



DECEMBER 3-4, 2016

SECOND 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 DEACON'S BENCH:

My Brothers and Sisters,

December is a busy month for the Pieretti family. We have four birthdays to celebrate. Our youngest grandson Gus celebrated his second on Dec 1st. If he had come a little earlier, he could have had the month to himself! Then on the 2nd, our daughter Summer and my niece Debbie also celebrated birthdays and our grandson Jackson will become a teenager on the 18th. I am glad that two of our grandsons and I share the birthday month of June but I would have to admit that it has to be pretty cool to celebrate your special day in the same month as the Son of God. And hey, we also celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, so I guess December is pretty special for all of us.

There are a lot of very special things in our world. The late Elie Wiesel recounted a story about a discussion between God and man: One day, man came before God and said to the most high, "Which do you think is harder, to be God or to be man?" To which God replied, "Oh being God is much harder. I have a whole galaxy to run. All you have to worry about is your family and your job." "That's true, but you have infinite time and power and we do not." God countered: "You don't know what you're talking about. It is much harder being me!" The man persisted and they were getting nowhere so the man asked God to change places just for a short while so they could see what it was like in each other's "shoes." Now, God didn't want to do this, but man kept begging until God agreed and for one instant, each felt what the other had to deal with every day. When things returned to normal, man agreed that God had the harder job.

I guess the moral of the story is that we all have to be happy that we are who we are and I guess that's the secret of feeling special.

One day an older couple was sitting on the patio of their home drinking wine when the wife said, "I love you so much; I don't know how I could ever live without you." To which her husband asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?" And she replied, "It's me.... talking to the wine."

Deacon Ray



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 **this 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 this Sunday, December 4th. All are welcome.**



GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION: The family of **John Reilly** has made a generous contribution to Nativity BVM Church and paid for the **installation of a security and fire alarm system for the church building as well as for the fees for central service monitoring of this system** as a memorial to John.

John Reilly was a member of our Buildings and Grounds team and devoted endless time and talent to maintaining and improving the electrical integrity of the church buildings. John always looked to improve our facilities and came up with some very ingenious ideas and installed them for us. It was very difficult to find a burnt-out light bulb or a bad switch or faulty motor or fan in any of our buildings when John was with us.

It is with great pride that we recognize John at the 7:30AM Mass this Sunday, December 4th, at which time a plaque in honor of John will be presented to his wife Nancy and installed at the east entrance of the church where the control panel for the security system is installed.

We thank Mrs. Reilly and the Reilly family for their generous contribution. May John rest in peace and be always in the hands of the Lord. Thank you, John.

2017 PARISH CALENDARS: Please note that **calendars will not be mailed out this year**. They are available at each entrance of both churches. Please take one home.

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

DISCOVER THE ARTIST IN YOU: We are planning a **holiday-themed painting party next Friday, December 9th 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.**

NATIVITY'S ACCLAIMED PIEROGIES: They're going fast! 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 left so be sure to order soon. **First come, first served.**

COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES: Faithful in the Diocese of Scranton will have an opportunity to express their appreciation for the service of sisters, brothers and religious order priests by supporting the **annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious**, which **will be taken up at Masses next weekend** (December 10-11). The U.S. bishops launched the Retirement Fund for Religious collection in 1988 to address the profound deficit in retirement funding among the nation's religious communities. Traditionally, Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests - known collectively as women and men religious - served for small stipends that did not include retirement benefits. Today, many religious communities lack adequate retirement savings. At the same time, health-care costs have risen dramatically while the number of religious able to serve in compensated ministry has declined. Proceeds from the collection support the retirement needs of these women and men who spent their lives in church ministries such as education, health care and social services. In 2015, the collection raised \$30.7 million nationwide. The collection for the Religious Retirement Fund is distinct and separate from the monthly collection taken in parishes for the Care and Education of Priests of the Diocese of Scranton.

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 14th**. 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.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES: "Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person...even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!"



REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the soul of **THERESA WENGEN**, mother of St. Mary of the Lake parishioner **Paul Wengen**, who passed away this week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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 was a second collection last weekend. If you missed the opportunity to help us out, please deposit your donation in an envelope marked (Adopt-a Family) in this week's collection or mail your donation to the Parish Office**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 happenplease 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. **Love, Mary Lou**



LOOKING FOR SAINT PETER: We are looking for one person to become the "keeper of the keys" for Nativity's church buildings (Saint Peter was the term Fr. Ric used). **Ken Frank is going to retire finally at 85 years old and be put out to pasture with the old horses.** We need someone who is willing to control and manage the security and safety of our church facilities.

