

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



**ST. MARY**  
OF THE LAKE  
LAKE WINOLA, PA

**MARCH 21-22, 2020**



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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 LENT**



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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*

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S TYPEWRITER:**



In life, there are many tests of our faith, challenges that strengthen our character. Sometimes the challenges are minor and sometimes they are not. We grow through these experience in our faith and are oftentimes a better person for having had the opportunity. Every life challenge or experience has built in it the opportunity to leave us with a positive message, a learning experience that becomes part of our fabric. The current health emergency in our nation – as well as in our world – is unique in that we have not experienced this particular ailment before and as yet are not afforded the opportunity to receive an inoculation. The consolation comes from the fact that "we are not alone" in this situation; we share this experience with the entire world. And so we take this opportunity to "rise to the occasion", to commit ourselves to fellowship with each other, to be determined to follow all requests by our government to defeat this unwanted foe.

And so I invite all our parishioners to pray, to listen, to act and to conduct ourselves in a manner befitting the Christian dignity that is exemplified in the love of our Lord. Remember the angel's words in the tomb, "do not be terrified". Let us look to Christ for strength and wisdom as we travel this road together. Remember our Lord's words, "what is needed there is trust."

Please know that you are in my prayers as I think I am in yours.

Sincerely

*Fr. Pat*

**CAPUCHIN SISTERS SUPPORT FUND:** If you would like to assist with this need, please put your donation in an envelope marked "**Capuchin Sisters**" and mail it to the Parish Office.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** Both of our parishes are in need of Altar Servers. We ask you to encourage your children to consider joining this ministry to serve at the altar of the Lord.

**Deacon Ray will conduct practice for new altar servers at a date & time to be announced.**

**"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU":** This special program of reconciliation is **currently postponed until further notice.**



Individual confessions are available by appointment. Contact the Parish Office (570-836-3275).

**SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE LENTEN MISSION:** Due to present circumstances beyond our control and out of an abundance of caution, **the Lenten Mission for this year has been cancelled.** A mission may be planned for a later date this year. We will notify you if and when this is scheduled.

**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.*

**PIEROGI SALE:** **Until further notice, we will not be selling pierogies in Fr. Nallin Hall on Fridays.**



Pierogies are available at the Parish Office Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Price is the same as last year - **\$7.00 per dozen.**

**ATTENTION PIEROGI BRIGADE:**



**We will discontinue pierogi-making until further notice.** At some point, we will gather to make pierogis for the Fair. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: March 14-15, 2020**

**Nativity BVM Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal* .....	\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory** .....	\$ 2,549.00
Difference:.....	<b>\$( 2,251.00)</b>

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

Weekly Collection Goal* .....	\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory** .....	\$ 1,284.00
Difference:.....	<b>\$( 716.00)</b>

\*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 Christmas, 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.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Unfortunately, St. Mary's annual Community Easter Egg Hunt scheduled to take place at **2:00PM on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Overfield Township Municipal Park on Fairview Road,** has been cancelled.



March 16, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Effective immediately, and until further notice, I have suspended the celebration of Masses open to the public and all public gatherings in all diocesan parishes, worship sites, college campuses, chapels and health care facilities in the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton.

Churches of the Diocese will remain open daily for individual private prayer. The timeframe for each parish is to be determined by its pastor or parish life coordinator. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect.

Scheduled sacramental celebrations such as weddings, baptisms or funerals will be permitted, but attendance will be limited to immediate family members and follow any guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation will be available, when requested individually, by the faithful in cases of serious need.

It deeply saddens me to take this temporary action, knowing the depth of your faith and your desire to celebrate the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis. In light of continued concerns surrounding COVID-19, and upon the advice of medical experts, it is clear that we, as a faith community, must do our part in order to help slow the spread of this virus.

The number of faithful souls who filled our churches this past weekend, even with the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, was deeply consoling to me. As you always have, so many of you are turning to your faith as the surest place where we will find God's peace, consolation and hope.

Unfortunately, the presence of such great numbers of worshippers in our churches is not serving our efforts to help mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus. In an effort to prevent overwhelming our hospitals and health care facilities, national, state and local leaders have urged people to avoid large gatherings of people and keep appropriate social distancing from one another.

