

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



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

**APRIL 11-12, 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**

**EASTER**



**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE**  
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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"**

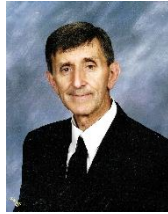
*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils  
January 2007*

[www.nativitystmary.org](http://www.nativitystmary.org)  
[@nativitystmary](https://www.instagram.com/nativitystmary)

## FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH:

My Brothers and Sisters,

**HAPPY EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN!** I know that might sound a little optimistic in light of all that we are struggling with in our country, state and county but, hey, we all could use a little space to take a deep breath and let a little Easter joy in.



We can feel the same sense of struggle in our readings for Easter Sunday. What we hear today is a sense of panic, misunderstanding and despair. First, we hear Mary Magdalene, who seems to have forgotten that Jesus said he would rise in three days. Instead of complete faith, we see her misunderstanding as she thinks that someone has taken his body.

Peter, after seeing the empty tomb, doesn't know what to think, and John, the beloved Disciple, wants to believe but is still unsure. It will take a direct experience with the Risen Christ for each of them to finally experience the true joy of the Easter event.

I imagine that, as we still practice social distancing and are forced to experience the Easter celebration on TV or the internet, we might feel like those in our readings – feeling lost, a little lonely and empty inside and a deep need to be able to gather together once again.

The Easter story is one that depicts not a one-day event, but rather, a journey from loss, despair and spiritual hunger to one of deep faith, joy and fulfillment. This will take time as we, like those on this same journey many years ago, find the risen Lord, not just on this day but in every day of the Easter season.

May God Bless You,

*Deacon Ray*

**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.**

**PIEROGI SALE:** Until further notice, we will not be selling pierogis in Fr. Nallin Hall on Fridays. Pierogis will also not be available at the Parish Office. We thank you for your understanding and we will notify you when they are again available.



**MASS ONLINE:** Until we are once again able to come together to celebrate Mass as a parish community, Fr. Pat will be recording a Mass to be broadcast on our website ([nativitystmary.org](http://nativitystmary.org)) and on our Facebook page (@nativitystmary) with a link to a YouTube site. Everyone is encouraged to add this celebration to your calendar and to join in.

**There will be an Easter Sunday Mass available this Sunday.**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** In accordance with diocesan directives, we are exercising caution at this time and keeping the Parish Office closed to the public. We are still working and are available by phone (570-836-3275 or 570-378-2181) and by email either at [nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com](mailto:nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com) or at [stmaryofthelake@frontier.com](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.com).

**MASS SCHEDULE:** The suspension of Masses in church is scheduled to last at least through the month of April. It continues to be a fluid situation, subject to the directives of the Diocese and of the federal, state & local authorities. We will update this situation weekly in the bulletin.

### ATTENTION PIEROGI BRIGADE:



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

**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** During this extended period of time when we are unable to get together as a parish community to worship and to conduct the social interaction that is so much a part of being a parish, it is important that we stay in communication with one another. We will continue to produce our weekly bulletin, which is being shared on both our website ([nativitystmary.org](http://nativitystmary.org)) and Facebook page (@nativitystmary). **We also need to update our list of email addresses**, which sadly is very incomplete. **We're asking all parishioners to send us their email address at this time** (Nativity parishioners – please send to [nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com](mailto:nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com) and St. Mary of the Lake parishioners – please send to [stmaryofthelake@frontier.com](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.com)).

We thank you for providing this information. It will be kept in strict confidence.

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Nativity BVM parishioner **VERONICA KALINOWSKI**, 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.



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

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: April 04-05, 2020**

**Nativity BVM Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 4,800.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 1,785.00  
Difference:.....\$( 3,015.00)

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

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 2,000.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 1,245.00  
Difference:.....\$( 755.00)

\*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 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.

