



## NOVEMBER 26-27, 2016



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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.)  
Rev. Dennis Bajkowski (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 DESK:

As 2016 winds down, it provides us with a golden opportunity to reflect on the many graces of God's love for us. This time also affords us the opportunity to take a sort of inventory of where we've been and where we are going. What do we want to bring into the New Year and what might we want to leave behind?



Maybe indifference to the needs of our world has held us back from acting generously. Maybe our hurt feelings – caused by a small indiscretion – have lingered, preventing us from the healing of reconciliation. The approaching season of Christmas is such a beautiful time, as evidenced by the careful planning and execution of Christmas lights, the splendor of the Christmas tree, the wonderful feast we enjoy on Christmas day and so many traditions of the season. Then why would we enter the season ourselves in a less than festive state, to be less than God would have us be, to cling to that which pulls us down rather than that which lights us up.

As Advent begins, let us dedicate ourselves to shedding what robs us of our joy and put on the robe of gladness, saying a final farewell to that which does not belong to happiness & joy.

A blessed Advent to all!

*Fr. Pat*

**BVM THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** Thank you to all who contributed canned goods, turkeys or money. A big thank you to our CCD program for collecting bags & bags of groceries. This was well done by all grades & students.

Special thanks to **Peggy Finnegan, Cindy Brown, Diane Stone, Chris Schweitzer & Rose Mary Lubinski**, who helped sort the food and packed it up for families to pick it up.

Thank you very much.

**Mary Olshan**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** Our new Bible study program is in full swing. The gatherings are held at **Fr. Nallin Hall on Wednesdays at 10:00AM**. The sessions will run **through December 14<sup>th</sup>**. The topic is "LETTERS FROM PRISON". These are letters that St. Paul wrote to Christian communities while he was in prison. He wrote these letters to educate the new Christian communities about the gospel message as well as to encourage them on their Christian journey. The material is from The Little Rock Scripture Study published by Liturgical Press. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Cindy at (570) 836-4744.

## SML ADOPT-A-FAMILY OUTREACH:

The Social Concerns Ministry of St. Mary of the Lake will be doing a Christmas community outreach in the form of an "Adopt-a-Family" program. This year, we will be working with the Mill City Elementary school to help provide Christmas to families from the Mill City area. Some of our neighbors are having a tough time due to a job shortage or personal circumstances that have placed them in a difficult position with providing gifts under their family Christmas tree.....this is where you come in....**there will be a second collection on the Thanksgiving weekend (November 26-27) to help purchase items for our neighbors who need some help this year.....**your generosity will provide the means to place gifts under the tree.....we will receive a wish list from the family and will do our best to provide needed clothing items, bedding, help with their fuel bill and treats for the family to enjoy .



**Shoppers will be needed** to make this happen .....please consider shopping for a child or adult from our community.....you will be provided with a wish list and money for these purchases ....if you have the time to wrap the gifts, it would be so appreciated; but don't worry if you can't get it done.

**Please call me with any questions or suggestions...570-586-4811.** Thank you for your consideration. God bless you with a wonderful Thanksgiving!  
**Love, Mary Lou**

**SML ALTAR & ROSARY BAKE SALE:** Thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Bake Sale. It was a huge success. **\$800.00 was raised** in support of the activities of the Altar & Rosary Society.

**A special thank you to Ellie, Theresa, Ann Marie, Joni & Madison.** I couldn't do this without your support. Thanks also to Billy Jones for setting up & taking down.  
**Dee Pasko**

**NATIVITY'S ACCLAIMED PIEROGIES:** You asked for it – we listened! Due to numerous requests, **Nativity has made pierogies for sale for the Christmas holidays. They are on sale in the Parish Office between 9:00AM & 2:00PM, Monday through Friday.** The cost is **\$7.00 per dozen.** There are a limited number for sale so be sure to order soon. **First come, first served.**



**POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:** "In order to resolve the problems in their relationships, men and women need to speak to one another more, listen to each other more, get to know one another better, love one another more. They must treat each other with respect and cooperate in friendship."



