



JUNE 25-26, 2016

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

**Finance Council: James Mullen, Co-Chair
Chris DeMarco, Co-Chair**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

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. Robert J. Kelleher (Ret.)

Parish Office: Fr. Nallin Hall, Tunkhannock
Business Manager: Dick Schwoebel (570)677-7634
Secretary: Mary Lou Chackan
Office hours: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

WELCOME: We warmly welcome all to join us in worship of our God. If you are new to our parish community, please be sure to tell Fr. Pat that you will be joining our parish community. Contact the parish office if you have any questions. Visitor envelopes are available at all entrances.

MARRIAGE: Christian marriage is a sacred and serious commitment. Couples contemplating marriage should notify a parish priest at least nine months before the date on which they intend to marry. This should be done before any other arrangements are made so that a couple may be suitably served by the parish and diocese. All couples are required to take part in a Pre-Cana program or Engaged Encounter Weekend. **Sunday Weddings are not permitted.**

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a community journey that leads to transformation of mind and spirit. Guided by the gospel and the examples of parish members, newcomers can find their place in the RCIA community of believers and discover their own relationship with Christ. The program runs from September through Pentecost with reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Information is available at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Knowing the Catholic faith and tradition is essential if faith and tradition are to continue to be nourishing facets of our lives. Religious formation is valuable for both youth and adults. Classes are conducted from September to May following the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday. Information on religious education programs for youth of all ages and educational opportunities for adults are available at the parish office.

BULLETIN: If you have information that you would like to place in the bulletin (community news, society/social news, etc.), please have it at the parish office no later than Tuesday morning.

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: 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*

FROM THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK:

Exercising Restraint



It is often times easy to react to so many situations of daily life, whether it be a disagreement with family, an argument with a friend or an all-out battle with someone who is aggressive or adversarial. We have all experienced one or more of these events on perhaps many occasions and have regretted our responses, our words or our actions. Exercising restraint – being patient with a particular circumstance – is not as easy as it sounds. Oftentimes, we are under verbal attack and can find it hard not to defend ourselves.

Restraint takes years of practice, much prayer and a resolute spirit. Charity allows us the opportunity to be good listeners, to open our hearts to the needs of others. When we act in a defensive way, we show that we are unwilling to seek out a peaceful and amicable solution to problems that arise. We only have to reflect upon the life and ministry of the Lord to experience the depth of his love, his patience, and especially his self-restraint. Although Jesus came to guide and instruct, he also shows us that listening and allowing ourselves to be poured out like a libation, a self-emptying as St. Paul so beautifully states, is essential. We don't have to win every argument; we don't have to be right "all the time". The greater valor comes from the charity of opening our hearts while closing our mouths so that the needs of our brothers and sisters may be met in kindness, love and peace.

So the next time a conflict arises in your life, try restraint as a path to peace and reconciliation. If it is good enough for the Lord in his daily example, it is certainly good enough for you and me.

God Bless,

Fr. Pat

**VIEWS OF LAKE WINOLA
SAVE THE DATE
July 17th**



The event is starting to shape up nicely and our teams are in place. Mark your calendars so you are in on this really fun event. **We are looking for lots of help.** If you would like to help in the kitchen, then Ellie Dougherty is the person to call: 570-378-2234. If you would like to donate to or help with the silent auction, then Josette Abruzzini is the person to call: 570-378-3542. We are also looking for boats and drivers and first mates to make this event PERFECT. If you can help in any area or just want to donate your services or if you have ANY questions, please call Ellen Wengen at 570-378-2014. Thank you in advance for helping us make this a wonderful event.

Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
CHARITY

In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is

taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

Nativity: Envelope is in your set
St. Mary: Envelope is in the pew

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: June 18-19, 2016

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 3,757.00
Difference:.....	\$(1,043.00)

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 1,548.00
Difference:.....	\$(452.00)

Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2015-2016 Parish Collections goal (envelopes and loose). It does NOT include Fundraising, Religious Education Income or any other income.

***Actual Offertory* represents the total amount received in the weekly collection (not including special collections).

The generosity of our people is truly appreciated. We may not always reach our budgeted goals, but we are grateful to those who make a sacrifice on a weekly basis to sustain our parish ministries.

SML FLOWERS: White roses on the altar this weekend at St. Mary of the Lake Church are in memory of **MARYANN KASZUBA**, donated by her husband George.



