

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



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

**JANUARY 23-24, 2021**



**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 IN ORDINARY TIME**



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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,

Just the other day, two of my grandsons – Alex, 12 and Gus, 6 – and I went for a walk over at Lazybrook Park. I enjoy going for walks and being outside in nature but I don't look too far beyond what is right in front of me. If you are with someone close to my grandkids' ages, everything becomes more. More magical, more mysterious, more dangerous or more interesting. Ordinary things can become extraordinary when seen through their eyes.



Walking along the creek, we see someone's footprints, but to these two, they become the tracks of Bigfoot. And the seemingly familiar dog tracks become something a coyote left behind, or just maybe, if they're big enough, a bear! Hollowed out tree stumps are places little people and creatures hide. People often leave painted rocks around the park so finding those is like discovering a great treasure. What could have been a very ordinary time had me laughing and joining in with the magic.

We live in a time in our country when we could use a little magic, a little joy, don't you think? What would happen if, in the middle of a crisis, we could just stop and see the world around us as children do? To see the world as God intended us to? To see with wonder the magical things instead of just the ordinary? Kids tend to see everything as hope-filled moments. We could learn a lot from them if we could just let them take us for a walk some day and open our eyes to all the wonders of God's world.

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

**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).



**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.

**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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time available this weekend.**

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.

Thanks 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.

## DRIVE-IN MASS AT NATIVITY BVM AND ST. MARY OF THE LAKE

Drive-In Mass is available to Nativity BVM and St. Mary of the Lake! **Parishioners from our two parishes are able to listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass via an FM radio transmitter from the safety of their vehicle in the church parking lot.** All you need to do is to tune your car radio to the specific FM frequency which will be posted. Following the Mass, ministers will distribute the Holy Eucharist to parishioners outside the church in a socially distanced fashion. Receptacles for donations will be located in the parking lot. Come As You Are in the Family Car!

## ONLINE OFFERTORY

Nativity BVM and St. Mary of the Lake parishes depend on our faithful stewardship to pay our daily church expenses, make improvements and support our mission in the areas of worship, word, service, and community. Our Online Offertory system through Our Sunday Visitor provides us with the opportunity to contribute regularly and seamlessly.



**A growing number of parishioners use the online giving portal through our website. We are grateful for your contributions. We encourage all of our parishioners and friends to utilize this quick, easy and safe means of supporting your parish. We intend to keep this donation option available for the foreseeable future.**

If you wish to contribute, go to our website, [www.nativitystmary.org](http://www.nativitystmary.org), and click on your parish, either Nativity or St. Mary, at the top of the home page. Then click on the name of your parish under "Donate Securely". We accept most major credit cards as well as ACH donations using your checking or savings account.

**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).

**2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**  
As of January 19<sup>th</sup>

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:**

GOAL:..... **\$32,000.00**  
 PLEDGED:..... \$22,840.00  
 STATUS:..... 71.4%  
**UNDER GOAL:**..... \$ 9,160.00  
 PARTICIPATION: 12.88% (119 FAMILIES OUT OF 924)

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

GOAL:..... **\$12,000.00**  
 PLEDGED:..... \$ 6,280.00  
 STATUS..... 52.3%  
**UNDER GOAL:**..... \$ 5,720.00  
 PARTICIPATION: 10.49% (45 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](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)**

**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 January are:

**January 02-03**

In memory of **Theresa Kiszka**, donated by Anna Hardisky

**January 09-10**

In memory of **Dorothy Kovalchick**, donated by her family

**January 16-17**

In memory of **Barb Jones**, donated by Peggy Finnegan

**January 23-24**

In memory of **Joseph Hardisky Sr.**, donated by his wife & family

**January 30-31**

In memory of **Josephine Wrona**, donated by the Kuffa family

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

**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.



**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](http://nativitystmary.org). Any contribution that you can make will be gratefully received. **Thank you to those who continue to regularly send their contributions.**

**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.

**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)**

**SCAM ALERT:** We have recently seen a return of a scam being perpetrated now using Fr. Albert's email contacts file. An email is sent (from an email address that does not belong to Fr. Albert – "pastor.catholic9@gmail.com") – and the text of the message is a variation of the following:

"Good morning, how are you doing?  
 I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message.  
 God bless,  
 Rev. Patrick  
 Pastor."

