

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



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

**JULY 25-26, 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**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**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,

It's genetics. It's hereditary. It's the Luck of the Draw. Sometimes, things just seem to happen a certain way that makes you say, "Of course that happened to me. That's *just* my luck."



Have you ever taken notice of how things just seem to happen to you? My wife will put a clean tablecloth on the kitchen table and, within seconds, I will drop something on it – even if I am clear across the room! This leads my wife to exclaim, "How do you do that?" It's really nothing; some people just have a natural talent. It's genetic.

I was sealing the rain gutters with our son Jayme and, after being especially careful, I came down off the roof and had tar all over me. I don't know how I did it! Jayme was laughing and making fun of me while wiping the extra tar off the caulk gun onto a rag. He then used that same cloth to clean his own hands. The look of disbelief on his face was worth his teasing me and the both of us being covered in tar and grease. It's hereditary.

My daughter drove me and my dog Izzy to the vet because Izzy isn't good in the car and I had to sit in the back with her to keep her calm. While sitting in the shade behind the building and waiting for our turn – as we were not permitted in the building due to health restrictions – my daughter was concerned that the odd clip on the leash would come undone. Never happen. I told her not to worry. So, you know what comes next? Yep, that's right. My daughter yelled to grab Izzy because her leash clasp opened. No other dog got loose. Luck of the Draw.

I wish I could say that nothing like that ever happens in church, but of course it does. If the altar cloths are new or freshly cleaned, I will spill wine on them. Flipping them over doesn't really help. My wife always checks my alb before Mass to make sure it is spotless. Then I get an incredulous look from her when I am walking up or down the aisle because smack in the middle of my chest will be a stain. Recently, while co-celebrating Mass, a loud crack and the sound of something skittering across the floor caused Father Dennis to lament, "What did Ray do now?" Things just seem to happen that way to me. That is just my luck! I'm not going to admit to anything – just don't tell Father Pat!!

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.

**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 ONLINE:** Fr. Pat continues to record a Mass each week. It can be found on our website ([nativitystmary.org](http://nativitystmary.org)) and on our Facebook page (@nativitystmary) with a link to a YouTube site.

**There will be a Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time available this weekend. The Mass was filmed at St. Mary of the Lake church. We have a growing number of people watching the Mass each weekend and we are grateful for their support and for their email messages each week.**

We want to express our gratitude to **Dan Simrell of Simrell Media** for the beautiful presentation of the Mass for our viewing. The videography of the Mass significantly enhances the entire presentation.

**IN-CHURCH WORSHIP:** Daily Mass is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00AM at Nativity and on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00AM at St. Mary's. At this time, weekend Masses at Nativity are at 5:00PM on Saturday and 7:30AM & 11:00AM on Sunday. At St. Mary's, the weekend Mass is at 9:00AM on Sunday. Seating is limited in accordance with "safe distancing" norms, masks are required and reservations are required.

We ask your patience and understanding. If there should be a substantive spike in coronavirus cases, we will not hesitate to again close the buildings and rely on the streamed Mass.

Fr. Pat

## ONLINE OFFERTORY

Nativity BVM and St. Mary of the Lake parishes depend on our faithful stewardship to pay our daily church expenses, make improvements and support our mission in the areas of worship, word, service, and community. Our Online Offertory system through Our Sunday Visitor provides us with the opportunity to contribute regularly and seamlessly.



**A growing number of parishioners use the online giving portal through our website. We are grateful for your contributions. We encourage all of our parishioners and friends to utilize this quick, easy and safe means of supporting your parish. We intend to keep this donation option available for the foreseeable future.**

If you wish to contribute, go to our website, [www.nativitystmary.org](http://www.nativitystmary.org), and click on your parish, either Nativity or St. Mary, at the top of the home page. Then click on the name of your parish under "Donate Securely". We accept most major credit cards as well as ACH donations using your checking or savings account.

**We need – and are grateful for – your continued support.**

**ANNE KEENE TOWNSEND SCHOLARSHIPS:** Nativity BVM Parish is the trustee of the Anne Keene Townsend Scholarship Fund. Any graduating senior who meets the basic requirements is eligible to receive a scholarship from this fund to help with his/her advanced education in any University, College or trade/vocational school.

