



DECEMBER 16-17, 2017



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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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,

On November 25th at St. Peter's Cathedral, 11 men ranging from 47 to 65 years old were ordained by Bishop Bambera to serve the Diocese of Scranton as permanent Deacons. Near the close of Mass, each of the newly ordained knelt before the Bishop and accepted from him the book of the Gospels and accepted the following charge: "Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become." The Bishop then said, "Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you preach." Just reading those words took me back to the day I knelt with 25 others and heard those same words that became the focus of what I still believe being a Deacon should be all about.

At the end of every Mass I serve, I proclaim those same words when I say, "The Mass is over; let us go to know, love and serve the Lord."

To know is to believe. To know God is to know the Gospel, because when we read His words spoken for all times and for all peoples, it reveals God's inner nature to his people.

To love is to teach. After proclaiming the word of God through the Gospel, we as clergy should project that love of God that we should all experience in our willingness to extend God's mercy and forgiveness in our homilies. That above all is what I seek to teach.

To serve is to practice. To serve God we must surrender ourselves to His will which gives us the strength and endurance a servant of God must possess to practice what we have just preached.

I was proud to see these 11 men from throughout the Diocese be willing to take up a new cross in service to Christ and His Church. But to be honest, I was a little envious. I ask myself now, after all these years as a deacon, where have the years gone? Seeing the new class just beginning the fulfillment of God's call, I find it hard to believe that I'm on the other side of the road.

May God Bless,

Deacon Ray



UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Adopt-A-Family (SML 9:00AM) December 17

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE "ADOPT-A-FAMILY" PROGRAM

Dear Friends,

Thank you to those who have already donated and to all my helpers who shopped, packaged & delivered these special gifts.

We will take up the missed collection this Sunday at the 9:00AM Mass. Please think about supporting this important holiday ministry – you can call me at 570-586-4811 if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

God bless you!

Love, Mary Lou Franko

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who contributed canned goods, money, turkeys or other foods for our Thanksgiving Basket project. Thank you also to our CCD classes who also collected groceries for this project.

Thank you also to those volunteers who helped with sorting the donations and packing the baskets: **Peggy Finnegan, Diane Stone, Chris Schweitzer, Rose Mary Lubinski, Carol & Amy Rubbinaccio and Ruth Tewksbury.**

Mary Olshan

2018 CATHOLIC CALENDARS: Our 2018 Catholic Calendars are available at the doors to the church. Please take one on your way out of the church this weekend.

We want to express our sincere thanks to **Tom & June Kukuchka and Eric & Gretchen Kukuchka of Sheldon-Kukuchka Funeral Home** for once again donating these calendars for our faith community.



A HEART FELT THANK YOU: On behalf of the Wilkes-Barre Pro Life Center, Betty Caffrey (who is the coordinator of the Center) and I want to thank Father Pat for hosting the Baby Bottle Coin and Cash Collection and to all who participated and gave so generously to it. **Our generous Parish and friends donated \$1,056.61.** Please know you will be helping many mothers and babies with much needed clothing and diapers.

God Bless all of you.

Diane Stone, Pro Life Committee

WANTED: **Nativity CCD** is in need of a few people who would like to be a **substitute CCD teacher.** CCD runs from **9:50AM to 10:50AM most Sundays from September through April.** We are blessed to have regular CCD teachers for Pre-school through Eighth grade but occasionally the teachers have to have a Sunday off and we need someone to fill in. So...if you would like to share your faith and time with our Parish children, please contact Judy Boyanowski by calling the Parish office and leaving a message. Assistance will be provided to get required clearances.



