

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



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

**OCTOBER 24-25, 2020**



**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
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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**

**THIRTIETH 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:**  
**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 PASTOR'S TYPEWRITER:**

How does scripture speak to you? I mean, what role does scripture play in your life? Or for that matter, does it play a role at all! Imagine what your day might be like if, for instance, you began your day with a piece of scripture, perhaps as a guide or an inspiration to assist you in unforeseen challenges. Scriptures can be a powerful tool in our dealings with the pressure of life, not to be used as a recipe book for each and every problem that life throws our way but as an instrument that sets the tone for the entire day.



You would be surprised at how many people will say "I heard the readings at church and they pertained exactly to my current problems". Funny how those things happen! It is certainly a practice worth trying. St. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, is a beautiful way to start your day. Paul speaks to the church at Corinth about the blessings of love. Or if the Old Testament is to your liking, the book of Sirach is filled with wisdom and lived experience.

Some people open the bible and blindly pick a section. I am not personally crazy about that practice. You never know what you're going to get! Try it out. Each day, pick a scripture reading or gospel story and see if it doesn't change your perspective and enhance your day. It's worth a try.

*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 (nativistmary.org) and on our Facebook page (@nativistmary) with a link to a YouTube site.

**There will be a Mass for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time available this weekend. The Mass was filmed at St. Mary of the Lake church.**

We receive numerous comments and expressions of gratitude regarding the Mass and we are grateful for your support and for your 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.

**CAN YOU SPARE SOME WOOD?:**

The Capuchin Sisters are in need of wood to heat their residence for the winter. If you can spare some wood (or would like to donate toward the purchase of the wood), please **contact Chris Ciprich (570-836-3756).**



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

Diocese of Scranton  
**2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

BOUND TOGETHER IN *Hope*

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2020:** Our parish goals for this campaign are:

- Nativity BVM Parish .....\$32,000.00**
- St. Mary of the Lake Parish .....\$12,000.00**

A video message from Bishop Bambera regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal can be found at <https://youtu.be/TWlqEcVAsyc>.

This has been a very difficult year for all of us. Your participation in this Appeal in support of your parish is appreciated.

**MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN COLLECTION:** Each year, our parishes welcome missionaries from throughout our country and abroad to offer their personal reflections on the ministries they lead and support for the poor worldwide. Due to the pandemic restrictions so many are facing, these in-person visits are not possible. However, **in this week's bulletin is a reflection from the missionary assigned here** to introduce you to the particular needs addressed by the society that he represents and how your financial gifts and prayerful support will benefit so many. **The collection will take place this weekend, October 24-25.**

In advance, thank you for your generosity and be assured of the prayers of gratitude from the missionary societies and the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Diocese of Scranton.

**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.**

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**

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PRO LIFE COLLECTION:** We have a basket in church during October to collect baby items for St. Joseph's Center. The basket will be available until the end of October.



**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: October 17-18, 2020**

**Nativity BVM Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 4,800.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 3,337.00  
Difference:.....\$( 1,463.00)

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

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 2,000.00  
Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 1,005.00  
Difference:.....\$( 995.00)

\*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.

**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.**

ONLINE OFFERTORY



NOW AVAILABLE



**AFTERNOON PRAYERS  
with DEACON RAY**

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

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



**CCD NEWS:** Our 2020-2021 CCD program in both parishes is underway. **See the information for Nativity BVM's program and the notice for St. Mary of the Lake's program below.** Watch the bulletin for updates as we work to make sure that our children are taught safely in the coming year.

**Nativity BVM CCD**

Join us for virtual CCD classes this year!

Classes are beginning

Cost is \$10.00 per student

Registration information is on our website at

**[nativitystmary.org](http://nativitystmary.org)**

**All registrations are due now**

If you have any questions please contact

Tammy or Alisha Nudo at (570) 690-2196 or

[nativitybvmccd@gmail.com](mailto:nativitybvmccd@gmail.com)

**Exciting News!**

**St Mary CCD is Going VIRTUAL for 2020-2021**

**We will be using the "Faith Alive" series powered by Edmodo, a web-based management system, provided by the Diocese of Scranton. Our students and teachers will be using these materials for remote CCD classes.**

**REGISTRATION IS DUE NOW!**

**Registration forms as well as a parent letter are posted on our parish website, [www.nativitystmary.org](http://www.nativitystmary.org). See the lower left hand column on the home page.**

**TEACHERS ARE NEEDED!**

**Several new teachers are needed for 2020-2021. If you can give of your time, please email Jen Sinker, Director of Religious Education, at [jensink1993@epix.net](mailto:jensink1993@epix.net).**