**PARISH FINANCES:** There is a great deal of concern among the members of our parish community regarding the mandatory closing of many of our businesses and the resultant uncertainty about earnings during the continuing coronavirus situation. Just as our government was caught unprepared despite the warning signs that were present over the months leading up to our current pandemic, many people were unprepared for the financial hardship that it has created. Although some seem to be optimistic that the pandemic will be short-lived, most are aware that we could be in this limbo for a greater period of time. The financial impact has yet to be fully felt across our area.

**Management of our parish resources is conservative by nature and we will weather this downturn. However, we have no other source of funds than the generosity of our parishioners.** Some people have continued to make their contributions despite the fact that we are unable to come together weekly as was our custom. We ask that you continue to remember to support your parish as best you can during these difficult times. Envelopes can be mailed to your parish mail box; the address for your parish is on the front page of the bulletin. Any contribution that you can make will be gratefully received. Thank you to those who have already sent their contributions.

**We are working to have an online giving program accessible through our website. We expect to have it activated this week.** We will announce its availability through Facebook and/or by email to those who have provided their email address to us.

**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)**



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-Kukushko 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.

**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. **At this time, the Mass remains open to the public.**

**DIRECTIVES FROM THE APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY  
OF THE HOLY SEE TO BE USED  
IN THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON**

Please disseminate the following information regarding Perfect Contrition widely.

**PERFECT CONTRITION**

**With the increasing difficulty for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to the current health crisis, the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded that by having perfect contrition one can receive the forgiveness of sins, apart from going to confession.**

**Perfect contrition** requires the following three things:

- A love of God above all else
- A sincere desire for the forgiveness from sin
- The resolution to go to confession as soon as possible when this health crisis subsides

**PLENARY INDULGENCE**

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has also granted a **plenary indulgence** under specific conditions.

**The faithful who qualify for a plenary indulgence during the coronavirus pandemic:**

- Those suffering from the coronavirus illness
- Health care workers, family members, and others caring for those with the coronavirus (exposing themselves to the virus)

**The faithful must do at least one of the following:**

- Unite yourself spiritually through the media in the celebration of the Holy Mass
- Recite the Rosary
- Pious practice of the Way of the Cross (or other forms of devotion)
- Recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a Hail Mary

**The faithful must be willing to perform all of the following as soon as possible: (considered the three usual conditions for a plenary indulgence)**

- Going to Confession
- Receiving Holy Communion
- Praying for the intentions of Pope Francis

**CONFESSION:** At this time, if an individual contacts a priest to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, an appropriate distance (at least six feet) should be maintained between the penitent and confessor. An appropriate location in the Church or sacristy should be chosen (not a rectory or parish office). Care should be taken to disinfect the space following each confession.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Prompted by many hospitals that have directed the suspension of individuals visiting patients, all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion must refrain from visiting hospitals and nursing homes until further notice. Communal celebrations of the Anointing of Sick are to be suspended. The sacrament should be offered on an individual basis. With any pastoral visits to the homebound, ministers of Communion, both ordinary and extraordinary, should practice meticulous

handwashing. If the person being visited is ill with an infectious disease, he or she should be offered a mask. The minister may also wear a mask and if necessary, gloves.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** It is highly likely that these celebrations will need to be postponed due to the cancellation of public Masses and Religious Education programs to a later date once the current health crisis has subsided.

**WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERALS:** On Sunday, March 16, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control announced a recommendation that public events have no more than 50 people. Due to the rapidly changing nature of this situation, that number could certainly change. We encourage all pastors to make smart and prudent decisions in each individual circumstance and to use common sense and rely on the current guidance of national, state and local leaders. Social distancing and alternative row seating in pews is to be strongly advised.

In celebrating wedding and funeral Masses, all of the directives previously issued for the Celebration of Mass (eliminating the Sign of Peace, no offering the Precious Blood, etc) must be applied.

Communal baptisms are discouraged. Fresh water should be used for each baptism and then discarded. If more than one person is to be baptized, water should be blessed in individual vessels and then poured over the head.

