



JUNE 05-06, 2021

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)



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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 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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MASS SCHEDULE

Nativity BVM

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	7:00AM
Saturday	5:00PM
Sunday	7:30AM & 11:00AM
<u>St. Mary of the Lake</u>	
Tuesday & Thursday	8:00AM
Sunday	9:00AM

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 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 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.

DRIVE-IN MASS

Drive-In Mass is available in the parking lot at Nativity BVM and St. Mary of the Lake! **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. Receptacles for donations will be located in the parking lot.

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 June are:

June 05-06

For **Chester Wikoski** – offered by Wayne & Paula Wikoski

June 12-13

For **Walter Zola** – offered by Peggy Finnegan

June 19-20

For **Frank & Mary Kozielski** – offered by Mary Ann Brown & children

June 26-27

Available

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

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

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 - Monday June 7th

To Pack the Pierogies - Wednesday June 9th

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.

BASKETS GALORE

St. Mary's basket raffle (our largest fundraiser of the year) will again be featured at the Wyoming County Fair. Patti Zaleski has volunteered to manage this effort this year and we thank her for taking on that responsibility. **Much help will be necessary to make a good showing at the Fair and we are asking for your help. Please contact Patti (570-280-6168) if you can work at the Fair or would like to donate a basket.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to the following Nativity BVM children who received their First Holy Communion this Saturday:

Alexandria Callahan

Caitlin Cahill

Carter Henfling

Gabriella Kuffa

Lillian Lybolt

Lila Pasko

Isabella Poirier

Ava Rowe

Avery Sechrist

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 29th. The scholarships will be awarded in July.

WORD OF LIFE: "Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation"



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

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.

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.**

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)**

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.

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.

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.*



"The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four people is suffering from a mental illness. Look at your 3 best friends. If they're ok, then it's you."

— Rita Mae Brown

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. 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.

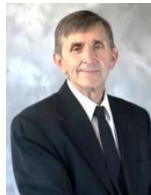


MILITARY HONOR ROLL
PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

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

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

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).



AFTERNOON PRAYERS with DEACON RAY

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

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.

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR? It is a wonderful honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation.

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.



LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM



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

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



The **Feast of Corpus Christi** ('Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ the Lord'), also known as the **Solemnity of the Most**

Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Catholic and Anglican liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist. Two months earlier, the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper is observed on Maundy Thursday in a somber atmosphere leading to Good Friday. The liturgy on that day also commemorates Christ's washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the priesthood and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Having recognized the authenticity of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena on input of Aquinas, in 1264, the pontiff, then living in Orvieto, established the feast of Corpus Christi as a Solemnity and extended it to the whole Roman Catholic Church.

The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or, "where the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is not a holy day of obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity as its proper day".

At the end of Holy Mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, generally displayed in a monstrance. The procession is followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A notable Eucharistic procession is that presided over by the Pope each year in Rome, where it begins at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and passes to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, where it concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The celebration of the feast was suppressed in Protestant churches during the Reformation for theological reasons: outside Lutheranism, which maintained the confession of the Real Presence, many Protestants denied the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist other than as a merely symbolic or spiritual presence. Today, most Protestant denominations do not recognize the feast day. The Church of England abolished it in 1548 as the English Reformation progressed, but later reintroduced it. Most Anglican churches now observe Corpus Christi, sometimes under the name "Thanksgiving for Holy Communion".

The feast of Corpus Christi is one of five occasions in the year on which a diocesan bishop is not to be away from his diocese unless for a grave and urgent reason.

In many countries, the day is a holy day of obligation to participate in the celebration of Mass and takes place on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. On that day or on the following Sunday, which is the feast day where it is not a holy day of obligation, it is traditional to hold in the streets of a town or in an individual parish a procession with prayers and singing to honor the Blessed Sacrament. During the procession, the consecrated host is displayed in a monstrance held aloft by a member of the clergy. At the end of the procession, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is imparted.

U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Chairman Reacts to President's Removal Of The Hyde Amendment

WASHINGTON— After the Biden Administration released its federal budget proposal [today], Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, expressed deep concerns about its proposal to eliminate the Hyde Amendment and some related pro-life provisions. The Hyde Amendment, which has been in effect since 1976 with bipartisan support prohibits the use of federal funds for abortion, except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. Archbishop Naumann called on Congress to preserve it and "to work toward a budget that truly builds up the common good of all."