POPE FRANCIS QUOTES: "Jesus keeps knocking on our doors, the doors of our lives. He doesn't do this by magic, with special effects, with flashing lights and fireworks. **Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces of our brothers and sisters**, in the faces of our neighbors, in the faces of those at our side."



CARE AND EDUCATION OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS: The monthly collection for the care and education of priests of the Diocese of Scranton will be taken up **next weekend**. An envelope for this collection is in your set. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE:

Deacon Ray is conducting a Divine Mercy prayer service on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00PM in St. Mary of the Lake Church. **The next service will be held next Sunday, July 3rd. All are welcome.**



FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, July 1st is the First Friday of July. Confessions will be heard 15 minutes prior to the morning Mass at Nativity. **Fr. Pat & Marge Cook** will take Communion to the **Tunkhannock** area

on Thursday beginning at 9:30AM. Deacon Ray will take Communion to the Lake Winola area **on Friday beginning at 9:00AM.**

2016 MASS INTENTIONS: Masses are filling up fast. Mass intentions for the **2016 & 2017** calendar years will be booked on a first-come, first served basis. To avoid delays, please be sure to indicate whether each intention is for a person living or deceased, Catholic or non-Catholic. The offering for an announced Mass is \$10.00 and the names will be printed in the parish bulletin and announced at the Mass.

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY: You enter this 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD: We like to see our altars reflect floral beauty all year long. You are encouraged to offer a floral bouquet in memory of a loved one, for a special intention or in thanksgiving. **Intentions and donors will be listed in the bulletin unless you request otherwise.**



WE NEED A LITTLE HELP

We are looking for a volunteer to join **Nativity's Buildings & Grounds team.** We need someone who has basic electrical Skills. **Retired persons are always welcomed.**

The task would involve changing light bulbs, repairing or replacing light fixtures, switches, outlets and other minor electrical work. If you can help us out in this area or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 570-836-3275 and leave your name and phone number. Someone from the Buildings & Grounds team will contact you. We sure could use your help.
Thank you from the B&G team.

NATIVITY / ST. MARY'S TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE:
Welcome to the new logo for our parish community:



Two Parish Families – One Faith Community

Have you checked out our new website at www.nativitystmary.org? Comments will certainly be welcomed; constructive criticism as well.

We have two vibrant and active parishes and we want to get more recognition of our activities through social media. **We're now directing our focus on a new Facebook page for our parishes. We're always looking for current Facebook users to help us accomplish this.** If you can help, please contact the Parish Office (570-836-3275).

We're also looking to update our directory of email addresses of our parishioners. Please help us by sending your email address to your parish at either nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com or stmaryofthelake@frontier.com.

LAUDATO SI' (PRAISED BE YOU): We encourage all to read Pope Francis' latest encyclical online. It is on the theme of: *Care for Our Common Home and the Dignity of the Poor.*

"BASKETS GALORE" – KIWANIS WYOMING COUNTY FAIR: Hi, I'm Maryann Barni. My daughter Angela and I will be chairing the "Baskets Galore" booth again this year. It's not too early to start putting things together. We ask that your basket be valued at a minimum of \$50.00. If you can wrap your basket, that would be greatly appreciated. It gets wrapped in clear plastic. If you're not good at wrapping, no problem – we've got it.

We know not everybody can get to the Fair so we would like to do a preview in the hall again this year. We feel that not only will it give us a chance to show off the baskets; it will give you a chance to buy tickets for the basket you like.

With summer on the way, when you're out and about keep our baskets in mind.... maybe pick up a few things here and there. When you get together with friends, maybe bring up the idea of teaming up to do a basket.

We'll keep updates coming during the summer. Please feel free to call us at 570-687-3070 or 570-687-3072.

Maryann & Angela



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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016



VBS Olympics 2016 will **begin July 5th and run until July 8th from 10:00AM-Noon at Father Nallin Hall.** All kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to join in our "Olympic Games"! You don't need to travel to Rio to experience this

event! We will be teaming up to compete as countries, learn more about our Catholic All-Stars – our Saints – and have tons of fun. **Registration forms are available at the Parish Office so don't forget to sign up.** We can't wait for our "games" to begin!

VOLUNTEERS needed! We need lots of help to make our VBS Olympics 2016 run smoothly. Please contact Angie Burke for more information at aburke@ptd.net or (570)836-9947. **We will be having an ice cream party/meeting for ALL volunteers this Thursday June 30th at 6:30PM at Father Nallin Hall to share details about VBS.** If you are entering 6th grade or above, we want you to help us make this a fun event for everyone!