Requirements: reliable, honest, willing, cooperative, available and able to use a computer (any type of computer). (No smart remarks about how Ken ever got this job please!)

If you would like to consider filling this Buildings and Grounds task, please call Ken (570-575-7785) and he will answer all your questions and explain all the details of this very important task. This volunteer position does give you great latitude in using innovating and challenging ideas. It's really a fun job!

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!!!

WE ARE DOWN TO YOU!

Now we need only one Eucharistic Minister to help out at Golden Living Nursing Home. Thanks to Gary Tewksbury, who has joined the team to take care of the first Sunday of the month, we now only need someone for the 4th week.

Why not do something that is really needed, gets no pay, has no benefits (on earth), gets no recognition and no earthly reward? No 401k or medical benefits. Why not! I cannot think of any reason why someone would not want to take this non-paying task.

Now for the fringe benefits: loved by all the residents at Golden Living; bringing Christ to them in their golden years; praying for people who smile and tear up when you come to see them; feeling so rewarded after ministering to these wonderful people that you yourself are filled with love; getting to know new friends and celebrate their love of Christ with you; joining a team of Ministers who are really great parishioners and wonderful friends.

If you are already a Eucharistic Minister, that's great. If not, we will arrange the necessary schooling at no cost and have you installed as a minister of the faith. Give it some thought – real heart searching thought – and do what is right. **Call Ken at 570-575-7785 or the Parish Office with questions or to volunteer.**



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**

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 churchor 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 Christmas holidays.

**2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of November 29th**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$27,186.98
 STATUS:..... 80.0%
 UNDER GOAL: \$ 6,813.02
 PARTICIPATION: 18.15% (175 FAMILIES OUT OF 964)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$10,830.00
 STATUS..... 83.3%
 UNDER GOAL: \$ 2,170.00
 PARTICIPATION: 13.72% (66 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.

Thank you.

Fr. Pat

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: November 26-27, 2016

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 4,800.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 3,629.00
 Difference:..... **\$(1,171.00)**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 2,000.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 1,572.86
 Difference:..... **\$(427.14)**

*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.



**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? 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 or 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 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!

MARRIAGE HELP: If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Retrouvaille (*pronounced retro-vi with a long i*) is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. The next local program will be February 24-26, 2017 at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Registration Required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

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.

WELCOME: We extend our prayerful congratulations to **SMITH ROBERT HAZELWOOD**, son of **Darryl & Tara Lynn (Smith) Hazelwood**, who will be baptized by Fr. Pat **this Sunday, December 4th, at noon in Nativity BVM Church.** We offer our best wishes to Smith Robert, his parents, godparents, grandparents and members of his family. May he continue to grow in age, wisdom and love before God and others.



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

► **Tuesday, December 6th at St. Ann's Parish, Scranton beginning at 6:00PM.**

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.

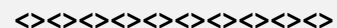
YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our **Middle School** youth group (CIA) will have a **Christmas party this Sunday, December 4th** 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.

Holy Redeemer High School
159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd. Wilkes-Barre
570-829-2424
www.holyredeemerhs.org



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



"Sounds of the Season"
Choral Concert and Elementary Band
Sunday, December 18th at 3:00PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM



BOY SCOUT NEWS

**Next Committee Meeting:
December 12th**

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 6th



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.**

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN LAY MINISTRY: The Office for Parish Life is still accepting applications for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry. The Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving in areas such as: Parish Pastoral Councils, Directors of Religious Education and Catechists, Liturgical Coordinators, Parish Staff, as well as members of Volunteer Ministry teams, and others. Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, Diocesan Certificate candidates enrich their knowledge base, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in serving their local faith communities. Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty MacLean, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at KittyMacLean@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials, and application submissions.

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.

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/>

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: _____

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).

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.



EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE: Please Join Us for an Evening of Remembrance. Light a Luminaire for a lost loved one... That their light may always shine...

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Saint Joseph's Center DeNaples Building

320 S. Blakely Street, Dunmore

6:45PM - Gather

7:00PM - Candle Lighting Ceremony

7:20PM - Light Refreshments Served

Luminaries will be provided and the name of your loved one will be printed on the luminaire.