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

**2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**  
As of November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:**

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00  
 PLEDGED:..... \$26,786.98  
 STATUS:..... 78.8%  
 UNDER GOAL: ..... \$ 7,213.02  
 PARTICIPATION: 17.86% (172 FAMILIES OUT OF 963)

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:**

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00  
 PLEDGED:..... \$10,810.00  
 STATUS..... 83.2%  
 UNDER GOAL: ..... \$ 2,190.00  
 PARTICIPATION: 13.51% (65 FAMILIES OUT OF 481)

**Dear Parishioners:**

Thank you to those who have already joined us in "Living Faith, Serving with Mercy" by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each gift truly matters. **If you have not yet made your gift, and need a pledge envelope, envelopes are available at the entrances to the church today.** Packets are also available by calling the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250, or on-line at [www.DiocesefofScranton.org.28](http://www.DiocesefofScranton.org.28).

Thank you.

*Fr. Pat*

**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, December 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.**



**DO YOU WANT SOME MONEY?**

We are looking for a person who wants to make some extra money with a **part-time position as a custodian/janitor for Nativity BVM Church**. This position entails cleaning our facility (primarily Fr. Nallin Hall) and set-up & take-down of tables and chairs for church functions and events. It's a nice part-time position for a retired person looking to make a few bucks & get out of the house a few days a week. If you are interested, or have any questions, please call the Parish Office (570-836-3275) and leave your name & phone number. Someone will contact you.

Thank you.

Nativity Buildings & Grounds Committee

**ALTAR & ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY:** All women of both parishes are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9:00PM at Bogey's Restaurant at Shadowbrook** for a custom Christmas buffet and our annual combined Christmas party. Cost is **\$25.00 per person. Reservations are required. Reservations & payments are due by November 27<sup>th</sup>.** At the combined Christmas party, we will be collecting baby items for St. Joseph's baby pantry. All needed items for newborn to around 3 years. Please be generous. Please – **no baby wipes** (we already have plenty!).

**ARE YOU THE ONE WE NEED??  
THERE ARE OTHERS WHO NEED YOU TOO.**

This is the opportunity to really make a difference. The chance to be someone who does more than talk the talk but one who walks the walk.

**We are asking for two Eucharistic Ministers to join our team and assist us in ministering to our elderly and or sick Catholics at the Golden Living nursing Home in Tunkhannock.** We have a very dedicated and loyal team now and we need two additional members. We need someone for the 1<sup>st</sup> and another for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month to bring the Eucharist and pray with our fellow Catholics. The entire task takes about an hour and fifteen minutes once a month. Please consider a little give back to those who are deeply in need of our ministry. The reward is out of this world.

If you are not a Eucharist Minister now and would like to help, we can arrange to have you receive the necessary training and be installed as a Eucharistic Minister.

Please call Ken at 570-575-7785 or the parish office (570-836-3275) for more details.

**Please think about it.**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DESSERTS:** The Lower Wyoming County Food pantry is in need of desserts for the upcoming holiday season. There are many good sales in our grocery stores now and a donation would be much appreciated as the pantry does not purchase desserts. Thank you for your consideration and donations to the blue box by the hall...you really do make a difference on the shelves for those in our neighborhood who need help with groceries. If you or your neighbor needs help with groceries, the pantry is open the first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:30AM at the Lake Winola United Methodist church .....or call Mary Lou Franko (570-586-4811) anytime. God Bless!

**PS:** \$25.00 gift certificates will be given out to food pantry participants for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.



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

**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](http://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 your attention to our new Facebook page for our parishes – @nativitystmary.** We're always looking for current Facebook users to help us to make the page better. 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](mailto:nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com) or [stmaryofthelake@frontier.com](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.com).

**Did you Know...?**

Did you know that our Faith Community website and Facebook page are excellent ways to keep in touch with your parish family when you are out of the area? Are you away at college? Are you a member of an extended family of a parishioner? Are you a snowbird or a sunbird? Then these sites are for you! The website contains the weekly bulletin, as well as calendar and news sections. The Facebook page contains posts on current happenings within the parishes. Your homework: **if you are a member of our Faith Community extended family, add our website, [www.nativitystmary.org](http://www.nativitystmary.org) to your list of favorites, and like our Facebook page, @nativitystmary.** Check it out from time to time. You will never be far away from your parish family!

