

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

NATIVITY
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TUNKHANNOCK, PA



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LAKE WINOLA, PA

OCTOBER 02-03, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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).**

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

www.nativitystmary.org
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 Twenty-Seventh 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 October are:

October 02-03

In memory of **Frank Kozielski** – offered by Mary Ann Brown & Children

October 09-10

In memory of **Joseph Finnegan** – offered by Peggy Finnegan

October 16-17

In memory of **Sandy Viczorek** – offered by Peggy Finnegan

October 23-24

For **all of our blessings**

October 30-31

Health & healing for **Emily Corsky** – offered by Peggy Finnegan

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

MASK PROTOCOL FOR MASS: Now that we are all fully back celebrating the Mass together and Wyoming County continues to experience increasing Covid-19 diagnoses, **we ask that all attendees at Mass, whether or not fully vaccinated, wear a face mask in church in consideration of all fellow attendees. Masks may be removed when receiving communion.**

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: October is Respect Life Month and the first Sunday in October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. **The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will celebrate Respect Life Sunday Mass this Sunday, October 3rd at 10:00AM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.** The Mass is open to the public.

BIRTHRIGHT SUNDAY

St. Mary of the Lake will celebrate BirthRight Sunday this weekend, October 2nd and 3rd. A basket will be available for donations and will continue for the entire month of October.

Diapers, blankets, onesies and any other baby needs (Exception: no wipes). Please be generous to our unborn and little ones.

2021-22 CCD PROGRAM

Both of our parishes are offering in-person CCD classes this year. All proper precautions for the safety of our children and teachers, including the wearing of masks by all attendees, are being observed.

Registration forms for both parishes are available online at <https://nativitystmary.org/> and in the vestibules in the church. They should be returned to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

We need several teachers for CCD classes this year. If you are willing to donate some of your time and talent to the faith formation of our parish children, please contact the Parish Office.

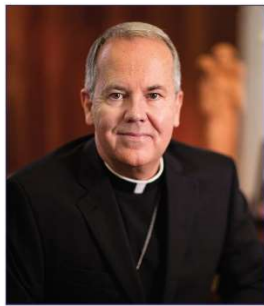
BVM "WRAP UP" FAIR MEETING: We have scheduled a meeting on **Monday, October 18th in Father Nallin Hall at 6:30PM** to discuss our 2021 Fair experience & thoughts on 2022.

FOUND ITEMS: Three items were left at our booths at the Fair: **an umbrella with peacock design, men's black sunglasses and a Pink Thermos travel coffee mug.** They are being held in the Parish Office.

SML ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING: There will be a membership meeting on **Monday, October 18th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall.** All women of the parish are invited to attend.

SML HYMN BOOKS: When communal worship was suspended in March 2020, some parishioners took home the hymn books that were in the pews. Now that we're back to weekly Mass in church, **we ask that you return the hymn books so that everyone who wants to join in the singing during Mass is able to do so.**

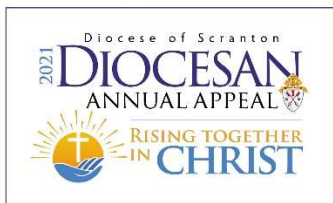
SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF OUR DIOCESE THROUGH THE ANNUAL APPEAL



"Thank you for sharing the Blessings that God has given you by praying for and providing a financial commitment to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. There are hundreds of stories of how your gifts impact the lives of parishioners throughout our Diocese. Join with me and our parish communities Rising Together in Christ."

— Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton

Donate Now: AnnualAppeal.org



Gifts of Any Amount Are Appreciated

NATIVITY BVM ALTAR AND ROSARY: Our next get together is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 19th in Fr. Nallin Hall**. Rosary will begin at 12:45PM. Hope to see everyone there.

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.



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

The Holy Cross High School Parent Club Craft Fair & Home Showcase will be held on **October 24, 2021** from **10:00AM to 4:00PM** at the school located at **501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA**. Event features over 80 vendors selling candles, soaps, candies, ceramics, pottery, home decor, jewelry and much more! Basket raffle, door prizes and homemade food available.

Admission \$3.00; \$2.00 for seniors and students; 12 and under free. Information (570) 614-3727.