His full statement follows:

"No member of our great nation is weaker, more vulnerable, or less protected, than the child in the womb. There are aspects to President Biden's budget proposal that will assist vulnerable people. However, Congress must reject the Administration's proposal to subsidize the deaths of unborn children. For nearly half a century, the Hyde Amendment and related provisions have protected taxpayers from funding most abortions. These policies have broad support from Democrats and Republicans. They have been enacted and signed into law by congresses and presidents of both political parties and have been broadly supported by the majority of low-income women, including women of color.

"Taxpayer-funded abortion represents a failure to serve women in their maternity by funding despair and death instead of hope and life. All women deserve the resources to enable them to fully care for and nurture their baby, to welcome them in a loving, stable environment. These resources would be far better spent supporting women in crisis pregnancies and struggling new mothers so that no woman ever feels economic pressure to have an abortion.

"I call on all government leaders to work toward a budget that truly builds up the common good of all. This should include the many proposals in the President's budget submission that seek to protect vulnerable people. And it must also preserve the Hyde Amendment and related provisions which have protected millions of unborn babies, and mothers in difficult circumstances, from the tragedy of abortion."

"Reader, suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself."

— Mark Twain

FAITHFUL INVITED TO RETURN TO THE EUCHARIST

SCRANTON – On May 14, 2021, the Diocese of Scranton issued revised guidelines concerning the celebration of public Masses in all of its 11 counties. The changes come after the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention announced on May 13 that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or keep physical distancing in most settings. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopted these recommendations the same day. “The health and safety of our communities continues to be of paramount importance. Given the recent positive trends and widespread vaccinations, we are happy to announce numerous changes that can begin immediately in parishes,” Bishop Joseph C. Bambera said in a message to pastors announcing the changes. “As we have all come to realize over the last 14 months, guidelines can change very quickly. I want to express my gratitude to everyone for their flexibility and hard work in putting the changing directives into effect.” The Diocese of Scranton invites those who have not yet returned to Mass to rejoin us in person to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life. Many pastors are reporting an increase in the number of people who are returning to Mass in person now that they have been vaccinated. **It is essential for the public to be aware that even as restrictions are being eased, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses remains in place in the Diocese of Scranton.**

UPDATED PROTOCOLS: A full listing of the new guidelines for the celebration of public Masses in the Diocese of Scranton can be found on the Diocese of Scranton's website. Some of the significant changes include:

- Individuals who are fully vaccinated from COVID-19 are not required to wear masks while attending Mass or receiving Holy Communion. Fully vaccinated individuals are welcome to continue wearing masks at Mass if desired for personal protection and/or comfort.
- Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks while attending Mass. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask while receiving Holy Communion but may briefly remove the mask in order to consume the Sacred Host.
- Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are still required to wear a face mask during the Distribution of Holy Communion at this time – even if they have been fully vaccinated. This precautionary measure is due to the wide-ranging vaccination rates currently among the 11 counties that make up the Diocese of Scranton.
- Every parish must post signage in any entrance areas stating that anyone who is not fully vaccinated is expected to wear a mask and

anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should not enter.

- Parishes must make an announcement at the beginning of Mass that anyone who is not fully vaccinated is expected to wear a mask.
- Pews no longer need to be marked for physical distancing. Parishes should remind the faithful to continue maximizing the use of space as much as possible.

PRAYER IS SOURCE OF STRENGTH IN DARKEST TIMES, POPE SAYS AT AUDIENCE

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Christians can rest assured that in moments of trial, suffering or even sin, Jesus is interceding for them before God, Pope Francis said.

“Even if our prayers were only mutterings, if they were compromised by a wavering faith, we must never stop trusting in him,” the pope said June 2 during his weekly general audience.

“Don't forget: ‘Jesus is praying for me,’” he said. “In the moment of trial, in the moment of sin, even in that moment, Jesus with so much love is praying for me.”

Arriving in the San Damaso Courtyard of the Apostolic Palace, the pope spent some time greeting pilgrims, blessing children and religious articles.