**ZUMBA & YOGAFIT:** Zumba classes are held on **Wednesdays** in St. Mary's Parish Hall starting at **6:00PM** with a **Yogafit** class to follow at **7:00PM**. The cost for each is **only \$5.00 per session**. We hope to see you all there!!!

#### **SCRANTON PREP**

Scranton Preparatory School's **entrance exam** will be held on **Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** for eighth grade students interested in applying for the fall term of 2017. **Registration will begin at 8:30AM** and the exam starts at 9:00AM. Students may pre-register by calling 570-941-7737, extension 141 or by visiting our website.

**PARISH PRIDE:** There is an order form inserted in the bulletin for you to order a **St. Mary of the Lake tee shirt and sweat shirt**. This is not a fundraiser, just a way to share our parish pride.....at the Wyoming County Fair, the chicken BBQ, Adopt-a-Highway, Founders Day cookie sale, Nite at the Races, Homes of Lake Winola tour, a cookout at the neighbors, funeral dinners, bake sales .....**All orders must be accompanied by your payment – check or cash.** **On November 28<sup>th</sup>, the orders will be handed over** to our friends at Finan Detail to make our shirts.....**they will not be available for purchase following this date**, so please fill out your order forms. Don't forget about Christmas gifts for those away and the summer crowd! The shirts are of a good quality blend with a vibrant color .....**pictures can be seen in the hospitality entrance.** Delivery will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>. **Bill Waters, Marie Packer and Mary Lou Franko are available before and following the weekend Masses in November for order placement.**



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to **WILLIAM & AGNES KERN**, who are celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 26<sup>th</sup>.** May God grant them many more happy & healthy years together.

**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.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** Is your child interested in serving at the table of the Lord? Deacon Ray will conduct **training** for new Altar Servers of both churches on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00AM in Nativity BVM church.** Please call the Parish Office (570-836-3275) if your child wishes to participate in this training.

**WELCOME:** We extend our prayerful congratulations to **MARY CATHERINE JAMES**, daughter of **TODD & CHARLSIE (KEEFE) JAMES**, who was baptized by Fr. Pat on **Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at noon in Nativity BVM Church.** We offer our best wishes to Mary Catherine, her parents, godparents, grandparents and members of her family. May she continue to grow in age, wisdom and love before God and others.



**OPLATEK (CHRISTMAS WAFERS):** Blessed Christmas wafers will be available for purchase starting this weekend. **Donation is \$2.00 per pack** (4 wafers). They are also available in the Parish Office from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, Monday – Friday.

**VIRTUS:** A training session for adults in the Protecting God’s Children (PGC-VIRTUS) program has been scheduled:

► **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at Keystone College, LaPlume beginning at 9:30AM.**

Complete information is posted on the diocesan website:

**www.dioceseofscranton.org (safe environment-child protection-VIRTUS)**

If you are an adult employee or volunteer who has direct contact or routine interaction with children, please make every effort to participate in this training. Your attendance is important. Thank you.

**Statement of the Diocese of Scranton**

The Diocese of Scranton confirms that it has received a subpoena from the state grand jury.

In its commitment to protecting children and young people and to providing support to victims of sexual abuse, the Diocese of Scranton cooperates fully with all civil authorities in their investigation of such matters. The Diocese encourages anyone who has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone else, to immediately notify local law enforcement authorities; and to contact Mary Beth Pacuska, Victim’s Assistance Coordinator, at (570) 862-7551; or Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton at (570)-207-2269.

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: November 19-20, 2016**

**Nativity BVM Church:**  
 Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 4,800.00  
 Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 4,801.00  
 Difference:.....\$ **1.00**

**St. Mary of the Lake Church:**  
 Weekly Collection Goal\* .....\$ 2,000.00  
 Actual Offertory\*\* .....\$ 1,780.00  
 Difference:.....\$ **( 220.00)**

\*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2016-2017 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.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**


Date: **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Times: First Showing - 6:00PM  
 Second Showing - 6:30PM  
 Location: Nativity BVM Church  
 The First Communion CCD Class is pleased to invite all available to attend one of their performances of this year’s Christmas pageant. There will be two performances in the church on the Friday evening of “Christmas in Our Hometown”, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come enjoy the telling of how it all began with "**Just a Little Christmas!**"

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Our **Middle School** youth group (CIA) will have a **Christmas party next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** after CCD until 12:15PM. Join us for cookie decorating, reindeer games and prizes. Grades 5-8 are welcome to attend! Contact Angie Burke (570-836-9947) with questions.