An evening of Remembrance will be held in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting Ceremony. This service unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. As candles are lit at 7:00PM local time, hundreds of thousands of persons commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.

To reserve a luminaire, please contact Lynn Gavin @ 570-969-5250 or Jeannie McDonald @ 570-346-7197.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Nativity BVM

Wednesday, 12/07 7:00PM

Thursday, 12/08 7:00AM

St. Mary of the Lake

Thursday, 12/08 8:00AM

..... 7:00PM

COMMUNITY NEWS

The 29th Annual Tunkhannock Public Library Christmas Show has been scheduled for this Sunday, December 4th at 3:00PM in the high school auditorium.

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

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Year of Mercy Offers an Opportunity to Bring Healing in the Area of Failed Marriages

When marriages fail, Catholics may be unclear about their relationship to the Church.

"I am civilly divorced and not sure whether I can continue to receive the Eucharist or be a part of the parish community."

"I am not sure about the status of my marriage. It would be helpful to talk to someone who could explain it to me."

"My spouse and I would like to explore having our marriage blessed in the Church."

"I don't know what an annulment really is and why I would want one. Also, I heard they are expensive."

Do any of these voices sound like you or someone you know? In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact Fr. Pat or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.



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

- MAJ JEFFREY O'DELL – U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL CHRISTOPHER HNATKO – U.S. MARINES
- LT JOSEPH P. BREYMEIER – U.S. ARMY
- SGT JOHN GRIFFITH JR. – U.S. ARMY
- PVT JACOB BURGESS – U.S. MARINES
- CPL CHARLES BLISS – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ALFIER – U.S.A.F. ACADEMY
- PVT ANDREW SOLANIC – U.S. ARMY
- PFC GABRIEL KLINE – U.S. ARMY
- COL. JAMES J. CLANCY – U.S. ARMY
- PFC MATTHEW CLANCY – U.S. MARINES
- SEAMAN KAMRON HUBBARD – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT ROBERT GOHLER – U.S. MARINES
- LT CHELSEA ZWICKER – U.S. NAVY
- LT COL CRAIG KEYES – U.S.A.F.
- SPC GARRETT SUND – U.S. ARMY
- LIEUTENANT AMY LEBER – U.S. NAVY
- LT COL ANDREW STRALEY – U.S. MARINES
- LT JOHN D. PETERS, M.D. – U.S. NAVY
- SGT JOSEPH A. HARDISKY – U.S. ARMY
- PFC ROBERT SPRAGUE – U.S. ARMY
- PO2 ALEC FISHER – U.S. NAVY
- CWO TONY RICHARDSON – U.S. MARINES
- COL CARL PACKER – U.S. ARMY
- TECH SGT DONALD WEITZ – U.S.A.F.
- PVT 2 CL SETH CAINES – U.S. ARMY
- CPO ERIC TOMCZAK – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT. PETER FRANKO III – U.S.A.F.
- SGT THOMAS DILIONE – NATIONAL GUARD
- ET2 JACOB KINTNER – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT DAVID BALTRUSAITIS – NATIONAL GUARD
- CPO KENNETH C. FRANK – U.S. NAVY
- SGT ROBERT J. POLSTER – U.S. ARMY
- MAJOR CATHERINE RICHARDSON – U.S. MARINES
- SFC RICKY BROWN – NATIONAL GUARD
- PFC RYAN M. ERDEK – U.S. ARMY
- CPL ROBERT D. BARBER III – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ELL – U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY
- SN MICHAEL T. BARBER – U.S. NAVY
- PVT NIKKI CAPWELL – U.S. ARMY
- SPEC DEVIN BATTENBERG – NATIONAL GUARD
- CADET MARK AGUILAR – U.S.C.G. ACADEMY

We also want to recognize the service of the following veterans who have served our country:

- MAJOR GEORGE D. KASZUBA, U.S. AIR FORCE (IRAQ)
- CORPORAL JOSEPH IGNATOVICH, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- SPEC. FRANK GAUS, U.S. ARMY SPEC. FORCES (VIETNAM)
- SPEC. WILLIAM F. MARRONE, U.S. ARMY
- PRIVATE JAMES DEEGAN, U.S. ARMY (NO. AFRICA, ITALY)
- MAJOR FRANCIS TURNER, U.S. ARMY (WW II)
- SPEC. 4 RANDY GREENIP, U.S. ARMY
- AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DONALD WHITE, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- AIRMAN BRUCE GELNETT, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- SPEC. 4 CARL I. PACKER, U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL RICHARD DOMBROSKI – U.S.MARINES (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. RICHARD DOMBROSKI – NAT'L. GUARD (RET.)
- SGT. WALTER J. ZOLA, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- AE3 KENNETH C. FRANK, U.S. NAVY (KOREA)
- SSG WILLIAM SHAW, U.S. ARMY (GERMANY)
- SGT. JOHN WILPIZESKI, U.S. ARMY
- SFC TONY LANDI, U.S. ARMY (RET.)
- SGT. SAMUEL HERRING, US ARMY (KOREA)
- SGT. JERRY BEAUCHEANE, U.S. AIR FORCE
- PFC NICHOLAS KORDILLA, U.S. MARINE CORPS (WW II)
- SGT. NICHOLAS FERRUGGIA – U.S. MARINES

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 memory of

Edna Lipinski

Donated by her family

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 Barzilowski (570-836-1351)



Have You Moved?



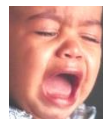
If you have recently moved or had an address change, please contact the parish office at 570-836-3275 so that our records may be updated.

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

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



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



Available at the Parish Office

Only \$5.00

**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 Pines Senior Living Home

Bake Sale

Assorted holiday cookies

Cost: \$9.00 per pound

Place Order by December 18th

570-587-7709

Pick up on December 23rd

@ The Pines Senior Living Home

1300 Morgan Highway, Clarks Summit

Benefits the Alzheimer's Association

TAHS Class of 2018

Basket Bingo

Sunday, December 11th – Noon

TAHS Cafeteria

Admission: \$20.00

Tickets available at the door

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! **December 18th is our Christmas program at 10:30AM. Please wait in the church till then.** We will have a Dessert Reception & the drawing for our Nativity Set Raffle after our program. Parents, please bring a dessert.

Next Sunday, CCD will be until noon for practice.

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

"Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. 'Everything is connected,' he reminds us."

"Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation"
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.

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Outdoor Rosary every Sunday at 7:00PM sponsored by Lay Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pray 15 decades of the rosary at the Fatima Grotto in Wilkes-Barre. North Main St. - across from Holy Cross Retirement Center.

PRO-LIFE meeting:

Held every Third Tuesday of the month at alternating parishes of Gate of Heaven in Dallas & Our Lady of Victory Church in Harvey's Lake. All faithful are invited.

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.**

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2016

SATURDAY	DEC.	03	4:00PM	THE PACKER & MANG FAMILIES – OFFERED BY THE PACKER FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC.	04	9:00AM	GEORGIA SCHIAVONE – OFFERED BY LISA JANOSKI
MONDAY	DEC.	05	8:00AM	LOU POLLINI – OFFERED BY THE ST. MARY OF THE LAKE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
TUESDAY	DEC.	06	8:00AM	CATHERINE POLMOUNTER – OFFERED BY ANDY, THERESA, ED & JERRY FRANCIK
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	07	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC.	08	8:00AM 7:00PM	THOMAS SCHOLONAS SR. – OFFERED BY GEORGE & ELLIE DOUGHERTY ROSE DEITZER – OFFERED BY WARREN & JANET TRAUGER & GAIL STAGE
FRIDAY	DEC.	09	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	DEC.	10	4:00PM	DOROTHY JOHNSON – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC.	11	9:00AM	HENRY HOFFMAN – OFFERED BY THE SINKER FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC. 03 & SUN. DEC. 04</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	KAREN LEBER MARIE PACKER DOROTHY TRAUGER DON AMES	HELEN FABIANI ANN MARIE GORKO JOAN STROKA LEN NASH
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER
GREETERS	JONI JAMES	JEAN NASH
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & FRAN MOLLUSKY
<u>SAT. DEC. 10 & SUN. DEC. 11</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	LISA JANOSKI MARIE PACKER	DEACON RAY JERRY HILDEBRAND SUSAN HILDEBRAND 5TH GRADE CCD CLASS
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	ASHLEY KENIA	
USHERS	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER	5TH GRADE CCD CLASS
GREETERS		5TH GRADE CCD CLASS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	5TH GRADE CCD CLASS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		DON & CAROL AMES

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, TAMMY MIGLIORI.

