**CHURCH: A PLACE FOR "SACRED SILENCE"
"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)**

Many of us grew up with the custom of being very quiet when in church because we recognized it as the House of God. **Sacred silence is essential for us to hear God speaking to us in prayerful conversation.** We cannot do all of the talking; prayer is two way conversation. We can hear God speaking to our hearts when we are quiet and still. Exterior silence can lead us to an inner peace and serenity where God's will for our life can be heard more easily. In paragraph 45 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GRIM), our Church teaches us: **"Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas (hospitality room, choir loft or vestibule), so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner."** Let us take these words to heart and begin our weekend liturgies with a period of silence. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated by those who desire to pray and become properly disposed for the Sacred Liturgy.

"Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

~ Reinhold Niebuhr

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT "GAUDETE SUNDAY"

Gaudete Sunday (*gow-DET-eh*) is the third Sunday of Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Western Church, including the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, Lutheran Churches and other mainline Protestant churches. It can fall on any date from December 11th to December 17th.

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

Christ Even Now on the Way to Bethlehem

Evidently, in the mind of holy Church, neither the prophecy concerning Bethlehem Ephrata nor its fulfillment in the day of Caesar Augustus is to be considered merely a glorious divine disposition and achievement. No, the prophecy of Micheus is still being verified every day, but predominantly during the annual Advent season; for the selfsame incarnate eternal Son of God who journeyed to Bethlehem to be born there physically, now to the end of time comes to human souls as to spiritual Bethlehems, there to be born anew, again and again.

But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeyings of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices.

Can you still fail to see why Isaiah and the Baptist compare the hardships of the way of the world's Messiah-King to souls with a rough, crooked, and almost impassable road up steep hills and down precipitous valleys and through dangerous mountain passes? Do you wonder that these prophets of His coming insist so strongly that merely sentimental longings and routine prayers, however multiplied, cannot prepare us worthily for the entrance He must expect and the welcome He craves?

Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart:

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

The day takes its common name from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), the first word of the Introit of this day's Mass:

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione et obsecratione cum gratiarum actione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti Domine terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

This may be translated as:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob." Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84):1

The season of Advent originated as a fast of 40 days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of Saint Martin (November 11), when it was often called *Saint Martin's Lent*, a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks (a period starting four Sundays before Christmas), and Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming.

The spirit of the liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as it were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption.

In churches that have an Advent wreath, the rose colored candle is lit in addition to two of the violet (or blue) colored candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent.

Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.





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.



PRO-LIFE ROSE

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

Agnes Remetz

Donated by Nancy Kovalchick



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.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas

Nativity BVM

**Tuesday, December 24th 5:00PM
 10:00PM**

Wednesday, December 25th 11:00AM

St. Mary of the Lake

Tuesday, December 24th 4:00PM

Wednesday, December 25th 9:00AM

New Year's

Nativity BVM

Tuesday, December 31st 5:00PM

Wednesday, January 1st 11:00AM

St. Mary of the Lake

Tuesday, December 31st 4:00PM

Wednesday, January 1st 9:00AM



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)



**Decorating Nativity Church
for Christmas**

Next Sunday, December 22nd after the 11:00AM Mass (around noon time), we will be decorating our church for Christmas. Here is an invitation to our Adults and Parish Youth to join in the fun, and the Confirmation students can earn service hours.

We generally are done in a couple of hours but any amount of time you can spare is welcomed. Hope to see you on the 22nd!

**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).



St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

This week's 9:00AM Mass is being hosted by our CCD program. Afterwards we will have a Dessert Reception in the hall, and then the children will be making a Christmas present for their families!

There is no CCD for the next two weeks! Classes resume on Sunday, January 5th, 2020. I hope everyone has a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!
God Bless, Jenny Sinker

Community News

**Mill City Assembly of God
Christmas Cantata**
"Messiah, Heaven's Glory"
Sunday, December 22nd
6:00PM

All are welcome

**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.

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

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
["Catholic Considerations
for Our Earthly Passing"](#)

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



Prayer Resources for Those Suffering from Addiction

The Diocese of Erie is providing a variety of resources for parishes and individuals to help pray for those suffering from addictions. Although designed with the opioid crisis in mind, these resources could also be helpful for those suffering from other addictions as well, including alcoholism and gambling. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/opioid.html> to access the prayer services on the Diocese of Erie website, or visit <https://store.faithcatholic.com/meditations-and-prayers> to order a booklet of Catholic prayers for family members whose loved ones are suffering from addiction.

