



## DECEMBER 21-22, 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

## FOURTH 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 PASTOR'S TYPEWRITER:**

As the great feast of Christmas is now upon us, a season of gratitude and peace, I invite you to pause and reflect if only for a moment on your favorite memory or experience of Christmases past. To revisit that magical experience that brought such joy to your heart. It is at this special time of the year that I remember all the wonderful friends and family that shaped my Christmas memories. Take the time to relive those memories this year and to share the sheer joy of it all with family and friends.



May this Christmas be filled with kindness and joy, peace and gratitude for the many gifts that God bestows upon us all.

Merry Christmas!

*Fr. Pat*

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**Christmas ..... December 24-25**  
**Clergy Care & Education ..... January 04-05**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**. Office hours will resume on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Dear Friends,  
For years, it has been the tradition of St. Mary of the Lake to share our blessings with families of our local community in need through the Adopt-A-Family outreach. This year, we have helped to provide Christmas for a veteran who is afflicted with stage four cancer, his wife and three children and for parents with two children. The words "thank you" are hardly adequate for the outpouring of your time, your generosity, and your talent. These folks are having a rough time of it this year but will be so blessed by your gifts of warm clothing, grocery gift certificates to help provide the Christmas meal and treats, the "hoped for" Nerf gun, boots, hats, mittens, the Christmas ham, carefully chosen clothing for mom, warm and comfortable clothes for dad, the convenience of a microwave oven, gift cards for the movie theater and pizza nights, gas cards and the very important Christmas candy and snacks. I can't help but imagine the ooooohs and aaahhhhs and squeals on Christmas morning from the children....



A special thank you for your donation to the Adopt-A-Family collection and to MaryAnn, Kathryn, Bill, Leo, Pam & Jim, Marie, Rick, Julia, Ellen & Paul, Mary & Bill, Josette & Vince, Pat, Maureen, Jen & Dave, Rachel & Debbie, Ron & Abe, the Disciples of Mary and our Prayer Shawl Ministry....you and the parishioners of St. Mary of the Lake provided the magic and time and resources needed by two families from our community. I am truly humbled to take part in the Social Concerns Ministry and so very grateful for your help, generosity and kindness.... Know that each of you will hold a special place in my Christmas prayers. I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year blessed with good health and wonderful memories to be made. God bless you.

Love,  
**Mary Lou Franko**

**ADORATION AT NATIVITY BVM**

**There will be no Adoration  
this Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
or the following Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**



*Be Silent    Be Attentive    Be Alert*

**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.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE:**

Nativity BVM

The sanctuary candle will burn during the week of December 22<sup>nd</sup> for **David & Gene Trowbridge**, offered by Flo Trowbridge



St. Mary of the Lake

The sanctuary candle will burn during the week of December 22<sup>nd</sup> for **Maryann Kaszuba**, offered by her husband George

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Christmas gifts for our Altar Servers are available for pickup in both of our churches this weekend.

**Nativity BVM – in the sacristy**

**St. Mary – in the hospitality room**

Please be sure to stop and pick up your gift this weekend. Thank you for being willing to serve our parishes and Merry Christmas to you all.

**NATIVITY 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](mailto:atir10@hotmail.com). We would love to hear what motivates you to live your faith.

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH GIVING TREE:**

We again have to send a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parishioners. You have outdone yourself with your caring and generosity. So many Tunkhannock children and personal care adults will have a wonderful Christmas.



Thanks to **Ellen Gladys** and **Amy Rubbinaccio** for their help setting up. A special thanks to all the elves who helped carry the many packages to the hall.

May you have a blessed and merry Christmas.

**Carole Rubbinaccio**

**ISLI LEADERSHIP RETREAT – FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020**

The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) is a peer-facilitated faith-based leadership retreat developed at the University of Notre Dame. The ISLI retreat is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task oriented groups. During the retreat, participants take part in small group tasks that allow the student to make good decisions, examine leadership styles, practice leadership behavior, learn about positive communication, and develop self-motivational skills and learn problem solving and action planning techniques. The entirety of the retreat helps students to explore and express faith values in the Catholic Tradition.

**Complete applications are required by Sunday, February 2 2020 and can be found at**

**dioceseofscranton.org.** Apply early as there are a limited number of spaces available for I.S.L.I. For further information, please call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213, ext. 1155.

**For qualified participants, your parish will pay half of the cost of the retreat.**

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 14-15, 2019**

**Nativity BVM Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 4,800.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 4,564.00  
Difference:.....\$( 236.00)

**St. Mary of the Lake Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 2,000.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 1,984.05  
Difference:.....\$( 15.95)

\*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.