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. **We have "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

WORD OF LIFE: "St. Joseph's 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: St. Joseph, Defender of Life,
respectlife.org/reflection-joseph

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)

WEBINAR – DEALING WITH GRIEF: Please join us for a one-hour webinar on **October 19th at 7:00PM with Deacon Ed Shoener**. Deacon Ed will be discussing the books he and Bishop John Dolan helped to create, *Responding to Suicide: A Pastoral Handbook for Catholic Leaders* (named Resource of the Year by the Association of Catholic Publishers) and *When a Loved One Dies by Suicide: Comfort, Hope, and Healing for Grieving Catholics*. Deacon will also speak about his continuing work in Grief and Bereavement Ministry at Cathedral Parish. To register for the webinar or to learn more, please contact Jennifer Housel (570-207-2213 x1104 or jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org).

"BE A CATHOLIC MAN" EVENT

A Catholic Men's Conference is planned for **Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre**. This will be the sixth such Event. The theme is "*Called to Fatherhood*" under the patronage of Saint Joseph and is sponsored by 'Be a Catholic Man.' This event (**from 8:00AM to 3:00PM**) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers: Father Glenn Sudano (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal), Jim O'Day (active in Men's Ministries, Lacrosse Coach, and Self-Defense Instructor) and Karl Keating (Author and Catholic Apologist). All men --- single, married, and clergy, challenged to live virtuous lives in this very secular world are encouraged to attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Sacramental Confession --- a lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera.

Register Online: (\$30.00 untill Oct. 9th)
www.BeaCatholicMan.com or pay that day (\$40.00).

Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.



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



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.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations are sponsoring a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) on **Saturday, October 16th beginning at Noon.** This **24-hour retreat** is titled "Signposts: How to Recognize and Trust the Work of God's Hand in One's Life."

The retreat will consist of interactive sessions led by Father Patrick Rogers, S.J., Executive Director of the Jesuit Center at the University of Scranton, small group discussion, private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation, Mass and time to connect with other young adults from throughout the Diocese.

Registration fee is \$20.00. To register and/or for more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

As some of you may already be aware, each year in the United States September 15th through October 15th is observed as Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month is a national celebration to honor the history, culture and influence of past generations who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Thank you for your work and support to Hispanic Ministry in our Diocese.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

†Joseph C. Bambera

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

SS. Anthony & Rocco Parish Take Out Festival

Wednesday & Thursday

October 13th & 14th

5:00PM – 7:00PM

St. Rocco's Church Grounds

122 Kurtz Street, Dunmore

Pizza Fritta, Hot or Sweet Sausage & Pepper Sandwiches and Pasta & Meatballs available. Tables will be set up for outdoor dining (no table service).

Prepaid Pre-Order deadline is Friday, October 8th. Pre-Orders can be placed by calling the parish office 570-344-1209. Drive up orders will be taken at the Festival until we sell out.

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.

Free country line dance lessons for adults

Wednesday nights

7:00 to 8:30PM Fr. Nallin Hall

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.

STATEMENT OF PA CATHOLIC BISHOPS REGARDING SAFETY AND MASS ATTENDANCE
By longstanding Church law, the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days does not apply to those who are:

- Sick
- Have a serious health risk
- In a household with those at risk
- Primary caregivers to those at risk
- Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
- Unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should stay home.

ONLINE OFFERTORY

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

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

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

ONLINE OFFERTORY



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 Mary Lou at the Parish Office (570-836-3275).