PRIZES needed! We need prizes for VBS Olympics 2016. We are giving away prizes each day and would like to put together a basket to give away on the last day. Think new SPORTS/SUMMER fun – squirt guns, bubbles, balls, pool toys, etc. We would also like gift certificates for ice cream cones, mini golf, movie tickets, etc. **We have put a VBS Olympics 2016 basket in the front of each church this weekend to collect donations.**

Questions? Please contact Angie Burke – (570)836-9947 or aburke@ptd.net. Thanks so much for supporting our kids!!!



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore

The Annual **Lady Crusader Girls Basketball Camp** will be held **July 18 through July 22, 2016** at Holy Cross High School Gym, Drinker Street, Dunmore, PA. Each camp session will be from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Instruction will include offense, defense, and individual shooting. Each day will include competitive games that will emphasize the skills taught that day. Instructors will include high school coaches and players.

The camp is open to girls entering grades 4 through 9 in the upcoming school year. Cost is \$50.00 which includes all camp sessions, a commemorative t-shirt and end of camp pizza party.

Contact Coach Bob McCormack at 570-309-1635 or by email at rmack0423@comcast.net for more information.

Pilgrimage Opportunity for High School Youth

High school youth groups from our Diocese have the unique opportunity to participate in a World Youth Day pilgrimage in nearby Lancaster.

The Diocese of Harrisburg is offering "World Youth Day - Stateside!" on **July 30-31**. Taking place at **Lancaster Catholic High School and Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster**, this overnight, outdoor pilgrimage experience will mirror the events taking place at World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

WYD Stateside will correspond with the vigil and concluding Eucharistic celebration presided over by Pope Francis in Krakow. In Lancaster, pilgrims will be connected to those in Poland through prayer, fellowship, Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, music and celebration to fully experience the spirit of World Youth Day.

The program will be headlined by emcee Jackie Franco Angel, a traveling speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader from Orange County, Calif. Special guests will include Ceili Rain, a pop-rock band with Celtic flavor and uplifting messages, and local Christian rock and worship musician Sean Patrick Malloy.

Bishop Edward Malesic of the Diocese of Greensburg - a native priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg - will celebrate the closing Mass at Clipper Magazine Stadium on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Plans are currently underway to share Pope Francis' World Youth Day message from Krakow to the pilgrims in Lancaster.

High school youth must register with a youth group for the stateside event. Young adults and families can register independent of a youth group. Registration is \$175 per person.

Two-day tickets include access to all of the weekend's events, four meal vouchers (two lunches, one breakfast and one dinner), and a pilgrim pack with a souvenir bottle, a vigil candle, prayer resources and a Rosary.

Sunday-only tickets include admission to the events at Clipper Magazine Stadium, a meal voucher for lunch, a pilgrim pack and souvenir bottle, and prayer resources.

A video webinar about the event is available at www.hbgdiocese.org. For more information, to register,

and to learn about policies regarding security, medical staffing, inclement weather and dress codes, visit:

<http://www.hbgdiocese.org/world-youth-day-stateside/>

Information is also available by contacting Mary Anne Malone in the Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213, or mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org.

Follow the Diocese on Social Media

Follow the Diocese of Scranton on our Twitter page: www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr

If you're not already doing so, you can follow Bishop Bambera on Twitter by going to: www.twitter.com/BishopBambera

Also check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton

You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

Thank you for connecting with us!

HOMEMADE PIEROGI: Nativity's popular and delicious homemade potato/cheese pierogi are available **for sale at our parish office** in Tunkhannock, Monday through Friday, from 8:00AM until 2:00PM. **\$7.00 per dozen (frozen).**



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI KITCHEN: St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton is in need of **sugar, salt and low sodium soups.** Any

donations will be greatly appreciated!

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR? It is a wonderful honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. It signifies that you are being asked to live your life as an example and in imitation of God's love for the person you sponsor.

To serve as a sponsor, it is required that a person obtain a sponsor letter from his/her pastor. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, (If married) be married according to the regulations for marriage as provided by the Roman Catholic Church, officially registered and participating weekly in the Sunday Eucharist & actively striving to live out your own baptismal commitment to Christ.

(cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 874)

CEMETERY REMINDER: All lot owners of Nativity's two cemeteries (Pieta & Mount Carmel) are reminded that all real and artificial flowers, candles, plastic statues, light fixtures, etc. must be removed from the cemetery. Anything not removed will be discarded. Your cooperation and assistance are appreciated and will keep our cemeteries neat and respectful sacred places for our loved ones buried there.