As your bishop, in addition to the care of souls, the safety and health of all of our faithful parishioners, friends and those we welcome through our outreach and service, is of utmost importance to me. As such, the decision that I have announced, while difficult, is the best way for us to work together to serve the common good of all, both in our parishes and in our communities.

During these challenging times, it is also crucial that we not forget who we are as Christians. May we continue to offer, in whatever way we can, care and concern for those who are most vulnerable, including the poor, our senior citizens and those who are ill. I also urge those who can do so to maintain support

for your parishes during these difficult days in order to sustain the ministries and outreach services for parishioners and those most in need.

Despite the suspension of public Masses, a private Mass will be celebrated daily in the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, and made available on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton. On weekdays, the Mass will be broadcast at 12:10 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. On weekends, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be broadcast at 4:00 p.m. and rebroadcast on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. The Masses will also be streamed on the Diocese of Scranton's website ([www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)), made available on the Diocese of Scranton's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and will be accessible on the Diocese of Scranton's YouTube channel.

Additional resources for individual parishioners to deepen their faith during Lent are also available on the Diocese of Scranton's website.

During this sacred season of Lent, we are being asked to sacrifice more than ever before – particularly with the loss of cherished religious practices, most especially the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. May we do so mindful of the selfless sacrifice of Jesus and for the sake of our brothers and sisters who are most vulnerable and in need of our help.

The Diocese of Scranton continues to monitor the rapidly evolving health situation regarding the coronavirus. We are constantly monitoring directives from national, state and local officials. This policy will be reassessed on a regular basis, in addition to the plans for Holy Week and Easter.

God bless you and keep each of you in His care. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton

**NATIVITY EASTER BASKETS:** Due to the current closure of the church and cancellation of scheduled Masses for at least the next 14 days, **we will not have our traditional Easter baskets distribution this year.**



As soon as it is practical, we will schedule a food collection and distribution to those in need. Watch the bulletin for more information in coming weeks.

God Bless & thank you.

Mary Olshan

**CCD NEWS:** CCD classes for both Nativity BVM & St. Mary of the Lake have been **suspended until further notice.**

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

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:**

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00  
PLEGGED:..... \$28,814.00  
STATUS:..... 84.7%

**UNDER GOAL:**..... \$ 5,186.00  
PARTICIPATION: 17.55% (163 FAMILIES OUT OF 929)

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

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00  
PLEGGED:..... \$16,330.00  
STATUS..... 125.6%

**OVER GOAL:**..... \$ 3,330.00  
PARTICIPATION: 17.63% (76 FAMILIES OUT OF 431)

**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)**

**PARK CLEANUP:** The Overfield Township/Lake Winola Park and Trail Committee cleanup of the park area on **March 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00PM has been postponed to a later date.** Normally, the group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Lake Winola Fire Hall at 7:00PM. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Donations (money or materials) are welcome to help with this project. If you aren't able to attend but would still like to help, contact Susan Smith at 570-378-3236.

**NATIVITY IS STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WRITERS:**

Thanks to all who are participating in writing for our church bulletin. Your stories are inspiring and it's good for us to learn more about each other through this column.

Our schedule is filled through May, but the months go by quickly. **We still need writers for June through December** to fill our 2020 calendar. You can text Rita Fitzgerald @ 570-877-2695 or email her @ [atir10@hotmail.com](mailto:atir10@hotmail.com). We hope you will share your faith story.

**RETROUVAILLE:** Stress in your marriage? Do you feel alone? Are you bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in your relationship? Do you experience coldness or conflict in your relationship?

Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. If you are thinking about, or already are, separated or divorced, there could still be hope for you.

For confidential information about, or to register for the program on May 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, please call 631-338-5413 or 570-207-2213, or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

**WRITERS NEEDED FOR THE SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE**

**BULLETIN COLUMN:** Saint Mary of the Lake parishioners contribute one reflection per month to the bulletin column "From Saint Mary's Parish Community". We are in need of contributors for upcoming months. Can you help out? Here are some possible ideas you might develop: a personal anecdote about your faith life; a description of your experience in a parish ministry; a reflection on one of the readings for the week; a reflection relating the wonder of God's creation to nature; a description of how you get closer to God; a personal reflection on one of the sacraments; a description of your devotion to one of the Saints; other ideas that are personally meaningful to you. The act of writing your reflection can be personally fulfilling in and of itself! Please give this some prayerful consideration! Call Bill Waters at 570-378-2367 to get on the schedule!

