



JUNE 4-5, 2016 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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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
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ST. MARY OF THE LAKE
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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.)

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,

Erik Weisz was born in Hungary in the late 18th century and later came to America with his family. He was fascinated with doing magic tricks when he was a young man but it wasn't until he moved to New York City that he became famous – not for doing magic tricks but for becoming one of the most famous escape artists of his time. You might be asking yourself, “Who the heck was Erik Weisz?” Erick didn't become a household name until he changed his name to Harry Houdini and, as they say, the rest is history.



The reason I mention Mr. Houdini and his ability to escape from just about everything is his promise to a friend that after he died, he would come back if he could. As far as we know, he hasn't been seen or heard from until now! The reason no one recognizes him is because I'm convinced he came back not as a person but rather as a chipmunk. Now you might be a bit skeptical but let me explain. For a few weeks, there has been this chipmunk running around just outside our porch window and he/she has been driving our two dogs nuts. I decided to catch it in our live trap. I would like to report that all went well but it didn't. Each time I caught him, he would immediately get out after grabbing all of the sunflower seeds.

My neighbor stopped one day and asked how was I doing as far as catching this miniature rodent and I had to report it wasn't going well. I confided to him that so far this reincarnation of Mr. Houdini had already cost me five pounds of seed and I still hadn't caught him. That all changed last Monday. I heard the trap spring shut and ran as fast as I could and jumped on it so it couldn't get free again. Now that I finally had it, I was faced with another dilemma - how do I relocate it without it getting out again? Not to fear. I placed the trap into a garbage bag and jumped into the car. Then, disaster struck! He got loose in the bag and when I slammed on the brakes (who wants a chipmunk living in their car?), he popped out of the bag and ran away. I do believe he was laughing. Houdini lives!

Today we hear of the prophet Elijah, who, with the help of God, performs magic. OK - a miracle. He brings a widow's son back to life and brings forgiveness to the mother. In our Gospel, Jesus travels to the city of Nain and encounters a group of mourners carrying the only son of a widow who had died. Jesus is moved with pity for her and restores the son to life. He not only restores the son whom she loved but also on whom she depended to help support her. And by doing so, he brings new life to them both.

As we journey through Ordinary Time, Jesus is always calling us to new life, a new way of experiencing God's love for us. It is through the visible sign of confession that he gives us this new life, calls us forth from the death that serious sin imparts to our soul to the new light of his love and forgiveness.

May God Bless You,

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, June 5th. All are welcome.**



POPE FRANCIS QUOTES: "And I want to repeat these three words: please, thank you, sorry. Three essential words! We say please so as not to be forceful in family life: "May I please do this? Would you be happy if I did this?". We do this with a language that seeks agreement. We say thank you, thank you for love! But be honest with me, how many times do you say thank you to your wife, and you to your husband? How many days go by without uttering this word, thanks! And the last word: sorry. We all make mistakes and on occasion someone gets offended in the marriage, in the family, and sometimes – I say – plates are smashed, harsh words are spoken but please listen to my advice: don't ever let the sun set without reconciling. Peace is made each day in the family: "Please forgive me", and then you start over. Please, thank you, sorry! Shall we say them together? [They reply "yes"] Please, thank you and sorry. Let us say these words in our families! To forgive one another each day!"



ATTENTION GRADUATES (COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL, HIGH SCHOOL, HOME SCHOOLED): We are looking to recognize all of our parishioners who have graduated or will be graduating this year from college, vocational school, high school or home schooling. Your information will be published in our bulletin for the weekend of June 12-13. If you would like to be recognized in the article, please contact the Parish Office (570-836-3275) by Tuesday, June 7th and leave your name, parish, school attended and degree.



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

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: May 28-29, 2016

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 4,800.00
 Actual Offertory**\$ 4,847.00
 Difference:.....\$ **47.00**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 2,000.00
 Actual Offertory**\$ 1,606.00
 Difference:.....\$ **(394.00)**

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

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

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

FOUNDERS' DAY: Again this year, we will be selling homemade food in Fr. Nallin Hall in conjunction with Tunkhannock's Founders' Day celebration. **If you can help, please attend the planning meeting this Monday, June 6th at 5:30PM in the rectory.** If you want to help but cannot attend the meeting, please call the Parish Office (570-836-3275) and leave your name & phone number. Someone will contact you.