MONTHLY HOME VISITATIONS: On or near the First Friday of every month (weather permitting), Fr. Pat, Deacon Ray and Marge Cook visit the homebound and bring them Holy Communion. **If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass due to advanced age, sickness or disability/handicap, and desire to receive communion at home, please contact Mary Lou at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) with your name, phone number and address and you will be placed on our monthly visitation list.**

REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS: You can express your commitment to our Church by making a bequest to either Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Tunkhannock or Saint Mary of the Lake Church at Lake Winola. Simply have the following statement included in your will:

"I leave to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Tunkhannock, PA (or Saint Mary of the Lake Church, Lake Winola, PA), the sum of \$_____ (or ___ percent of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works" or words to that effect.

SML SOCIAL JUSTICE NOTES

Dear Friends, thank you so very much for your food donations for the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry....the Fruit Loops will go quickly! The cases of vegetables and other pantry staples will make a huge difference in the kitchen of our neighbor who can use some help. Thank you for your monetary gift....your sacrifice helps your neighbors and won't be forgotten.

Thank you for the privilege of being able to share this ministry with you...God bless!

Love,

Mary Lou Franko

Vice President, Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry

ROSA MYSTICA TRIP - EDMESTON, NY: St. Lucy's Church, 949 Scranton Street, West Scranton is sponsoring a Feast Day Celebration at Rosa Mystica on **Saturday, July 9th**. Wonderful things happen at this very special Shrine of Our Lady. An exciting day is planned...who knows what God has in store for you. It could be your day for a special experience with God; a Day you will remember for the rest of your life.

Bus leaves St. Lucy's Parking Lot at 8:00AM and returns at 8:00PM. **Cost is \$50.00** which includes Bus Trip, Lunch and Light Supper on the way back. Call Deacon Carm for reservation at 570-341-2252.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Reservations Open for World Youth Day with Pope Francis; Bishop Leading Delegation from Diocese

The itinerary is set and reservations are now open for the Diocese of Scranton's pilgrimage to World Youth Day with Pope Francis in **Krakow, Poland**. Bishop Bambera will lead the Diocesan delegation for the pilgrimage from **July 23rd to August 3rd**. The itinerary, arranged by Dube Travel, includes visits to religious and historical sites in Poland - such as Auschwitz and the home town of Saint Pope John Paul II - and educational and liturgical events. Pilgrims will participate in Mass and Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis. **The travel package is \$3,599 per person based on double occupancy.** Parishes forming delegations may include minors if accompanied by parent or legal guardian. Catholic Campus Ministry groups are forming on university campuses. The Office for Parish Life will host a young adult delegation.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parishioners of Nativity BVM,
My name is Joseph Colavitti. I have an update on my Eagle Scout Project. Thanks to the help of my troop and family, the project is fully completed. All of the walls are paneled and the fairgrounds are satisfied by the result.
Once more, I would like to thank all of you for your support and prayers as I completed my project.

Yours in Scouting,
Joseph Colavitti
Life Scout
Troop 518

BOY SCOUT NEWS



**Next Committee Meeting:
TBA**

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall

Andrea Hebda, Committee Chairperson
570-406-5227 rhebda@ptd.net

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6:00PM – Fr. Nallin Hall

TBA



DIOCESAN NEWS

"World Refugee Day" Celebration – June 26

Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton, in conjunction with the Diocesan Office for Parish Life, is sponsoring a "World Refugee Day" Celebration on Sunday, June 26, 2016, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Nay Aug Park in Scranton. World Refugee Day, observed on June 20, was established by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to commemorate the strength, courage and resilience of millions of refugees throughout the world. In recognition of this special day, all are invited to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the refugee communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The celebration will include cultural music, dance, art, an "ethnic dress" fashion show, crafts and games for children, resources from community partners, and exhibits from refugee families. Ice cream will be available, and attendees can bring a picnic.

For more information, contact Sonya Sarner at Catholic Social Services, 570-207-2283.

COMMUNITY NEWS: The **Wyoming County Cancer Society** provides financial assistance to cancer patients who reside in Wyoming County. We offer reimbursement on a quarterly basis to a set limit for expenses incurred in driving to doctor's appointments or to treatment centers for radiation and chemotherapy as well as medication expenses prescribed by the physician. No proof of financial need or income level is required. If you need assistance, please call 570-836-6552.