**Travel to Ireland  
In the Footsteps of St. Patrick**



**Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY to Ireland  
on this 10 day experience  
June 4<sup>th</sup> - June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Your included destinations while on this Journey:**  
Dublin · Wicklow · Glendalough · Tipperary · Kerry  
Rock Of Cashel · Dingle Peninsula · Shannon  
Cliffs Of Moher · Corcomroe Abbey · Galway  
Corrib Lake · Clonmacnoise · Knock

**Plus, Mass Daily and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$2,869.00 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$799.00 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info or to register, contact Michael or Eileen at 860-399-1785/[Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com)**

**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.

*"Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes ... the ones who see things differently — they're not fond of rules ... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things ... They push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius ..."*

– Steve Jobs

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:**



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2020** to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. **Requests for an invitation, with an April mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

**St. Joseph's Center Auxiliary  
Night at the Races  
Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**All Seasons Banquet Center  
3729 Birney Ave, Moosic  
BYOB (you must be 21)**

Doors open at 6:00PM – first race at 7:00PM  
Admission \$10.00

Buy a horse \$10.00 (if your horse wins you get \$50.00)

Call 570.207.6656 for more info

[auxiliary@stjosephscenter.org](mailto:auxiliary@stjosephscenter.org)



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

# THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER



A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND  
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, is coming to Tunkhannock in the spring. **The exhibit will be on display April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Tunkhannock Area High School Memorial Field and will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public.**

The wall honors the more than 3 million Vietnam War veterans and contains the names of the 58,276 soldiers who died there.

**Sheldon-Kukuchka Funeral Home is leading the effort to bring the wall to the area.** More than 100 volunteers will be needed for set up, take down and staff the exhibit. Financial and in-kind donations are also needed. To help, call Louis Marcho at 570-836-3321.



## BOY SCOUT NEWS

**Next Committee Meeting:  
April 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30PM**

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall  
Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson  
570-233-4000 [adelano1230@gmail.com](mailto:adelano1230@gmail.com)

## CUB SCOUT NEWS

### ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fr. Nallin Hall  
**March 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:45PM**



**THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY:** The Food Pantry will be **open on the first and third Thursday from 9:00-11:30AM** and the **first and third Monday evening from 6:00-8:00PM**. Please call me if there is anyone in need. We are doing a drive through system for minimal contact.

If the need arises, the Food Pantry is equipped to help feed 100 people for approximately 6 weeks.

God bless!

**Mary Lou Franko (570-586-4811)**

## 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.”

## The Sixth Annual Catholic Men's Conference

**"Be A Man: The Call to Fatherhood"**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Holy Redeemer High School**

**159 South Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes Barre, PA 18701**

Enjoy the fellowship and experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring keynote presentations by Fr. Glen Sudano, CFR, who is a gifted speaker and Spiritual Director. He is one of the eight founding members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, founded in the spring of 1987. The apostolic mission of the Community is to save the materially poor, especially the destitute and homeless.

Our second speaker is Mike Aquilina, who is the award-winning author of more than fifty books on Catholic history, doctrine, and devotion. His works have been translated into many languages. He has hosted eleven television series and several documentary films and is a frequent guest on Catholic radio. He and his wife, Terri, have been married since 1985. They have six children.

Our third speaker will be Jim O'Day, who is the Director of Integrity Restored. He has been actively involved in men's ministry as one of the founders of the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference and the Georgia Catholic Men's Conference as well as a speaker at various national and regional Catholic Men's events. Jim is an active and engaged Catholic, husband, father and grandfather. He teaches self-defense in his spare time and coaches lacrosse.

Reconciliation opportunities are available with many priests for confessions. The main Conference and Mass runs from 8:00AM to 3:00PM and will include Eucharistic Adoration. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass at 1:45PM. Registration and Morning Coffee begins at 7:00AM, Rosary at 7:15AM.

Register online at: [www.beamanconference.com](http://www.beamanconference.com).

Or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check (**payable to "Diocese of Scranton"**) to:

**Office for Parish Life  
Attn: Men's Conference  
Diocese of Scranton  
330 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, PA. 18503**

Also put "Men's Conference" **on the memo line of the check.**

For more information contact: Mike Kilmer (570-746-0100) or [michaekilmer71@gmail.com](mailto:michaekilmer71@gmail.com) – or the Scranton Office for Parish Life (570-207-2213).

