



DECEMBER 10-11, 2016



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
Chris DeMarco, Co-Chair**

Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Pastor
Deacon Raymond A. Pieretti, Pastoral Associate
Rev. Robert J. Kelleher (Ret.)
Rev. Dennis Bajkowski (Ret.)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE
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stmaryofthelake@frontier.com

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair

Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Forty-five minutes before Saturday evening Mass or by appointment.

SHUT-INS: If someone you know is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Communion or receive a copy of our weekly bulletin, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM: All parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation meeting before this sacrament will be celebrated. Contact Father Pat at the parish office (570-836-3275) to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's baptism.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Visits are made on a regular basis.
PLEASE NOTE: The new privacy laws limit the amount of information that we receive from the hospitals or nursing/convalescent homes. It is necessary that family or friends notify us of these admittances.

HANDICAPPED SEATING AREA: Please note that the front pew nearest to the side door is reserved to accommodate those who have need due to disability. Please be kind enough to leave this pew available for that purpose.

PARKING LOT: [St. Mary's] Please keep the emergency lane in front of the church clear at all times. It is essential that vehicles are able to get in and out of the parking lot in case of an emergency. Please adhere to the parking spaces as delineated. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners when you are backing up or turning to park or to exit the parking lot. There is ample parking on the upper level and supplemental parking on the side of the church.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**"TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD
AND ONE ANOTHER
IN IMITATION OF MARY"**

*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils
January 2007*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

How do we package the holidays? What memories do we build upon to ensure a genuine Christmas experience? We only have to look to Church and traditions as a perennial reminder of God's grace in our lives. It seems the older we become the more the memories. We oftentimes attempt to re-create the Christmases of the past and to some degree add to the already beautiful luster with new concepts as well as friends and family.



It is because of our faith that we enjoy the true depth and richness of the Christmas season, not simply decorating for the sake of decorating – stringing lights to and fro with no affiliation to Church or God. Our celebration with its many facets gives public testimony to the gratitude we feel and express to God for the gift of the Christ Child, for our redemption and the renewal we experience. We as Christians approach Christmas with devotion to God and a genuine spirit of good will to all people.

Fr. Pat

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.**



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.

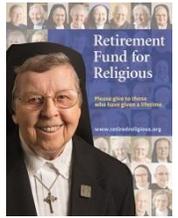
OPLATEK (CHRISTMAS WAFERS): Blessed Christmas wafers are available for purchase at the entrances to the church. **Donation is \$2.00 per pack** (4 wafers). They are also available in the Parish Office from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, Monday – Friday.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Our Bible study program gatherings are held at **Fr. Nallin Hall** on **Wednesdays at 10:00AM.** Our **final session** for this study will take place **this Wednesday, 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.



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& ALSO IN FR. NALLIN HALL**

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 this 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.

ATTENTION ALL NATIVITY ALTAR SERVERS: We need altar servers for all **Christmas Masses** and **New Year's Eve & day Masses.** Contact Mary Olshan as soon as possible at 570-836-1457 if you can help.

NATIVITY GIVING TREE: Thank you to all of our parishioners who gave so generously to the Giving Tree; you have made many children and seniors very happy this Christmas. Thanks to **Ellen Gladys** and **Amy Rubbinaccio** for their help. A special thanks to **Mary Olshan** for her help and guidance on this new project for me. God bless you and Merry Christmas.

Carole Rubbinaccio

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES: "All too often, as we know from experience, people do not choose life, they do not accept the 'Gospel of Life' but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, because they are dictated by selfishness, self-interest, profit, power and pleasure, and not by love, by concern for the good of others."



RCIA MEETINGS: Our next RCIA meetings will be held on **this Sunday, December 11th and next Sunday, December 18th at noon in Father Nallin Hall.** Anyone wishing to learn more about our Catholic faith is welcome to attend.



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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 recently. 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 have received a wish list from the families involved and will do our best to provide needed clothing items, bedding, help with their fuel bill and treats for the family to enjoy.



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!!!

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).



**2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of December 5th**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00
PLEGGED:..... \$27,621.98
STATUS:..... 81.2%
UNDER GOAL: \$ 6,378.02
PARTICIPATION: 18.57% (179 FAMILIES OUT OF 964)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00
PLEGGED:..... \$13,930.00
STATUS..... 107.2%
OVER GOAL: \$ 930.00
PARTICIPATION: 14.14% (68 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.

Congratulations to St. Mary of the Lake Parish for exceeding our goal for the second year in a row.

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

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.

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.



SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 03-04, 2016

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 6,196.00
Difference:.....\$ **1,396.00**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 2,359.02
Difference:.....\$ **359.02**

*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.

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.

THANK YOU!!: We would like to thank Gary Tewksbury and Mary Robbins for stepping up to the call for ministers to join our Golden Living nursing home team to visit our 25 catholics now at that facility. Our team is now complete. Our team members are:

- Gary Tewksbury**
- Susan DiStadio**
- Carolyn Gerzarowski**
- Mary Robbins**
- Agnes Massacesi**

Thank you all for your time and talent and caring for our older and not so older folks at the nursing home. Your weekly visits are appreciated and so meaningful to our people in the nursing home. Thank you and may the good Lord bless you for your work.

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

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!

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.



LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM

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.