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

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 09-10, 2017

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 4,800.00
 Actual Offertory**\$ 4,236.00
 Difference:.....\$(564.00)

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 2,000.00
 Actual Offertory**\$ 1,590.28
 Difference:.....\$(409.72)

*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2017-2018 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 Easter or 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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

Your gifts support the following ministries made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal:

- Catholic Social Services and Parish Social Justice Grants
- Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes
- Clergy Formation, Education and Support
- Parish Life and Ministry Formation
- Catholic Media and Communication

Please consider a gift to the 2017 Diocesan Appeal. Envelopes are available at the doors to the church. Thank you. **Fr. Pat**

**2017 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
 As of December 11th**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:.....\$34,000.00
 PLEDGED:.....\$29,575.00
 STATUS:.....87.0%

UNDER GOAL:.....\$ 4,425.00
 PARTICIPATION: 17.92% (174 FAMILIES OUT OF 971)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:.....\$13,000.00
 PLEDGED:.....\$ 7,460.00
 STATUS.....57.4%

UNDER GOAL:.....\$ 5,540.00
 PARTICIPATION: 9.56% (46 FAMILIES OUT OF 481)

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



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT NATIVITY B.V.M.
 Wednesdays in December
 3:00PM to 7:00PM**



**This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.
 "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."
 (Pope Saint John Paul II)**

Holy Hour is the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Reasons

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer. (St. Alphonsus Ligouri) 29

Benefits

In the course of the day the faithful should not omit to visit the Blessed Sacrament! (Pope Paul VI) 51

Be Silent

Be Attentive

Be Alert

**You are invited to spend an hour with Jesus
 AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE NEEDED IN CHURCH
 DURING EACH HOUR
 (BE A REGULAR OR A SUBSTITUTE)
 Call Cindy Brown (570) 836-4744 to sign up**

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- If school is closed for the day - No Adoration
- If there is early dismissal - No Adoration
- If there is a school delay (report 2 hours later) - there will be Adoration



REVELATION: If you are interested in learning more about the last book of the Bible, *Revelation*, please come and join the **Sunday evening Bible Study** group. **It's never too late to join us.** We meet in **Father Nallin Hall at 7:00PM.** All you need to bring is a Bible. If you have any questions, call Cindy at 570 836-4744.

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.



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DIGITAL DISCIPLES MINISTRY

Like our Facebook Page

When you think about it, being a Digital Disciple is all about four things:

Information – learning what you need to know about our parishes

Education - learning about our Catholic faith and how we are implementing that faith here in our parishes

Communication - making sure we all know what's going on

Evangelization – spreading our faith to others

If you are on Facebook, THE biggest way you can help INFORM, EDUCATE, COMMUNICATE, and EVANGELIZE is by LIKING our Facebook page, @nativitystmary, and by LIKING and SHARING our Facebook posts. When you like our page, you affirm that you want to know about your faith and how we are practicing it at Nativity and St Mary. By liking and sharing our posts, you affirm that you want others to know about our faith as well.

We currently have about 150 "likes" for our page. Realistically, we should have many more likes for two parishes of our size. We have set a goal of doubling the number of likes for our page. Here's how you can help:

- If you are on Facebook and have not yet liked our page, by all means do so.
- If you have already liked our page, start liking and sharing our posts to your friends, and encourage them to like the page as well.
- If you are not yet on Facebook, create a Facebook profile and like our page. If you need help, ask a friend or family member to help you.
- If you are a "computer person", offer to help a friend or family member create a Facebook profile.

Liking our Facebook page is one way of being an active parishioner. Support your parish by helping us reach our goal.

PLEASE NOTE: We have begun to transition the email addresses for our parishes to take advantage of the options available through our website. While we will still receive emails through the frontier.com email addresses, we are also utilizing the following website email addresses for our outgoing communications and receiving emails through them as well. Please help us in this transition by making note of the following addresses in your email program's Address Book:

Fr. Pat Albert	pastor@nativitystmary.org
Deacon Ray	deacon@nativitystmary.org
Dick Schwoebel	busmgr@nativitystmary.org
Nativity Parish	nativity@nativitystmary.org
St. Mary Parish	stmary@nativitystmary.org

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.



NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR:

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis or at 1-800-932-0313.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at 570-862-7551 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Msgr. Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at 570-207-2269.