**If you receive a text or email 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 REQUEST!**



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



## POSITION AVAILABLE

### **Diocesan Secretary for Property & Risk Management**

The Diocesan Secretary for Property and Risk Management is a key member of the Bishop's senior leadership team and is responsible for providing direct management and supervision of personnel in the multifaceted areas of facilities management, property assets, risk management and diocesan cemeteries. This position requires significant interaction and collaboration with both internal and external stakeholders in these operational areas in order to achieve successful outcomes. The individual in this position must be a team player with an attention to detail who has experience in facilities management and/or construction management with some background in architecture and engineering along with a working knowledge / training in applicable building and life safety regulations.

Interested candidates are encouraged to visit the Diocese of Scranton website at

[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org)

to review the comprehensive job description for this position. Applicants will need to submit a complete resume and salary requirements with a minimum of three (3) references by **January 22, 2021** to:

**James Burke**

**Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources**

**300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton Pa. 18503**

or email [Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org)

**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.

## NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil **from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, January 29, 2021** marking the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Since those decisions, over 60 million abortions have been performed legally in the United States.

Each January, the National Prayer Vigil for Life is hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America's Office of Campus Ministry to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life.

While thousands of pilgrims typically attend the vigil in person each year, the Basilica will not be open to the public for the 2021 vigil due to local attendance restrictions in place because of the coronavirus pandemic. In response, this year, for the first time ever, in addition to the televised Mass, bishops in dioceses across the country will be taking turns leading live-streamed holy hours every hour on the hour throughout the all-night vigil.

**The vigil will begin with a live broadcast at 8:00PM on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. with a rosary, followed by Mass opening the National Prayer Vigil for Life.** The principal celebrant and homilist for the opening Mass will be Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, who is chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). After the Mass and throughout the night, holy hours led by bishops from various dioceses around the country will be broadcast on the USCCB's website. **The vigil concludes at 8:00AM on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> with Mass celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.**

"Now, more than ever, our nation is in need of prayer for the protection of the unborn and the dignity of all human life," said Archbishop Naumann. "I am happy to be joined by bishops in dioceses across the country who are hosting pro-life prayer events, including during the overnight hours of Eucharistic adoration. I invite all Catholics to spend time with Our Lord and join in this nationwide vigil for life."

**The live television broadcasts on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:00PM and on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-9:00AM will be provided by the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and will also be available via live-stream on the Basilica's [website](#).**



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



## 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



## AFTERNOON PRAYERS with DEACON RAY

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

**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](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.com).

**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.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**  
**"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"**

**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).

## NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK AND WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

**Are you looking for some TLC for your marriage?** Join us in celebrating National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day, **February 7 through 14, 2021**. Get ideas for celebrating this event together, and register for a virtual marriage enrichment event with Chris and Linda Padgett (English) or Joel and Nora de Loera (Spanish). For details, call Jen Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104 or visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/national-world-marriage-week-february-7-14-2021/>

**Celebrate National Marriage Week, February 7 – 14!**

To learn more about resources and events, call Jen Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104 or visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/national-world-marriage-week-february-7-14-2021/>



**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**

**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 statistics on sanity are that one out of every four people is suffering from a mental illness. Look at your 3 best friends. If they're ok, then it's you."*

— Rita Mae Brown

## 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for the 2020 calendar year are available. To request a statement of your contributions for 2020, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. You may also call the Parish Office (570-836-3275) to request the statement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

### DIOCESAN GUIDELINES RELEASED FOR BLESSING OF THROATS DURING COVID-19

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the traditional Blessing of Throats will look a little different in 2021.

This year, the traditional blessing will not be offered individually, but rather, as a communal blessing. The Blessing of Throats is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, ordinarily celebrated on-or-around February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr.

This year, the Blessing of Throats can be given to all who are gathered, with the priest or deacon extending his hands over the people, without the traditional crossed candles, while reciting the prayer for blessing.

Parishioners are reminded that the efficacy of the blessing lies in the intention of the person offering the blessing, not on the proximity of the recipient to that person.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Needed: winter boots, coats, socks and gloves** for placement in sleeping bags for homeless individuals. Adult sizes. Contact Ida Ferguson at 607-742-2179 for pickup or drop off.
- **Falls Lions Club** is conducting a **coin drop** at the **intersection of Route 92 and Falls Road (near the bridge)** on **January 30 and 31, 10:00AM to 3:00PM**. Proceeds will go to Carol Bardzel, a Falls resident, who is recovering from Covid 19. Call Ida Ferguson at 607-742-2179 with any questions. Carol was hospitalized for 7 weeks.
- There is a **need for old blankets, quilts and sheets** to be used in the making of bedrolls for homeless persons. For pickup or drop-off, contact Ida Ferguson at 607-742-2179.

