



## APRIL 24-25, 2021



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 5:00PM**

**Sunday: 7:30 & 11:00AM**

**Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair**

**Finance Council: Chris DeMarco, Chair**

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:**

**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. **Our detailed bulletin can be found on our website ([www.nativitystmary.org](http://www.nativitystmary.org)).**

**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:** Where allowed, 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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**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 Easter 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 and the music significantly enhance the entire presentation.

**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).



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

Drive-In Mass is available at 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 (88.1 for Nativity or 95.1 for St. Mary of the Lake).** 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!

**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.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL TO BE TAKEN IN PARISHES THIS WEEKEND**

The Diocese of Scranton will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal this weekend, April 24-25, 2021.

Today, more than 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need.

This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education.

Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Your generous gifts fund religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.

When you participate in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Married couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to the Diocese of Scranton's annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on **June 6, 2021** at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

This year's celebration will allow for limited attendance due to COVID-19 protocols and there will unfortunately be no reception afterward. The Mass will begin at **2:30 p.m.** and **attendance will require advance reservation.**

**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 April are:

**April 03-04**

In memory of **Mary Lou Chackan**, donated by Peggy Finnegan

**April 10-11**

In memory of **Rita "Gigi" McMillan**, donated by Marleen & Peter Butler and family

**April 17-18**

In memory of **Anna Brown**, donated by Mary Ann Brown & children

**April 24-25**

In memory of **Thomas Hardisky**, donated by Mom & family

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



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

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of St. Mary of the Lake parishioner **JOHN "JACK" ALBERT**, who passed away this week. 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.



**ONLINE OFFERTORY**

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

ONLINE OFFERTORY



NOW AVAILABLE

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

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

**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.**

**2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL  
As of April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:**

GOAL:..... \$**32,000.00**  
 PLEDGED:..... \$26,810.00  
 STATUS:..... 83.8%  
**UNDER GOAL:**..... \$ 5,190.00  
 PARTICIPATION: 15.39% (147 FAMILIES OUT OF 955)

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

GOAL:..... \$**12,000.00**  
 PLEDGED:..... \$ 8,330.00  
 STATUS..... 69.4%  
**UNDER GOAL:**..... \$ 3,670.00  
 PARTICIPATION: 13.09% (58 FAMILIES OUT OF 443)

**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)**

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government."

**Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann  
 Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities  
 "Priorities at the Polls"**



**AFTERNOON PRAYERS  
with DEACON RAY**

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

**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)**

**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.



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



**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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT: DIOCESE OF SCRANTON IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH CHILD PROTECTION GUIDELINES**

The Diocese of Scranton has once again been found to be in full compliance with U.S. bishops' policies to prevent sexual abuse of children by clergy and other church personnel.

The Diocese has passed independent audits of its child protection procedures every year since the policy was adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2002.

The USCCB spells out the policies that dioceses must follow in its "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." The Charter is a comprehensive action plan for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. It also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and prevention of future acts of abuse.

The audit was conducted by StoneBridge Business Partners, a private auditing firm based in New York, which has been contracted to conduct compliance audits of the nation's 195 dioceses.

**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).

**LIHEAP** is a federally funded grant program administered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its network of local county assistance offices. **LIHEAP** provides customers help with paying winter heating bills. Cash Grants of \$200 to \$1,000 are available. **LIHEAP** funds may be used to pay an electric bill even if electricity is not the main source of heat. There are household income requirements for this program which are listed below. Visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) to apply while funds are available.

Income Eligibility Guidelines	
Household Size	Annual Income
1	\$19,140
2	\$25,860
3	\$32,580
4	\$39,300

For families/households with more than 4 persons, add \$6,720 for each additional person.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Young adults, **ages 18-35**, are invited and encouraged to join the Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life on **Monday nights** to pray with the Easter readings.

The sessions are taking place on Monday nights, from **April 19 to May 24** via Zoom. Each session begins at **7:00PM.**

Lectio Divina (literally divine reading) is a way of becoming immersed in the Scripture very personally. The Christian form of Lectio Divina is a way of developing a closer relationship with God by reflecting prayerfully on His words. In Lectio Divina, the chosen spiritual text is read four times in total, giving an opportunity to think deeply about it and respond thoughtfully.

To register and receive the Zoom link, email Shannon at [Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org).



**MILITARY HONOR ROLL  
PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS  
DURING THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY**

**If you have a relative or friend serving in the military, please let us know so that we can include their name on our Honor Roll**

**CAPUCHIN SISTERS SUPPORT:** We are in need of a volunteer to join the group who shop weekly for the Capuchin Sisters. It requires a couple of hours of your time once every five weeks. If you can help, please contact Dick Schwoebel at 570-677-7634 or [stmarynativity@gmail.com](mailto:stmarynativity@gmail.com).