PAINTING PARTY:

A big THANK YOU to **Karen & Sabrina Traver** for sharing their time and talent at our Holiday Paint Party last weekend. Thirteen people attended, creating beautiful holiday paintings and also some fun memories. Keep your eyes open for another "springtime" event.



Diocese of Scranton Real Estate Availability

The Property & Risk Management Division of the Diocese currently maintains a listing of real estate available for sale or use throughout the Diocese. If interested in learning about the available opportunities, please contact Ed Carlin, Property Assets Director, P&RM Division, at 570-558-4310.



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

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!!!

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Our daily Mass schedule is:

Nativity BVM Church

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00AM

St. Mary of the Lake Church

Tuesday, Thursday 8:00AM

When there is a school delay or closure due to inclement weather, no Mass will be celebrated.



BOY SCOUT NEWS

Next Committee Meeting:

January 8th

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall

Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson

570-233-4000 adelano1230@gmail.com

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fr. Nallin Hall

January 8th



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.

St. Mary's Visitation Church

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

In the school at

625 Dundaff St., Dickson City

Progressive Jackpot

Weekly Minimum \$1,200.00

Call 489-2091 for info!

Early Bird at 6:40PM

Regular Games at 7:00PM

2 Floors – main floor handicapped-accessible!

Doors open at 4:30PM

Kitchen serving food and beverages

from 5:00PM!

Homemade pizza available after 7:30PM

**Diocese Celebrating 150th Anniversary of Founding
Year-long celebration has begun**

The First Sunday of Advent, **December 3rd**, marked the beginning of the Liturgical Year throughout the world. **It also designated the commencement of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Scranton.** The territory that comprises our Diocese was part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia until March 3, 1868, when Pope Pius X created the Diocese of Scranton.

Our Diocese has a rich and noteworthy history that we will recognize through most of next year with liturgical celebrations and numerous annually occurring and specially focused events.

THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open the first and third Thursday of the month. **We are in need of dessert items (cake mixes, sugar, flour, pudding, bread mixes)** as these items are not purchased for the pantry shelves but will certainly be enjoyed for the upcoming holiday feasts! The food pantry will provide our clients with a \$25.00 gift card for Christmas to help with the ham and turkey purchase. If you or someone you know is in need, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Mary Lou

COMMUNITY HEALING SERVICES

First Sunday of each month @ 6:00PM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Route 6, Tunkhannock

For more information or prayer contact:

Colleen Williams – (570) 836-5485 or

John Hardman-Zimmerman – (570) 289-5077

SNOWBIRDS: Some of our parishioners have already left for warmer temperatures and others will be leaving before or 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.

Name _____

Current Address _____

Address while away _____

Envelope # _____ Date Leaving: _____

Date Plan to Return: _____



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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.**

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.

Community Invited to Longest Night Service on December 21st

Christmas can be a painful time. For some, it may be the first Christmas without a loved family member because of death, divorce or military service; or it may be that Christmas has always been a difficult time.

For this reason, **Tunkhannock United Methodist Church is offering a special "Longest Night" service on Thursday, December 21st at 4:30PM.** The service will be held at Tunkhannock United Methodist Church located at the corner of Church and Warren Streets.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation — all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; and we need to know that we are not alone.

Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days still ahead of us.

Please join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle — and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it), is welcome.

LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA: We want to remind you that our parishes are pleased to offer the Lighthouse Media bookracks in our churches and in Fr. Nallin Hall. Many of our parishioners have taken the opportunity to read one or more of the excellent printed materials and to listen to the CDs. There's a wealth of good information in these resources and we encourage all of our parishioners to pick up one of the items and give it a try. Be sure and let us know how you feel about these resources.

