

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



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

**AUGUST 8-9, 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**

**NINETEENTH 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*

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## FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH:

My Brothers and Sisters,



My wife has two sisters. Coming from the same family, you would think they would have similar personalities – but they don't. I have two brothers and two sisters and we are all so different that you might not believe we are related – except we all have the ears or nose to prove it! I am sure every family can "relate" to this (pun intended).

I always thought of the summer months as being like three sisters – somewhat the same and yet very different. All three this year have been warm; all three are part a part of a whole and all three hold out a promise of better things to come. June, being the youngest, holds the promise of warmer days, flowering trees and shrubs. The whole month has a sense of youthful energy. July, the middle sister, has a sense of calm about her, not completely grown up but not young anymore. August, the older sister, has a deep sense of maturity about her. Everywhere we look we can see August's maturity. The garden is producing late season crops; trees are full of darker green leaves and beginning to have mature fruits and goldenrod is starting to bloom.

I like all three sisters because all three share what makes them special and offer up their gifts to us. I feel the same way about God in the blessed Trinity. Each Divine person offers us a look into who they are in relation to each other and to us. Each offers a different grace, a different joy and a different wonder as we contemplate – Father Son and Holy Spirit. May our hearts always be filled with wonder as we ponder all that God has shown us!

May God Bless You,

*Deacon Ray*

PS – Through technology, I have been blessed with reading your comments on the letter as it is posted on Facebook. I thank you all for your continuing faith and keep you in my prayers.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE TRUST FUND:** We are pleased to report that both of our parishes have applied for and received a grant from the Diocese of Scranton Social Justice Trust Fund.

**Nativity BVM has received a grant of \$3,000.00 in support of the Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen in Tunkhannock.**

**St. Mary of the Lake has received a grant of \$3,000.00 in support of the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry, located at the Lake Winola United Methodist church.**

We are proud to be supporters of these essential community charitable organizations, where many of our parishioners volunteer their services in support of their neighbors. We thank the Diocese for assisting in these efforts.

**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**

**MASS ONLINE:** Fr. Pat continues to record a Mass each week for those who cannot attend in person. It can be found on our website (nativitystmary.org) and on our Facebook page (@nativitystmary) with a link to a YouTube site.

**There will be a Mass for the Nineteenth 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.

**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.

### 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.**

**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).

**CCD NEWS:** Planning for our 2020-2021 CCD program in both parishes is underway. Watch the bulletin for updates as we work to make sure that our children are taught safely in the coming year.

**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.

**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).



**AFTERNOON PRAYERS  
with DEACON RAY**

**Tuesday afternoon prayers  
3:00PM @ St. Mary's Church  
All are welcome!**

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: August 01-02, 2020**

**Nativity BVM Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 4,800.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 2,402.00  
Difference:.....\$( 2,398.00)

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

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 2,000.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 1,205.00  
Difference:.....\$( 795.00)

\*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.

**St. Mary of the Lake  
"Drive Thru"  
Chicken Barbeque Dinner**

**Sunday, August 9, 2020 2:00 PM until Sold Out**

**St. Mary of the Lake Church Parking Lot  
1872 Dalton Road, Lake Winola PA**

**Menu:**

**1/2 Chicken Baked Potato  
Green Beans Salad**

**Roll/Butter Large Cookie for Dessert**

**Each Dinner Individually Packaged**

**Cost: \$12.00 at Pickup**

**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 most of us 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.**

**WORDS OF LIFE:** "Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"**

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



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

**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 August are:

**August 1-2**

In memory of **John Pasternak**, donated by Peggy Finnegan

**August 8-9**

For the holy souls in Purgatory, donated by Mary Ann Brown

**August 15-16**

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

**August 22-23**

Available

**August 29-30**

Available

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

**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.



**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**

**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).

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**

**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.



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.

**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).

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



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



## 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**



**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)**

**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.

**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!**

## 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](#)).*



**LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION**  
**JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM**

### 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.

### **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.

**"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**

**HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR?** It is a wonderful honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. It signifies that you are being asked to live your life as an example and in imitation of God's love for the person you sponsor.