**2019 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL  
As of December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:**

GOAL:.....\$34,000.00  
PLEGGED:.....\$25,629.00  
STATUS:.....75.4%

**UNDER GOAL:**.....\$ 8,371.00  
PARTICIPATION: 15.36% (143 FAMILIES OUT OF 931)

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:**

GOAL:.....\$13,000.00  
PLEGGED:.....\$15,300.00  
STATUS.....117.7%

**OVER GOAL:**.....\$ 2,300.00  
PARTICIPATION: 14.42% (62 FAMILIES OUT OF 430)

**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](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> – 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**

**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.**

**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.*

**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)**



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

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Nativity BVM parishioner **JEROME LENCOSKI**, who passed away this week. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**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.



**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](http://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.

*"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**

## DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN LAY MINISTRY

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](mailto:Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org) for application information, materials, and application submissions.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](https://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>.

**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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptizer, aunt Elizabeth's son, the wild one with the strange clothes and weird diet has left the stage of Advent liturgy. Enter another character: Joseph, the carpenter, the quiet man.

If you are confused by today's Gospel, perhaps it would help to know that in the Jewish culture of that time, marriages were arranged by the parents of the couple or by the village elders, often when the kids were less than seven years old.

When the girl was about twelve, the marriage [today we would call it the formal engagement] took place in the home of the bride's father to ratify what had been decided some years before. The couple was then considered to be husband and wife. If the husband died, she was considered a widow.

The final stage of the wedding took place a year or two later when the bride was formally taken to the groom's home to share a bed with him for the first time. At this point she still had to be a virgin or the marriage could be easily nullified. So, annulments go back before Jesus' day. Jewish law also provided for that adulterous woman to be stoned to death.

Imagine yourself in Joseph's sandals. Your fiancée has just said: "Joseph, there is something I need to tell you. I'm pregnant. . . No, it is by the Holy Spirit..." When you recover from the shock, you have three choices:

**1.** Believe her: Joseph would need tremendous faith in Mary to do that. There is no evidence to prove he did have that faith.

**2.** Not believe her, that is, as a follower of the law, a rule keeper, and break off the engagement. Expose her. Mary could be stoned to death for adultery, her presumed sin, according to "the law."

**3.** Not believe her but decide to step beyond strict justice. Joseph decides to be compassionate, put her away quietly. This was Joseph's first position. Joseph may have taken a strong nightcap before bed that night.

We learn in scripture that difficult situations are sometimes resolved by a visit from an angel. In a dream an angel comes to Joseph and says: "fear not." [Which implies that Joseph was afraid. What normal person would not be?] The angel tells Joseph that the pregnancy is God's doing.

When Joseph awoke, he did not decide that the strange dream could be attributed to his nightcap or bad olives at dinner. Although Joseph believed that keeping the law was doing the will of God, he bravely stepped out onto a higher road to discern God's will. He neither conformed to the law – to expose – Mary nor compassionately "put her aside." Rather, he more compassionately took her into his home as his wife.

It takes a special courage for rule-keepers to stretch as Joseph did. We need only look to bureaucrats in any current institution to see how difficult it is for

them to get past the letter of the law. Rule-keepers fear that if life isn't codified, then at best, superiors will be upset if one does not follow the rules; at worst, chaos will prevail.

Joseph the carpenter crafts a creative response of love in a world of law.

To fulfill the will of God we sometimes have to see the truth and go beyond "the law."

Joseph was part of the divine plan in two instances:

**1.** Joseph took Jesus as his foster son, establishing the prophesied lineage of David.

**2.** Joseph humbly said "yes" to resolve the paradox of Jesus' being both divine and human without comprehending it.

Jesus learned more than carpentry from his foster father. He also learned about obedience as listening, about stepping out in faith - trust.

Jesus learned openness to new possibilities, new ideas, from Joseph and later would understand that all the answers are not in the law.

Jesus learned compassion from his foster father. Experiencing Joseph's compassion helped Jesus to listen to people, to understand. Jesus would also act compassionately -- even act against "the law" in practicing compassion as an adult.

Joseph does not have one, recorded word in scripture. Almost nothing is known about him. Yet, he is held up to us as a model during Advent: a model of obedience / listening, of openness to new ideas. Of compassion, Pope John XXIII initiated the first change in the Mass in four hundred years by inserting St. Joseph's name in the Eucharistic prayer.