RESPECT LIFE MASS TO BE HELD AT SAINT FAUSTINA PARISH, NANTICOKE

The Annual Respect Life Mass, sponsored by the Wyoming Valley Councils, Knights of Columbus, will be held at Saint Faustina Parish, Hanover Street, Nanticoke, **Sunday, January 14, 2018, at the 11:00AM Mass.** The Knights of Columbus, along with Pro-Life Representatives, will offer prayer intentions during the Mass for a greater respect of all Human Life and to end abortion. January is Respect Life month as abortion was legalized, January 22, 1973. Since then, upwards of 60 million innocent unborn children have been aborted. Father Nash, Pastor, warmly invites all to attend and to pray for the most vulnerable of Human Lives, those with disabilities, the ill, and the unborn.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS: Those wishing more information concerning a local Bus going to the **March For Life in Washington, Friday, January 19th,** may contact Christopher Calore, Pennsylvanians for Human Life Representative, at 570-824-5621.

PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM?

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Parents must participate in a Baptism Preparation Session with the Pastor before the Baptism date is scheduled.
- At least one Godparent must be a practicing Roman Catholic verified by the Godparent's parish.
- Parents must be registered and PARTICIPATING parishioners of Nativity BVM or St. Mary of the Lake for at least 6 months. If they are from another parish, they must have the written approval of their Pastor to have their child baptized here. The approval letter must state that they are registered and participating parishioners at that parish and provide the reason for having the baptism scheduled here (ex., out of town and family/relatives live in our area, etc.). Please call the Parish Office to schedule your Baptism appointment (570-836-3275) or for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

2018 POST-HOLIDAY PARISH POTLUCK DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

6:00PM -- FR. NALLIN HALL

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

R.S.V.P. BY JANUARY 4th

CINDY BROWN 570-836-4744

Check out this week's flyer for details

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is known as “Gaudete Sunday.” In the readings, we hear about miracles associated with the Messianic age, its coming, and what we need to do to prepare. We also learn about the doubts of John the Baptist, how he dealt with them, and the blessing that makes us even more fortunate than John was.

Here are some things to know and share . . .

Why is the third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday?

Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

This is a quotation from Philippians 4:4-5, and in Latin, the first word of the antiphon is *gaudete* (Latin, “rejoice”; it’s also pronounced with three syllables: *gau-de-te*).

What significance does this have?

Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season. Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: “The Lord is near.”

What is the appropriate liturgical color for this day?

According to the rubrics: In this Mass the color violet or rose is used. It can thus be either one.

What does the Gospel reading say?

The Gospel reading is Matthew 11:2-11. The reading contains two parts. In the first, John the Baptist, who is in prison, sends messengers to Jesus to ask “Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?” Jesus replies by telling them to report to John what they have seen: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. He adds: And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.

In the second part of the reading, as the messengers are preparing to leave, Jesus pays tribute to John the Baptist by asking the crowd a series of rhetorical questions about why they went out into the desert to see John when he was ministering. The implied answer to the questions is “no” (no, they did not go out to see a reed shaken by the wind or someone dressed in fine clothing) until he names going out to see a prophet. At this point Jesus affirms that they did go out to see a prophet, “and more than a prophet.” He then identifies why John is more than a prophet: He is the fulfillment of Malachi 3:1, in which it is said:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Finally, Jesus states:

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

What does this mean?

The Jewish people in Jesus’ day had certain ideas about what the Messiah would be like and what he would do.

It was common to envision him as an earthly king who would deliver Israel from the dominion of the hated Romans by violent revolution.

John the Baptist may have shared some of this expectation, for even though he had received a revelation pointing to Jesus as the Lamb of God (John 1:30-34). Despite this revelation, Jesus’ subsequent actions (his failure to start a revolution?) apparently caused John to question whether Jesus was the Messiah. Rather than lose faith or let his doubts eat away at him, John decided to confront the issue directly, and so he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if his understanding of Jesus’ Messianism was correct. Jesus indicated that it was, pointing to the fact that he had been fulfilling the predicted miracles and the preaching of the good news proper to the Messianic age. One of these miracles was the recovery of sight to the blind (already mentioned in the first reading and the responsorial Psalm). Jesus then states that those who do not take offense at him (i.e., who do not reject him) are blessed. In the original context, it applies to John the Baptist (he will be blessed for maintaining faith in Jesus, despite his doubts). The same principle, however, applies to us as well.