NOTICE REGARDING 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. 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) electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis or at 1-800-932-0313.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms 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 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at 570-207-2269.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES/COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE: Catholic Social Services of The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support... help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. For more information or to make an appointment, call 570-207-2283.

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.

**DIOCESAN MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS
OF VIOLENT OR TRAGIC DEATH**

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident.

The Mass is scheduled for **Thursday, July 14th at 7:00PM in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.** All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy.

We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or accessed on the Service and Social Concerns webpage on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: In order to worthily receive Jesus in Holy Communion, you must be a Catholic who is in the State of Grace (without serious or mortal sin). Those who are not married according to teaching of the Catholic Church as well as non-Catholics are unable to receive Holy Communion. We encourage those in an invalid marriage to seek an annulment and to have their civil marriage blessed (convalidated) in the Church so that it will become a Sacrament and you will receive the grace of matrimony. Contact Fr. Pat or Deacon Ray for information regarding the annulment process and the blessing of your civil marriage. If you are unable to receive Holy Communion, we encourage you to make a "spiritual communion" by reciting the following prayer:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen!

**Visitation of the BVM Church, Dickson City
Seneca Lake Wine Trip
Saturday, September 24, 2016
Departure from Saint Mary's Visitation Church
at 8:00AM and return 10:30PM**

\$135.00 per person includes:

- Round trip Coach Service
- Tour of 5 Wineries
- Lunch (hoagies, chips/pretzels, water/soda)
- 3-course Dinner at Belhurst Castle

For more information or to make a reservation call 570-489-2091 or visit the rectory at 1090 Carmalt St., Dickson City, PA 18519.

DCCW DAY OF REFLECTION: The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a Day of Reflection on **Wednesday, August 3rd at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Road, Mount Pocono, PA.** Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Chaplain of St. Luke's Villa, will conduct the retreat. The topic is "Jubilee Year of Mercy." The retreat will begin at 8:30AM and will end by 2:00PM. A continental breakfast and luncheon will be served. **The cost is \$35.00.** All Catholic women are invited to attend. Please send your reservation with payment to Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa Street, Peckville, PA 18452. **The reservation deadline is July 25th.** Contact Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720 or Nancy Addley at 570-536-4436 if additional information is required.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

St. John Vianney Parish is hosting their 7th Annual Rummage and Bake Sale! The sale is held at **Corpus Christi Church on Route 438 (704 Montdale Road) in Scott Township.** Exit 201 off I-81 – Follow the signs.

EVEN LOWER PRICES! 6,000 square feet of everything you can imagine! There is something for everyone in the family at prices you can't refuse!

Sale Dates:

Friday, July 8th: 9:00AM-2:00PM

Saturday, July 9th: 9:00AM-6:30PM

Sunday, July 10th (\$1/bag): 9:00AM-2:00PM

Monday, July 11th (\$.50/bag): 9:00AM-1:00PM

DRESSING APPROPRIATELY: Both of our parish churches are air conditioned. We need to be conscious of the way we dress for church. More than anything else, our dress and attire should suggest our reverence and respect for the special presence of the Lord found in church. As delighted as we are to see each and every person here at the Nativity BVM and St. Mary of the Lake Parishes, we do offer a gentle reminder to all that modest attire is desired. Sadly, some appear as though they are headed to the gym, the ball field, or the pool! We have all been invited to the most important table in town!

Save the Date!

Diocese of Scranton
VOCATIONS
Golf Classic | 2016

Benefitting
Our Future
Priests

**Monday
July 11, 2016**
Blue Ridge Trail
Golf Club
Mountain Top, PA

11:00 a.m. Lunch
12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Reception & Awards Dinner
After Golf

For Reservations & Sponsorships
Call 570-207-2250
or E-mail
Development@dioceseofscranton.org

**THE MOST BLESSED
SACRAMENT IS RESERVED
WHERE MASS IS SAID
We respectfully ask that all
observe a reverent silence
and appropriate dress**

Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM

Parents must be registered in the Parish. In order to understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism, first time expectant parents are required to attend one pre-Baptism instruction. A call to the Parish Office 4 months before your child is due will make the scheduling of your session easier and give you ample time to prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation to the life of grace.

MARRIAGE

The engaged couple is asked to call the Parish Office and arrange an appointment with the priest. Please allow 12 months for the completion of the necessary preparations. Do not enter into any other commitments before confirming a wedding date and time in the parish.

