

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



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

**NOVEMBER 14-15, 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**

**THIRTY-THIRD 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: Diane Stone / Ruth Tewksbury**  
**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,

St. Paul, even though he was preaching and teaching over 2,000 years ago, said something that goes right to the heart of the matter for me today. He says in his letter to the Thessalonians that times and seasons were being discussed among the converts that He is talking to. That very theme is certainly on my mind at this time of the year. With the advent of standard time, once again I find myself at a loss of what to do when it's dark at 5:30PM. I don't want to sit around until it's time to go up for the night and it's impossible to do anything outside when it's dark. Why can't they just leave the time alone? It messes with everything. Turning the clocks back or forward in the house is easy, but when it comes to the cars or our watches, I have to call on our daughter to come and make them right!

I wish I could say that I don't have a problem with the seasons changing but everyone would know it to be a lie. I try to stay positive but anyone who knows me will tell you that I can't wait for Christmas – and not because I'm that excited about a guy dressed up in a red suit! No, I want Christmas to come and go because we start to gain back the daylight and it's only three months until sound thinking returns with the warmer weather and the return of all the spring birds. Ginna is really worried about me this year because I've started to complain earlier than in previous years. Any of my family will say that I complain about bad weather even on the nice days because I am always thinking of when it will be colder and dark.

Now there are some good things about mid-November; after all, the election is over and, depending on who you were hoping would win, it was either *A Nightmare on Elm Street* or *It's a Wonderful Life*. Either way, the ads are over and the signs will be taken down to let the landscapes return to their normal beauty. I realize that I have to come to grips with the time and the seasons changing. After all, I can't stop it. There's not much we can stop so we must move forward. We are called to have a forgiving heart, to see each other as brothers and sisters and to be like the two servants in today's Gospel whom Jesus commends for doing the right thing. If we choose to be resentful and bitter, we are in danger of becoming the wicked and unjust servant who couldn't trust that God always has a plan for those who trust in him.

In Proverbs, we hear that those around us are just as important and valued as those who agree with our way of thinking. The writer of Proverbs reminds each one of us that charm (saying what we want to hear) and beauty (that which seems great until we look a little deeper) are all fleeting. True beauty is the one who in the end fears the Lord and acts accordingly.



Now you'll have to excuse me. I have to take some more vitamin D so I can still smile!

May God Bless you,

*Deacon Ray*

**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](http://nativitystmary.org)) and on our Facebook page (@nativitystmary) with a link to a YouTube site.

**There will be a Mass for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time available this weekend. The Mass was filmed at Nativity BVM 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.

## CAPUCHIN SISTERS NEED FIREWOOD FOR THE WINTER:



The Capuchin Sisters are in need of firewood to heat their residence for the winter. **We are asking our parishioners and friends to donate**

**toward the purchase of the wood. Please contact the Parish Office (570-836-3275) if you have questions or mail your donation to P.O. Box 186, Tunkhannock PA 18657.** Be sure to note "WOOD" on the memo line of your check.

## 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.

ONLINE OFFERTORY



NOW AVAILABLE

**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.**

**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. Fr. Pat

**2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**  
As of November 9<sup>th</sup>

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:**

GOAL:..... \$32,000.00  
 PLEDGED:..... \$13,040.00  
 STATUS:..... 40.8%

**UNDER GOAL:**..... \$18,960.00  
 PARTICIPATION: 6.28% (58 FAMILIES OUT OF 923)

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:**

GOAL:..... \$12,000.00  
 PLEDGED:..... \$ 2,845.00  
 STATUS..... 23.7%

**UNDER GOAL:**..... \$ 9,155.00  
 PARTICIPATION: 5.12% (22 FAMILIES OUT OF 430)

**Your support is necessary to maintain the programs and resources funded by the Appeal**

**Please consider making a pledge or donation to the Appeal today**

**More information is available on the diocesan website – [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)**

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

**NATIVITY BVM THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS:**

As we look forward to the holidays, the Social Needs Ministry of Nativity BVM Parish will again be providing Thanksgiving food baskets to those in need in our parish and community.



Donations of any non-perishable foods – with an emphasis on items necessary for the holiday dinner – are requested. These include boxed potatoes (or you can donate a bag of potatoes or yams), stuffing mix, vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, Jell-o, etc. **AND, OF COURSE, a monetary donation which will be used to purchase the turkey.**

We all know the drill. Our baskets will be on the altar.

**Please bring your items by November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Thank you



**AFTERNOON PRAYERS**  
**with DEACON RAY**

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

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Nativity BVM Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 4,800.00  
 Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 5,731.00  
 Difference:.....\$ **931.00**

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

Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 2,000.00  
 Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 843.00  
 Difference:.....\$ **( 1,157.00)**

\*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 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.

Dear Friends,

**Joe Schiavone** (a/k/a Chef Schiavone), a resident of Lake Winola, had a fall and broke his hip. To make matters worse, he is not able to see family or friends for three weeks on his recent admission to Allied. My request is, if you have an extra card, please consider sending it to Joe to let him know he is thought about. I asked his wife Nancy for permission to do this and she was so happy that he will be getting greetings. You do not have to know someone personally to make them smile!! ❤️

Joseph Schiavone  
 Room 252  
 Allied Skilled Nursing Center  
 303 Smallcombe Drive  
 Scranton PA 18501

God bless you for your consideration.

Thank you.