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



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

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.



The Cookie Monster is coming!



June 25th will bring the celebration of Founders' Day to Tunkhannock from 10:00AM to 4:00PM St. Mary of the Lake has had presence in front of the rectory for several years now and has developed quite a following of fans of our delectable treats! The "Buck-a-Bag" cookie tent is run by the Social Concerns Ministry and is our only fundraiser. The money received from the cookie sale will help make "Sonshine" visits a continued practice for our parishioners who have returned home from hospital or nursing home or have experienced an illness.

Please consider making a batch of your favorite cookies for our sale....the good old standbys sell the best.....chocolate chip, oatmeal, welsh cookies, sugar cookies and peanut butter. If you can, package them in a sandwich bag and place them in the church kitchen freezer when you come to Massor call and I can pick them up. If you can't bag the cookies, don't worry!

If you are planning to attend Founders' Day, please consider sitting at our stand for a half hour to give us a breakwe would really appreciate your help.

If you have any questions, please call me. Thank you for your consideration. God Bless!

Love, Mary Lou Franko (570-586-4811)



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



Two Parish Families – One Faith Community

Come & visit us at www.nativitystmary.org. Comments will certainly be welcomed; constructive criticism as well.

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

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

LIGHT THE FIRE YOUTH RALLY: Attention **all students going into 8th grade and up!** The "Light the Fire" youth rally is coming up shortly! A day of awesome music, a variety of workshops, adoration, reconciliation and new friends! **Misericordia University** will be hosting this amazing event for the youth of the Scranton diocese on **Wednesday, June 29th**. **Admission will be kindly paid for by your parish.** Shirts will be available for purchase at \$10.00 each. Registration opens at 9:00AM that morning and will be followed with a closing Mass celebrated by Most Rev. James C. Timlin at 7:00PM. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Hope to see you there. **Any questions, please contact me, Julia Franko, at (570)586-4811 or email me at corgigirljulia@aol.com.** Thank you!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016
SAVE THE DATE!**

Attention all parents and grandparents: Nativity and St. Mary of the Lake will be having our Vacation Bible School from **July 5th-July 8th at Father Nallin Hall from 10:00AM-Noon.** All kids **entering Kindergarten next school year through 5th grade** are welcome to come! More details will follow! Please contact Angie Burke by phone (570-836-9947) or by email: aburke@ptd.net with questions.

We will need lots of volunteers to make this a fun event! If you are going into 6th grade or above, we need your help! This will count for lots of service hours for Confirmation too! We hope you will join us!!!

"BASKETS GALORE" – KIWANIS WYOMING COUNTY FAIR:

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

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

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

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

Maryann & Angela

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



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BOY SCOUT NEWS

Next Committee Meeting:

June 13th

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

June 6th



ANNUAL DIOCESAN SCOUT MASS: Congratulations to the following Boy Scouts from Nativity's Troop 518, who will receive the *Ad Altare Dei* Catholic Boy Scout religious emblem this June:

Joseph Colavitti

Zach Harris

Jacob Powers

Brett Sickler

Matthew Williams

Bishop Bambera will present the *Ad Altare Dei* Medal to these scouts at the annual Diocesan Scout Awards Mass, to be held this year **this Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00PM in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton.** Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Venturing Scouts from across the diocese will gather on this evening to celebrate their "Duty to God" and to receive the awards that they have earned during this past year. All are welcome!

The *Ad Altare Dei* program is organized around the Sacraments and explores the strong link between our Roman Catholic faith and the values of Boy Scouting. If you have any questions about religious emblems and Boy scouting, please contact Lisa Colavitti, Religious Emblem Coordinator, Troop 518, at becourageous@outlook.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Military theme dance

Saturday **June 18th – 7:00-11:00PM**

Fr. Nallin Hall

\$5.00 donation at the door

Desserts included – B.Y.O.B.