As the fourth Sunday of Advent passes, let us be aware of the two patron saints of advent who appear to be very different:

• John the Baptizer: single-minded in his desire to do God's will.

• Joseph: a man who listened, who was open to new possibilities, who was compassionate.

If we become like John in becoming more single-minded, if we become like Joseph, more a listener to the father, being more open, more compassionate, we will have spent a wonderful Advent.

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**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.

**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](mailto:kitty-scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org).

### 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](mailto: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/>.

*You can demand courtesy but you have to earn respect.*

**Lawrence Goldstone**

*"Life isn't measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."*

**~ Unknown**

### 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.

### HAVE YOU ATTENDED A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND?

Would you like to gather with other WWME alumni in a small group sharing community? Would you like to extend an invitation for others to join a current WWME Share Group?

**There is a new WWME Share Group being hosted by John and Joanie Walsh of St. Lucy's Parish, Scranton.**

If your spouse and you have ever attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, gathering with a WWME Share Group can be a great way to extend the benefits of the Weekend for your marriage. If you would like to attend this gathering in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area, please contact John or Joanie at [joaniewalsh528@hotmail.com](mailto:joaniewalsh528@hotmail.com) or (719) 339-9970.

If you are already involved with a WWME Share Group in the Diocese of Scranton, and would like your group to be listed on our Marriage Support webpage so that others might join you, please contact Jennifer Housel, Director of Community and Family Development, (570) 207-2213 x 1104, [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org).

*"Happiness is a journey, not a destination. For a long time it seemed to me that life was about to begin - real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life. This perspective has helped me to see there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.*

*So treasure every moment you have and remember that time waits for no one."*

**~ Souza**



**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 for all of the families of Nativity BVM and St. Mary's to have the best Christmas ever**



**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 24<sup>th</sup> ..... 5:00PM  
 ..... 10:00PM

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ..... 11:00AM

St. Mary of the Lake

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ..... 4:00PM

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> ..... 9:00AM

**New Year's**

Nativity BVM

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ..... 5:00PM

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> ..... 11:00AM

St. Mary of the Lake

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ..... 4:00PM

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> ..... 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 Barzilowski (570-836-1351)



**COMMUNITY HEALING SERVICES**

**First Sunday of each month @ 6:00PM**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Route 6, Tunkhannock

For more information or prayer contact:

Colleen Williams – (570) 836-5485 or

John Hardman-Zimmerman – (570) 289-5077



**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

**There is no CCD for the next two weeks! Classes resume on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00PM**

All are welcome

**The Humane Society  
of Wyoming County, Inc.**

570-836-4745

[www.hswcPA.org](http://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 (4 wafers).

## Words of Life

"God's love is generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and forever. As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate the eternal giving and receiving of love that is the Holy Trinity."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Another Look at Contraception"**

## 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.



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

## 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.

## Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved **or had an address change**, please contact the parish office at 570-836-3275 so that our records may be updated.



## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2019

SATURDAY	DEC	21	5:00PM	PETER BROZUSKY – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE MARY ANN
SUNDAY	DEC	22	7:30AM	MARY CHELLIS – OFFERED BY BILL & MARY KELLER
			9:00AM	MARGARET KINTNER – OFFERED BY MARY ANN YONCHIUK
			11:00AM	JOHN WAGENHOFFER – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
MONDAY	DEC	23	7:00AM	JUDITH PANTUSO – OFFERED BY MARIE & FAMILY
TUESDAY	DEC	24	<b>5:00PM</b>	JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS
			<b>10:00PM</b>	VIRGIL COLAVITTI – OFFERED BY ROY & JOAN BRODY
WEDNESDAY	DEC	25	<b>11:00AM</b>	NORM HARDING – OFFERED BY ANN EASTMAN
THURSDAY	DEC	26	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
FRIDAY	DEC	27	7:00AM	HELEN BAKER – OFFERED BY MICHAEL, LAURIE & STEPHEN GIZZA
SATURDAY	DEC	28	5:00PM	JANE WYND – OFFERED BY MARLENE FUHR
SUNDAY	DEC	29	7:30AM	JOHN "DOC" DAVIS – OFFERED BY MARY DELMAR
			9:00AM	OSCAR LEON – OFFERED BY STEPHEN & DIANE HILEMAN
			11:00AM	JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, JENNIFER & CHERYL ANN

