

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



ST. MARY
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MAY 01-02, 2021



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FIFTH 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).**

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
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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 Fifth 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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Married couples who are celebrating their 25th or 50th 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 May are:

May 01-02

For **Peggy Finnegan** – we wish her many happy years in North Carolina, donated by her friends at Nativity BVM

May 08-09

In honor of **all nurses of Nativity BVM & St. Mary of the Lake**, donated by Paul Brown

May 15-16

Available

May 22-23

Available

May 29-30

Available

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

ONLINE OFFERTORY

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

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

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

ONLINE OFFERTORY



NOW AVAILABLE

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.**



**AFTERNOON PRAYERS
with DEACON RAY**
**Tuesday afternoon prayers
3:00PM @ St. Mary's Church**
All are welcome!

ONE DAY RETREAT

**SATURDAY, MAY 22
9:00AM – 4:00PM**

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR PADRE PIO
111 BARTO ROAD, BARTO, PA 19504
www.padrepio.org**

SPEAKERS

**FR. PIO MANDATO, FMHJ
SISTER THERESA MAY
OF THE CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH**

PRICE

\$75.00 includes lunch and beverages

SPONSORS

**Endless Mts. & Wyoming Valley
Retreat Leagues**

RESERVATIONS

**Call Chris Ciprich
(570)290-4464**

chris.ciprich@gmail.com

**Call Ed Bezdziecki
(570)899-0551**

bez226@yahoo.com

**2020 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of April 6th**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... **\$32,000.00**
PLEGGED:..... \$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**
PLEGGED:..... \$ 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**

WORD OF LIFE: "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"

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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)

HELP NEEDED

Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, 54 Warren Street in Tunkhannock is in need of an individual (or individuals) to pick up food at Weis Market and deliver it to the Kitchen beginning in June.



**When: Second Wednesday of the month
Time: Around 8:30AM (back of store)**

If you are able to help, please **contact Fr. Dennis (570-836-0188)**.

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.

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.

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 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 **up until 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.

NOTICE TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

The Fraternite 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 Fraternite 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.



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

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

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

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

God Bless all who serve or have served our country.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.*



REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the soul of **ROBERT C. HOPKINS**, father of St. Mary of the Lake parishioner Mike Hopkins, 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.



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) 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.

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."

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 21st.

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 1st and conclude it May 31st, the council 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.

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 25th 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.

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.

Your estate gift can support your parish or any of our Diocesan ministries such as Catholic Social Services, seminarian education, tuition assistance for Catholic School students, parish life and care for our retired clergy. Visit dioceseofscranton.org for the different gift options available to you.



LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM



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

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF MAY 02, 2021

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
MONDAY	MAY	03	7:00AM	ELEANOR TEWKSBURY – OFFERED BY GARY & RUTH TEWKSBURY DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRANCIS SAKOWSKI FAMILY – OFFERED BY ANNA HARDISKY & FAMILY
TUESDAY	MAY	04	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	MAY	05	7:00AM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ANDREW HARDISKY FAMILY – OFFERED BY ANNA HARDISKY & FAMILY
THURSDAY	MAY	06	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MAY	07	7:00AM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STANLEY KISZKA FAMILY – OFFERED BY ANNA HARDISKY & FAMILY
SATURDAY	MAY	08	5:00PM	GREGORY KANIA – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY
SUNDAY	MAY	09	7:30AM	FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS OF NATIVITY BVM PARISH
			11:00AM	FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS OF NATIVITY BVM PARISH

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. MAY 01 & SUN. MAY 02</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				
SERVER(S)	NONE	NONE		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS	COLLECTION BASKET	COLLECTION BASKET		COLLECTION BASKET
COLLECTION COUNTERS				
<u>SAT. MAY 08 & SUN. MAY 09</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				
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, TED BUNNELL, CURTIS, 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, EMMA BRODA, CARMEN BOLIN, JONATHAN STEFANICK, CAMILLE STEFANICK BERROCAL, MARI CLAIRE JONES, RICHARD MORYKON, AVA MASON, FLO TROWBRIDGE, TIA DERMCHACK, CURTIS EDWARDS, TIM HANNON, DOROTHY STODDARD, MARY LOU ANDES, SUSAN MORYKON, PATRICIA ANN CARR, FRANK LEE ALTOMARE, THERESA CAINES, STEVE BONCZEK, MIKE STEFANICK

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

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS AVAILABLE
TO BURN FOR YOUR INTENTION.
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YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekly Offerings \$

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF MAY 02, 2021

SATURDAY	MAY	01	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAY	02	9:00AM	MARIAN GREGALIS – OFFERED BY CAROLE & GEORGE KAMAGE ANNA VanAUKEN – OFFERED BY HER PARENTS
MONDAY	MAY	03	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	MAY	04	8:00AM	ELEANOR GRANDINETTI – OFFERED BY BETTY CZYMERYK
WEDNESDAY	MAY	05	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	MAY	06	8:00AM	EVELYN WATERS – OFFERED BY BILL WATERS
FRIDAY	MAY	07	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	MAY	08	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAY	09	9:00AM	FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS OF ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PARISH

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. MAY 01 & SUN. MAY 02</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. MAY 08 & SUN. MAY 9</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, 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 MAY 2nd FOR
MARYANN KASZUBA
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:
Weekly Offerings

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ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)