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019

SATURDAY	DEC	14	4:00PM	TOM McGLYNN – OFFERED BY JOY PILLA
SUNDAY	DEC	15	9:00AM	RON WILLIAMS – OFFERED BY THE ABRUZZINI FAMILY
MONDAY	DEC	16	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC	17	8:00AM	JANET KERNER – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
WEDNESDAY	DEC	18	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC	19	8:00AM	WATKIN PIERCE – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY
FRIDAY	DEC	20	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	DEC	21	4:00PM	JOSEPH & MARY GANZ – OFFERED BY CARL & MARIE PACKER & FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC	22	9:00AM	JOSEPH HESSMILLER – OFFERED BY THELMA SHEBBY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT DEC. 14 & SUN. DEC. 15	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DOROTHY TRAUGER	JOAN STROKA
LECTORS	GEORGE KAMAGE	ASHLEY KENIA
ALTAR SERVER(S)	DANIEL DRISCOLE	MASON BERKHIMER
		OWEN BERKHIMER
		ZACH ZELNA
USHERS	JIM BILLINGS & BERNIE GARVEY	7TH GRADE CCD
GREETERS	CAROLE KAMAGE	7TH GRADE CCD
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	7TH GRADE CCD
COLLECTION COUNTERS		DON & CAROL AMES
ADVENT WREATH	AMES FAMILY	7TH GRADE CCD

SAT. DEC. 21 & SUN. DEC. 22	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY	DEACON RAY
LECTORS	PAUL WENGEN	SEB NARO
ALTAR SERVER(S)	ALEX PIERETTI	ADRIEN FRANKO
	IRENE PIERETTI	ANTHONY WILLIAMS
USHERS	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER
GREETERS	ELLEN WENGEN	JOYCE NARO
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		LEN NASH & PATTI ZALESKI
ADVENT WREATH	PACKER FAMILY	SINKER FAMILY

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 CANDLE WILL BURN DURING
THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15TH FOR

MARYANN KASZUBA

OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$1,693.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 173.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

DEC. 15	JAN. 05
7TH GRADE CLASS MASS/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	CCD CLASS
@10:30AM/DESSERT RECEPTION	JAN. 12
DEC. 22	CCD CLASS
NO CCD CLASS – CHRISTMAS VACATION	JAN. 18
DEC. 24	FIRST RECONCILIATION @ 10:00AM
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – 4:00PM	JAN. 19
DEC. 25	CCD CLASS/BANNER DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 9:00AM	1 PARENT MUST BE PRESENT
DEC. 29	JAN. 26
NO CCD CLASS – NEW YEAR'S VACATION	CCD CLASS/5TH GRADE CLASS MASS
DEC. 31	JAN. 26
NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 4:00PM	CRAFT & CORK PAINTING (ADULTS ONLY) –
	2:00PM – HALL
JAN. 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 9:00AM

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019

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 YONCHUIK – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
			11:00AM	HEALTH & BLESSING FOR SARA RUEHLMAN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
MONDAY	DEC	16	7:00AM	CHRISTOPHER BELL – OFFERED BY JO ANNE & MARIE MIRABELLI
TUESDAY	DEC	17	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC	18	7:00AM	SYLVIA ODGERS – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
THURSDAY	DEC	19	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC	20	7:00AM	CATHERINE MITCHELL – OFFERED BY MR. & MRS. THEODORE HARRISON
SATURDAY	DEC	21	5:00PM	PETER BROZUSKY – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE MARY ANN
SUNDAY	DEC	22	7:30AM	MARY CHELLIS – OFFERED BY BILL & MARY KEELER
			9:00AM	MARGARET KINTNER – OFFERED BY MARY ANN YONCHUIK
			11:00AM	JOHN WAGENHOFFER – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<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	
<u>SAT. DEC. 21 & SUN. DEC 22</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	CHARLOTTE SMITH	DEACON RAY	ROY BRODY	DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR	PAT MURRAY	SAM ELIAS	EILEEN HEAD	DAVID KUFFA
ALTAR SERVER(S)	LAUREN KOVALCHICK TORI KOVALCHICK MATTHEW PREBOLA	KATHRYN CUSATIS BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER	JOSEPH CASEY ZAK KEISER JACOB POWERS	IAN BURKE SOPHIE BURKE CARA EVANS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS			P. BROWN, C. KOVALCHICK, A. DAVIS	

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, RICHELE 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, 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, ALLAN FITCH, ALICE WALSH, BOB & BETTY FORBA, JONATHAN STEFANICK, CAMILLE STEFANICK BERROCAL, EMMA BRODA, MARI CLAIRE JONES, CARMEN BOLIN.

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED **ESPECIALLY SALLY MINGOS & MICHAELINE WIERNUSZ & HELEN GETEK** 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 15TH FOR
CHRISTOPHER BELL
OFFERED BY FLO TROWBRIDGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$4,999.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 563.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

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