We want to congratulate the following parishioners who have been awarded scholarships this year:

- Paul A. Binner Jr. – to attend Wilkes University in pursuit of a degree in Mechanical Engineering**
- Joseph A. Colavitti – to attend Wilkes University in pursuit of a degree in a field to be determined**
- Elizabeth L. DeMarco – to attend Penn State University in pursuit of a degree in Nursing**
- Thomas N. Elias – to attend the University of Scranton in pursuit of a degree in Physics**
- Rachel A. Kenia – to attend Cabrini University in pursuit of a degree in Psychology**
- Tori R. Kovalchick – to attend Penn State University in pursuit of a degree in Chemical Engineering**

We wish them all the best as they embark on this wonderful period in their lives.

**ALTAR & ROSARY MEETINGS:** Until we have a much clearer definition of how to conduct meetings in accordance with health & safety guidelines, both of our Altar & Rosary societies have suspended their monthly meetings. Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming months.

**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.

**CAPUCHIN SISTERS SUPPORT FUND: We are in need of a volunteer to join the group who shop weekly for the Capuchin Sisters.** It requires a couple of hours of your time once every five weeks. If you can help, please contact Dick Schwoebel at 570-677-7634 or [stmaryofthelake@frontier.com](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.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).



**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: July 18-19, 2020**

**Nativity BVM Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 4,800.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 2,898.00  
Difference:.....\$( 1,902.00)

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

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 2,000.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 1,561.00  
Difference:.....\$( 439.00)

\*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 still a great deal of concern among the members of our parish community regarding the effect that the mandatory closing of many of our businesses and the resultant uncertainty about earnings has had on our community. Although some seem to be optimistic that the pandemic will be over soon, most are aware that we could be under continuing guidelines for a much greater period of time and that a resurgence of the virus this fall could bring back the quarantine.

**Management of our parish resources is conservative by nature and we are weathering this downturn. However, our only source of funds rests in the generosity of our parishioners.** Many people have continued to make their contributions despite the fact that we have been unable to come together weekly. **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 which can be found on our website [nativitystmary.org](http://nativitystmary.org). Any contribution that you can make will be gratefully received. **Thank you to those who continue to regularly send their contributions.**

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



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



**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**

**PRO-LIFE ROSE:** We are happy that public Masses are again being celebrated in Nativity BVM church. **The rose is present in front of the statue of Mary during these Masses and the intentions requested are being recognized.**



The intentions for July are:

**July 4-5**

In loving memory of **Joe Finnegan**, donated by his wife, Peggy and children

**July 11-12**

For Christians who have been and are being persecuted throughout the world

**July 18-19**

In memory of **Jackie Dispenza**, donated by Sam Casterline

**July 25-26**

In loving memory of our mother, **Kathleen Collett**, donated by Diane, Kathleen, Patty, Lisa, Sean and Paul

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

**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](#)).*



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

**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.

**A WELCOMING COMMUNITY:** You enter our 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.

**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).

**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)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS VBS 2020 (online) God's Creation!

Join us for this summer's online version of Vacation Bible School! If you would like links to fun cartoons, ideas for crafts and at-home activities, as well as links to music videos sent daily to your email for a Nature-themed week of VBS Bible learning fun and distraction for your kiddos, simply email "YES!" to [jessica4lake@gmail.com](mailto:jessica4lake@gmail.com).

Emails start this Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, but the information can be received and accessed at any time. Hope to hear from you soon!

Schedule:

**Monday: God's Creation**

**Tuesday: Nature's Beauty**

**Wednesday: Everlasting God**

**Thursday: Mighty God**

**Friday: Earth's Caretakers**

**NATIVITY BVM FIRST COMMUNION:** On Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> Nativity BVM's students received their First Communion in a blessed ceremony with their families. Even with safety measures, the beautiful service was undoubtedly a testament to the many ways our Lord shows us His love.

Congratulations to our children in their perseverance and determination to receive such a wondrous Sacrament!

**Isabella Burry**

**Liam Filer**

**Juliette Forrer**

**Haylie Gregory**

**Leif Olson**

**Ryan Platts**

**Paul Poirier**

**Ethan Stone**



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.

