



DECEMBER 12-13, 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE
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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,

Welcome to the third Sunday of Advent. We hear the word "rejoice" throughout our readings. The Prophet Isaiah tells us that the Lord has sent him to bring glad tidings, to rejoice and be filled with joy. Saint Paul tells us to be ready to rejoice always and, in the Gospel of John, we are all called to be filled with joy and rejoice at the coming of our Messiah. If that doesn't fill your hearts with joy, maybe remembering that this Sunday is Gaudete (or pink candle) Sunday and we are called by the Church to rejoice without ceasing.



How many Gaudete Sundays have you celebrated? If you are 30 or so, then you probably remember at least 25; if you are 50, then maybe 45 and if you are 76, it has to be at least 70. Many of us may find it hard to find any reason to be joyful or full of hope now, but maybe if you think about it, there might be a reason you are not thinking about. It's been 9 months – a long 9 months – of change in every area of our lives, from gathering as family to coming to church as part of God's family. If you think about it, we have had all this time behind us and, for the first time, we have hope for the future. For many of us, this has been the most time we have spent with family, even sitting down to share our meals as a family.

We as a world have lost so many friends, family members and those we care about, and, in the midst of this darkness, we see the bravery and courage of doctors and nurses who have given more than anyone would expect. They have taken the time not to heal their pain, but the pain of families who couldn't be with their loved ones at their greatest hour of need. Each time we go out to shop, we experience the warmth of those who risk their well-being as well as that of their families. We see on the news every day families that are desperate and those who give up their time to help their "neighbor." Yes, these are hard, dark and unsettled times – but even in the midst of uncertainty, we encounter people of God who help us to find light in the darkness and to remind us to take a moment to rejoice.

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

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 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE	
<u>Nativity BVM</u>	
Thursday, December 24th	10:00PM
Friday, December 25th	7:30AM
.....	11:00AM
<u>St. Mary of the Lake</u>	
Thursday, December 24th	4:00PM
Friday, December 25th	9:00AM
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Contact the Parish Office (570-836-3275) – First Come, First Served. When capacity has been reached, Mass will be broadcast over a radio receiver in the parking lot of the church. Communion will be distributed to all (including cars).	

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, 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.

CLERGY *Support*



“Villa St. Joseph is a wonderful, wonderful place. We enjoy getting together for meals and sharing our lives. I say Mass in the chapel daily and go to community Mass on Sunday... Through the Appeal, the Diocese has been very generous.”

MSGR. WILLIAM WARD, RETIRED

Since his ordination in 1957, Msgr. Ward has served the Diocese as spiritual director at St. Pius X Seminary and librarian at the Pontifical North American College for seminarians in Rome. He used his master’s degree in counseling during his cherished assignments as pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Pike County, and St. Jude and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Luzerne County. Until his health prohibited it two years ago, after retirement, he assisted pastors by offering Mass, hearing confessions and visiting the sick.

Retired priests continue to be a vital part of our Diocese. Before the COVID pandemic they assisted by offering Mass and administering the sacraments. From the most senior to the newly ordained, our priests selflessly serve us. We now ask you to support them through the Diocesan Annual Appeal.



To make a gift visit AnnualAppeal.org

2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL As of December 7th

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$32,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$19,411.28
 STATUS:..... 60.7%
 UNDER GOAL:..... \$12,588.72
 PARTICIPATION: 11.05% (102 FAMILIES OUT OF 923)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$12,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$ 5,324.56
 STATUS..... 44.4%
 UNDER GOAL:..... \$ 6,675.44
 PARTICIPATION: 7.93% (34 FAMILIES OUT OF 429)

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

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.

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,

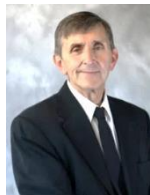
Joe Schiavone (a/k/a Chef Schiavone), a resident of Lake Winola, had a fall and broke his hip. To make matters worse, he is not able to see family or friends for three weeks on his recent admission to Allied. My request is, if you have an extra card, please consider sending it to Joe to let him know 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!**

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.

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.