The use of cemetery chapels for final committal services is temporarily discontinued. Committal services should be grave-side only, weather permitting.

**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. 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!



**BOY SCOUT NEWS**

**Next Committee Meeting:  
TBA – 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



**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)**



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE:** The sanctuary candle continues to burn each and every day in our churches. If you would like it to burn for your intention, please contact Mary Lou at the Parish Office (570-836-3275).

**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.

**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."



If you have an Easter Candy order form (available on our website), 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 or call one of the following committee members:

- Dorothy Trauger.....(570) 378-2530
- Loretta Kenia.....(570) 378-2256
- Patti Zaleski.....(570) 280-6168

**SCAM ALERT:** Pennsylvanians should take steps to protect themselves from phishing scams that are **targeting people who are expecting a stimulus payment from the federal government** following the outbreak of COVID-19, the Department of Revenue and Department of Banking and Securities announced today.

"As we all work together to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, this unprecedented situation has created new opportunities for criminals to target Pennsylvanians, including those who are vulnerable or struggling," Revenue Secretary Dan Hassell said. "We want to remind everyone that they should not provide their direct deposit or other banking information to anyone who contacts them on the phone, through email or text messages, or on social media."

The stimulus payments, otherwise known as economic impact payments, are being distributed by the federal government as part of the federal economic stimulus legislation that was signed into law in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the IRS, in most cases the payments will be directly deposited into the bank accounts that taxpayers previously listed on their federal tax returns.

However, **the IRS has reported seeing a surge of scam artists perpetrating phishing schemes where they pose as government officials to trick people into turning over their banking information.** Doing so may allow a criminal to steal your identity, file a fraudulent tax return in your name or use your personal data for other illicit purposes.

"If you have received an unsolicited email or phone call asking for your personal or financial information, **the safest response is to delete the email or hang up the phone,**" advised Acting Secretary of Banking and Securities Richard Vague. "Consumers must remain vigilant about protecting their finances, especially if they are being pressured to act quickly."

#### **How to Recognize the Scam**

According to the IRS, some of the electronic messages associated with these phishing scams say, "In order to receive your stimulus check via direct deposit, you will need to confirm your banking information." These messages are targeting not only individual citizens, but also tax professionals.

Pennsylvanians are encouraged to remember several warning signs from the IRS, which says scammers may:

- Emphasize the words "Stimulus Check" or "Stimulus Payment." The official term is economic impact payment.
- Ask the taxpayer to sign over their economic impact payment check to them.
- Ask by phone, email, text or social media for verification of personal and/or banking information saying that the information is needed to receive or speed up their economic impact payment.
- Suggest that they can get a tax refund or economic impact payment faster by working on the

taxpayer's behalf. This scam could be conducted by social media or even in person.

- Mail the taxpayer a bogus check, perhaps in an odd amount, then tell the taxpayer to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it.

#### **The Sixth Annual Catholic Men's Conference**

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

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

**Holy Redeemer High School**

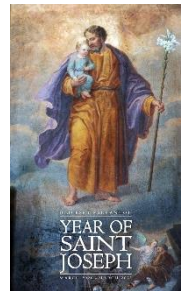
**159 South Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes Barre, PA 18701**

Organizers of the 2020 *Be A Man Conference*, "Called to Fatherhood," scheduled for April 25, 2020, at Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre, have **made the difficult decision to postpone the event due to the coronavirus. Organizers are tentatively moving the date from April 25<sup>th</sup> to October in the hopes that the virus will be over by fall.**

Organizers will be contacting the men that previously registered, sponsors and exhibitors and will give them the opportunity for a refund or to transfer their financial commitment to the fall date.

#### **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.



**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.



## MILITARY HONOR ROLL

PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

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

God Bless all who serve or have served our country.