**Cost:** \$40.00 (\$30.00 early bird until 4/1/20)  
\$15.00 for students  
Priests and Deacons free

"Adoption was such a positive alternative to abortion, a way to save one life and brighten two more: those of the adoptive parents."

– **George W. Bush, Decision Points**

## Regulations for Lent 2020

All faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded of Diocesan Statute No. 41, which addresses the penitential aspect of Lent:

"The season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, No. 5, 109). Pastors are obliged to avoid scheduling activities in the parishes which in any way could possibly detract from the external and social penance required by Lent."

The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:

**+ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, are days of fast and abstinence.**

**+ Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.**

**+ All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent.**

**+ All Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year are bound to the obligation of fasting.** Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal and two smaller meals unless dispensed or excused.

### Lenten Reminders

Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord.

As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

- + Almsgiving** - generously giving to those in need
- + Fasting** - practicing self-discipline and self-denial
- + Prayer** - reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

Lent is also a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. It is a time to regroup and to prepare.

How can you spend your time during Lent?

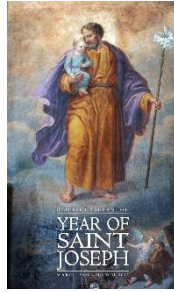
- + By "giving up"** things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.
- + By "doing"** things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing.
- + By "adding"** to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.

*"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**

## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree naming Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing the fitting time for the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera has declared this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Diocese of Scranton from March 19, 2020 to March 19, 2021. Bishop Bambera states, "Just as Saint Joseph watched over and protected the Lord Jesus while he was on earth, we need Saint Joseph to watch over and provide for the Church today. His intercession on behalf of the Universal Church is vital as the world faces so much upheaval and pain, and particularly as it confronts the uncertainty and pain of the coronavirus epidemic."



Bishop Bambera invites all of the faithful to renew their devotion to Saint Joseph during this commemorative year, and to seek his powerful intercession to safely guard the Church from all evils, just as he protected the Holy Family from harm. Please look for future opportunities and resources to celebrate this year in your parish.

**WORDS OF LIFE:** "There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

**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).

**Line Dancing**  
**Wednesday evening 7:00-8:30PM**  
**Fr. Nallin Hall**  
**Cancelled until further notice**



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES:** The Thursday evening meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Mary of the Lake Parish Hall is postponed until further notice.



St. Mary of the Lake  
**Ham & Cabbage Dinner**  
**Sunday, March 12<sup>nd</sup>**  
**4:00PM** **Cancelled**  
in Parish Hall

Ham, cabbage, potatoes, carrots,  
dessert & beverage

If you have an Easter Candy order form, it can be taken/mailed to the Parish Office (P.O. Box 1, Lake Winola PA 18625). Contact the Parish Office (570-836-3275) regarding pickup of your order.



**Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen**, 54 Warren Street in Tunkhannock (formerly the P&G Credit Union building), is still serving a hearty meal every Monday through Friday from 5:00-7:00PM. **For the time being, it is take out only.** 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.



**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**

**Prayer for Those Who Are Worried about the Spread of the Coronavirus**

Father,  
Worry and fear are not of Your heart. [1 John 4](#) reminds us that perfect love casts out all fear, and we pray Your perfect love upon the hearts of all those who are burdened with the fear of this virus. Lord, we know with no doubt that You are bigger than the threat of anything, especially illnesses. Please comfort those who are living in fear, please free them from the bondage that anxiety creates within. Remind them that You are still on the Throne and that You are still in control. Fully rain down the serenity that comes only from the Prince of Peace. Help those who are living in unease to trust You in this time so that in times to come we may rest assured that You will be faithful to be with us until the end of the age. We rest at the Throne of the Almighty such fears and cast them upon You ([1 Peter 5:7](#)), for Your burden is Light and Your Yoke is easy ([Matthew 11:30](#)), we know You cover us with Your wings ([Psalm 91:4](#)).