MILITARY HONOR ROLL
PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

- COL. JAMES J. CLANCY – U.S. ARMY
- PFC MATTHEW CLANCY – U.S. MARINES
- SEAMAN KAMRON HUBBARD – U.S. NAVY
- SPEC. NICOLE GRIFFITH – U.S. ARMY
- STAFF SGT ROBERT GOHLER – U.S. MARINES
- LT CHELSEA ZWICKER – U.S. NAVY
- COL. CRAIG KEYES – U.S.A.F.
- CPL GARRETT SUND – U. S. ARMY
- LIEUTENANT AMY LEBER – U.S. NAVY
- LT COL ANDREW STRALEY – U.S. MARINES
- LT JOHN D. PETERS, M.D. – U.S. NAVY
- SGT JOSEPH A. HARDISKY – U.S. ARMY
- PO2 ALEC FISHER – U.S. NAVY
- CWO4 TONY RICHARDSON – U.S. MARINES
- TECH SGT DONALD WEITZ – U.S.A.F.
- SGT SETH CAINES – U.S. ARMY
- CPO ERIC TOMCZAK – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT. PETER FRANKO III – U.S.A.F.
- SGT THOMAS DILIONE – NATIONAL GUARD
- ET2 JACOB KINTNER – U.S. NAVY
- LCPL OLIVIA NICOLE CARICHER – U.S. MARINES
- STAFF SGT DAVID BALTRUSAITIS – NATIONAL GUARD
- SCPO KENNETH C. FRANK – U.S. NAVY
- SGT ROBERT J. POLSTER – U.S. ARMY
- AIRMAN 1st CLASS AVERY REECE NEWHART – U.S. AIR FORCE
- SFC RICKY BROWN – NATIONAL GUARD
- PFC RYAN M. ERDEK – U.S. ARMY
- SGT ROBERT D. BARBER III – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ELL – U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY
- SGT NICHOLE GRIFFITH – U.S. ARMY
- SN MICHAEL T. BARBER – U.S. NAVY
- PVT NIKKI CAPWELL – U.S. ARMY
- SPEC DEVIN BATTENBERG – NATIONAL GUARD
- CADET MARK AGUILAR – U.S.C.G. ACADEMY
- MAJOR JEFFREY O'DELL – U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL CHRISTOPHER HNATKO – U.S. MARINES
- CAPTAIN JOSEPH P. BREYMEIER – U.S. ARMY
- PVT JACOB BURGESS – U.S. MARINES
- CPL CHARLES BLISS – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ALFIER – U.S.A.F. ACADEMY
- PVT ANDREW SOLANIC – U.S. ARMY

We also want to recognize the service of the following veterans who have served our country:

- MAJOR GEORGE D. KASZUBA, U.S. AIR FORCE (IRAQ)
- CORPORAL JOSEPH IGNATOVICH, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- SPEC. FRANK GAUS, U.S. ARMY SPEC. FORCES (VIETNAM)
- SPEC. WILLIAM F. MARRONE, U.S. ARMY
- PRIVATE JAMES DEEGAN, U.S. ARMY (NO. AFRICA, ITALY)
- MAJOR FRANCIS TURNER, U.S. ARMY (WW II)
- SPEC. 4 RANDY GREENIP, U.S. ARMY (ASA TURKEY)
- AIRMAN 1st CLASS DONALD WHITE, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- AIRMAN BRUCE GELNETT, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- SPEC. 4 CARL I. PACKER, U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL RICHARD DOMBROSKI – U.S. MARINES (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. RICHARD DOMBROSKI – NAT'L. GUARD (RET.)
- SGT. WALTER J. ZOLA, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- AE3 KENNETH C. FRANK, U.S. NAVY (KOREA)
- SSG WILLIAM SHAW, U.S. ARMY (GERMANY)
- SGT. JOHN WILPIZESKI, U.S. ARMY
- SFC TONY LANDI, U.S. ARMY (RET.)
- SGT. SAMUEL HERRING, US ARMY (KOREA)
- SGT. JERRY BEAUCHEANE, U.S. AIR FORCE
- PFC NICHOLAS KORDILLA, U.S. MARINE CORPS (WW II)
- SGT. NICHOLAS FERRUGGIA – U.S. MARINES
- SGT. E5 ROBERT SPRAGUE – U.S. ARMY
- SGT. JAMES SNYDER – U.S AIR FORCE
- LT. J.G. TIMOTHY LEBER – U.S. COAST GUARD
- CAPT ALAN B. FLANAGAN – U.S. NAVY
- AE1 JOSEPH YAKOSKI – U.S. NAVY (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. STEPHANIE DANIELS SUND (AFGHANISTAN)
- COL. CARL PACKER – U.S. ARMY
- MAJOR JOSEPH JURISTA – U.S. AIR FORCE (GLIDER PILOT)

God Bless all who serve or have served our country.



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 December are:

December 5-6

Healing & recovery for **Tom**, donated by Meg & Sam

In memory of **Lorraine Fallon**, donated by Meg & Sam

December 12-13

In memory of **Bonnie Prevost**, donated by the Zola family

In memory of **Eleanor Golembeski**, donated by Mary Ann Brown

December 19-20

In memory of **William Oliver**, donated by Luke, Sam & Meg

In memory of **Mary Lou Chackan**, donated by Sam & Meg

December 26-27

Available

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



LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM

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 still hearing about 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.



