



**MAY 29-30, 2021**



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**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**



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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 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 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 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

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:** Please join me in sending prayerful congratulations to the 11 members of Nativity BVM's Confirmation class who received the sacrament of Confirmation this past Sunday. Thank you, Father Pat and

Deacon Ray, for your support. Also, a big thank you to Evelyn Lewis for the beautiful music! Tammy Nudo

#### 2021 Nativity BVM Confirmation Class

Hallie "Theresa" Brown	Maia "Maria" Burry
Sarah "Gemma" DeMarco	Kayla "Anne" Griffin
Molly "Cecilia" Keiser	Hannah "Cecilia" Milner
Taryn "Anastasia" Ostir	Kylie "Ann" Romanchick
Paige "Delphine" Travis	Nina "Nina" Williams
McKenzie Hannon	

Congratulations to the 2021 Confirmation Class of St. Mary of the Lake. Jen Sinker

#### 2021 St. Mary of the Lake Confirmation Class

Erin "Ann" Van Ness	Isaiah "Isidore" Williams
Anthony "Anthony" Williams	
Logan "Edmund" Zdaniewicz	



**MEMORIAL DAY MASSES:** We will celebrate Memorial Day Masses at both Pieta Cemetery and Fairview Cemetery on Memorial Day at 8:00AM. If the weather isn't conducive to being

outdoors, the Masses will be celebrated in both churches. All are invited and encouraged to participate in these Masses honoring our friends who are buried there.

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**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.

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.



#### **AFTERNOON PRAYERS with DEACON RAY**

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

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Nativity BVM Parish is the trustee of the Anne Keene Townsend Scholarship Fund. Any graduating senior who meets the basic requirements is eligible to receive a scholarship from this fund to help with his/her advanced education in any University, College or trade/vocational school.

High School Seniors (public, parochial, private or home-schooled) who are **registered and participating members of either Nativity BVM Church or St. Mary of the Lake Church** are invited to complete an application for this cash scholarship. **The application is available through the Parish Office. Call 570-836-3275 and one will be mailed to you.**

An essay on the topic "How has your faith carried you through this year?" should accompany the application.

**The application is due back in the parish office no later than 2:00PM on Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.** The scholarships will be awarded in July.

**PAROCHIAL PRIDE:** We wish to congratulate **Nativity BVM parishioner Jillian Landon and St. Mary of the Lake parishioner Ashley Kenia**, both of whom were named to the **Times-Tribune's Scholastic Superstars team** this week. They were the two representatives selected for this honor from Tunkhannock Area School District.

**Congratulations Jillian & Ashley – your parish community is proud of you!**

#### ONLINE OFFERTORY

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



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

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

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH WILL BE OPEN MORNINGS  
UNTIL 11:00AM FOR PRIVATE PRAYER  
AND VISITATION**

**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

For **all who have died from Covid-19** – offered by the Pro Life Committee

#### May 22-23

For **our Confirmation candidates** – offered by the Pro Life Committee

#### May 29-30

For **all deceased members of the Armed Forces** – offered by the Betts family

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

#### PIEROGIES

**Yes, the Wyoming County Fair is on (as of right now) and Yes, we are making pierogies to sell at the Fair! The Schedule is:**

**To Make the Pierogies - Wed. June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mon. June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**To Pack the Pierogies - Fri. June 4<sup>th</sup> and Wed, June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pinchers - please arrive at 9:00AM - light (pot luck) lunch will be available.**

**Any questions call Kathy Boehmer (570) 237-6487.**

**Any donations will be greatly appreciated to help with the costs. Thank you.**

**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.

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of St. Mary of the Lake parishioner (and Eucharistic Minister) **PETER POLINSKY**, 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.





THE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
Diocese of Scranton  
**VOCATIONS**  
John Yourishen Memorial Tournament  
**GOLF CLASSIC**

**MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**  
**CAPTAIN & CREW**

**BLUE RIDGE TRAIL GOLF CLUB**  
MOUNTAIN TOP, PA

10 AM - REGISTRATION  
11 AM - LUNCH  
NOON - SHOTGUN START



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Dinner Following Golf

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Our Future  
Priests

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[dioceseofscranton.org/vocations-golf](http://dioceseofscranton.org/vocations-golf)  
Call: 570-207-2250 • Text DOSGOLF to 41444

**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.**

**PARISH OFFICE OPEN:** Our Parish Office is open from 9:00AM to 2:00PM daily. When you arrive, please ring the bell to the right of the door and someone will greet you.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**  
to everyone who supported St. Mary's candy sale. Without the community's support, we couldn't have done this.