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020

SATURDAY	MAR	21	5:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAR	22	7:30AM	NO MASS
			9:00AM	NO MASS
			11:00AM	NO MASS
MONDAY	MAR	23	7:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	MAR	24	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	MAR	25	7:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	MAR	26	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MAR	27	7:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	MAR	28	5:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAR	29	7:30AM	NO MASS
			9:00AM	NO MASS
			11:00AM	NO MASS

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. MAR. 21 &amp; SUN. MAR. 22</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
DEACON				
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)				
LECTOR	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)				
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS				

<b>SAT. MAR. 28 &amp; SUN. MAR. 29</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
DEACON				
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)				
LECTOR	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)				
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS				

#### 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, VERA PRAWDZIK, MATTHEW FORTESE, JACOB WALTER, CURTIS, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LaBAR, TIKI LYONS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, 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 ZALEDONIS, PAT STASCavage, JOHN RUEHLMAN JR, MARY BOLOUSKI, PEGGY FINNEGAN, JOAN STEPHENS, PEG 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, AVA MASON, FLO TROWBRIDGE, TIA DERMCHACK, CURTIS EDWARDS, DOROTHY STODDARD.

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED 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 IS AVAILABLE TO BURN FOR INTENTION. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (570) 836-3275

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering                      \$2,549.00

## NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

APR. 01 <b>MAKING HALUSKI – FNH</b>	APR. 19 <b>CCD CLASS</b>
APR. 02 <b>MAKING CLAM CHOWDER – FNH</b>	APR. 25 <b>CONFIRMATION RETREAT – FNH</b>
APR. 03 <b>LAST DAY SELLING PIEROGIES – 10:00AM – 5:00PM – FNH</b>	APR. 26 <b>CCD CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>
APR. 05 <b>NO CCD CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>	MAY 02 <b>WORK SHOP SELF CARE/MINISTRY BURNOUT FNH – 9:00AM – 3:00PM</b>
APR. 07 <b>ALTAR &amp; ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH</b>	MAY 05 <b>ALTAR &amp; ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH</b>
APR. 09 <b>HOLY THURSDAY MASS – 7:00PM</b>	MAY 10 <b>MAY CROWING 11:00AM MASS</b>
APR. 10 <b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – 1:00PM</b>	MAY 19 <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG. – 6:30PM</b>
APR. 11 <b>BASKET BLESSING – 1:00PM – FNH</b>	
APR. 12 <b>NO CCD CLASS</b>	



## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020

SATURDAY	MAR	21	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAR	22	9:00AM	NO MASS
MONDAY	MAR	23	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	MAR	24	8:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	MAR	25	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	MAR	26	8:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MAR	27	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	MAR	28	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAR	29	9:00AM	NO MASS

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT MAR. 14 &amp; SUN. MAR. 15</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		
LECTORS		
ALTAR SERVER(S)	NO MASS	NO MASS
USHERS		
GREETERS		
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		
<b>SAT. MAR. 28 &amp; SUN. MAR. 29</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		
LECTORS		
ALTAR SERVER(S)	NO MASS	NO MASS
USHERS		
GREETERS		
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		

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, 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

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#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering                      \$1,284.00

## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

<p><b>APR. 05</b>    CCD CLASS</p> <p><b>APR. 06</b>    DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – 6:00PM ROSARY FOLLOWED BY MTG. IN HALL</p> <p><b>APR. 09</b>    HOLY THURSDAY – MASS – 7:00PM</p> <p><b>APR. 10</b>    GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – 1:00PM</p> <p><b>APR. 11</b>    BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS – NOON – HALL</p> <p><b>APR. 11</b>    EASTER VIGIL – MASS – 8:00PM</p> <p><b>APR. 12</b>    EASTER SUNDAY – MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p><b>APR. 12</b>    NO CCD CLASS – EASTER VACATION</p> <p><b>APR. 18</b>    CASH BINGO – 1:00PM – IN HALL</p> <p><b>APR. 19</b>    CCD CLASS/2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CLASS MASS/ LUNCHEON @2:00PM</p> <p><b>APR. 26</b>    CCD CLASS – LAST DAY OF CCD</p>	<p><b>MAY. 02</b>    FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 11:00AM/ MAY CROWNING</p> <p><b>MAY 03</b>    MAY CROWNING</p> <p><b>MAY 03</b>    DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – FOLLOWED BY 9:00AM MASS</p> <p><b>MAY 12</b>    FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30PM – HALL</p> <p><b>MAY 31</b>    CONFIRMATION</p> <p><b>MAY 31</b>    DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – FOLLOWED BY 9:00AM MASS</p> <p><b>JUN. 06</b>    ST MARY'S THON – REGISTRATION 8:00AM</p>
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