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

In recent years, many women from the Diocese of Scranton have attended and appreciated the **Catholic Women's Conference, Refresh Your Faith**. As with numerous events, the Conference for June 2020 was cancelled. This year the planning committee is proceeding with the Women's Conference in an outdoor tented space on the campus of Marywood University.

The theme of "With Merciful Love" will be addressed by the keynote speaker, Theresa Bonapartis, and by the featured speakers, Father Chris Alar and Sister Virginia Joy. Taylor Tripodi will provide the spiritual music.

**All women of our Parishes are invited to attend. More detailed information and registration is available at [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com).**

With social distancing and limited numbers this year, reservations will be filling up fast, so we encourage our parish members to participate and help to make this an enriching experience and a blessed day.

#### **VIRTUAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

This can be a difficult time to navigate grief, particularly during this ongoing period of social distancing. Please consider joining the virtual grief support group offered by Cathedral of Saint Peter Parish in Scranton. *Anyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member of the parish to participate.* The group will convene online, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30PM. The dates of the virtual meetings will be **April 7, 14, 21 and 28**. For more information, please contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-814-5133 or at 570-344-7231.

#### **NOTICE TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON**

**The Fraternalite Notre Dame Community, since its acquisition of the former Saint Mary of the Assumption parish complex in South Scranton, Pennsylvania in 2020, has generously provided support for the poor, particularly during the course of the current health crisis. The Community, however, describes itself as a Traditional Catholic Religious Order of the Catholic Church.**

**The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton should not attend Masses nor receive the sacraments provided by the Fraternalite Notre Dame Community when Masses are available in nearby churches of the Diocese. Particularly regarding the sacraments of Confirmation and Marriage, these celebrations would not only be illicit, but also invalid.**

**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) or reach us by email at [stmarynativity@gmail.com](mailto:stmarynativity@gmail.com).

**A WELCOMING COMMUNITY:** *You enter our church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise.*



**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** During this extended period of time when we are unable to get together completely 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** to our new email address – [saintnativity@gmail.com](mailto:saintnativity@gmail.com).

#### **CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH**

"People should not delay getting a vaccine. Receiving a vaccine not only protects an individual's health but also serves the common good by protecting the community – including the weak and vulnerable.

"While fully recognizing the complex moral and ethical issues involved in vaccine development, at this time, people are not being given a true choice of which vaccine they receive, and likely won't be without a lengthy delay.

"Given that risk to public health, the faithful can in good conscience receive any of the current vaccines."

#### **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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations **this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, at 5:00PM at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Peckville**. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will serve as celebrant of the Mass.

In addition to the Diocesan celebration, parishes are encouraged to have vocation-based homilies, vocation-themed youth ministry nights, lessons in religious education programs, recitation of the Rosary for Vocations and Holy Hours.

## POPE CHOOSES THEME FOR JULY 25

### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – To express the closeness of God and of the church to every older person, Pope Francis has chosen “*I am with you always*” from the Gospel of Matthew as the theme for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme for the celebration July 25<sup>th</sup> is especially appropriate “in these challenging pandemic times,” said the announcement from the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life.

“*I am with you always*’ is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith,” the statement said.

Pope Francis announced in late January that he was establishing the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus’ grandparents.

Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the dicastery, had said the annual event would be “a gift to the whole church” and one that emphasizes the pastoral care of the elderly as “a priority that can no longer be postponed by any Christian community.”

“In the encyclical, ‘*Fratelli Tutti*,’ the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation,” he said.

Pope Francis is expected to mark the day with an evening Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica.

**MINISTRY SKILLS PROGRAM:** All parish ministers are invited to participate in a special Ministry Skills program early next month. In this “*Reclaiming the Light*” Zoom session, we will take the opportunity to acknowledge what we have lost and what we have gained during the past year amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We will explore ways in which we can reclaim some of the Light that we may have lost.

The session will be held on **Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 10:00AM until Noon**. Workshop credit will be given for Diocesan Certificate in Lay ministry participants who take part in the program.

Reminders of hope will be combined with takeaway options for practicing self-compassion as we heal from our pandemic experiences and prepare to move forward in ministry with enthusiasm and vigor. We will also examine why self-care is important in building resilience for our life in ministry.

For more information, or to register for the day, contact Kitty Scanlan at:

[Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Kitty-Scanlan@dioceseofscranton.org)

## POPE CALLS FOR MONTHLONG GLOBAL PRAYER MARATHON FOR END OF PANDEMIC

Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the **entire month of May**, praying for the end to the pandemic.