As John’s messengers are departing, Jesus pays tribute to their master, stating that he was a genuine prophet—and even more than that—he was the messenger prophesied in Malachi, who would be the herald of the Messiah. This makes him the greatest prophet of all, which is why Jesus says that among those born of women, none has been greater than John.

Despite this, Jesus states that “the least in the kingdom of heaven” is even greater. In this context, the kingdom of heaven is understood in its earthly manifestation as the Church, in the Christian age, which John did not live to see. Every Christian—man, woman, and child—is more blessed than John because we didn’t just get to herald him. We get to live in the age he inaugurated, to share in its many blessings, and to be part of his mystical Body. (That also goes for his mother, Mary, incidentally).

Bold Choices Retreat

(Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully)

Join us for a young adult (18-35) retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit on January 5th-6th. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65.00. For more information and/or to register, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.



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. Show us ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus.



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 loving memory of

Agnes Remetz

Donated by Nancy Kovalchick

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 All are welcome



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If you're not already doing so, you can follow Bishop Bambara on Twitter by going to:

www.twitter.com/BishopBambara

Also check out our Facebook page:

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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/>

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

<u>Nativity BVM</u>	
Sunday, December 24 th	5:30PM
.....	10:00PM
Monday, December 25 th	11:00AM
Sunday, December 31 st	5:00PM
Monday, January 1 st	9:00AM
<u>St. Mary of the Lake</u>	
Sunday, December 24 th	4:00PM
Monday, December 25 th	9:00AM
Sunday, December 31 st	4:00PM
Monday, January 1 st	9:00AM

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)



Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, 54 Warren Street in Tunkhannock (formerly the P&G Credit Union building), serves a hearty meal every Monday through Friday from 5:00-6:30PM. There is no charge and all are welcome.



Those who desire to volunteer to work at the kitchen or to donate food or make a financial contribution are asked to contact 570-996-5005 or 570-836-3145.

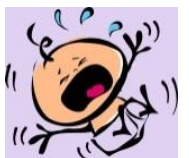


Great for all cleaning projects!! Available at the Parish Office Only \$5.00

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.



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



**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

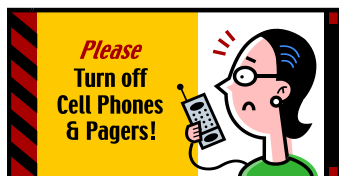
.....4:15-4:45PM

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).



St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Kudos to Miss Rachel's 6th grade class for doing an outstanding job hosting last week's Mass! Thank you Miss Rachel for preparing them so well!

This week is our Christmas program and Dessert Reception starting at 10:30AM. Parents: please wait in the church until we are ready for YOU.

There will be **no CCD the next 2 weeks.** Have a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God bless,
Jenny Sinker

Words of Life

"He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. ... Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us."

**USCCB Sec. of Pro-Life Activities
2017-18 Respect Life Reflection**

PRO-LIFE ROSE



Looking for a wonderful way to remember a loved one on a special day?

Why not donate the Rose that is placed before the statue of

the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nativity BVM Church?

Simply contact **Diane Stone (570-836-3055)** to schedule the date that you desire and how you want it listed in the bulletin. Many weekends are available.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Traditional Christmas wafers

(Oplatek) are available at the doors to the church and also in the Parish Office.

Donation is \$2.00 per pack (6 wafers).



Christmas Flowers



Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the purchase of Christmas flowers in honor of a living person or 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"). **In order to be included in the special annual list of intentions that will be published on Christmas, we must receive your envelope no later than Sunday, December 17th.**

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

If a family member or friend has been hospitalized (especially if they were admitted through the Emergency Room or to Tyler Hospital or one of the hospitals in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre or Plains Township) or placed in a long-term care facility, please contact the Parish Office so that Fr. Pat or Deacon Ray may visit them.