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

Dear Friends,
The holiday season has certainly taken on a unique look this year with our smile covered by an array of masks and our visiting and events cut back. However, the need from our community has increased. The Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry has served fifty-eight families this month; our average six months ago was around eighteen families from our area.

I have been in contact with the Guidance counselor from Tunkhannock Area School district, and she has asked if our parish would help a family with their Christmas needs this year....of course the answer was yes. Mom is terminal, dad works full time, there are five children ranging from 7 to 13....their requests are simple, ranging from clothing items to a remote control car and to hair accessories.

There will not be the usual request for donations at a second collection this year but I ask that if you can help, please send your donation, marked Adopt-A-Family to the parish office so my shoppers can help a family from our community.

I thank you for your consideration and wish you a beautiful holiday season.

God Bless!

Love, Mary Lou Franko

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).



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)

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY:

You enter our church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into



His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise.

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



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.

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.

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.

"Maybe you can afford to wait. Maybe for you there's a tomorrow. Maybe for you there's one thousand tomorrows, or three thousand, or ten, so much time you can bathe in it, roll around it, let it slide like coins through you fingers. So much time you can waste it.

But for some of us there's only today. And the truth is, you never really know." — **Lauren Oliver, Before I Fall**

WHAT IS GAUDETE SUNDAY?

By

Scott P. Richert

Updated February 26, 2019

Certain Sundays throughout the liturgical year have taken their names from the first word in Latin of the Introit, the entrance antiphon at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is one of these days.

Gaudete Sunday is a joyous celebration. Although it takes place during the usually penitential period of Advent, Gaudete Sunday serves as a mid-point break from the austere practices to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus's return in three ways.

When Is Gaudete Sunday?

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. The date usually falls between December 11 to 17 each year.

Where Does the Name Come From?

The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: *Gaudete in Domino semper*, or "rejoice in the Lord always."

Priest Clothing

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides worshippers with encouragement to continue their spiritual preparation - especially prayer and fasting - for Christmas.

Decor

For the same reason of lightening the mood, the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.

Laetare Sunday

Gaudete Sunday is often compared to Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent. Like Gaudete Sunday, Laetare Sunday has a more light-hearted, celebratory mood compared to the usually strict mood of Lent.

WORD OF LIFE: "O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB

"Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"

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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NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

SATURDAY	DEC.	12	5:00PM	HENRY KALINOWSKI – OFFERED BY JAKE & MARY LOU BUSSOLINI
SUNDAY	DEC.	13	7:30AM 11:00AM	BONNIE PREVOST – OFFERED BY MOM, DAD, CHERI & JIM HELEN YONCHIUK – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
MONDAY	DEC.	14	7:00AM	HEALTH & BLESSING FOR SARA RUEHLMAN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
TUESDAY	DEC.	15	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	16	7:00AM	ELEANOR GOLEMBESKI – OFFERED BY MARY ANN BROWN & CHILDREN
THURSDAY	DEC.	17	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC.	18	7:00AM	SYLVIA ODGERS – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SATURDAY	DEC.	19	5:00PM	ADALBERT E. STAMER – OFFERED BY RON & ABBY KUKUCHKA & FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC.	20	7:30AM 11:00AM	MARGARET KINTNER – OFFERED BY THE YONCHIUK FAMILY JOHN WAGENHOFFER – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC. 12 & SUN. DEC. 13 SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>		<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
DEACON	RAY PIERETTI	RAY PIERETTI		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	NONE	NONE	NO MASS	NONE
LECTOR	NONE	NONE		NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)	NONE	NONE		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS	COLLECTION BASKET	COLLECTION BASKET		COLLECTION BASKET
COLLECTION COUNTERS				
<u>SAT. DEC. 19 & SUN. DEC. 20 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				

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, PATRICIA ANN CARR, FRANK LEE ALTOMARE, TIM HANNON

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

PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (836-3275) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekly Offerings \$

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

SATURDAY	DEC.	12	NONE	
SUNDAY	DEC.	13	9:00AM	TOM McGLYNN SR. - OFFERED BY HIS WIFE LAURA RUGG - OFFERED BY FRIENDS FROM ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH
MONDAY	DEC.	14		NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC.	15	8:00AM	EDWARD OCCHIPINTI - OFFERED BY MAUREEN FROST
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	16		NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC.	17	8:00AM	CHRIS VANDERVEKEN - OFFERED BY THE VANDERVEKEN FAMILY
FRIDAY	DEC.	18		NO MASS
SATURDAY	DEC.	19	NONE	
SUNDAY	DEC.	20	9:00AM	GEORGE RUCCO - OFFERED BY RICK & MARY LOU FRANKO

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC. 12 & SUN. DEC. 13</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
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		
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USHERS		NONE
GREETERS		NONE
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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
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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING
THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13TH FOR
MARYANN KASZUBA
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

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ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)