

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



ST. MARY
OF THE LAKE
LAKE WINOLA, PA

JANUARY 30-31, 2021



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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

FOURTH 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*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S TYPEWRITER:

It is by example that we learn the best and most enduring lessons. Examples are peppered throughout Scripture. We see Moses in the Old Testament as he displays undying devotion to God in the midst of his own misguided generation. The prophets facing violence and rejection spoke of God's will for his people undeterred. We see in the New Testament story after story of Jesus dispensing mercy and forgiveness to his people.



Don't do as I say, Do as I do. It is by example that leaders of our great country have inspired the hearts and minds of countless generations simply by example. The human heart wants to believe, wants to follow what is right. Actions speak louder than words and it is the examples of faith we see in Jesus as he reveals to us the boundless love of God not because he told us but because he showed us, all the way to the Cross.

Fr. Pat

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) and on our Facebook page (@nativitystmary) with a link to a YouTube site.

There will be a Mass for the Fourth 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.

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: We continue to exercise caution at this time and are keeping the Parish Office closed to the public. We are still working and are available by phone (570-836-3275 or 570-378-2181). You can also reach us by email either at nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com or at stmaryofthelake@frontier.com.

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.

AFTERNOON PRAYERS with DEACON RAY

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



2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of January 25th

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... **\$32,000.00**
 PLEDGED:..... \$23,715.00
 STATUS:..... 74.1%
UNDER GOAL:..... \$ 8,285.00
 PARTICIPATION: 13.42% (124 FAMILIES OUT OF 924)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... **\$12,000.00**
 PLEDGED:..... \$ 6,580.00
 STATUS..... 54.8%
UNDER GOAL:..... \$ 5,420.00
 PARTICIPATION: 10.72% (46 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

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. 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

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.



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



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.



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

WORD OF LIFE: "Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20)."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid
(respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)**

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/>

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**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

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: _____

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 3rd, 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.

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.*



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.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Nativity BVM parishioner **MARLENE KADELOCK**, who was buried from our church this Saturday. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



POPE FRANCIS' COMMENTS ON SCRIPTURE

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Praying with Scripture is not meant to be a mindless repetition of biblical quotes but instead is a gift that is meant to be accepted in people's hearts, Pope Francis said.

During his weekly general audience Jan. 27, the pope said the words contained in Scripture were "not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart."

He also said Christians must not exploit the Bible or use it for "ulterior motives" like justifying "his or her own philosophical and moral view."

"It irritates me a little when I hear Christians who recite verses from the Bible like parrots: 'Oh, yes, the Lord says (this), he wants this,'" the pope said, departing from his prepared remarks.

"But did you encounter the Lord with that verse? It is not a question only of memory; it is a question of the memory of the heart, that which opens you to the encounter with the Lord. And that word, that verse, leads you to the encounter with the Lord," he said.

Livestreaming his audience from the library of the Apostolic Palace, the pope continued his series of talks on prayer by looking at how Christians pray with Scripture.

"The Bible was not written for a generic humanity, but for us, for me, for you, for men and women in flesh and blood, men and women who have a name and a surname, like me, like you," he said.

The Christian tradition of "Lectio Divina," reflecting on and praying with the biblical readings, allows Christians to enter "into dialogue with the Scripture," he said. And recognizing oneself in a particular passage, biblical character or situation "is a grace." However, he added, praying with Scripture is "delicate" because those who pray "must not slip into subjective interpretations" but instead be united to Scripture and view it as "an icon to be contemplated."

Pope Francis said the word of God "inspires good intentions," gives strength and serenity to those in need and "even when it challenges us, it gives us peace."

"On 'weird' and confusing days, it guarantees the heart a core of confidence and of love that protects it from the attacks of the evil one," he said.

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.



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

DIOCESAN GUIDELINES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Ash Wednesday – February 17

Parishes should NOT follow the usual practice of imposing Ashes by thumb on the forehead of parishioners. Parishioners should be reminded that receiving ashes is not required. The faithful should recognize that their own internal disposition and intention to repent is the importance of Ash Wednesday and that the ashes are an external sign of that internal reality. Individuals who cannot receive ashes can still enter into Lent with a repentant heart. Ashes can be distributed to the faithful, as long as there is no direct contact. There are at least two possible ways of doing this. Parishes are encouraged to follow one of the following options:

- Use an individual cotton swab for each recipient to distribute ashes. This would be done by use of a Q-tip type of cotton swab. With the cotton tip, trace a cross on the recipient's forehead. Both the minister and recipient must be properly wearing masks during the distribution. A new Q-tip must be used for each person. After the use, each swab should be placed in a receptacle for burning.
- In much of the world, the normal way of distributing ashes is to sprinkle ashes on top of the head, with no contact, rather than imposing them on the forehead. This way of distribution can be done safely as long as both the minister and the recipient are wearing masks. The minister should sprinkle a small portion of ashes on top of the person's head rather than to trace the sign of the Cross on the person's forehead. Parishes should be aware that this method might require more ashes than most parishes usually use and that should be taken into account in planning for Ash Wednesday. Some explanation of this method will be necessary for the faithful. At the end of this document is a "Note on Ash Wednesday" from the Vatican Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments explaining this process further.
- A small amount of blessed ashes could be prepared, along with a simple prayer service, and provided to take home for household members (similar to sending blessed chalk at Epiphany). The blessing and distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday normally takes place during the celebration of Mass, following the homily and general intercessions. While the Diocese has previously taken efforts to avoid unnecessary movement of the faithful, if both ministers and the faithful remain masked, this process can take place safely with parishioners returning to their seats and allowing Mass to continue. When circumstances require, the blessing and distribution of ashes may take place apart from Mass, during a celebration of the word of God. (Book of Blessings #1656) Any individual who is accustomed to distributing ashes at another location, for example, a long-term care facility, are reminded that they must adhere to the safety guidelines of those facilities.

BISHOP BAMBERA TO CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS ON FEBRUARY 10

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate Mass for the 29th World Day of the Sick on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 12:10PM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. The Mass will be open to the public and also will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and across all social media platforms. Parishes around the diocese are also encouraged to offer a Mass for the Sick either on February 11th or another convenient day near it, but because of the current health crisis, the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is not to be offered communally. Resources for World Day of the Sick can be found on the Diocese of Scranton website.

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.

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

As our Nation inaugurates its 46th 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.

"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**

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

SATURDAY	JAN.	30		NO MASS
SUNDAY	JAN.	31	9:00AM	MAYOR NORM BALL – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER
MONDAY	FEB.	01		NO MASS
TUESDAY	FEB.	02	8:00AM	LOIS WORONOWICZ – OFFERED BY THE VANDERVEKEN FAMILY
WEDNESDAY	FEB.	03		NO MASS
THURSDAY	FEB.	04	8:00AM	CARMEN PIERCE – OFFERED BY THE VANDERVEKEN FAMILY
FRIDAY	FEB.	05	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	FEB.	06		NO MASS
SUNDAY	FEB.	07	9:00AM	PAULINE HAMBURG – OFFERED BY CAROLE & RANDY GREENIP

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. JAN. 30 & SUN. JAN. 31</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		NONE
LECTORS	NO MASS	NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)		NONE
USHERS		NONE
GREETERS		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS		COLLECTION BASKET
COLLECTION COUNTERS		
<u>SAT. FEB. 06 & SUN. FEB. 07</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</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
- 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 JANUARY 31ST FOR
MARYANN KASZUBA
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:
Weekly Offerings

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ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

SATURDAY	JAN.	30	5:00PM	JOAN BETTS– OFFERED BY THE GAUS FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN.	31	7:30AM	JOSEPHINE & FRANK WRONA – OFFERED BY THE KUFFA FAMILY
			11:00AM	THOMAS McKINLEY – OFFERED BY CAROLE RUBBINACCIO
MONDAY	JAN.	25	7:00AM	CECELIA KOBYLSKI – OFFERED BY DAN & JOAN STROKA
TUESDAY	JAN.	26	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	JAN.	27	7:00AM	DONALD TEWKSBURY – OFFERED BY GARY & RUTH TEWKSBURY
THURSDAY	JAN.	28	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	JAN.	29	7:00AM	TED ROMANKO – OFFERED BY RON & ABBY KUKUCHKA
SATURDAY	JAN.	30	5:00PM	JOAN BETTS– OFFERED BY HEATHER BETTS
SUNDAY	JAN.	31	7:30AM	KRYSZYNA JEDRZEWSKA – OFFERED BY DONNA GRENCAVAGE
			11:00AM	ELIZABETH McCLOSKEY – OFFERED BY DIANE STONE

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

	<u>SAT. JAN. 23 & SUN. JAN. 24</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
DEACON					
EUCCHARISTIC					
MINISTER(S)		NONE	NONE	NO MASS	NONE
LECTOR		NONE	NONE		NONE
ALTAR		NONE	NONE		NONE
SERVER(S)					
OFFERTORY GIFTS		COLLECTION BASKET	COLLECTION BASKET		COLLECTION BASKET
COLLECTION COUNTERS					
	<u>SAT. JAN. 30 & SUN. JAN. 31</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
DEACON					
EUCCHARISTIC					
MINISTER(S)		NONE	NONE	NO MASS	NONE
LECTOR		NONE	NONE		NONE
ALTAR		NONE	NONE		NONE
SERVER(S)					
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 FORTESI, 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 STASCAGE, 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 MARLENE KADELOCK) AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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