**Classes will begin later than usual due to the change in format. More information including a CCD calendar will be published soon!**

**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.**

**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 October are:

**October 3-4**

In loving memory of **Frank Kozielski**, donated by Mary Ann Brown

In loving memory of **Rita (GiGi) McMillan**, donated by the Butler family

**October 10-11**

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

**October 17-18**

In memory of **Walt Zola**, donated by Peggy Finnegan

**October 24-25**

For a private intention, donated by Sam & Meg

**October 31-November 01**

In memory of **Steve Tomko**, donated by Mary Ann Brown

**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.

**GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**WYOMING COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM**

Most voters in Wyoming County will vote using a hand-marked paper ballot. Some voters will vote using the **Clear Ballot Clear Access Ballot Marking Device** to mark their ballot. All voters will cast their ballot using the **Clear Cast Scanner**.



If you have questions about voting in Wyoming County, [contact the county election office](#). If you have any questions at the polling place on election day, poll workers are there to help you. Poll workers are trained to maintain the secrecy of your ballot.

**How to Vote Using the Ballot Marking Device:**

**1. Getting started**

- After you check in, a poll worker will direct you to a voting station and set you up with a ballot marking device.

**2. Make your selections**

- Make your selections by touching the screen.
- You can use the **NEXT** and **BACK** buttons at the bottom of the screen to switch between contests.

**3. Review your selections**

- Check that you have voted all the contests you want to vote and confirm your selections.
- You do not have to vote every contest.
- Check the maximum number of candidates you are allowed to select for each office.
- You may select fewer than the maximum number of candidates

**4. Print your ballot**

- If you are satisfied with your selections, touch the PRINT button on the screen.
- Confirm your selections on the printed ballot.
- If you want to make a change after the ballot is printed, you will need help from a poll worker to start over.
- Give your spoiled ballot to the poll worker.

**5. Submit your ballot**

- Take your printed ballot to the ballot scanner and insert it into the scanner.
- A poll worker may be nearby to help you.
- If you see a message saying the ballot was NOT successfully cast, you may need to review your ballot again.
- If you do not understand the message on the screen, ask for help from a poll worker right away.
- Your ballot is cast when you see a confirmation screen on the scanner.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** 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).

**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.

**SCAM ALERT: We have detected a scam currently  
being perpetrated 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!**

**NOTE: Since we first alerted you to this scam, several  
other parishes of the Diocese of Scranton have  
reported similar attempts.**

**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.*



**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).



**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**

**Missionaries in Our Midst...  
MISSIONARY CO-OP SUNDAY  
25 October 2020**

My name is Fr. Clement Amankwah Yeboah and I  
am a Catholic priest from the Diocese of Sunyani -  
Ghana, presently assigned to the Christ the King  
Parish, Archbald.

It is my sacred and unalloyed privilege, along with  
two of my classmates from Ghana: Fr. Philbert Takyi  
Nketiah (at *St. Jude's Church* in Mountaintop) and Fr.  
Stephen Asomah (at *Our Lady of Snows Church*,  
Clarks Summit) to be presently serving as missionary  
priests within the Diocese of Scranton.

We are here because it has become necessary for us  
to reciprocate the selfless generosity of the many  
American missionaries who, over the course of  
countless years, bravely brought the Catholic Faith to  
us in Ghana. They indeed helped to nurture its growth  
and we are so glad to now be striving to do the same  
within the wonderful Diocese of Scranton. But to be  
able to continue to offer this much needed help, we  
need more priests.

We have a great number of vocations among the  
young in Ghana, but the high costs of priestly  
formation in a fragile economy of a developing  
country like Ghana is very daunting that we are very  
limited in the number of future priests whom we can  
accept into our seminary and help form and  
educate. That is why we need your financial support  
on this year's Missionary Co-Op Sunday.

I humbly invite you as a member of one universal  
community of our Catholic faith to consider helping  
our home diocese in Ghana with a donation to  
support this worthy course, or better still, to be a  
benefactor / benefactress to one seminarian. Who  
knows? The seminarian you help to form today might  
just be the future priest needed to serve this Church  
(Nativity Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Mary of the Lake)  
just as Fathers Stephen, Philbert and I are now happily  
doing.

Please share whatever you have with us. Kindly know  
that it will go a long way to help train and educate  
new priests in our home community as we all go forth  
and together proclaim the message of Christ.

You can leave a gift in the special Missionary Co-Op  
Box at the entrance and exit doors of your parish. Or  
you can make a **check payable to your parish** which  
will be forwarded to the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani,  
Ghana. God bless your generosity!!

**THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY:** The  
Food Pantry is **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)**



## **BOY SCOUT NEWS**

**Next Committee Meeting:  
TBA – 6:30PM**

Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson  
570-233-4000 adelano1230@gmail.com

## **CUB SCOUT NEWS**

### **ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Fr. Nallin Hall

TBA



**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 or put it in the collection.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL DINNER: St. Joseph Marelo Parish, 237 William Street, Pittston, PA,** will host a Take-Out Harvest festival dinner from **11:30AM to 1:30PM** on **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. The menu includes pork roast, homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, and apple pie. Cost for each dinner is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Also available for purchase are Pizza Fritta (\$1.50 each) and cannoli with choice of crème, ricotta pumpkin, or ricotta filling (\$3.00 each).

**All orders must be pre-ordered** by contacting the Parish Office at 570-654-6902 **before November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Order pick-up will take place outside in the parish parking lot.

**WORDS OF LIFE:** "The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. ... Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**  
**"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"**  
[respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary](http://respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary)

**GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY:** Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston will be holding its first-ever Gift Card Giveaway for the month of November – a chance to win gift cards for stores, restaurants, and online shopping valued at \$50.00 per day from November 1-25, along with a special prize to be awarded on Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup>. A \$10.00 donation will enter your name in the fundraiser! Drawings will be shown daily during videos that will be posted on the parish Facebook page, and winners will be notified by phone.

**If you would like to enter the drawings and receive a calendar showing the prizes, please e-mail msowa@stjohnspittston.com or call the parish office at 570-654-0053. All returns must be made by Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to Saint John's parish office at 35 William Street, Pittston, PA 18640**

## **University of Scranton to Host High-tech Virtual Open House**

The University of Scranton will use an innovative technology platform to create a dynamic experience for prospective students and their families for a virtual Open House event on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Through the virtual event platform, 6Connex, the University has customized its virtual environment with campus facilities and will integrate recorded videos with live interactive sessions and panel discussions to allow participants to experience more closely an in-person Scranton Open House without leaving the comfort of their own homes. The format includes a lobby area from which participants can easily access a Welcome video and links to all other virtual Open House content, including information about the Jesuit school's 70 undergraduate majors and other academic programs, student life, admissions, financial aid and other departments and programs. The virtual event will include live Zoom webinars featuring panel discussions on topics that include pre-health/pre-med professions, pre-law programs, liberal arts and humanities, honors programs, admissions and student life, among others. Dynamic virtual sessions with admissions/financial aid are also available to allow for questions and answers. In addition, "Live Q & A" Zoom sessions are available from 10:00AM to 1:00PM with faculty representatives from academic programs, as well as with staff and students representing campus ministries, student life, athletic teams, club sports, study abroad and other departments and programs offered at Scranton. More information about Open House can be seen here.

For 27 consecutive years, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Scranton among the 10 top Master's Universities in the North and as a "Best Value" school for eight consecutive years. The Princeton Review included Scranton in its list "Best Colleges" for 19 consecutive years and in its ranking of the nation's "Best Science Labs" (No. 8) and "Best Campus Food" (No. 7) for six consecutive years, among other rankings.

The University's Open House events begin at 9:00AM and conclude at 2:00PM. For additional information, contact Scranton's Admissions Office at 1-888-SCRANTON or visit [www.scranton.edu/admissions](http://www.scranton.edu/admissions).

### **HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A 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.

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2020

SATURDAY	OCT.	24	5:00PM	MARGO & ARTHUR DROWER – OFFERED BY HEATHER BETTS
SUNDAY	OCT..	25	7:30AM	KAREN ROWKER – OFFERED BY GARY & JOAN STEPHENS
			11:00AM	GENE YONCHIUK – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY
MONDAY	OCT..	26	7:00AM	MARY LOU CHACKAN – OFFERED BY ANNA HARDISKY
TUESDAY	OCT..	27		
WEDNESDAY	OCT...	28	7:00AM	ROBERT CROSS – OFFERED BY TOM & DIANE STONE
THURSDAY	OCT.	29		
FRIDAY	OCT.	30	7:00AM	WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN – OFFERED BY TOM & DIANE STONE
SATURDAY	OCT.	31	5:00PM	JOSEPH JURISTA – OFFERED BY MEG & SAM
SUNDAY	NOV..	01	7:30AM	BONNIE PREVOST – OFFERED BY MOM & DAD (CHERI & JIM)
			11:00AM	RITA McMILLAN – OFFERED BY THE BUTLER FAMILY

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. OCT. 24 & SUN. OCT. 25	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
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				

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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
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#### 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, 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, JOHN DROST, PATRICIA ANN CARR, FRANK LEE ALTOMARE.

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.

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