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. DEC. 21 &amp; SUN. DEC. 22</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	CHARLOTTE SMITH	DEACON RAY	ROY BRODY	DOLORES MANGANELLA
<b>LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	PAT MURRAY LAUREN KOVALCHICK TORI KOVALCHICK MATTHEW PREBOLA	SAM ELIAS KATHRYN CUSATIS BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER	EILEEN HEAD JOSEPH CASEY ZAK KEISER JACOB POWERS	DAVID KUFFA IAN BURKE SOPHIE BURKE CARA EVANS
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b> P. BROWN, C. KOVALCHICK, A. DAVIS	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>
<b>TUES. DEC. 24 &amp; WED. DEC 25</b>	<b>TUESDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>TUESDAY 10:00PM</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 11:00AM</b>	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	DEACON RAY	GARY TEWKSBURY	JUDY BOYANOWSKI	
<b>LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	SUSAN BARZILOSKI EMMA ELIAS JOSEPH COLAVITTI	ART DAVIS HELEN BELLUCCI THOMAS BELLUCCI LEAH DeMARCO NICHOLAS DeMARCO SARAH DeMARCO HANNAH ECKERT JACK ZEUNEN	ALYSSA VIKARA CORR MILNER HANNAH MILNER EVAN BRODY	
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b> D. NOLE, R. NOLE, G. LUPINSKI	
<b>SAT. DEC. 28 &amp; SUN. DEC. 29</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	GARY TEWKSBURY	DEACON RAY	JOHN KEEFE	DIANE STONE
<b>LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	SABRINA TRAVER EMMA ELIAS THOMAS ELIAS ALYSSA KOVALCHICK	TAMMY NUDO MAIA BURRY ROBERT BURRY LEAH DeMARCO	BARBARA KALISH MARCUS BINNER PAUL BINNER JOSEPH COLAVITTI	GLORIA PASTERNAK MATTHEW KALETA CORR MILNER HANNAH MILNER
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b> K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

----- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, JENNIFER BUNNELL, MARIE STAIR, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELLE MORTIMER, SHERI RAIL, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, MARGE HOLUB, BEN BROWN, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DON WHITE, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, GARRET CONOVER, ANALISA DOMINIC, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, 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, RICHARD MORYKON.

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**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2019**

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
MONDAY	DEC	23	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
TUESDAY	DEC	24	<b>4:00PM</b>	PARKER & TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY PAT WALL
WEDNESDAY	DEC	25	<b>9:00AM</b>	JOSEPH FABIANI – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER
THURSDAY	DEC	26	8:00AM	GENE DZIAK – OFFERED BY MARIAN YABLONSKI
FRIDAY	DEC	27	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
SATURDAY	DEC	28	4:00PM	NICHOLAS OSTOPICK – OFFERED BY GEORGE & CAROLE KAMAGE
SUNDAY	DEC	29	9:00AM	ANNA VAN AUKEN – OFFERED BY RICK, MARY LOU & JULIA FRANKO

**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

<b>SAT DEC. 21 &amp; SUN. DEC. 22</b> EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b> DEACON RAY	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b> DEACON RAY
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	PAUL WENGEN ALEX PIERETTI IRENE PIERETTI	SEB NARO ADRIEN FRANKO ANTHONY WILLIAMS
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS ADVENT WREATH	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER ELLEN WENGEN <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>  PACKER FAMILY	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER JOYCE NARO <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b> LEN NASH & PATTI ZALESKI <b>SINKER FAMILY</b>
<b>TUES. DEC. 24 &amp; WED DEC. 25</b> EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	<b>TUESDAY 4:00PM</b> BILL WATERS	<b>WEDNESDAY 9:00AM</b> DEACON RAY
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	MARY LOU FRANKO BILL WATERS DANIEL DRISCOLE ADRIEN FRANKO ASHLEY KENIA	NICK MIGLIORI LEN NASH RACHEL KENIA
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER MARIE PACKER <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	STAN MALECKI & SEB NARO JEAN NASH <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b> BILL & JANET SHAW
<b>SAT. DEC. 28 &amp; SUN. DEC. 29</b> EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b> DEACON RAY	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b> DEACON RAY
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	KELLY ZALESKI ZACH ZELNA	STEVE FRANKO MASON BERKHIMER OWEN BERKHIMER TYLER BERKHIMER
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	JIM BILLINGS & BERNIE GARVEY PEG GARVEY <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	JEFF PIERCE & RANDY PIERETTI ABBA FRANKO <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b> FRAN MOLLUSKY & PAT ZALESKI

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.

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