**DISCOVER THE ARTIST IN YOU:** We are planning a **holiday-themed painting party for Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Fr. Nallin Hall.** Our instructor, Karen Traver, will lead participants in creating a lovely holiday-themed painting that you will be able to take home and enjoy. This will be an event in which your whole (or part of your) family can take part. **The cost will be \$35.00**, which will include the supplies needed to create your lovely masterpiece and light refreshments. See the enclosed flyer for further details.

**Holy Redeemer High School**  
 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd. Wilkes-Barre  
 570-829-2424  
[www.holyredeemerhs.org](http://www.holyredeemerhs.org)



**PLACEMENT / SCHOLARSHIP TEST**  
 for interested Public and Private School 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
**Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM**  
 Call the Guidance Office to register for the test  
 570-829-2424

**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.



### NATIVITY BVM PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank **JOHN YABLONSKI** for his many years of service on the Council. John has been a very vocal presence on the Council, advocating for the many things that are important to him and to our parish. His voice will be missed as we move forward but the actions and activities that he championed will be his lasting legacy. Thanks, John and best wishes.

There will be a **special meeting of the Parish Council this Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM in the rectory** to discuss the diocesan proposal for realignment of Parish Council focus. All members of the Council are encouraged to attend.

The **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Tunkhannock Public Library Christmas Show** has been scheduled for next **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM in the high school auditorium**. Rehearsals for the community chorus are held on Sunday afternoons, 3:00-5:00PM at the Seven Loaves soup kitchen. All are welcome to participate in the chorus.

### CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

March 21 – 31, 2017  
\$3,794.00 per person including air from Scranton  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily  
Mass daily at the Holy Sites  
For a Flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660

### BOY SCOUT NEWS



**Next Committee Meeting:  
December 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**



**MONTHLY HOME VISITATIONS:** On or near the First Friday of every month (weather permitting), Fr. Pat, Deacon Ray and Diane Stone 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.**

**WELCOME:** We extend our prayerful congratulations to **AMIAH MARIAN RAYN HALLOCK**, daughter of **DENNIS HALLOCK & KAREN WILSON**, who will be baptized by Fr. Pat **this Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at noon in Nativity BVM Church**. We offer our best wishes to Amidah, her parents, godparents, grandparents and members of her family. May she continue to grow in age, wisdom and love before God and others.



**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.



**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.

**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!

**SNOWBIRDS:** Some of our parishioners have already left for warmer temperatures and others will be leaving immediately after the holidays for an extended stay out of our area. If you are officially one of these snowbirds, we would like to know. If you complete the form below and return it to us or call our parish office (570-836-3275), you will be sent an occasional parish bulletin so you can stay in touch with the happenings here. We can also either discontinue your envelopes for the time that you are away or have them forwarded to the address where you will be staying. If not, they are often simply returned to us as undeliverable by the post office and it is a waste of both postage and envelopes. We can resume the envelopes when you return. Have a safe and enjoyable stay down South, keep warm and think of us in the cold, snowy and sometimes ice slicked North. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address while away \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Plan to Return: \_\_\_\_\_

## What Is Advent?

For many Christians unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

## The History of Advent

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6<sup>th</sup> century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

## Advent Today

Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> each year.)

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The Church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the Church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people.

In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ's first coming, the Church now sings the song in commemoration of that first coming and in expectation of the second coming in the future.

## The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a popular Catholic Advent custom that originated in Germany. An Advent wreath consists of four candles (three purple, signifying penance, and one rose, signifying joy),



surrounded by evergreen branches. One purple candle is lit the first week, two the second week, two purple and one rose the third week, and finally all four are lit in the last week of Advent. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ, Who will come into the world at Christmas.

