



## JULY 03-04, 2021



**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 5:00PM**

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

**Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair**

**Finance Council: Chris DeMarco, Chair**

**Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Pastor**  
**Deacon Raymond A. Pieretti, Pastoral Associate**  
**Rev. Dennis Bajkowski (Ret.)**

**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.

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE**  
 1872 DALTON ROAD  
 P.O. BOX 1  
 LAKE WINOLA, PA 18625  
 (570) 378-2181

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:**

**Sunday: 9:00AM**

**Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair**

**Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair**

**Parish Office: Fr. Nallin Hall, Tunkhannock**  
**Business Manager: Dick Schwoebel (570)677-7634**  
**Secretary: Diane Stone / Ruth Tewksbury**  
**Office hours: 9:00AM – 2:00PM**

**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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**REVISED MASS SCHEDULE  
EFFECTIVE ON THE WEEKEND OF JULY 03-04**

**Nativity BVM**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday** 7:00AM  
**Saturday** 5:00PM  
**Sunday** 7:30AM, 9:00AM  
 & 11:00AM

**St. Mary of the Lake**

**Tuesday & Thursday** 8:00AM  
**Saturday** 4:00PM  
**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 Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time 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**

For **Lisa Huffsmith** – offered by Luke & Sam Casterline

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



**St. Mary of the Lake  
Bake Sale  
Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
following the 4:00PM Mass  
Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
following the 9:00AM Mass**

**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) or Ellen Wengen (570-378-2014) if you can work at the Fair or will donate a basket.**

**AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS AND LECTORS:** Please let us know when you can come back to your ministries for Mass. As we are starting back to a regular schedule, we have started "sign up" lists located in the front vestibule of the church. Please use these schedules to let us know when you are available. Thank you.

**Father Pat**



Seven Loaves Kitchen is in need of an individual to pick up baked goods and occasionally dairy products every second

Wednesday of the month and deliver them to the Seven Loaves Kitchen on Warren Street in Tunkhannock. Please call Fr. Dennis at (570) 836-0188 if you would like to help. The pickup time is around 8:30AM. Thank you.

**Fr. Dennis**

**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 [saintnativity@gmail.com](mailto:saintnativity@gmail.com).

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

**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.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "O God our creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
"Prayer for Religious Liberty"**

**Free country line dance lessons for adults**  
**Wednesday nights starting July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 to 8:30PM**  
**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](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.

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.

**PARISH FINANCES: Management of our parish resources is conservative by nature and we are weathering the impact of Covid-19 on our finances. 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 many 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.**

**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).



**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).

**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.



**AFTERNOON PRAYERS  
with DEACON RAY**

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

**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.



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



## 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.



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



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

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 DILONE – 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.A.F.  
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  
COL. CRAIG KEYES – U.S.A.F.

### **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.**





**Diocese of Scranton**  
**Guidelines for Public Masses During the**  
**COVID-19 Pandemic**  
**Effective June 28, 2021**

**MASK GUIDANCE FOR MASSES**

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health ended its mask mandate as of Monday, June 28, 2021. People who are not vaccinated from COVID-19, or are not fully vaccinated, are still strongly encouraged to wear masks indoors and outdoors when around others but are no longer required to do so. This means that in the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Scranton, there is no requirement for face coverings or masks.
- Any individual is welcome to continue wearing masks at Mass if desired for personal protection and/or comfort. People are asked to be respectful of a person's choice to wear a face covering or mask in churches throughout the Diocese of Scranton.
- Given the wide range of vaccination rates among the 11 counties that make up the Diocese of Scranton, a pastor can still elect to wear a face mask during the Distribution of Holy Communion.
- Parishioners who have a pre-existing medical condition or are taking medications that weaken the immune system, should talk to their healthcare provider to discuss their activities. They may need/want to continue wearing masks and taking precautions while attending Mass.
- Parishes can post signs encouraging the use of face masks by the unvaccinated and those who are particularly vulnerable.
- At no time should church leaders demand information about vaccination status (or any other protected health information), request vaccination cards be shown on admittance, or pressure attendees in any way to show proof of vaccination. When in doubt, parishes should continue to plan their gatherings with the caution that some participants may be unvaccinated.