**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"

**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**



**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.

### DIOCESE OF SCRANTON ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUND

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed many challenges for all of us, including our parishes, kitchens, food pantries, shelters and Catholic schools. Our parishes and Diocesan ministries are facing increased risks of financial shortfalls and are struggling to pay bills and provide services due to the Coronavirus health crisis.

If you are in a position to do so, we kindly ask you to consider supporting the vital ministries provided by our parishes and our Diocese. **There is a link on the diocesan website where you can make a contribution to your parish, Catholic Human and Social Service programs or Catholic School tuition assistance.**

#### "7 Effective Ways to Make Others Feel Important

1. Use their name.
2. Express sincere gratitude.
3. Do more listening than talking.
4. Talk more about them than about you.
5. Be authentically interested.
6. Be sincere in your praise.
7. Show you care."

— Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

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



## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

SATURDAY	APR	11	5:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	APR	12	7:30AM	NO MASS
			9:00AM	NO MASS
			11:00AM	NO MASS
MONDAY	APR	13	7:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	APR	14	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	APR	15	7:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	APR	16	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	APR	17	7:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	APR	18	5:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	APR	19	7:30AM	NO MASS
			9:00AM	NO MASS
			11:00AM	NO MASS

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. APR. 11 &amp; SUN. APR. 12</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. APR. 18 &amp; SUN. APR. 19</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, 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 YOUR INTENTION. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (570) 836-3275

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$1,785.00
Easter Offering	\$ 115.00

### NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

APR. 12	EASTER SUNDAY – VIDEO MASS – ON LINE	JUL. 07	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH
APR. 19	VIDEO MASS – ON LINE	AUG. 04	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH
APR. 26	VIDEO MASS – ON LINE	SEPT. 01	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH
MAY 05	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH	OCT. 06	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH
MAY 10	MAY CROWNING 11:00AM MASS	NOV. 03	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH
MAY 19	FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG. – 6:30PM RECTORY	DEC. 01	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH
MAY 31	CONFIRMATION		
JUN. 02	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH		



**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020**

SATURDAY	APR	11	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	APR	12	9:00AM	NO MASS
MONDAY	APR	13	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	APR	14	8:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	APR	15	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	APR	16	8:00AM	NO MASS
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SATURDAY	APR	18	4:00PM	NO MASS
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**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

<b>SAT APR. 11 &amp; SUN. APR. 12</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		
LECTORS	NO MASS	NO MASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS		
GREETERS		
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		
<b>SAT. APR 18 &amp; SUN. APR. 19</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		
LECTORS	NO MASS	NO MASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)		
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, JOHN IRISH.

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**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
THE WEEK OF APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**MARYANN KASZUBA**  
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

Weekend Offering                    \$1,245.00  
Easter Offering                        \$1,170.00

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)**

<b>APR. 12</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY – VIDEO MASS – ON LINE</b>	<b>AUG. 02</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – FOLLOWING 9:00AM MASS IN HALL</b>
<b>APR. 19</b>	<b>VIDEO MASS – ON LINE</b>		
<b>APR. 26</b>	<b>VIDEO MASS – ON LINE</b>	<b>SEPT. 07</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – 6:00PM ROSARY FOLLOWED BY MTG. IN HALL</b>
<b>MAY 03</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – FOLLOWING 9:00AM MASS IN HALL</b>	<b>OCT. 05</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – 6:00PM ROSARY FOLLOWED BY MTG. IN HALL</b>
<b>MAY 12</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL</b>	<b>NOV. 02</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – 6:00PM ROSARY FOLLOWED BY MTG. IN HALL</b>
<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>		
<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – FOLLOWING 9:00AM MASS IN HALL</b>	<b>DEC. 07</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – 6:00PM ROSARY FOLLOWED BY MTG. IN HALL</b>
<b>JUN. 06</b>	<b>ST MARY'S THON – REGISTRATION 8:00AM</b>		
<b>JUL. 05</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – FOLLOWING 9:00AM MASS IN HALL</b>		