**WORDS OF LIFE:** "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

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



## BOY SCOUT NEWS

**Next Committee Meeting:**

**TBA – 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

**TBA**



## ST. JOSEPH CENTER SUMMER FESTIVAL 2020

Dear Friend of Saint Joseph's Center, Saint Joseph's Center Auxiliary recently announced plans for its adapted Summer Festival 2020. The Summer Festival is the largest fundraising event for Saint Joseph's Center held each year. Funds are used to support existing programs such as two transitional residential programs for women experiencing homelessness while pregnant or parenting an infant as well as new program development such as Trinity Child Care Center, a day care for medically fragile children which relocated to a larger facility in 2019. At all times, but especially in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, these services proved to be essential for the health and well-being of each person receiving care.

At this time, we are appealing to you to humbly ask for your support this year. The Summer Festival 2020 includes three events as well as some raffles which may be of interest to you and your families. Information about all is available on our website at [www.stjosephscenter.org](http://www.stjosephscenter.org).

Currently, we are selling tickets for a drive-thru chicken dinner scheduled for Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. With pre-purchased tickets, dinners can be picked up between noon and 5:00PM at Marywood University. Tickets must be purchased as soon as possible.

Finally, the annual WNEP Telethon will be held on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00PM. This is always an opportunity for Saint Joe's to share inspiring stories of the many ways that your support changes lives.

Thank you for reading this message to the end. I appreciate your interest and thank you in advance for your support. Kindly share this information with your many networks, colleagues, friends, neighbors, families, etc. Lately, I dislike the word viral, so help send this message near and far.

Wishing you happiness, peace and good health,

**Sister Maryalice**

**PIEROGI SALE:** Our 2020 pierogi sale has been concluded. Thank you to all who supported us in this important fundraiser.





Online raffle  
July 22 - August 5



Check out the 70  
Baskets by scanning  
this QR code



SCAN ME

To purchase tickets, 2 for \$1,  
visit [stjosephscenter.org](http://stjosephscenter.org).  
Winners will be announced  
on August 5!

### 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.

Visit [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org) for the different gift options available to you.

We will work with you to find a charitable plan that lets you provide for your family and support the Diocese of Scranton. If you wish to discuss your estate plan, kindly contact Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development, at 570-207-2250 or [Jim-Bebbla@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Jim-Bebbla@dioceseofscranton.org).

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** All adult Catholics (age 18 and over) are expected to be officially registered in a Parish and participating at Mass and the other Sacraments on a regular basis. If you have graduated from College or High School and are now employed, you are expected to join on your own unless you are attending college or a trade school. In order for a child to receive First Penance, First Eucharist or Confirmation, at least one of their parents or legal guardian must belong to and participate in our Parish. If you need to register or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Parish Office at 570-836-3275.

**SCAM ALERT:** We have detected a scam currently being perpetuated using Fr. Albert's phone contacts file. A text is sent (from a phone number that is not Fr. Albert's) and the text of the message is a variation of the following:

"Are you available at the moment? I need a favor from you. There is something I need you to do. I am going into a meeting now with limited phone calls. Text me back as soon as you get this message.

Rev. Patrick L. Albert"

If you receive a text request from Fr. Albert that doesn't appear to be legitimate, please contact Dick Schwoebel at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) or cell phone (570-677-7634). **DO NOT REPLY TO ANY QUESTIONABLE TEXT REQUEST!**

### Tax Benefits of the CARES Act

The new CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act is designed to help you, businesses and nonprofits facing economic hardship during the coronavirus pandemic.

Here are a few key provisions of the CARES Act that may affect you and your charitable goals:

#### **Required Minimum Distributions Suspended**

The new law temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMD) for the 2020 tax year. This probably comes as a relief to many of you who would have had to withdraw from your retirement accounts. Many of our donors use their RMD to make a gift from their IRA. Despite the RMD suspension, remember that if you are 70½ or older, you can still make a gift from your IRA or name your parish or the Diocese of Scranton as a beneficiary.

#### **New Tax Incentives**

The CARES Act expands charitable giving incentives and **allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to make up to \$300 of charitable contributions to qualified charities this year.** You might think that this is a small amount and would not make a difference. But what if all of our donors gave "just" \$300? Such support would have a huge impact on those we serve.