## The History of the Advent Wreath

While the Advent wreath is a feature in many Catholic homes and even Catholic churches during the season of Advent, it actually originated among the Lutherans of Eastern Germany in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It was quickly adopted by both Protestants and Catholics throughout Germany, and it was brought to the United States by German immigrants, both Catholic and Protestant, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The Advent wreath has deeper origins as well, extending back to pre-Christian customs of burning candles during the darkest months of winter. Medieval Christians retained the custom while seeing such lights as a symbol of Christ.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER?:

We are looking to add additional Eucharistic Ministers to our ministry in both churches. If you are interested – or simply want to get more information – please call Deacon Ray (570-378-2929).

## 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.





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

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

**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.



**NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY**

**Tuesday evening prayers 5:00PM @ Winola View Apartments All are welcome!**



**PRO-LIFE ROSE**



The Pro-Life red rose in front of the statue of Mary at Nativity this week is in honor of

**John Yablonski**

**for all he has done for our parish**  
 Donated by the Pro-Life Committee

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

**Line Dancing**

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



**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.

**Nativity BVM**

In need of a prayer shawl?  
 Please call Sue Barziloski (570-836-1351)



**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.**



**Eucharistic Adoration**

This Wednesday - November 30<sup>th</sup> - there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00PM until 7:00PM at Nativity BVM Church. What a great way to begin Advent, by spending some special time with Jesus!

Eucharistic Adoration will be held every Wednesday thereafter from 6:00PM until 7:00PM at Nativity BVM Church. All are welcome to join us.



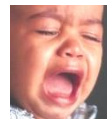
Diocese of Scranton  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**FAITH ACADEMICS SERVICE**

#GivingTuesday takes place Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, and is a movement which celebrates and supports the community giving back to charities and non-profits. This #GivingTuesday, Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools will participate. At each one of our 20 schools, there is a gift opportunity for a specific project the school would like to have funded. Our campaign will run from November 29<sup>th</sup> until December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For more information or to make a gift to a specific school, please visit:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/roman-catholic-diocese-of-scranton> or [dioceseofscranton.org/catholicschools](http://dioceseofscranton.org/catholicschools).



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



This ultra-fine StreakFree Microfiber Cloth does not damage any surface. The fibers grab and hold dirt, dust and grime. This is the magnet effect. Single fiber is approximately 1/20th the diameter of a strand of silk. Disperses oil, grease, dirt, grime, film, dust. Tough on dirt and gentle on surface.

Great for all cleaning projects!!

Available at the Parish Office

Only \$5.00

**RELIGIOUS WIT**

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.



**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** will be at Tunkhannock's "**Christmas in our Hometown**" on December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Stop by the Dietrich Theater** to purchase an ornament in memory (or honor) of your companion animal. Proceeds benefit the Humane Society. For more info, call 570-836-4745.

### **Northern Tier Symphony Orchestra**

Robert Helmacy, Music Director and Conductor  
Join Us for our 2016-17 Season Opening with Beethoven Symphony No. 8 and Christmas Favorites!

**Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00PM**

**Tunkhannock Middle School**

**Tickets: \$10.00 Adult; \$5.00 Student**

Advance Tickets on sale at:

Greenwood's Furniture, Tunkhannock  
Gay's True Value Hardware, Tunkhannock  
Peoples Security Bank, Nicholson

For more information, visit our website at  
[www.NorthernTierSymphony.org](http://www.NorthernTierSymphony.org).

Box Office: 570-762-3389

Admin Offices: 570-289-1090

The Pines Senior Living Home

### **Bake Sale**

**Assorted holiday cookies**

Cost: \$9.00 per pound

Place Order by December 18<sup>th</sup>

570-587-7709

Pick up on December 23<sup>rd</sup>

@ The Pines Senior Living Home  
1300 Morgan Highway, Clarks Summit  
Benefits the Alzheimer's Association

TAHS Class of 2018

### **Basket Bingo**

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Noon**

TAHS Cafeteria

Admission: \$20.00

Tickets available at the door

## **St. Mary of the Lake CCD News**

Kudos to Mrs. Barni's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class & Mrs. Zaleski's 7<sup>th</sup> grade class for hosting the Mass last week! Both classes did a fantastic job! The little touches they added were wonderful! Thank you, Mrs. Barni & Mrs. Zaleski for preparing your students so well!