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

PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (378-2181) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 4TH FOR **MARY ANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$ 1,572.86
Adopt-A-Family	\$ 324.25

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

DEC. 04	CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS	JAN. 29	CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE
DEC. 06	ALTAR & ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY – 5:30PM BOGEY'S SHADOWBROOK	FEB. 04	FIRST RECONCILIATION – 10:00AM
DEC. 11	CCD CLASS/5 TH GRADE MASS/CONFESSIONS	FEB. 05	CCD CLASS/3 RD GRADE MASS/BANNER DAY
DEC. 11	ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – 6:00PM – NATIVITY BVM CHURCH	FEB. 11	SNOW DATE-RECONCILIATION
DEC. 18	CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @10:30AM DESSERT RECEPTION	FEB. 12	CCD CLASS/VALENTINE BREAKFAST
DEC. 25	NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 19	NO CCD CLASS
JAN. 01	NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 26	CCD CLASS
JAN. 08	CCD CLASS	MAR. 05	CCD CLASS/1 ST GRADE MASS
JAN. 15	CCD CLASS	MAR. 12	CCD CLASS
JAN. 22	CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE/4 TH GRADE MASS	MAR. 19	CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS
		MAR. 26	CCD CLASS/PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN GRADE MASS/CONFESSIONS
		MAR. 28	CONFIRMATION – 7:00PM – CATERDRAL

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2016

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
MONDAY	DEC. 05	7:00AM	DOROTHY TRIBUS – OFFERED BY PAUL & CINDY BROWN
TUESDAY	DEC. 06	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 07	7:00AM	WAYNE DICKINSON – OFFERED BY JOHN BROSTOSKI
		7:00PM	ROGER C. BETTS – OFFERED BY HIS DAUGHTER HEATHER
THURSDAY	DEC. 08	7:00AM	JOSEPH & FLORENCE STELMA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, JENNIFER & CHERYL ANN
FRIDAY	DEC. 09	7:00AM	RANDY BELL – OFFERED BY HIS GODMOTHER FLO TROWBRIDGE
SATURDAY	DEC. 10	5:00PM	MARY ANN YARSAVAGE KELLER – OFFERED BY LYLE & GRACE STURDEVANT
SUNDAY	DEC. 11	7:30AM	MARY KOZIELSKI – OFFERED BY HER DAUGHTER MARY ANN BROWN & CHILDREN
		9:00AM	JEAN IDE – OFFERED BY HER DAUGHTER SUZANNE
		11:00AM	MICHAEL ELIAS – OFFERED BY ART & ANN MARIE HENRY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC. 03 & SUN. DEC. 04</u>		<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		DEACON RAY SUSAN BARZILOSKI	ALISHA NUDO NAN DeMARCO	DEACON RAY ROY BRODY	DEACON RAY DIANE STONE
LECTOR		JOAN CHAPDELAINE GRETA KOVALCHICK	AGNES MASSACESI DAVID KUFFA	JOHN KEEFE EILEEN HEAD	GARY TEWKSBURY TONY ZEME
ALTAR SERVER(S)		ROBERT BURRY JOSEPH CASEY	ELIZABETH DeMARCO LEAH DeMARCO	KAYLA BINNER MARCUS BINNER	MICHAEL BARDZEL HELEN BELLUCCI
OFFERTORY GIFTS		MICHAEL CASEY	PAUL DeMARCO	PAUL BINNER	THOMAS BELLUCCI
COLLECTION COUNTERS		SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
				D. NOLE, J. MITCHELL, G. LUPINSKI	
<u>SAT. DEC. 10 & SUN. DEC. 11</u>		<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		DEACON RAY SUSAN BARZILOSKI	DEACON RAY ALISHA NUDO	LYNNE BINNER GENE SCHWEITZER	LISA RANSOM DIANE STONE
LECTOR		CINDY BROWN PAT MURRAY	NAN DeMARCO TAMMY NUDO	JOHN KEEFE BARBARA KALISH	DOLORES MANGANELLA JOHN BURKE
ALTAR SERVER(S)		ANTHONY ECKERT ALYSSA KOVALCHICK	SARAH DeMARCO EMMA HARDING	ALEX BRODY EVAN BRODY	ABIGAIL KALETA MATTHEW KALETA
OFFERTORY GIFTS		TORI KOVALCHICK	GRACE HARDING	MAIA BURRY	JACOB POWERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
				K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	

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, ANGELOUE 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, VERNA PRAWDZIK, JACOB WALTER CURTIS, MATTHEW FORTESE, 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.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$3,629.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

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