*“Adoption was such a positive alternative to abortion, a way to save one life and brighten two more: those of the adoptive parents.”*

— **George W. Bush, Decision Points**

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Nativity BVM parishioner **JOSEPH KITCHNEFSKY**, who was buried from our church last Monday. 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.



### STATEMENT OF BISHOP BAMBERA ON THE INAUGURATION OF JOE BIDEN AS PRESIDENT

As our Nation inaugurates its 46<sup>th</sup> President, Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and Vice President Kamala D. Harris, I encourage the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton and all people of goodwill to join me in praying for our Nation and its new leaders.

At a time when our country is facing not only a global pandemic, but also division and hostility, we must all pray for peace and unity. No matter our differences, we are one human family, our brothers and sisters keepers.

As Catholics, we are called through Baptism to imitate the servant leadership of Jesus Christ. May our Merciful God grant all of our leaders the wisdom, courage and compassion to protect and defend religious freedom, the sanctity of human life and the rights of all citizens, especially the most vulnerable.

Together, let us pray to our Heavenly Father that President Biden, a native son of Scranton, may have the strength and courage to carry out his duties and lead our nation in ways of peace.

### 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).

*“Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we were born.”* **Albert Einstein**



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

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

SATURDAY	JAN.	23	5:00PM	SANDY IDE– OFFERED BY JOHN & MARGE HOVAN
SUNDAY	JAN.	24	7:30AM 11:00AM	JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS KEN & MILLIE FRANK MARIA OMTZIGT – OFFERED BY HER SISTER BETTY UBACHS & HER CHILDREN
MONDAY	JAN.	25	7:00AM	FRANCES WIERNUSZ – OFFERED BY CHRIS & CATHY CIPRICH
TUESDAY	JAN.	26	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
WEDNESDAY	JAN.	27	7:00AM	THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY – OFFERED BY LINDA & SARA RUEHLMAN
THURSDAY	JAN.	28	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
FRIDAY	JAN.	29	7:00AM	MARY COLLINS – OFFERED BY JOHN & LINDA YABLONSKI
SATURDAY	JAN.	30	5:00PM	JOAN BETTS– OFFERED BY THE GAUS FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN.	31	7:30AM 11:00AM	JOSEPHINE & FRANK WRONA – OFFERED BY THE KUFFA FAMILY THOMAS MCKINLEY – OFFERED BY CAROLE RUBBINACCIO

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. JAN. 23 &amp; SUN. JAN. 24</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
<b>DEACON EUCHARISTIC</b>				
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				
<b>SAT. JAN. 30 &amp; SUN. JAN. 31</b>				
<b>DEACON EUCHARISTIC</b>				
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, SUE BARZILOSKI

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ESPECIALLY JOSEPH KITCHNEFSKY) 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 JANUARY 24, 2021

SATURDAY	JAN.	23		<b>NO MASS</b>
SUNDAY	JAN.	24	9:00AM	MARY ALYCE McGROARTY – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER
MONDAY	JAN.	25		<b>NO MASS</b>
TUESDAY	JAN.	26	8:00AM	PATRICIA VANDERVEKEN – OFFERED BY BOB VANDERVEKEN
WEDNESDAY	JAN.	27		<b>NO MASS</b>
THURSDAY	JAN.	28	8:00AM	MARY LOU CHACKAN – OFFERED BY DON & CAROL AMES
FRIDAY	JAN.	29	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
SATURDAY	JAN.	30		<b>NO MASS</b>
SUNDAY	JAN.	31	9:00AM	MAYOR NORM BALL – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. JAN. 23 &amp; SUN. JAN. 24</b>	<u><b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b></u>	<u><b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b></u>
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		NONE
LECTORS	NO MASS	NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)		NONE
USHERS		NONE
GREETERS		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS		COLLECTION BASKET
COLLECTION COUNTERS		

<b>SAT. JAN. 30 &amp; SUN. JAN. 31</b>	<u><b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b></u>	<u><b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b></u>
DEACON		
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

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#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**MARYANN KASZUBA**  
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**  
Weekly Offerings

\$

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