First, we thank Fr. Pat for his unwavering trust in us. Then, there are so many people who went that extra mile that we need to thank: **Loretta Kenia**, the backbone of the candy making; **Dorothy Trauger** and **Diana Noreika** for their expert dipping skills; **Janet & Bill Shaw** who helped every week generating sales and delivering to those in need; **Pat Wall, Ann Marie Gorko** and **Ellie Dougherty** for weighing, molding and bagging; **the ladies from the Methodist Church** who came every week with helping hands; **Sue Barziloski, Diane Stone** and **Ruth Tewksbury** from Nativity BVM for all their help. **If we forgot anyone, please don't take offense.**

We raised \$10,000.00 and kept cost down to \$1,300.00 with workers donating many items. Again, thank you to everyone. **Theresa Z. and Patti Z.**

**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)**

**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).

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** 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.



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

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
 LT CHELSEA ZWICKER – U.S. NAVY

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**WHAT IS THE MEANING**  
**OF MEMORIAL DAY?**

Since the earliest ceremonies in small American towns following the Civil War, we have gathered on Memorial Day to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. As in those early days of laying wreaths and placing flags, our national day of remembrance is often

felt most deeply among the families and communities who have personally lost friends and loved ones.

This national holiday may also be the unofficial start of the summer season, but all Americans must take a moment to remember the sacrifice of our valiant military service members, first responders and their families. Memorial Day is a day of both celebration and grief, accounting for the honor of our heroes and reflecting on their tragic loss.

Civil War soldiers had been mustered from towns and villages across the land. Like today, the loss of each soldier was a profound tragedy for both family and community.

Today, we honor service members from all of America's past wars. But there is immediacy in our sorrow; the wounds of war are new again. As we struggle for ways to heal, Abraham Lincoln's message of almost 150 years ago can still inspire us. This, then, is the mission of Memorial Day: to reach out in support of all the soldiers and their families who have sacrificed so much for us.

Throughout America's history, hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens have died bravely serving our country. The number of battle deaths speak to the sacrifices our soldiers and their families have made.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern. ... Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 "Live the Gospel of Life"

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 & ALSO IN FR. NALLIN HALL

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The greatest dogma of the Christian faith is the mystery of the Holy Trinity. (Mystery, in this connection, means a supernatural fact revealed by God which in itself transcends the natural power of human reasoning.) During the first thousand years of Christianity there was no special feast celebrated in honor of this mystery, but, as Pope Alexander II (1073) declared, every day of the liturgical year was devoted to the honor and adoration of the Sacred Trinity.

However, to counteract the Arian heresy, which denied the fullness of divinity to the Son, a special Mass text in honor of the Holy Trinity was introduced and incorporated in the Roman liturgical books. This Mass was not assigned for a definite day but could be used on certain Sundays according to the private devotion of each priest. (Such Mass texts which are not prescribed but open to choice on certain days are now known as "votive Masses.") From the ninth century on, various bishops of the Frankish kingdoms promoted in their own dioceses a special feast of the Holy Trinity, usually on the Sunday after Pentecost. They used a Mass text that Abbot Alcuin (804) is said to have composed.

Thus the custom of observing a special feast in honor of the Trinity became increasingly popular in the northern countries of Europe. Several synods prescribed it for their respective territories in France, Germany, England, and The Netherlands. In the thirteenth century the orders of the Benedictines and Cistercians adopted the annual celebration of the feast. It was kept on different Sundays in different places, until in 1334 Pope John XXII accepted the festival into the official calendar of the Western Church and ordered that henceforth it should be held everywhere on the Sunday after Pentecost.

A new Mass text was written and published. It is interesting to note that the beautiful Preface of the Trinity as read today is the same one that appeared in the first text of the Sacramentary of Saint Gregory the Great. Most of the other prayers are of later origin. The Divine Office in its present form was arranged under Pope Saint Pius V (1572). It is one of the most sublime offices of the breviary.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity now belongs among the great annual festivals of Christianity. Although it is not observed with additional liturgical services outside the Mass, its celebration quickly took root in the hearts and minds of the faithful, and in all countries of Europe popular traditions are closely associated with this feast.

The making of the sign of the cross, which professes faith both in the redemption of Christ and in the Trinity, was practiced from the earliest centuries. Saint Augustine (431) mentioned and described it many times in his sermons and letters. In those days Christians made the sign of the cross (Redemption) with three fingers (Trinity) on their foreheads. The

words ("In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost") were added later. Almost two hundred years before Augustine, in the third century, Tertullian had already reported this touching and beautiful early Christian practice:

*In all our undertakings — when we enter a place or leave it; before we dress; before we bathe; when we take our meals; when we light the lamps in the evening; before we retire at night; when we sit down to read; before each new task — we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads.*

During the first centuries of the Christian era the Holy Trinity was sometimes represented in paintings by three young men of identical shape and looks. By the sixth century, however, it had become an accepted practice that only the Father and Son should be shown in human form; the Holy Spirit is represented by the figure of a dove.

In medieval times there were many imaginative and symbolic pictures, as well as designs, to indicate the great mystery of the faith. The Church has not officially accepted any of them, has tolerated some, forbidden others.