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.*



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 DILIONE – NATIONAL GUARD
ET2 JACOB KINTNER – U.S. NAVY
CPL OLIVIA NICOLE CARICHNER – U.S. MARINES
STAFF SGT DAVID BALTRUSAITIS – NATIONAL GUARD
SCPO KENNETH C. FRANK – U.S. NAVY
SGT ROBERT J. POLSTER – U.S. ARMY
AIRMAN 1ST CLASS AVERY REECE NEHWART – 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 1ST CLASS DONALD WHITE, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
AIRMAN BRUCE GELNETT, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
SPEC. 4 CARL I. PACKER, U.S. ARMY
LANCE CPL RICHARD DOMBROSKI – U.S. MARINES (VIETNAM)
STAFF SGT. RICHARD DOMBROSKI – NAT’L. GUARD (RET.)
SGT. WALTER J. ZOLA, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
AE3 KENNETH C. FRANK, U.S. NAVY (KOREA)
SSG WILLIAM SHAW, U.S. ARMY (GERMANY)
SGT. JOHN WILPIZESKI, U.S. ARMY
SFC TONY LANDI, U.S. ARMY (RET.)
SGT. SAMUEL HERRING, US ARMY (KOREA)
SGT. JERRY BEAUCHEANE, U.S. AIR FORCE
PFC NICHOLAS KORDILLA, U.S. MARINE CORPS (WW II)
SGT. NICHOLAS FERRUGGIA – U.S. MARINES
SGT. E5 ROBERT SPRAGUE – U.S. ARMY
SGT. JAMES SNYDER – U.S AIR FORCE
LT. J.G. TIMOTHY LEBER – U.S. COAST GUARD
CAPT ALAN B. FLANAGAN – U.S. NAVY
AE1 JOSEPH YAKOSKI – U.S. NAVY (VIETNAM)
STAFF SGT. STEPHANIE DANIELS SUND (AFGHANISTAN)
COL. CARL PACKER – U.S. ARMY
MAJOR JOSEPH JURISTA – U.S. AIR FORCE (GLIDER PILOT)

God Bless all who serve or have served our country.



ST. JOSEPH, PROTECTOR OF HOLY FAMILY, IS MODEL FOR 2021 RESPECT LIFE MONTH

WASHINGTON (CNS) – As part of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, the U.S. Catholic Church's annual Respect Life Month celebration in October "highlights the example of that great saint" as protector of life, said the chairman of the U.S. bishops' pro-life committee.

"As the faithful protector of both Jesus and Mary," St. Joseph is "a profound reminder of our own call to welcome, safeguard and defend God's precious gift of human life," said Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas.

"Despite the mysterious circumstances surrounding Mary's pregnancy, St. Joseph took her into his home at the word of the angel," and like the saint, "we are also called to care for those God has entrusted to us — especially vulnerable mothers and children," the archbishop said.

The prelate, who is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, made the comments in a September 27 statement.

During October, Respect Life Sunday is observed on the first Sunday of the month, which this year is October 3.

To join in prayer for the intercession of St. Joseph, defender of life, visit www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph.

Various resources for celebrating Respect for Life Month — including dozens of articles, prayer cards, prayers for life, a toolkit for parish pro-life leaders, homily helps and other resources can be found online at <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>.

As the Holy Family's protector, St. Joseph "guided their journey to Bethlehem, found shelter and welcomed the infant Jesus as his son," Archbishop Naumann said. "When Herod threatened the life of the Christ Child, St. Joseph left his homeland behind and fled with Jesus and Mary to Egypt."

"We can follow in the footsteps of St. Joseph as protector by advocating against taxpayer-funded abortion, which targets the lives of millions of poor children and their mothers here in the United States," he continued.

"We can imitate his care and provision by helping to start Walking with Moms in Need at our parishes, 'walking in the shoes' of mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy, especially low-income mothers in our communities," he said.

In March 2020, the USCCB's pro-life committee asked all U.S. Catholic bishops to invite the parishes in their dioceses to join a nationwide effort called "Walking With Moms in Need: A Year of Service," which began March 25 of that year.

But "like everything else, the roll out of Walking with Moms in Need was dramatically impacted by COVID-19," Archbishop Naumann noted in a Sept. 21 address to a Nebraska pro-life conference.

He said the pro-life committee "is renewing our efforts to encourage every diocese and parish to implement the Walking with Moms in Need process."

Walking with Moms in Need asks every diocese and parish to make an assessment of the resources available to assist mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy.

The program seeks to identify gaps in available services and then encourage dioceses and parishes to find ways to fill those gaps. Walking with Moms in Need also includes efforts to communicate better available resources and to encourage every Catholic to support Pregnancy Resource Centers.

The program has its own website, www.walkingwithmoms.com, with resources, outreach tools and models to assist parishes in this effort.