**There is no CCD this week.** See you on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving everyone!

Please **support our fundraisers!**  
God bless, **Jenny Sinker**

## **Christmas Flowers**



Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the purchase of Christmas flowers in memory of a deceased loved

one is asked to use the Christmas Flower envelope located in your packet of envelopes. Please legibly print the name of the loved one in whose name you wish to make the donation on the envelope (or on a plain white envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"). A special memorial list of intentions will be published on Christmas.

## **Words of Life**

"A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called 'perinatal hospice,' ...[it] provides precious moments together—whether the baby is inside or outside the womb— which can be cherished forever."

**"Supporting Families Who Receive a  
Prenatal Diagnosis"**  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

## **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.**

## **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.

## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2016

SATURDAY	NOV.	26	5:00PM	MARY ANN KELLER – OFFERED BY JAMES & REBECCA FORTE
SUNDAY	NOV.	27	7:30AM	DOROTHY KOVALCHICK – OFFERED BY PAT WALSH
			9:00AM	MERCEDES HENNING – OFFERED BY HER CHURCH FAMILY
			11:00AM	JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, JENNIFER & CHERYL ANN
MONDAY	NOV.	28	7:00AM	JAMES HOVAN SR. – OFFERED BY RON, ABBY, ABE, AVERY, ALLIE & SCOTT KUKUCHKA
TUESDAY	NOV.	29	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
WEDNESDAY	NOV.	30	7:00AM	ANTHONY “SPIKE” BROWN – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE & CHILDREN
THURSDAY	DEC.	01	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
FRIDAY	DEC.	02	7:00AM	MARY YARSAVAGE KELLER – OFFERED BY THE 49ERS
SATURDAY	DEC.	03	5:00PM	ETHEL PRYOR – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
SUNDAY	DEC.	04	7:30AM	JOHN REILLY – OFFERED BY KEN & MILLIE FRANK
			9:00AM	MERCEDES HENNING – OFFERED BY THE GOLDEN LIVING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
			11:00AM	ED ZACHARIAS – OFFERED BY ANN ZACHARIAS

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. NOV. 26 &amp; SUN. NOV. 27</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	JOAN CHAPDELAINÉ SUSAN BARZILOSKI CINDY BROWN	DEACON RAY NAN DeMARCO AGNES MASSACESI	ROY BRODY CARL SHINKO JOHN KEEFE	DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA GARY TEWKSBURY
<b>LECTOR</b>	SABRINA TRAVER ALEX KEISER	GABRIELLE HAMPSEY EMMA ELIAS	RITA FITZGERALD AIDEN BURRY	GLORIA PASTERNAK IAN BURKE
<b>ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	MOLLY KEISER ZACH KEISER	THOMAS ELIAS KENNETH FILER	OLIVIA CARICHNER KATHRYN CUSATIS	SOPHIE BURKE HANNAH ECKERT
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>			J. YABLONSKI, P. BROWN, C. KOVALCHICK	
<u>SAT. DEC. 03 &amp; SUN. DEC. 04</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	DEACON RAY SUSAN BARZILOSKI JOAN CHAPDELAINÉ	ALISHA NUDO AGNES MASSACESI NAN DeMARCO	DEACON RAY ROY BRODY JOHN KEEFE	DEACON RAY DIANE STONE GARY TEWKSBURY
<b>LECTOR</b>	GRETA KOVALCHICK	DAVID KUFFA	EILEEN HEAD	TONY ZEME
<b>ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	ROBERT BURRY JOSEPH CASEY MICHAEL CASEY	ELIZABETH DeMARCO LEAH DeMARCO PAUL DeMARCO	KAYLA BINNER MARCUS BINNER PAUL BINNER	MICHAEL BARDZEL HELEN BELLUCCI THOMAS BELLUCCI
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>			D. NOLE, J. MITCHELL, G. LUPINSKI	