“It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, ‘*from the entire church an unceasing prayer rises to God*,’” the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization said in a press release April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6:00PM Rome time (noon EDT) on all Vatican media platforms.**

The pope will open the monthlong prayer May 1<sup>st</sup> and conclude it May 31<sup>st</sup>, the council said.

### 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.

We will work with you to find a charitable plan that lets you provide for your family and support your parish and 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).

### BISHOP JOSEPH C. BAMBERA ISSUES STATEMENT ON VERDICT IN THE TRIAL OF DEREK CHAUVIN

On Tuesday, April 20, 2021, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera issued a statement after three guilty verdicts were returned in the trial of Derek Chauvin in Minnesota. The statement is:

“Today, jurors in a Minnesota courtroom rendered a verdict in the trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd in May 2020. This evening, I offer prayers to the Floyd family and for all who have suffered because of the sin of racism and oppression. “This moment reminds us that the scourge of racism must continue to be addressed. The Catholic Church boldly proclaims that all human life is sacred and every human person is created in God’s image and likeness. In order to confront racism in our land and change hearts and minds, each one of us must take a deep look at ourselves. Racism comes in many forms. Sometimes it is deliberate – often it is subconscious – and at times it occurs when one fails to act when injustices occur.

“The words of Pope Francis from June 2020 challenge us to reflect upon core values of our Catholic faith, “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.”

## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

SATURDAY	APR.	24	4:00PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
SUNDAY	APR.	25	9:00AM	BOOTSIE & BOB GAFFNEY – OFFERED BY MAUREEN GAFFNEY JACK SNYDER – OFFERED BY NICK & PAT SHYSHUK
MONDAY	APR.	26	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
TUESDAY	APR.	27	8:00AM	ROBERT ZALEWSKI – OFFERED BY PAT WALL
WEDNESDAY	APR.	28	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
THURSDAY	APR.	29	8:00AM	LOIS WORONOWICZ – OFFERED BY THE VANDERVEKEN FAMILY
FRIDAY	APR.	30	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
SATURDAY	MAY	01	4:00PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
SUNDAY	MAY	02	9:00AM	MARIAN GREGALIS – OFFERED BY CAROLE & GEORGE KAMAGE ANNA VanAUKEN – OFFERED BY HER PARENTS

## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. APR. 24 &amp; SUN. APR. 25</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
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. MAY 01 &amp; SUN. MAY 02</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
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, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILIO, DICK & FLORENCE KELLY, MIKE HAMBURG, KAY NOREIKA, HARRIET McGARRIGLE, NATHAN REEVES, JOHN IRISH, PAULA VANDORICK, JOE DAVITT

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### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
THE WEEK OF APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> 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 APRIL 25, 2021

SATURDAY	APR.	24	5:00PM	CHARLES & DOROTHY KOVALCHICK – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
SUNDAY	APR.	25	7:30AM	JAMES HOVAN – OFFERED BY JOHN & MARGE HOVAN
			11:00AM	HELEN KALINOWSKI – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
MONDAY	APR.	26	7:00AM	ANDREW McMONEGLE – OFFERED BY ROSE LAYAOU
TUESDAY	APR.	27	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
WEDNESDAY	APR.	28	7:00AM	THOMAS HARDISKY – OFFERED BY HIS MOM & FAMILY
THURSDAY	APR.	29	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
FRIDAY	APR.	30	7:00AM	ANN BUNTON – OFFERED BY VINCENT & JOSETTE ABRUZZINI
SATURDAY	MAY	01	5:00PM	PATRICIA LYNCH SCATURRO – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SUNDAY	MAY	02	7:30AM	WALTER ZOLA – OFFERED BY THERESA ZOLA & FAMILY
			11:00AM	DANIEL HOLOD – OFFERED BY THE HOLOD FAMILY
				ELEANOR TEWKSBURY – OFFERED BY GARY & RUTH TEWKSBURY

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

	<u>SAT. APR. 24 &amp; SUN. APR. 25</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
<b>DEACON</b>					
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>					
<b>MINISTER(S)</b>		NONE	NONE	NO MASS	NONE
<b>LECTOR</b>		NONE	NONE		NONE
<b>ALTAR</b>					
<b>SERVER(S)</b>		NONE	NONE		NONE
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>		COLLECTION BASKET	COLLECTION BASKET		COLLECTION BASKET
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>					
	<u>SAT. MAY 01 &amp; SUN. MAY 02</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
<b>DEACON</b>					
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>					
<b>MINISTER(S)</b>		NONE	NONE	NO MASS	NONE
<b>LECTOR</b>		NONE	NONE		NONE
<b>ALTAR</b>					
<b>SERVER(S)</b>		NONE	NONE		NONE
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>		COLLECTION BASKET	COLLECTION BASKET		COLLECTION BASKET
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>					

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## NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)