Snacks, soda & water will be available for sale

DJ music – door prizes

Proceeds will benefit Nativity's parish programs

Questions? Contact Rose Mary at 570-836-4546



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



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI KITCHEN:

St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton is in need of **sugar, salt and low sodium soups.** Any donations will be greatly appreciated!

BIRTHDAY WISHES: We extend our prayerful best wishes and congratulations to St. Mary of the Lake parishioner **DOT JOHNSON**, who will celebrate **her 80th birthday** this Monday, **June 6th**. May the Lord continue to bless her with good health and many more happy and healthy years.



HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR? It is a wonderful honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. It signifies that you are being asked to live your life as an example and in imitation of God's love for the person you sponsor. To serve as a sponsor, it is required that a person obtain a sponsor letter from his/her pastor. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, (If married) be married according to the regulations for marriage as provided by the Roman Catholic Church, officially registered and participating weekly in the Sunday Eucharist & actively striving to live out your own baptismal commitment to Christ.

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

VIRTUS: Two training sessions for adults in the Protecting God's Children (PGC-VIRTUS) program have been scheduled:

- ▶ **Thursday, June 9th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish, Carbondale beginning at 6:00PM.**
- ▶ **Tuesday, June 21st at St. Catherine of Siena parish, Moscow 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.

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 Bambara on Twitter by going to:

www.twitter.com/BishopBambara

Also check out our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton

You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at:

<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

Thank you for connecting with us!

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.**

Little Sisters of the Poor to host

Tenth Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 11th

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host their tenth annual golf tournament Saturday, June 11th at the **Scranton Municipal Golf Course**, Lake Ariel.

Golf tournament registration begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1:00PM. The format is captain and crew. Singles will be placed on a team. The cost is **\$100.00 per golfer** which includes greens fees, use of a cart, an official tournament shirt, a gift bag, a pre-tournament refreshment reception, a light meal during the tournament and a post-tournament dinner at the course clubhouse. Golfers will also have a chance to win prizes based on their performance in the tournament, including a new car courtesy of Matt Burne Honda, Scranton.

Several types of golf and sponsorship packages, which are great advertising vehicles, are also available, including hole signs for \$100.00 and sponsorships of \$250.00, \$500.00, \$750.00 and \$1,000.00. There will also be a grand raffle of the Sisters' famous gift baskets as well as prizes valued at over \$100.00.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Jackie Galvin, M.S., director of development and communications, at (570) 343-4065 ext. 3144 or scdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org. Golf registration is also available at the Little Sisters website: www.littlesistersofthepoorscranton.org.

All proceeds will be used to purchase a new bus for the residents of Holy Family Residence.

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

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

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

TUNKHANNOCK CURSILLO NEWS CORNER

Plan to Attend this Spiritual-Life-Changing Experience

Women's Cursillo #69 - **Oct 6 - 9, 2016**
Patricia O'Reilly, Rectora

The Cursillo retreat weekends are held at St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center in Clarks Summit. The weekend begins Thursday evening @ 6:30PM and ends Sunday.

The weekend consists of spiritual talks, discussion, daily Mass, prayer time and the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Spiritual talks are short presentations given by clergy, religious, and laypersons.

Cursillo (pronounced *cur-see-yo*) means "little course" in the fundamental teachings of Jesus. The goal of the Cursillo movement is to make Christ the prime influence in society, and is intended to strengthen your spiritual life. **Cursillo** is endorsed by the Vatican, and all local dioceses in the US are affiliated with the worldwide Cursillo through the **National Cursillo** Secretariat in Dallas, Texas.

These Cursillo weekends fill up fast, so mark your calendars now to reserve a place. First come, first served. For more information, call Paul or Lynne Binner @ 836-8777, Cindy Brown @ 836-4744, Gloria Pasternak @ 836-1209.