**OTHER IMPORTANT MASS PROTOCOLS AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

- 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.
- Hand sanitizer is to be made available throughout the church as much as possible.
- It is encouraged that the Sign of Peace be celebrated without physical contact.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.
- Deacons may exercise the full function of their ministry.

- With parental permission, altar servers may assist at Mass once again. Pastors should exercise great care if using altar servers and may not necessarily have them perform all of their prior responsibilities. For example, at their discretion, a pastor may continue to use a stand to hold the *Roman Missal* to pray the orations if there might be a chance for an "unmasked" interaction.
- Liturgical singing can take place without any restrictions. Cantors, quartets and choirs may be used without any restrictions.
- At the discretion of the pastor, Holy Water fonts may be refilled and utilized. Additional attention must be paid to refresh and clean these receptacles on a regular basis. Daily cleansing would be the optimal schedule.
- Hymnals and missalettes can be returned to the pews. At the discretion of the pastor, parishes can continue to utilize printed worship aids for one-time use.
- At the discretion of the pastor, offertory collections and the Presentation of the Gifts may resume in a more customary fashion. For collections, ushers are encouraged to use baskets during any collections. Parishes can continue to use a stationary, secured basket or lock box.
- Parishes should clean and disinfect surfaces at least daily. Parishes should continue to be mindful of high-touch surfaces, including door handles, railings and bathrooms and should develop a schedule of routine cleaning and disinfection for such.
- Each parish should ensure that ventilation systems operate properly. As is feasible, parishes should continue to ensure adequate fresh air supply for all facilities and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors. Do not open windows and doors if they pose a safety risk to children using the facility.
- Attention should continue to be paid to the length of any liturgy, considering options, especially those provided by the *Roman Missal*, to shorten the duration that the faithful will be gathered in church.
- Outdoor Masses are still permitted.
- **While ongoing progress is being made to address the spread of COVID-19 with vaccinations, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses on Holy Days remains suspended at this time.** Every parish is encouraged to continue welcoming the faithful back to Church in earnest.

**RETROUVAILLE:** Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. If you are thinking about, or already are, separated or divorced, there could still be hope for you. For confidential information about the program, please call 631-338-5413 or 570-207-2213, or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Independence Day** (colloquially the **Fourth of July** or **July 4**) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration to remove its vigorous denunciation of the slave trade, finally approving it two days later on July 4. Jefferson had written the following indictment against King George III:

*He has waged cruel war against human nature itself, violating it's most sacred rights of life and liberty in the persons of a distant people who never offended him, captivating and carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere, or to incur miserable death in their transportation hither. this piratical warfare, the opprobrium of infidel powers, is the warfare of the Christian king of Great Britain. **determined to keep open a market where MEN should be bought and sold**, he has prostituted his negative for suppressing every legislative attempt to prohibit or to restrain this execrable commerce **determining to keep open a market where MEN should be bought and sold**: and that this assemblage of horrors might want no fact of distinguished die, he is now exciting those very people to rise in arms among us, and to purchase that liberty of which he had deprived them, by murdering the people upon whom he also obtruded them: thus paying off former crimes committed against the liberties of one people, with*

*crimes which he urges them to commit against the lives of another.*

A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail: the second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

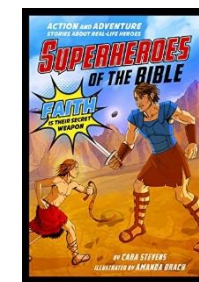
Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration, Jefferson even mentioning the fact. Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as president, also died on July 4, 1831, making him the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. The only U.S. president to have been born on Independence Day was Calvin Coolidge, who was born on July 4, 1872.