Also, Archbishop Naumann in his September 27 statement urged Catholics to learn more about preventing taxpayer-funded abortion by visiting www.notaxpayerabortion.com.

"At times, we may feel uncertain of our ability to answer the Lord's call. But he invites us to faithfully respond, despite our own fears or weaknesses: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12:9)," the archbishop said.

"May we imitate St. Joseph's faithful trust and courage as we work to uphold the dignity of every human life," he added. "St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!"



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.

"It's an universal law-- intolerance is the first sign of an inadequate education. An ill-educated person behaves with arrogant impatience, whereas truly profound education breeds humility."

— **Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn**

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF OCTOBER 03, 2021

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| SATURDAY | OCT | 02 | 5:00PM | JOAN JURISTA – OFFERED BY MARY ANN BROWN & CHILDREN |
| SUNDAY | OCT | 03 | 7:30AM | WILLIAM OLIVER – OFFERED BY MIKE & SUSAN DISTADIO |
| | | | 9:00AM | ANITA OTTOVIANI – OFFERED BY THE GRANDINETTI & SNYDER FAMILIES |
| | | | 11:00AM | JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, JENNIFER & CHERYL ANN |
| MONDAY | OCT | 04 | 7:00AM | FRANK KOZIELSKI – OFFERED BY MARY ANN BROWN & CHILDREN |
| TUESDAY | OCT | 05 | 7:00AM | NO MASS |
| WEDNESDAY | OCT | 06 | 7:00AM | ROBERT SCHULTZ – OFFERED BY PAULA & DAVID PUZA |
| THURSDAY | OCT | 07 | 7:00AM | NO MASS |
| FRIDAY | OCT | 08 | 7:00AM | HELEN TALARICO – OFFERED BY LIZ HARRIS |
| SATURDAY | OCT | 09 | 5:00PM | ARTHUR & MARGUERITE DROWER – OFFERED BY HEATHER |
| SUNDAY | OCT | 10 | 7:30AM | CHARLES & DOROTHY KOVALCHICK – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY |
| | | | 9:00AM | WALTER ZOLA – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE THERESA |
| | | | 11:00AM | LENN CUSTER – OFFERED BY THE HARDING FAMILY |
| | | | | GREGORY KANIA – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY |

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

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| SAT. OCT 02 & SUN. OCT 03 | SATURDAY 5:00PM | SUNDAY 7:30AM | SUNDAY 9:00AM | SUNDAY 11:00AM |
| DEACON | | | | |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S) | | | | |
| LECTOR | PAT MURRAY | MARY SOHNS | | |
| ALTAR SERVER(S) | PLEASE SIGN UP USING THE SCHEDULE LOCATED IN THE FRONT VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH | | | |
| OFFERTORY GIFTS | COLLECTION BASKET | COLLECTION BASKET | | COLLECTION BASKET |
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NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

OCT. 18 FAIR WRAP UP MEETING – 6:30PM – FNH
OCT. 19 ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING – 12:45PM – FNH

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF OCTOBER 03, 2021

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| SATURDAY | OCT | 02 | 4:00PM | JEAN DOW – OFFERED BY RICK & MARY LOU FRANKO |
| SUNDAY | OCT | 03 | 9:00AM | WILLIAM & EVELYN WATERS – OFFERED BY BILL WATERS |
| MONDAY | OCT | 04 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| TUESDAY | OCT | 05 | 8:00AM | COLLEEN ZDANIEWICZ – OFFERED BY ST. MARY'S DISCIPLES OF MARY ALTAR & ROSARY |
| WEDNESDAY | OCT | 06 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| THURSDAY | OCT | 07 | 8:00AM | CARMEN PIERCE – OFFERED BY CAROL SANTARSIERIF |
| FRIDAY | OCT | 08 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| SATURDAY | OCT | 09 | 4:00PM | JENNIFER TRAUGER MURLEY – OFFERED BY THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY |
| SUNDAY | OCT | 10 | 9:00AM | JOE MURRAY – OFFERED BY RYAN & HANNAH MORRIS |

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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3rd FOR
ELEANOR GRANDINETTI
OFFERED BY HER FAMILY

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OCT. 18 ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING – 6:30PM – PARISH HALL