For more info and other interesting links, please check out our Cursillo website at www.scrantoncursillo.homestead.com

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

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

SML SOCIAL JUSTICE NOTES

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

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

Love,
Mary Lou Franko
 Vice President, Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry



HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL
 501 East Drinker Street, Dunmore

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

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

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

HELP WANTED: An **organist** is needed in **Montrose** at **Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church**. If you are interested (or know of someone who might be interested), please contact Esther at 570-278-1504 or rectory@holynamemary.com.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

Pilgrimage Opportunity for High School Youth

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A video webinar about the event is available at www.hbgdiocese.org. For more information, to register, and to learn about policies regarding security, medical staffing, inclement weather and dress codes, visit:

<http://www.hbgdiocese.org/world-youth-day-stateside/>
Information is also available by contacting Mary Anne Malone in the Diocese of Scranton Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213, or mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org.

Diocesan Congress

**Save the Date: October 8, 2016
(Evening Concert 10/7)**

The Congress theme is guided this year by these words of Pope Francis: "The Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infects us in our close and continuous interaction. True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from service, from reconciliation with others. The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summons us to the revolution of tenderness." (EG #88)

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

DIOCESAN NEWS

"World Refugee Day" Celebration –June 26

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

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

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

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. 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, Joseph DeVizia at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).



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

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 Altar & Rosary

Our **next meeting** will take place **this Monday, June 6th** at **6:45PM** in the Parish Hall. Sr. Theresa of the Capuchin Sisters will be our speaker. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

Nativity BVM Altar & Rosary

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

Nativity BVM CCD News

Please don't forget to go to church each Sunday during the summer break. Registration forms for 2015-2016 CCD will be mailed out in mid- August. Have a great summer! **Mrs. B**

Words of Life

"In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us."

Ephesians 1:7-8
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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.



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 CCD News

Attention: Attention: Parents of First Holy Communion students: There will be a **meeting** with Fr. Pat on **June 12th** after the 9:00AM Mass, in the hall. **One parent must be there.** (This is for students receiving First Holy Communion for the 2016/2017 school year.)
 God bless, **Jenny Sinker**

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.

Community News

DEEP SEA DISCOVERY BIBLE SCHOOL

Place: **Lake Winola United Methodist Church**
 Dates: **June 13th-17th**
 Time: 5:30PM Light meal served
 Bible School 6:00-7:30PM
 Ages: Preschool through entering 6th grade

- ▶ Older students and adults needed as volunteers
- ▶ Students from St. Mary's and Nativity all welcome
- ▶ No cost; no pre-registration necessary

Anyone wishing to donate food items or supplies, please call Lucy (570-378-2806 or 570-378-2287). Items needed:

Swedish fish	Pepp. Farm pretzel fish
Goldfish	Potato chips
Lemonade	Kool-Aid (sweet)
"Cuties"	Jell-o cups
Baby oil	Watercolor paints
Blue dish soap	
Plastic/rubber toys (sea animals)	

COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT
Friday, June 17th – 6:00PM
Bethel United Methodist Church
2337 Falls Road
All are welcome & encouraged to join us



MILITARY HONOR ROLL
PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY
IN YOUR PRAYERS

- PVT NIKKI CAPWELL – U.S. ARMY
- SPEC DEVIN BATTENBERG – NATIONAL GUARD
- CADET MARK AGUILAR – U.S.C.G. ACADEMY
- 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
- MAJOR JAMES J. CLANCY – U.S. ARMY
- PFC MATTHEW CLANCY – U.S. MARINES
- SEAMAN KAMRON HUBBARD – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT ROBERT GOHLSEY – 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 JR. – 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

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)

If you served & would like to be included on future lists of veterans we honor, please contact the parish office (570-836-3275) and give us your information.

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!



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.



PRO-LIFE ROSE

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



Chester Wikoski

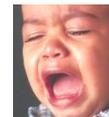
Donated by Wayne & Paula Wikoski

If you would like to donate for a Pro-Life Rose at Nativity,

please contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055)



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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

St. Mary of the Lake

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

All women of the parish are invited to join us.

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



Nativity BVM

In need of a prayer shawl?

Please call Sue Barziloski (836-1351)



Line Dancing

Wednesday evening

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



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.**



RELIGIOUS WIT

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?