One of the best-known symbols of this kind is the trefoil (shamrock). A second plant to which this symbolism is attached is the pansy (*viola tricolor*), which even today is called "Trinity flower" in many parts of Europe. In Puerto Rico a delicately perfumed white flower with three petals is called *Trinitaria*. Another symbol is the figure of a triangle (Trinity) surrounded by rays (divinity) with the picture of an eye inside the triangle (omniscience and providence). This design became very popular and may be found all over Europe in homes, on wayside shrines, and even in churches. An interesting version of this symbol may be seen in the Great Seal of the United States (reproduced on every one-dollar bill).

Whatever the weather on Trinity Sunday, it is said to be good and wholesome. "Trinity rain" is credited with special powers of health and fertility. Ghosts and witches are prevented from doing harm. Magic flowers blossom at midnight bestowing on their finders all kinds of miraculous benefits like the healing of diseases, discovery of hidden treasures, protection against accidents, and freedom from pain for the rest of the year.

On the other hand, in popular fantasy the neglect or desecration of this great Sunday is punished with dire misfortune. Those who refuse to attend service or who do menial work will suffer sickness, accidents, or even death within the year. Any work with metal instruments (including sewing needles) will bring the additional punishment of drawing lightning upon the house for the rest of the season. This superstition derives (as does that of Ascension Day) from the ancient lore of the death demons roaming the earth at this season of the year.





## DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**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.

*"This is the day we pay homage to all those who didn't come home. This is not Veterans Day, it's not a celebration, it is a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom."*

**Tamra Bolton**

## Freedom Isn't Free

By Kelly Strong

I watched the flag pass by one day,  
It fluttered in the breeze;  
A young Marine saluted it,  
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform,  
So young, so tall, so proud;  
With hair cut square and eyes alert,  
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought . . . how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years?  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down  
How many died at sea  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves  
No, Freedom is not Free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night,  
When everything was still;  
I listened to the bugler play,  
And felt a sudden chill;

I wondered just how many times  
That Taps had meant "Amen"  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend;

I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands.  
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea,  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No. Freedom is not Free!

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### 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)**.

**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).

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021**

SATURDAY	MAY	29	5:00PM	LILLIAN JURISTA – OFFERED BY THE BUFFINGTON & KEISER FAMILIES
SUNDAY	MAY	30	7:30AM	SHARON COSGROVE – OFFERED BY WAYNE & MARGE KRAUSE
			11:00AM	ALICE CARR – OFFERED BY RITA EDWARDS
MONDAY	MAY	31	<b>8:00AM</b>	LUCY GRABNER – OFFERED BY CARL GRABNER & FAMILY
TUESDAY	JUNE	01	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
WEDNESDAY	JUNE	02	7:00AM	ANNE SCHAEFER – OFFERED BY JIM WARGO
THURSDAY	JUNE	03	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
FRIDAY	JUNE	04	7:00AM	FRANK GORE SR. – OFFERED BY THE MIRABELLI FAMILY
SATURDAY	JUNE	05	5:00PM	CHESTER WIKOSKI – OFFERED BY WAYNE & PAULA WIKOSKI
SUNDAY	JUNE	06	7:30AM	DOROTHY & CHARLES KOVALCHICK – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
			11:00AM	PAT HARAN – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

<b>SAT. MAY 29 &amp; SUN. MAY 30</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
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				
<b>SAT. JUNE 05 &amp; SUN. JUNE 06</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
DEACON				
EUCCHARISTIC				
MINISTER(S)	NONE	NONE	NO MASS	NONE
LECTOR	NONE	NONE		NONE
ALTAR				
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**YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

Weekly Offerings \$

**NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR**

**MAY 31**

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS @ PIETA CEMETERY**

**JUNE 05**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 11:00AM**



## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

SATURDAY	MAY	29	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAY	30	9:00AM	COLLEEN ZDANIEWICZ – OFFERED BY ST. MARY'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
MONDAY	MAY	31	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>DECEASED PARISHIONERS &amp; FRIENDS AT FAIRVIEW CEMETERY</b>
TUESDAY	JUNE	01	8:00AM	PETER POLINSKY – OFFERED BY PAT WALL
WEDNESDAY	JUNE	02	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
THURSDAY	JUNE	03	8:00AM	CARMEN PIERCE – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER
FRIDAY	JUNE	04	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
SATURDAY	JUNE	05	4:00PM	<b>NO MASS</b>
SUNDAY	JUNE	06	9:00AM	SEAN MURPHY – OFFERED BY ROBERT & ANN MARIE FARLEY SHIRLEY PRICE – OFFERED BY TERRY & DEBBIE OSBORNE

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<u>SAT. MAY 29 &amp; SUN. MAY 30</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		
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DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		NONE
LECTORS	NO MASS	NONE
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**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
 THE WEEK OF MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**MARYANN KASZUBA**  
 OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

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## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

**MAY 31 MEMORIAL DAY MASS @ FAIRVIEW CEMETERY**