Continuing his series of talks on prayer, the pope reflected on how prayer was fundamental to Christ and his mission, especially when it came to choosing his disciples.

Recalling St. Luke's account of Jesus praying the day before he chose his disciples, the pope said that “judging from how those men were to behave, it would seem that the choice was not the best because they all fled, they left him alone before the Passion.”

However, “it is precisely this — especially the presence of Judas, the future traitor — that demonstrates that those names were inscribed in God's plan,” he said.

Jesus' moments of prayer on behalf of his disciples, especially for Peter who would deny Christ, were an act of love that showed that even in times of failure, “the love of Jesus does not stop,” the pope continued.

“Jesus' love and prayer for each of us does not stop, indeed it becomes more intense, and we are at the center of his prayer!” Pope Francis said. “We must always remember this: Jesus is praying for me; he is praying now before the Father and he is showing him the wounds he bore, so that the Father can see the price of our salvation; it is the love that he has for us.”

Reflecting on other moments in the Gospels, including Peter's profession of faith and the Transfiguration, the pope noted that the “great turning points of Jesus' mission are always preceded by prayer.”

Jesus, he added, “not only wants us to pray as he prays, but assures us that, even if our attempts at prayer are completely useless and ineffective, we can always count on his prayer.”

Departing from his prepared remarks, the pope recalled a bishop who told him that during a time of great trial, he looked up in St. Peter's Basilica and saw Jesus' words at the Last Supper: “I have prayed for you, Peter.”

“That gave him strength and comfort,” the pope said. “And this happens every time any of us knows that Jesus is praying for him or her. Jesus prays for us. Right now, in this moment.”

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. — **Psalm 23:1**

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF JUNE 06, 2021

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
MONDAY	JUNE	07	7:00AM	BONNIE PREVOST – OFFERED BY RUTH ALTEMUS
TUESDAY	JUNE	08	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	JUNE	09	7:00AM	BOOTSIE GOWARTY – OFFERED BY GEORGE & ELLIE DOUGHERTY
THURSDAY	JUNE	10	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	JUNE	11	7:00AM	TRUDY FISK – OFFERED BY BARBARA STAWINSKY
SATURDAY	JUNE	12	5:00PM	ROGER BETTS – OFFERED BY HEATHER BETTS
SUNDAY	JUNE	13	7:30AM	WALTER ZOLA – OFFERED BY THERESA ZOLA & FAMILY
			11:00AM	ALICE CARR – OFFERED BY LYLE & GRACE STURDEVANT

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. JUN 05 & SUN. JUN 06</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. JUN 12 & SUN. JUN 13</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

**IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE WILL BE RE-TYPING THE PRAYER INTENTION SECTION.
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WANT THE NAME OR NAMES ON OUR PRESENT LIST
TO BE KEPT ON THE LIST. WE WILL BE STARTING A NEW LIST IN A FEW WEEKS. THANK YOU!**

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

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NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

JUNE 05 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 11:00AM

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF JUNE 06, 2021

SATURDAY	JUNE	05	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	JUNE	06	9:00AM	SEAN MURPHY – OFFERED BY ROBERT & ANN MARIE FARLEY SHIRLEY PRICE – OFFERED BY TERRY & DEBBIE OSBORNE
MONDAY	MAY	31	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	JUNE	01	8:00AM	FR. JACK CONNOR – OFFERED BY DON & CAROL AMES
WEDNESDAY	JUNE	02	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	JUNE	03	8:00AM	SANFORD & HELEN VANDERVEKEN – OFFERED BY THE VANDERVEKEN FAMILY
FRIDAY	JUNE	04	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	JUNE	05	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	JUNE	06	9:00AM	VINCE & ADELE SYLVESTER – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. JUN 05 & SUN. JUN 06	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		NONE
LECTORS	NO MASS	NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)		NONE
USHERS		NONE
GREETERS		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS		COLLECTION BASKET
COLLECTION COUNTERS		
SAT. JUN 12 & SUN. JUN 13	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		NONE
LECTORS	NO MASS	NONE
ALTAR SERVER(S)		NONE
USHERS		NONE
GREETERS		NONE
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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING
THE WEEK OF JUNE 6TH FOR
MARYANN KASZUBA
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

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