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

----- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, RUTH KUKUCKA, JENNIFER BUNNELL, RITA BERCHEM, MARIE STAIR, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELE MORTIMER, CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, HEATHER STEGNER, BARBARA CHAPMAN, MARGE HOLUB, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DOROTHY KOZLOSKI, MARGARET KINTNER, TRUDY FISK, MARY KUKUCHKA, MARY BOLOUSKI, EMMY COIA, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, SUSAN BOLOUSKI McANDREWS, NANCY ROBINSON, GARRET CONOVER, BECKY REESE, CLETUS MacDONALD, MERCEDES ANDERSON, ANALISA DOMINIC, VERA PRAWDZIK, JACOB WALTER CURTIS, MATTHEW FORTSE, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LaBAR, DON WHITE, DAVID TRESSLER SR., CAROL McGINLEY, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, JEAN YABLONSKI, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, AUSTIN THOMAS, LYNNE BINNER, JIM BORDEN, ROSE ANN WHITE, JERRY STROKA, BEN BROWN, LINDA NIEMIEC, DIANE THOMPSON, BILL IVEY, DEBBIE GAY, ROSEANN GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMORE, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, BECKY REESE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLSHAN, JR., HELEN RAIL, ANN ZACKARIAS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CHRISTOPHER BELL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, FLORENCE KEYES, LINDA RUEHLMAN, PETER BROZUSKY, SHERI RAIL, TOM EDWARDS, BONNIE LaFLEUR, ROY PREVOST.

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

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (836-3275) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.**

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS AVAILABLE TO BURN FOR YOUR INTENTION. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (570) 836-3275

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering                      \$4,801.00

## NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

<b>NOV. 27</b>	<b>NO CCD (THANKSGIVING VACATION)</b>	<b>JAN. 08</b>	<b>CCD CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>
<b>DEC. 04</b>	<b>CCD CLASS/2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CLASS PAGEANT – CHURCH/CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>	<b>JAN. 15</b>	<b>CCD CLASS</b>
<b>DEC. 06</b>	<b>ALTAR &amp; ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY – 5:30PM BOGEY'S SHADOWBROOK</b>	<b>JAN. 22</b>	<b>CCD CLASS/5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MASS – 9:00AM/ CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>
<b>DEC. 11</b>	<b>CCD CLASS</b>	<b>JAN. 29</b>	<b>CCD CLASS</b>
<b>DEC. 11</b>	<b>ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – 6:00PM</b>	<b>FEB. 04</b>	<b>FIRST PENANCE SERVICE – 10:00AM (SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 11– 10:00AM)</b>
<b>DEC. 18</b>	<b>CCD CLASS PARTIES/CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>	<b>FEB. 05</b>	<b>CCD BANNER SUNDAY – 10:00AM – FNH/ CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>
<b>DEC. 25</b>	<b>NO CCD CLASS</b>	<b>FEB. 12</b>	<b>CCD CLASS</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>NO ALTAR &amp; ROSARY MEETING</b>		
<b>JAN. 01</b>	<b>NO CCD CLASS</b>		

## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2016

SATURDAY	NOV.	26	4:00PM	ALBINA GUSTAITIS – OFFERED BY THE NOREIKA & TRAUGER FAMILIES
SUNDAY	NOV.	27	9:00AM	BEN ZDANIEWICZ – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE & FAMILY
MONDAY	NOV.	28	8:00AM	DAN KENIA SR. – OFFERED BY JOHN HOVAN
TUESDAY	NOV.	29	8:00AM	CATHERINE POLMOUNTER – OFFERED BY MR. & MRS. WILLIAM FATH
WEDNESDAY	NOV.	30	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
THURSDAY	DEC.	01	8:00AM	LOUISE DeLEO – OFFERED BY DR. WILLIAM & SUZANNE YUAKANIS
FRIDAY	DEC.	02	8:00AM	TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY STEVEN & JOSEPHINE FRANKO
SATURDAY	DEC.	03	4:00PM	PACKER & MANG FAMILIES – OFFERED BY THE PACKER FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC.	04	9:00AM	GEORGA SCHIAVONE – OFFERED BY LISA JANOSKI

