

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



ST. MARY
OF THE LAKE
LAKE WINOLA, PA

NOVEMBER 28-29, 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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE
1872 DALTON ROAD
P.O. BOX 1
LAKE WINOLA, PA 18625
(570) 378-2181

stmaryofthelake@frontier.com
stmary@nativitystmary.org

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

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH:

My Brothers and Sisters,

Raising five kids was a challenge. The noise, constant chaos and squabbles kept us pretty busy. Over the years, especially when they became teenagers, we had to take them for stitches or casts, remove BB pellets because they told each other that it wouldn't hurt, and drove them to and from... everywhere. Driving them to college and for trips home could be an adventure in itself.



After the last of the "challenges" moved out to make their own way in the world, I was sure that if we were blessed with grandkids it would be a lot easier helping to raise them because they always go home. Let's be real – if they acted up or got into any trouble, it was on the parents and not on us. Life couldn't be any easier, or so I thought. Every Tuesday and Thursday, after they complete their school work, our two youngest grandkids come over to Mom-Mom's house – they never call it Pop-Pop's house – and we watch cartoons and play games.

Last Thursday, everything was normal when out of nowhere Gus asked me if I would promise to do a favor for him. Sure, I said, what is it? Never – I repeat **never** – promise anything until you hear what it is because he told me that he loves Christmas and he loves when it snows so would I promise to ask God to let it snow on Christmas this year? I would do anything for my grandkids, but this request left me cornered. I have spent my whole life, especially when I was working a full-time job, praying that it would never snow on a day when I had to go out and, as I got older, I just prayed that it would never snow again.

I told Gus that I couldn't do that and he got this really serious look on his face and reminded me that I already promised and if I loved him I would do it for him. SIGH! If it snows this Christmas, feel free to lay all the blame on this five-year-old and his sad face and don't blame me. After all, how can you say no to someone you love?

May God Bless You,

Deacon Ray

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**

"Reader, suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself."

— Mark Twain

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 First Sunday of Advent 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.

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, 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.

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) 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 and St. Mary of the Lake parishioners – please send to stmaryofthelake@frontier.com).

We thank you for providing this information. It will be kept in strict confidence.

2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of November 23rd

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$**32,000.00**
 PLEDGED:..... \$16,955.00
 STATUS:..... 53.0%
UNDER GOAL:..... \$15,045.00
 PARTICIPATION: 9.86% (91 FAMILIES OUT OF 923)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$**12,000.00**
 PLEDGED:..... \$ 3,772.00
 STATUS..... 31.4%
UNDER GOAL:..... \$ 8,228.00
 PARTICIPATION: 6.98% (30 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**

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.

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



**AFTERNOON PRAYERS
with DEACON RAY**

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

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: November 14-15, 2020

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 4,800.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 4,202.00
 Difference:..... \$(598.00)

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 2,000.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 1,240.00
 Difference:..... \$(760.00)

*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.

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.

CCD NEWS: Our 2020-2021 virtual 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.



**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

CAPUCHIN SISTERS SUPPORT: 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.

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 winter 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. 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).

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).



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. 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.

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.

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 or at stmaryofthelake@frontier.com.

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.



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: "Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"
respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

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).

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

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

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](#)).

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 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.



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

THE SEASON OF ADVENT IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term *the coming* includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast; Then We Feast

Advent has been called a "little Lent," because it traditionally has included a period of increased prayer, fasting, and good works. Although the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15th until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Unfortunately, Advent today has [been] supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by the time Christmas Day comes, many people no longer enjoy the feast or even specially mark the next 12 days of the Christmas season, which lasts until Epiphany (or, technically, the Sunday after Epiphany, being that the next season, called ordinary time, starts on the following Monday).

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent Wreath

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom that originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple or blue and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple or blue candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.



Celebrating Advent

We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays or not eating at all between meals is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate customs such as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ.

Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, and they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.

Scott P. Richert

Updated June 25, 2019

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 OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

SATURDAY	NOV.	28	NONE	
SUNDAY	NOV.	29	9:00AM	ANNA VAN AUKEN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY DR. THEODORE UROSKIE – OFFERED BY PAUL & ELLEN WENGEN
MONDAY	NOV.	30		
TUESDAY	DEC.	01	8:00AM	SANFORD & HELEN VANDERVEKEN – OFFERED BY THE VANDERVEKEN FAMILY
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	02		
THURSDAY	DEC.	03	8:00AM	JANET KERNER – OFFERED BY THE VANDERVEKEN FAMILY
FRIDAY	DEC.	04		
SATURDAY	DEC.	05	NONE	
SUNDAY	DEC.	06	9:00AM	JOHN HAMBURG – OFFERED BY RANDY & CAROLE GREENIP ESTHER BOLAND – OFFERED BY NICK & PAT SHYSHUK

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. NOV. 28 & SUN. NOV. 29	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
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		
SAT. DEC. 05 & SUN. DEC. 06	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
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, 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 29TH FOR
MARYANN KASZUBA
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekly Offerings \$

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

SATURDAY	NOV.	28	5:00PM	LAURA PUZA – OFFERED BY HEATHER BETTS
SUNDAY	NOV.	29	7:30AM	EDNA & STANLEY LIPINSKI – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
			11:00AM	JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, CHERYL ANN & JENNIFER
MONDAY	NOV.	30	7:00AM	ANTHONY “SPIKE” BROWN – OFFERED BY MARY ANN BROWN & CHILDREN
TUESDAY	DEC.	01	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	02	7:00AM	PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR ERIC HATTON – OFFERED BY JAMES & LORRAINE MAILLET
THURSDAY	DEC.	03	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC.	04	7:00AM	MARY KAMM – OFFERED BY JAMES & LORRAINE MAILLET
SATURDAY	DEC.	05	5:00PM	ROGER BETTS – OFFERED BY HEATHER BETTS
SUNDAY	DEC.	06	7:30AM	CHARLES & DOROTHY KOVALCHICK – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
			11:00AM	EDWARD ZACHIAS – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE
				ETHEL PRIOR – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. NOV. 28 & SUN. NOV. 29 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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