Unfortunately, **the current privacy laws make it extremely difficult for us to know if a parishioner has been admitted to one of the local hospitals.**

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.

Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved or had an address change, please contact the parish office at 836-3275 so that our records may be updated. **If we don't have a mailable address on file for you, we will have to remove your name from our parish roster.**



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

SATURDAY	DEC.	16	4:00PM	MARION SHANDRA – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER
SUNDAY	DEC.	17	9:00AM	HENRY HOFFMAN – OFFERED BY THE SINKER FAMILY
MONDAY	DEC.	18	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC.	19	8:00AM	THOMAS WENGEN – OFFERED BY THE ST. MARY OF THE LAKE 8:00AM MASS GROUP
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	20	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC.	21	8:00AM	BERNIE KENIA – OFFERED BY GEORGE & ELINOR DOUGHERTY
FRIDAY	DEC.	22	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	DEC.	23	4:00PM	JOSEPH & MARY GANZ – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC.	24	9:00AM	LOU POLLINI – OFFERED BY RICK, MARY LOU & JULIA FRANKO
			4:00PM	THERESA WALL – OFFERED BY LUCY MONNINGER

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. DEC. 16 & SUN. DEC. 17	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY KAREN LEBER ELLEN WENGEN	ANN MARIE GORKO LEN NASH SEAN PIERETTI
LECTORS	BOB ANDREWS	NICK MIGLIORI
ALTAR SERVER(S)	JEWEL STOVER	MASON BERKHIMER OWEN BERKHIMER DANIEL DRISCOLE
USHERS	CARL PACKER & BERNIE GARVEY	RANDY PIERETTI & STEVE ZDANIEWICZ
GREETERS	JONI JAMES	JIM SNYDER
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & LEN NASH
SAT. DEC. 23 & SUN. DEC. 24	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	CAROL BALDO DOROTHY TRAUGER TOM WOLFF LISA JANOSKI	DEACON RAY HELEN FABIANI LEN NASH SEB NARO
LECTORS		
ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS	BILL SHAW & JIM BILLINGS	JEFF PIERCE & STAN MALECKI
GREETERS	JANET SHAW	BILL WATERS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & KAY NOREIKA
SUN. DEC. 24 & MON. DEC. 25	SUNDAY 4:00PM	MONDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY CARMEL WILLIAMS	ANN MARIE GORKO LISA JANOSKI JOAN STROKA BILL WATERS STEVE ZDANIEWICZ ZACH ZELNA
LECTORS	STEVE FRANKO GEORGE KAMAGE DANIEL DRISCOLE ADRIEN FRANKO RACHEL KENIA JEWEL STOVER	
ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS	CARL PACKER & BERNIE GARVEY	RANDY PIERETTI & JEFF PIERCE
GREETERS	ABBA FRANKO	JOHN HARRIS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & FRAN MOLLUSKY

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, MSGR. DAVID L. TRESSLER, ANGIE HNATKO, RUSTY PERKINS, ANASTASIA TECHKY, JULIA KAIFER, MICHELLE HUERBIN, SHIRLEY DZIAK, JENNIFER BUNNELL, JOSEPH PIERCE, THELMA SHEBBY, EDD KILGANNON, AUDREY DAVIS, SHIRLEY ROCHA, DOT JOHNSON, JAMES DOUGHERTY, JESSICA MIGLIORI, STACIE MAGNECZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, CAROLLYN DAVIS, LINDA ZALEWSKI, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, KERSTIN LEE MIGLIORI, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, RON GORKO, KATIE PACKER, JOE IGNATOVICH, PETER POLINSKY, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., ANN SMITH, DELORES HEAGY, FRAN MOLLUSKY, PEARL PIERCE, BERNICE BURANICH, CEIL IGNATOVICH, MARY PETERSEN, LOUIS C. POLLINI JR., SUE MIGLIORI, JOE SCHIAVONE, JOSEPH FRANKO, LINDA NIEMIEC, JACK KARASACK, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, FLORENCE KEYES, GINNY CLARKE, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILO.