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>SAT. NOV. 26 &amp; SUN. NOV. 27</u></b>  <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b></p> <p><b>LECTORS</b>  <b>ALTAR SERVER(S)</b></p> <p><b>USHERS</b>  <b>GREETERS</b>  <b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>  <b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b></p> <p><b><u>SAT. DEC. 03 &amp; SUN. DEC. 04</u></b>  <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b></p> <p><b>LECTORS</b>  <b>ALTAR SERVER(S)</b></p> <p><b>USHERS</b>  <b>GREETERS</b>  <b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>  <b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b></p>	<p><b><u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u></b>                  DEACON RAY                  CAROL BALKO                  MARIE PACKER                  LISA JANOSKI                  ASHLEY BUCKLEY</p> <p>BERNIE GARVEY &amp; CARL PACKER                  JONI JAMES  <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b></p> <p><b><u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u></b></p> <p><b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b></p>	<p><b><u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u></b>                  DEACON RAY                  HELEN FABIANI                  BRANDON PIERETTI                  NICK MIGLIORI                  MASON BERKHIMER                  OWEN BERKHIMER                  ZACH ZELNA                  JEFF PIERCE &amp; STEVE ZDANIEWICZ                  BILL WATERS  <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>                  JACK HADDOW &amp; KAY NOREIKA</p> <p><b><u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u></b></p> <p><b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>                  JACK HADDOW &amp; FRAN MOLLUSKY</p>
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Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole who healed those who believed. Amen.

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

--- THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED, ESPECIALLY: SANDRA SLOWEY, LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, CARMEN PIERCE, ELAINE HUG, CHARLIE RUSSELLO, ANNETTE SMITH, LYNN POLLINI, AVA MASON, LYNN McGLYNN, BONNIE KILGANNON, ANGIE HNATKO, RUSTY PERKINS, ANASTASIA TECHKY, ELLEN GAREY, JULIA KAIFER, MICHELLE HUERBIN, SHIRLEY DZIAK, JENNIFER BUNNELL, MARIE SCHOEN, JOSEPH PIERCE, THELMA SHEBBY, EDD KILGANNON, AUDREY DAVIS, SHIRLEY ROCHA, DOT JOHNSON, JERRY LAMONICA, JAMES DOUGHERTY, JESSICA MIGLIORI, STACIE MAGNECZ, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, KERSTIN LEE MIGLIORI, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, KATIE PACKER, PETER POLINSKY, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., ANN SMITH, DELORES HEAGY, FRAN MOLLUSKY, PEARL PIERCE, CAROLE GREENIP, BERNICE BURANICH, CEIL IGNATOVICH, JANE CAWLEY, LOUIS C. POLLINI JR., SUE MIGLIORI, MSGR. DAVID L. TRESSLER, BERNIE KENIA, JOE SCHIAVONE, JOSEPH FRANKO, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLLYN DAVIS, ELLEN GAREY, LINDA ZALEWSKI, FLORENCE KEYES, MARY PETERSEN, GINNY CLARKE, JACK KARASACK, JOE IGNATOVICH.

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#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> FOR **MARY ANN KASZUBA** OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$ 1,780.00

## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

<p><b>NOV. 27</b> NO CCD CLASS</p> <p><b>DEC. 04</b> CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS</p> <p><b>DEC. 06</b> ALTAR &amp; ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY – 5:30PM BOGEY'S SHADOWBROOK</p> <p><b>DEC. 11</b> CCD CLASS/5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MASS/CONFESSIONS</p> <p><b>DEC. 11</b> ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – 6:00PM – NATIVITY BVM CHURCH</p> <p><b>DEC. 18</b> CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @10:30AM DESSERT RECEPTION</p> <p><b>DEC. 25</b> NO CCD CLASS</p> <p><b>JAN. 01</b> NO CCD CLASS</p> <p><b>JAN. 08</b> CCD CLASS</p> <p><b>JAN. 15</b> CCD CLASS</p>	<p><b>JAN. 22</b> CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE/4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MASS</p> <p><b>JAN. 29</b> CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE</p> <p><b>FEB. 04</b> FIRST RECONCILIATION – 10:00AM</p> <p><b>FEB. 05</b> CCD CLASS/3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE MASS/BANNER DAY</p> <p><b>FEB. 10</b> 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE PARENTS MEETING TBA</p> <p><b>FEB. 11</b> SNOW DATE-RECONCILIATION</p> <p><b>FEB. 12</b> CCD CLASS/VALENTINE BREAKFAST</p> <p><b>FEB. 19</b> NO CCD CLASS</p> <p><b>FEB. 26</b> CCD CLASS</p> <p><b>MAR. 05</b> CCD CLASS/1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE MASS</p> <p><b>MAR. 12</b> CCD CLASS</p> <p><b>MAR. 19</b> CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS</p>
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