

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



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

**APRIL 18-19, 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**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF 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*

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[@nativitystmary](https://www.facebook.com/nativitystmary)

### FROM THE PASTOR'S TYPEWRITER:



I still have that white chocolate Easter Cross and the solid chocolate Easter bunny in the desk drawer in my office. Which desk drawer? I cannot tell you, for you see I plan on consuming both delicious pieces of candy eventually. These wonderful confections were produced by the talented candy crew at St. Mary of the Lake for the Easter season.

By the way, the Easter Season is fifty days long and I happen to know there are still some wonderful candies floating around. Inquire within. I'm truly glad I saved my candy for now, as it allows me to escape at least momentarily into a sweet world of Easter and spring time. The trees are coming out – lest you haven't noticed – and spring is looking better every day. Isn't it amazing that our current state of affairs (the pandemic) has distracted us completely in this historic time. Unlike other historic moments, those which we commemorate this time will have somber tones connected to them for all time, not a memorial but a tragedy

Let us all remember those whose lives are forever changed by the events of this time (families, friends, relatives etc.), perhaps a prayer for our entire world. We waited all winter for the freshness of the spring to arrive and now we are so distracted by more serious issues.

Candy can make anything better; if you don't believe me, ask Blackie, our family pet from years ago. Without thinking, my mother placed all four Easter baskets on our living room coffee table on Holy Saturday night. When we awoke on Easter Sunday, we were confronted with half eaten bunny rabbits, jelly beans all over, etc. etc. Blackie had a great Easter and we all had a good laugh.

Keep your hearts light and your thoughts on the Lord and he will ease our anxiety and gently comfort us.

Keep Smiling

*Fr. Pat*

**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 a Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter available this weekend.**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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!



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

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: April 11-12, 2020**

**Nativity BVM Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 4,800.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 4,009.00  
Difference:.....\$( 791.00)

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

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 2,000.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 1,326.00  
Difference:.....\$( 674.00)

\*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 will have an online giving program accessible through our website starting next 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)**

**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.**

**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.

**PAROCHIAL PRIDE:**

Congratulations to Nativity BVM parishioner **Alyssa Kovalchick**, who wrote a terrific Guest Column in the April 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Wyoming County Press Examiner. "Overall, treating others, and yourself, with respect and kindness will allow our society to flourish and return to the routine of everyday life," she said. How true! Thank you, Alyssa.



**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).

**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.

**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).



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



## **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**



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

**PRO-LIFE ROSE:** Although there are no public Masses being celebrated in Nativity BVM church at the present time, Fr. Albert does say a private Mass each day in accordance with diocesan guidelines. **The rose is still present in front of the statue of Mary during these Masses and the intentions requested are being recognized.**



The intentions for March & April are:

### **March**

In Memory of **Christopher Bell**

donated by Rose Marie McAndrew

In Loving Memory of **Mary Kozielski**

donated by Mary Ann Brown

In Loving Memory of **Joan Jurista**

donated by daughters, Sam and Meg

In Loving Memory of **Anthony Brown**

donated by his wife Mary Ann

In Memory of **Jean Yablonski**

donated by Paul and Cindy Brown

Prayers for **Fr. Rick Frechette**, who is dedicating and risking his life daily

donated by Sam and Meg

In Memory of **John Styklunas**

donated by the Butler family

In Honor of **James Peck Fitzsimmons**

donated by the Butler family

### **April**

In Memory of **Angeline Edelman**

donated by the Finnegan family

In Loving Memory of **Anna Brown**

donated by Mary Ann Brown

In Loving Memory of **Norm Harding**

donated by Ann

Prayers for recovery for **Sean Collett**

donated by Sam and Meg

In Loving Memory of **Thomas S. Hardisky**

donated by Mom and family

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

### **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."



**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**

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



**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.

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



**WORDS OF LIFE:** If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."\* Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on

[www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org)

to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.  
**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

\*"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

**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).



**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.**

**"To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends;  
To appreciate beauty;  
To find the best in others;  
To leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;  
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded. "**

**~ Ralph Waldo Emerson**

#### **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](#)).*

#### **One Pair of Hands**

One pair of hands formed the mountains,  
One pair of hands formed the sea  
One pair of hands made the sun and the moon  
Every bird, every flower, every tree

One pair of hands formed the valleys,  
The ocean, the rivers and the sand  
Those hands are so strong, so when life goes wrong  
Put your faith into one pair of hands

One pair of hands healed the sick  
One pair of hands raised the dead  
One pair of hands calmed the raging storm  
And thousands of people were fed

One pair of hands said I love you  
And those hands were nailed to a tree  
Those hands are so strong, so when life goes wrong  
Put your faith into one pair of hands

Written by: BILLIE CAMPBELL, MANN CURTIS  
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*The recording of this beautiful and powerful song by Glen Campbell (husband of Billie Campbell) can be found on YouTube.*

#### **Your Gift Matters**

##### **Make a Lasting Impact With a Future Gift**

Generosity comes in many forms, and consideration of a planned gift is often the best way for you to support important causes that matter the most to you in your life. When you give to the Diocese of Scranton, you help us make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Your estate gift can support your parish** or any of our Diocesan ministries such as Catholic Social Services, seminarian education, tuition assistance for Catholic School students, parish life and care for our retired clergy.

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**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2020**

SATURDAY	APR	18	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	APR	19	9:00AM	NO MASS
MONDAY	APR	20	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	APR	21	8:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	APR	22	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	APR	23	8:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	APR	24	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	APR	25	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	APR	26	9:00AM	NO MASS

**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

<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		
<b>SAT. APR 25 &amp; SUN. APR. 26</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, 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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**PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (378-2181) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
THE WEEK OF APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**MARYANN KASZUBA**  
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

Weekend Offering	\$1,326.00
Easter Offering	\$ 430.00

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

<b>APR. 19</b>	<b>VIDEO MASS – ON LINE</b>	<b>SEPT. 7</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – 6:00PM ROSARY FOLLOWED BY MTG. IN HALL</b>
<b>APR. 26</b>	<b>VIDEO MASS – ON LINE</b>		
<b>MAY 03</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – FOLLOWING 9:00AM MASS IN HALL</b>	<b>OCT. 5</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. 2</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. 7</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>		
<b>AUG. 02</b>	<b>DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – FOLLOWING 9:00AM MASS IN HALL</b>		

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2020

SATURDAY	APR	18	5:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	APR	19	7:30AM	NO MASS
			9:00AM	NO MASS
			11:00AM	NO MASS
MONDAY	APR	20	7:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	APR	21	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	APR	22	7:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	APR	23	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	APR	24	7:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	APR	25	5:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	APR	26	7:30AM	NO MASS
			9:00AM	NO MASS
			11:00AM	NO MASS

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. APR. 18 &amp; SUN. APR. 19</b>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
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. 25 &amp; SUN. APR. 26</b>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
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, 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, 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, SEAN COLLETT.

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#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS AVAILABLE TO BURN FOR YOUR INTENTION. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (570) 836-3275

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$4,009.00
Easter Offering	\$2,441.00

### NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

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