**For those who do itemize their deductions, the new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as your parish or the Diocese of Scranton to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year.**

**HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR?** It is a wonderful honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation.

To serve as a sponsor, it is required that a person obtain a sponsor letter from his/her pastor. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, (if married) be married according to the regulations for marriage as provided by the Roman Catholic Church, officially registered and participating weekly in the Sunday Eucharist & actively striving to live out your own baptismal commitment to Christ.

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020**

SATURDAY	JUL.	25	5:00PM	CHARLES & DOROTHY KOVALCHICK – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
SUNDAY	JUL.	26	7:30AM	JOHN RUEHLMAN – OFFERED BY KEN & MILLIE FRANK
			11:00AM	HELEN YONCHIUK – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
MONDAY	JUL.	27	7:00AM	CATHERINE MITCHELL – OFFERED BY SANDRA
TUESDAY	JUL.	28		
WEDNESDAY	JUL.	29	7:00AM	HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY – OFFERED BY MARY ANN BROWN & CHILDREN
THURSDAY	JUL.	30		
FRIDAY	JUL.	31	7:00AM	ANNIE HEEMSKERK – OFFERED BY BETTY UBACHS & FAMILY
SATURDAY	AUG.	01	5:00PM	HENRY & HELEN KALINOWSKI – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
SUNDAY	AUG.	02	7:30AM	CLARA ROMASIEWICZ – OFFERED BY THE NOLE FAMILY
			11:00AM	JOHN PASTERNAK – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

<b>SAT. JUL. 25 &amp; SUN. JUL. 26</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
DEACON				RAY PIERETTI
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	NONE	NONE	NO MASS	NONE
LECTOR	NONE	NONE		NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)	NONE	NONE		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS	COLLECTION BASKET	COLLECTION BASKET		COLLECTION BASKET
COLLECTION COUNTERS				
<b>SAT. AUG. 01 &amp; SUN. AUG. 02</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
DEACON	RAY PIERETTI	RAY PIERETTI		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	NONE	NONE	NO MASS	NONE
LECTOR	NONE	NONE		NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)	NONE	NONE		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS	COLLECTION BASKET	COLLECTION BASKET		COLLECTION BASKET
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, RICHELLE 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 ZALDONIS, PAT STASCAVAGE, 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, MARY LOU ANDES.

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED **ESPECIALLY ALAN FLANAGAN** 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 \$ 2,898.00

**NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)**

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020**

SATURDAY	JUL	25	<b>NONE</b>	
SUNDAY	JUL.	26	9:00AM	DR. RAYMOND McGROARTY – OFFERED BY MICHAEL & MAUREEN MULROONEY & JEAN KEELER – OFFERED BY NICK & PAT SHYSHUK
MONDAY	JUL.	27		
TUESDAY	JUL.	28	8:00AM	GEORGE HALLESKY – OFFERED BY LEN & JEAN NASH
WEDNESDAY	JUL.	29		
THURSDAY	JUL.	30	8:00AM	JOSEPHINE KENNY – OFFERED BY CHARLES & KATHLEEN WILSON
FRIDAY	JUL.	31		
SATURDAY	AUG.	01	<b>NONE</b>	
SUNDAY	AUG.	02	9:00AM	FRANK BOEHANEK – OFFERED BY JIM & GERT BILLINGS

**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

<b>SAT JUL. 25 &amp; SUN. JUL. 26</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		RAY PIERETTI
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		<b>NONE</b>
LECTORS	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NONE</b>
ALTAR SERVER(S)		<b>NONE</b>
USHERS		<b>NONE</b>
GREETERS		<b>NONE</b>
OFFERTORY GIFTS		<b>COLLECTION BASKET</b>
COLLECTION COUNTERS		
<b>SAT. AUG. 01 &amp; SUN. AUG. 02</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		RAY PIERETTI
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		<b>NONE</b>
LECTORS	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>NONE</b>
ALTAR SERVER(S)		<b>NONE</b>
USHERS		<b>NONE</b>
GREETERS		<b>NONE</b>
OFFERTORY GIFTS		<b>COLLECTION BASKET</b>
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.
- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS

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**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
THE WEEK OF JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**MARYANN KASZUBA**  
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

Weekend Offering                      \$ 1,561.00

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