Confession Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated **every Saturday:**

St. Mary of the Lake

.....**3:15-3:45PM**

Nativity of the BVM

.....**4:15-4:45PM**

or **at any time by appointment.**
Contact the Parish Office (836-3275).

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

Community News

**The Humane Society
of Wyoming County, Inc.**

570-836-4745

www.hswcPA.org

The Humane Society of Wyoming County is a non-profit, tax-exempt, all volunteer organization. Volunteers and donations always needed.

If anyone suspects animal neglect/abuse, they should contact us. All calls are confidential.

If anyone is having trouble affording spay/neuter surgery, they should contact us; we may be able to help them find an affordable plan.

The Lake Winola United Methodist Church is looking for help folding and sorting clothes for its community clothes closet. If you can spare an hour or two on a Wednesday morning, please contact Enola Hawk (570-378-3295).

St. Mary of the Lake Altar & Rosary

Our **next meeting** will take place on **Monday, September 12th** at **6:45PM** in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

Nativity BVM Altar & Rosary

Our **next meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, September 13th** at **12:45PM** in Fr. Nallin Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE AT MASS

In keeping with the sacredness of the liturgy, please make every effort to **turn off or silence your cell phone during the Celebration of the Eucharist.**

Parish Bulletin Advertising

Space is currently available in our weekly parish bulletin for your business advertisement. Contact our Parish Business Manager, Dick Schwoebel, at (570) 836-3275 or (570) 677-7634 for information and pricing. Various sizes are available; the cost is reasonable.

LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Those in need are encouraged to participate in the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry located at the Lake Winola United Methodist Church. **Hours of Operation: The First and Third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:30AM.**

Nativity BVM CCD News

We are looking for a teacher to assist the second grade teacher this CCD year, starting in September, and then to take over the class next year. Please contact the Parish Office or Judy Boyanowski if you are interested in this. Also, we are looking for anyone who would like to substitute for CCD classes. **Mrs. B**

Words of Life

"[M]iscarriage includes emotional, relational and spiritual suffering that requires assistance from family, friends and church leaders. ...Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering."

**"Solace and Strength
in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"
USCCB 2014-15 Respect Life Program
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities**

PRO-LIFE ROSE

Looking for a wonderful way to remember a loved one on a special day? **Why not donate the Rose that is placed before the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nativity BVM Church?** Simply **contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055)** to **schedule the date that you desire and how you want it listed in the bulletin.** Many weekends are available.



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





MILITARY HONOR ROLL

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

A Prayer for our Military



Father, we could never thank our military men and women enough for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people. We lift up our voices to express gratefulness and honor to these military troops both from the past and present.

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

NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY



Tuesday evening prayers 5:00PM @ Winola View Apartments 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.

Have You Moved?



If you have recently moved or had an address change, please contact the parish office at 570-836-3275 so that our records may be updated. **We are still getting back mailings to Rural Routes (RRs) that the Post Office is no longer delivering. Unless you contact the Parish Office with a mailable address, your information will be eliminated from our parish registration listing.**



Line Dancing

Wednesday evening 7:00-8:30PM Fr. Nallin Hall

PRO-LIFE ROSE

There are 2 Pro-Life red roses in front of the statue of Mary at Nativity this week.



The first rose is in memory of **Jean M. Cosky** Offered by her sister Dolores

The second rose is in loving memory of **Mary Ann Keller** Offered by Becky Forte



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 Annual Chicken BBQ Sunday, July 10th

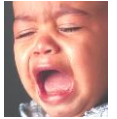
Following the 11:00AM Mass Noon 'till "SOLD OUT"

Half a chicken Baked beans Macaroni salad Roll & butter Homemade desserts

Eat in or take out \$9.00 per person

Tickets at the door – No presale

If your child's crying or talking becomes excessive or disruptive to others, please be considerate and use the cry rooms in our churches.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

St. Mary of the Lake

Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM in the Parish Hall

All women of the parish are invited to join us.

Donations of yarn are needed for St. Mary's prayer shawl ministry. Donations can be dropped off at the church or to any prayer shawl member. Cash donations are always welcome.

Nativity BVM

In need of a prayer shawl?

Please call Sue Barziloski (570-836-1351)

SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary of the Lake Church Annual Parish Meeting & Breakfast Sunday, September 11th - 10:00AM Cost: \$5.00 per person

Catered by the Lake Road Café & Sweet Shop

RELIGIOUS WIT

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.