## VBS 2021

### "Superheroes of the Bible"

We will be providing an online Vacation Bible School again this year for students ages K-6. One lesson will be released each week during the month of July. Each week will include different Bible stories, videos, crafts, activities & songs.



To register and receive your supply kit, please contact Jessica Fiore at [jessica4lake@gmail.com](mailto:jessica4lake@gmail.com) or 570-240-0195.



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**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF JULY 04, 2021**

SATURDAY	JULY	03	5:00PM	BERNARD MARTIN SR. – OFFERED BY GARY & JOAN STEPHENS
SUNDAY	JULY	04	7:30AM	JOSEPH MITCHELL – OFFERED BY CAROL & TOM GERZAROWSKI
			9:00AM	GOOD HEALTH FOR FR. RIC POLMOUNTER – OFFERED BY NATIVITY BVM PARISH
			11:00AM	JACK PASTERNAK SR. – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
MONDAY	JULY	05	7:00AM	DUTCHIE SHALATA – OFFERED BY ANN EASTMAN
TUESDAY	JULY	06	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
WEDNESDAY	JULY	07	7:00AM	HEALTH & BLESSING FOR LINDA RUEHLMAN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
THURSDAY	JULY	08	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
FRIDAY	JULY	09	7:00AM	GENNIE ROBINSON – OFFERED BY PAT WARNER
SATURDAY	JULY	10	5:00PM	PATRICIA SCATURRO – OFFERED BY DIANE M. PAUTLER
SUNDAY	JULY	11	7:30AM	JOSEPHINE WRONA – OFFERED BY CAROL & CHARLES KUFFA
			9:00AM	JACK PASTERNAK SR. – OFFERED BY FRAN MOLLUSKY
			11:00AM	FLORENCE CHINTALLA – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

<u>SAT. JUL 03 &amp; SUN. JUL 04 SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>		<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
<b>DEACON</b>				
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>				
MINISTER(S)	NONE	NONE	NO MASS	NONE
LECTOR	NONE	NONE		NONE
<b>ALTAR</b>				
SERVER(S)	NONE	NONE		NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS	COLLECTION BASKET	COLLECTION BASKET		COLLECTION BASKET
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>				
<u>SAT. JUL 10 &amp; SUN. JUL 11 SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>		<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
<b>DEACON</b>				
<b>EUCCHARISTIC</b>				
MINISTER(S)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
LECTOR	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>ALTAR</b>				
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----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ) AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.

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**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
THE WEEK OF JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**DOMIMIC GRANDINETTI**  
OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

Weekly Offerings \$

**NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR**

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF JULY 04, 2021**

SATURDAY	JULY	03	4:00PM	GOOD HEALTH FOR FR. RIC POLMOUNTER – OFFERED BY ST. MARY'S SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY
SUNDAY	JULY	04	9:00AM	TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY PAT WALL
MONDAY	JULY	05	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
TUESDAY	JULY	06	8:00AM	PETER POLINSKY – OFFERED BY THE PIERETTI FAMILY
WEDNESDAY	JULY	07	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
THURSDAY	JULY	08	8:00AM	ANNA VAN AUKEN – OFFERED BY JOAN POWELL
FRIDAY	JULY	09	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
SATURDAY	JULY	10	4:00PM	BOOTSIE GAFFNEY – OFFERED BY MAUREEN GAFFNEY
SUNDAY	JULY	11	9:00AM	JOHN HAMBURG – OFFERED BY CAROLE & RANDY GREENIP

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DEACON		
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MINISTER(S)	NONE	NONE
LECTORS	NONE	NONE
ALTAR		
SERVER(S)	NONE	NONE
USHERS	NONE	NONE
GREETERS	NONE	NONE
OFFERTORY GIFTS	COLLECTION BASKET	COLLECTION BASKET
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