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

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 17th FOR **MARYANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$ 1,590.28
Religious Retirement	\$ 252.00

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

SATURDAY	DEC. 16	5:00PM	HELEN YONCHIUK – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC. 17	7:30AM	FRANK & HELEN McKEON – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
		9:00AM	CAROLINE PANTUSO – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
		11:00AM	JOHN WAGENHOFFER – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
MONDAY	DEC. 18	7:00AM	SYLVIA ODGERS – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
TUESDAY	DEC. 19	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 20	7:00AM	DAVID PLOWICK – OFFERED BY THE FIORE & GEORGE FAMILIES
THURSDAY	DEC. 21	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC. 22	7:00AM	MARGE COOK – OFFERED BY JO ANNE & MARIE MIRABELLI
SATURDAY	DEC. 23	5:00PM	BEN, CELIA & JOHN WHYTASHEK – OFFERED BY DAUGHTER & SISTER JANICE SUSZ & TOM
SUNDAY	DEC. 24	7:30AM	JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS
		9:00AM	CECELIA KOBYSKI – OFFERED BY HARRY HUTCH
		11:00AM	JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, CHERYL ANN & JENNIFER
		5:30PM	JAMES HOVAN SR. – OFFERED BY FRANK & PATRICIA WADAS
		10:00PM	PAUL KOMENSKY – OFFERED BY ART & ANN MARIE HENRY

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	SARA DUNAY SUSAN BARZILOSKI JOAN CHAPDELAIN	MARY ROBBINS NAN DeMARCO AGNES MASSACESI	DEACON RAY RITA FITZGERALD JOHN KEEFE	DEACON RAY DOLORES MANGANELLA GARY TEWKSBURY
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	PAT MURRAY ANTHONY ECKERT HANNAH ECKERT TORI KOVALCHICK	CHRIS DeMARCO MAIA BURRY ROBERT BURRY KATHRYN CUSATIS	BARBARA KALISH MICHAEL CASEY JOSEPH COLAVITTI EMMA ELIAS	TINA KALETA ABIGAIL KALETA MATTHEW KALETA SEAN WILLIAMS
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS J. MULLEN, V. MULLEN, A. DAVIS	SELECTION BY USHERS
<u>SAT. DEC. 23 & SUN. DEC. 24</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY SUSAN BARZILOSKI	DEACON RAY NAN DeMARCO AGNES MASSACESI	CARL SHINKO ROY BRODY JOHN KEEFE	DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA LISA RANSOM
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	PAULA ECKERT BILLY PREBOLA MATTHEW PREBOLA MICHAEL PREBOLA	TAMMY NUDO JOSEPH CASEY PAUL DeMARCO GRACE HARDING	LYNNE BINNER AIDEN BURRY HANNAH MILNER JACOB POWERS	TONY ZEME HEIDI WILLIAMS MATTHEW WILLIAMS SCOTT WILLIAMS
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS B. KIRBY, W. OLIVER, R. THORNE	SELECTION BY USHERS
<u>SUN. DEC. 24 & MON. DEC. 25</u>	<u>SUNDAY 5:30PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 10:00PM</u>	<u>MONDAY 11:00AM</u>	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	SUSAN BARZILOSKI MARY ROBBINS	GARY TEWKSBURY JOHN KEEFE NAN DeMARCO	DIANE STONE ROY BRODY LISA RANSOM	
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	DAVID KUFFA THOMAS ELIAS EMMA ELIAS ZACK KEISER ROBERT BURRY MAIA BURRY AIDEN BURRY	EILEEN HEAD ELIZABETH DeMARCO LEAH DeMARCO ANTHONY ECKERT HANNAH ECKERT JACK ZEUNEN MARY ZEUNEN	SUSAN BARZILOSKI EVAN BRODY CORR MILNER HANNAH MILNER	
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS P. BROWN, A. DAVIS, C. KOVALCHICK	

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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	\$4,236.00
Religious Retirement	824.00