Mary Lou Franko

**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).

**CCD NEWS:** 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.

### 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 November are:

### **November 7-8**

In honor of **all veterans**, donated by the Butler family

For healing & recovery for **Harry**, donated by Meg & Sam

### **November 14-15**

In loving memory of **Mary Lou Chackan**, donated by the Butler family

### **November 21-22**

In memory of **Rita "Gigi" McMillan**, donated by the Butler family

In memory of **Doris Tierney**, donated by the Butler family

### **November 28-29**

In memory of **Anthony "Spike" Brown**, donated by his wife Mary Ann

**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**

**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.*



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

**THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY:** The Food Pantry is **open on the first and third Monday from 2:00-5:00PM.** 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**



**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.

**WORDS OF LIFE:** "We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**  
**"An Adoption Love Story" ([respectlife.org/adoption-love-story](http://respectlife.org/adoption-love-story))**

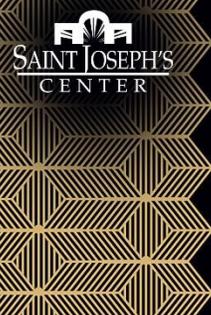
**CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE: Pieta Cemetery,** one of our Parish Cemeteries (located on Dark Hollow Road in Tunkhannock Township) **has burial lots available.** For further info, to view the map of available lots and to inquire about prices & regulations, please contact our Parish Office (570-836-3275).

**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 the Parish Office (570-836-3275).



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

**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.



**Saint Joseph's Center**  
**Annual Dennis Crafferty**  
**Memorial Auction**  
**Online November 13 - 21**  
 Great Auction Items • Saint Joe's Wishes  
 • \$10,000 Cash Raffle  
 Drawing December 6  
[www.stjosephscenter.org](http://www.stjosephscenter.org)

*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](#)).*

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of **FATHER BILL WILSON**, who has assisted at Mass in our churches. Fr. Wilson passed away and was buried from Nativity BVM church this Saturday. 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.



The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.  
**John F. Kennedy**

**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).

**Tax Benefits of the CARES Act**

The 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.**

**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.



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

## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

SATURDAY	NOV.	14	<b>NONE</b>	
SUNDAY	NOV.	15	9:00AM	CHRISTOPHER JASON PERFILIO – OFFERED BY HIS MOTHER & BROTHER JOSEPH JOSEPH & SUSAN CAWLEY – OFFERED BY KATHY FLAHERTY
MONDAY	NOV.	16		
TUESDAY	NOV.	17	8:00AM	ROBERT ZALEWSKI – OFFERED BY LINDA & ED ZALEWSKI
WEDNESDAY	NOV.	18		
THURSDAY	NOV.	19	8:00AM	COURTNEY REEVES – OFFERED BY THE REEVES FAMILY
FRIDAY	NOV.	20		
SATURDAY	NOV.	21	<b>NONE</b>	
SUNDAY	NOV.	22	9:00AM	ROBERT ZALEWSKI – OFFERED BY LINDA & ED ZALEWSKI EVA SALUK – OFFERED BY CAROLE & RANDY GREENIP

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. NOV. 14 &amp; SUN. NOV. 15</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		COLLECTION BASKET
COLLECTION COUNTERS		
<b>SAT. NOV. 21 &amp; SUN. NOV. 22</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>
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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, 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, JONI JAMES, PETER POLINSKY, ANN SMITH, DELORES HEAGY, FRAN MOLLUSKY, PEARL PIERCE, BERNICE BURANICH, MARY PETERSEN, SUE MIGLIORI, JOE SCHIAVONE, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILIO, DICK & FLORENCE KELLY, MIKE HAMBURG, HARRIET McGARRIGLE, KAY NOREIKA. NATHAN REEVES, JOHN IRISH, PAULA VANDORICK
- 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 NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**FELIX SCOPELLITI**  
OFFERED BY DEE & BILL PASKO

#### **YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

Weekly Offerings                      \$ 843.00

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

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

SATURDAY	NOV.	14	5:00PM	HENRY J. KALINOWSKI – OFFERED BY MARK & ANNMARIE PALEDNAK
SUNDAY	NOV.	15	7:30AM	JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS
			11:00AM	MARIAN ROZANSKI – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
MONDAY	NOV.	16	7:00AM	STEVE TOMKO – OFFERED BY MARY ANN BROWN & CHILDREN
TUESDAY	NOV.	17		
WEDNESDAY	NOV.	18	7:00AM	FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY – OFFERED BY THE RUEHLMAN FAMILY
THURSDAY	NOV.	19		
FRIDAY	NOV.	20	7:00AM	FOR PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR ERIC HATTON – OFFERED BY SANDRA
SATURDAY	NOV.	21	5:00PM	SOPHIE WEST – OFFERED BY RON & ABBY KUKUCHKA
SUNDAY	NOV.	22	7:30AM	ANN ALBERT – OFFERED BY FR. PAT ALBERT
			11:00AM	JOHN LANGAN – OFFERED BY LYLE & GRACE STURDEVANT

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. NOV. 14 &amp; SUN. NOV. 15</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				
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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, SEAN COLLETT, 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, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, GARRET CONOVER, ANALISA DOMINIC, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, VERNA PRAWDZIK, MATTHEW FORTESE, JACOB WALTER, CURTIS, TED BUNNELL, ARTHUR 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, ALICE WALSH, JOSEPH YAKOSKI, PENNY ZONNEVILLE, ALLAN FITCH, 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, MARY LOU ANDES, SUSAN MORYKON, JOHN DROST, PATRICIA ANN CARR, FRANK LEE ALTOMARE, TIM HANNON

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#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekly Offerings

\$ 5,731.00

## NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)