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

**RETROUVAILLE:** 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 the program, please call 631-338-5413 or 570-207-2213, or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

**UP & OVER VIRTUAL RETREAT:** While we cannot be together in person for the summer session of Up & Over, our retreat team has been working hard to bring you a virtual retreat! We've taken some of the best things about Up & Over and created a hybrid version for your son or daughter to participate in at home. Once your child is registered, you will get access to our virtual camp website where you will find a suggested schedule and videos from our team members walking you through each activity. Resources needed for each activity will be mailed home to you, so you will have everything you need! This is a "go at your own pace" experience, so feel free to tackle it as you see fit!

**Up & Over is open to students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2019-2020 academic year.**

\$20.00 registration fee includes access to the virtual camp website and mailed home resources.

For more information, contact Shannon Kowalski at [Shannon-kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Shannon-kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org)

#### **Weapons must be set aside for peace to flourish, pope says**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — For peace to flourish, weapons of war must be set aside, especially nuclear weapons that can obliterate entire cities and countries, Pope Francis said on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima.



"May the prophetic voices" of the survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki "continue to serve as a warning to us and for coming generations," he said in a written message sent Aug. 6 to Hidehiko Yuzaki, governor of the Hiroshima prefecture, who led a peace memorial ceremony.

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

SATURDAY	AUG.	08	5:00PM	ED WIKOSKI – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE HELEN WIKOSKI
SUNDAY	AUG	09	7:30AM 11:00AM	MARY ANN ALBERT – OFFERED BY FATHER PAT ALBERT RON CLEMENTONI – OFFERED BY CHRIS & CATHY CIPRICH
MONDAY	AUG	10	7:00AM	HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY – OFFERED BY THE RUEHLMAN FAMILY
TUESDAY	AUG.	11		
WEDNESDAY	AUG.	12	7:00AM	HEALTH & BLESSING FOR RITA DERINCHO - OFFERED BY JANET & BILLY GUNTER
THURSDAY	AUG.	13		
FRIDAY	AUG	14	7:00AM	WILLIAM OLIVER – OFFERED BY DANA IANNIELLI
SATURDAY	AUG.	15	5:00PM	PETER & VIOLET GRIGAS – OFFERED BY JOHN & GERALDINE GRIGAS
SUNDAY	AUG.	16	7:30AM 11:00AM	JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS AUDREY MUNKATCHY – OFFERED BY RON & ABBY KUKUCHKA & FAMILY

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. AUG. 08 &amp; SUN. AUG 09</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
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				
<u>SAT. AUG. 15 &amp; SUN. AUG. 16</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
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				

#### 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 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, SUSAN MORYKON.

----- 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 AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**DOMINIC GRANDINETTI**  
OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering                      \$2,402.00

### NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

SEPT. 06      CONFIRMATION – 2:00PM

## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

SATURDAY	AUG	08	NONE	
SUNDAY	AUG.	09	9:00AM	CHRISTOPHER JASON PERFILIO – OFFERED BY MOM MARJORIE, BROTHER JOSEPH & MANY FRIENDS NORM BALL – OFFERED BY THERESA ZDANIEWICZ
MONDAY	AUG.	10		
TUESDAY	AUG.	11	8:00AM	SANFORD & HELEN VANDERVEKEN – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
WEDNESDAY	AUG.	12		
THURSDAY	AUG.	13	8:00AM	WATKIN PIERCE – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY
FRIDAY	AUG.	14		
SATURDAY	AUG.	15	NONE	
SUNDAY	AUG.	16	9:00AM	GEORGE KAMAGE SR. – OFFERED BY GEORGE & CAROLE KAMAGE JEFF RICHARDSON – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY

## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT AUG. 08 &amp; SUN. AUG. 09</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		RAY PIERETTI
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		NONE
LECTORS	NO MASS	NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)		NONE
USHERS		NONE
GREETERS		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS		COLLECTION BASKET
COLLECTION COUNTERS		
<b>SAT. AUG. 15 &amp; SUN. AUG. 16</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		RAY PIERETTI
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		NONE
LECTORS	NO MASS	NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)		NONE
USHERS		NONE
GREETERS		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS		COLLECTION BASKET
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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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**HELEN FLAHERTY**  
OFFERED BY KATHLEEN FLAHERTY & FAMILY

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$1,205.00

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

AUG. 09     DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN BBQ  
                 -2:00PM TILL "SOLD OUT"