



MAY 08-09, 2021



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SIXTH 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
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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: 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 Sixth 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.



CONFIRMATION: The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Fr. Pat in **both of our parishes on Sunday, May 23rd (Pentecost).**

Attendance is limited due to the existing Covid-19 protocols. Please keep the participants in your prayers.

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.**

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).

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).

THE WALL THAT HEALS COMES TO TUNKHANNOCK



The Sheldon-Kukuchka Funeral Home, Inc. is leading the effort that will bring The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, to Tunkhannock on **May 13-16, 2021.** The exhibit will be on display at Tunkhannock Area Football Field and will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public.

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.

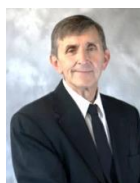
If you wish to contribute, go to our website, www.nativitystmary.org, and click on your parish, either Nativity or St. Mary, at the top of the home page. Then click on the name of your parish under "Donate Securely". We accept most major credit cards as well as ACH donations using your checking or savings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

PARISH 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.**

WORD OF LIFE: "O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"**



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
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(570)290-4464
chris.ciprich@gmail.com**

**Call Ed Bezdziecki
(570)899-0551
bez226@yahoo.com**

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.

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.

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-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

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.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SEVEN LOAVES SOUP KITCHEN

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.

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."

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.



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

BISHOP BAMBERA TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY ADOPTION MASS SUNDAY

The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate its annual Mother's Day Adoption Mass this Sunday, May 9th, at 10:00AM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. This liturgy prayerfully recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the principal celebrant.

The Mother's Day Adoption Mass is open to the public. No reservations are required. Attendees will be required to wear properly fitting face coverings and follow physical distancing protocols established by Saint Peter's Cathedral.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the Mass live. A livestream will also be provided on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

Pope Francis has said that humanity is "built on mothers" and that their love is a cure for a world, which is so often divided and filled with bitterness. On May 9th, please join us for the Mother's Day Adoption Mass as we pray for mothers, near and far, including Mary, Mother of the Church.

POPE TO INSTITUTE FORMAL 'MINISTRY OF CATECHIST'

While millions of laypeople around the world are recognized as catechists in their parish or diocese, Pope Francis is preparing to formally institute the "ministry of catechist."

The Vatican press office said May 5th that Pope Francis' apostolic letter "Antiquum Ministerium" ("Ancient Ministry"), instituting the ministry, would be released May 11th.

Pope Francis often has spoken of the importance of selecting, training and supporting catechists, who are called to lead people to a deeper relationship with Jesus, prepare them to receive the sacraments and educate them in the teachings of the church.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN MAY 15th & 16th

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of Catholic communications was extremely important. Many people have relied on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton for Daily and weekend Masses.

On the weekend of May 15 & 16, 2021, the Diocese of Scranton will hold its special collection in support of the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media.

The Catholic Communication Campaign helps people tell their stories of God's transformative mercy. By supporting the campaign, you participate in bringing these important stories to life!

PINTS WITH PRIESTS

05.26.21

YOUNG ADULTS 21 TO 40YRS OLD

Join us at 7:00pm and enjoy a pint of your favorite drink or ice cream and engage in spiritual & theological conversations with your peers and some priests!

Guests Priests: Fr. Alex Roche, Fr. Seth Wasnock, & Fr. Ryan Glenn

This is an online event - please email Shannon at shannon-kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org to receive the Zoom link

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 is 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 opened the monthlong prayer May 1st and will 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.

"There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it." **Chinese Proverb**

"All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." **Abraham Lincoln**

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, 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. 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.

HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2nd.

Other early Mother's Day pioneers include Juliet Calhoun Blakely, a temperance activist who inspired a local Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the 1870s. The duo of Mary Towles Sasseen and Frank Hering, meanwhile, both worked to organize a Mothers' Day in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some have even called Hering "the father of Mothers' Day."

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. Her version of the day involved wearing a white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church services. But once Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity.

While Jarvis had initially worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day's profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She outwardly denounced the transformation and urged people to

stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies.

Jarvis eventually resorted to an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers, speaking out against confectioners, florists and even charities. She also launched countless lawsuits against groups that had used the name "Mother's Day," eventually spending most of her personal wealth in legal fees. By the time of her death in 1948 Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even actively lobbied the government to see it removed from the American calendar.

While versions of Mother's Day are celebrated worldwide, traditions vary depending on the country. In Thailand, for example, Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit.

Another alternate observance of Mother's Day can be found in Ethiopia, where families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring motherhood.

In the United States, Mother's Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores.

At times, Mother's Day has also been a date for launching political or feminist causes. In 1968 Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., used Mother's Day to host a march in support of underprivileged women and children. In the 1970s women's groups also used the holiday as a time to highlight the need for equal rights and access to childcare.

Did you know? More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. These holiday chats with Mom often cause phone traffic to spike by as much as 37 percent.



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF MAY 09, 2021

SATURDAY	MAY	08	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAY	09	9:00AM	FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS OF ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PARISH
MONDAY	MAY	10	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	MAY	11	8:00AM	SUSAN ZALESKI – OFFERED BY ST. MARY'S DISCIPLES OF MARY
WEDNESDAY	MAY	12	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	MAY	13	8:00AM	COLLEEN ZDANIEWICZ – OFFERED BY ST. MARY'S DISCIPLES OF MARY
FRIDAY	MAY	14	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	MAY	15	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAY	16	9:00AM	JEFF RICHARDSON – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY MARYANN KASZUBA – OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. MAY 08 & SUN. MAY 09</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 15 & SUN. MAY 16</u>	 <u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	 <u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		NONE
LECTORS	NO MASS	NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)		NONE
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Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole who healed those who believed. Amen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

--- THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED, ESPECIALLY: LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, ELAINE HUG, CHASE RUSSELLO, AVA MASON, LYNN McGLYNN, BONNIE KILGANNON, RUSTY PERKINS, JULIA KAIFER, MICHELLE HUERBIN, JENNIFER BUNNELL, JOSEPH PIERCE, THELMA SHEBBY, EDD KILGANNON, AUDREY DAVIS, SHIRLEY ROCHA, DOT JOHNSON, JAMES DOUGHERTY, STACIE MAGNECZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, CAROLLYN DAVIS, LINDA ZALEWSKI, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, RON GORKO, KATIE PACKER, JONI JAMES, PETER POLINSKY, ANN SMITH, DELORES HEAGY, FRAN MOLLUSKY, PEARL PIERCE, BERNICE BURANICH, MARY PETERSEN, SUE MIGLIORI, 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

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

PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (570-378-2181) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING
THE WEEK OF MAY 9TH FOR
MARYANN KASZUBA
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekly Offerings \$

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)

MAY 23

CONFIRMATION 1:00PM