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.**

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



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

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/>



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

January 9th



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.

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: _____



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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.



American Red Cross

GIVE A GREAT GIFT: This Christmas, consider giving the gift of life by donating blood at **St. John Vianney's Blood Drive** on **Thursday, December 22nd**, 1:00-6:00PM at 704 Montdale Road, Scott Township in the Parish Center (basement).

All donors will be entered for a drawing for a \$100.00 electronic gift card. Free long sleeve Red Cross t-shirt when you come to donate (while supplies last). This Christmas, give something that means something.

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.

Statement of the Diocese of Scranton

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.

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.

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



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GAUDETE (gow-DAY-tay) SUNDAY

Advent and its counterpart, Lent, are seasons of penitence. On the Advent wreath, the three purple candles mark the preparation Christians undergo while awaiting the arrival of Christ on Earth.

But, unlike our Lent, Advent is usually a happy season, full of food, parties, shopping, music and lights. In the retail world, Christmas begins right after Halloween and then kicks into overdrive on the day after Thanksgiving. Many people mirror this, barely putting away the leftover turkey before putting up every Christmas decoration they own.

While this calendar is fine for secular society, it has nothing to do with the Child at the heart of the season. He won't be here until Christmas Eve, and all the early bird sales in the world won't speed that up. That's why it's traditional (though not required) to refrain from putting the Christ Child into a Catholic church's Nativity scene manger until the appointed moment.

So, why do we need a reminder to rejoice on the Third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday (Latin for "rejoice") by lighting a rose-colored candle on our wreaths and having priests wear rose-colored vestments at Mass? Because the happiness that comes from fun and friends and a full belly is not the same thing as Christian joy.

During a Mass in May at Casa Santa Maria in Rome, Pope Francis talked about the difference between happiness and joy:

"To be happy is good, yet joy is something more. It's another thing, something which does not depend on external motivations, or on passing issues: it is more profound. It is a gift."

"To be 'happy at all moments, at all cost,' can at the end turn into superficiality and shallowness. This leaves us without Christian wisdom, which makes us dumb, naïve, right? All is joy ... no. Joy is something else; it is a gift from the Lord."

If joy is a gift from the Lord, then the Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift, and the only one that will never tarnish or break or fade. Gaudete Sunday reminds us that the gift has not yet arrived, but it's very near.

It takes its name from the first word of the Introit, "Gaudete in Domino Semper," which is Latin for the introduction of Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always."

And it's not just a Catholic thing. Advent wreaths are common in the Western church, including among Episcopalians, Lutherans and other mainline Christian denominations, which sometimes substitute a blue candle for the rose one (blue, though, is not a Catholic liturgical color, even though the Virgin is often portrayed in blue robes).

To continue with [Philippians](#), "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and

petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

So even though you may be having happy times during Advent, Gaudete Sunday is a moment to stop and reflect on the source of true joy. And if the Advent season has brought causes for stress and sorrow into your life, then lighting the rose candle is an opportunity to take heart and refocus on what the Mass of Christ is all about.

Perhaps you'll have the same revelation that came upon the pinched and petulant title character of Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," as he stood atop Mount Crumpit with all the Who's Christmas goodies piled high on a sleigh, ready to be dumped. But up from Whoville, divested of all its festive finery and fine food, came not howls of anguish nor shouts of anger but the sound of sweet singing.

*"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow
Stood puzzling and puzzling, 'How could it be so?
'It came without ribbons! It came without tags!
'It came without packages, boxes or bags!
And he puzzled three hours, 'till his puzzler was sore.
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
'Maybe Christmas,' he thought, 'doesn't come from a store.
'Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!'"*

Christ is coming. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.



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.**

SML NITE AT THE RACES: Congratulations to **Bernie Garvey** and his team of volunteers for making our annual Nite at the Races fundraiser a rousing success. 90 avid racing fans crowded St. Mary's Parish Hall for the event, which **raised \$3,445.00** for our parish.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Contribution statements for the 2016 calendar year will be available by the end of January. To request a statement of your contributions for 2016, please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Envelope Number: _____



MILITARY HONOR ROLL

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

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

A Prayer for our Military

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



NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY

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



PRO-LIFE ROSE



The Pro-Life red rose in front of the statue of Mary at Nativity this week is in memory of Victims of the Oakland fire Donated by the Pro-Life Committee

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

Line Dancing

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

St. Mary of the Lake Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM in the Parish Hall

All women of the parish are invited to join us.

Nativity BVM

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



Have You Moved?

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

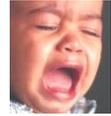
We are still getting back mailings to Rural Routes (RRs) that the Post Office is no longer delivering. Unless you contact the

Parish Office with a mailable address, your information will be eliminated from our parish registration listing.



Eucharistic Adoration

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.



STREAK FREE

Where It all started! The Original Cloth! Microfiber Cloth



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

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

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.

RELIGIOUS WIT

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

WELCOME TO NATIVITY BVM & ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PARISHES

If you are interested in becoming a registered parishioner of either Nativity BVM Church in Tunkhannock or Saint Mary of the Lake Church at Lake Winola, please complete the form below and either drop it into the offertory basket or take or mail it to the parish office. Fr. Pat will contact you to set up a brief appointment for the registration. Morning, afternoon and evening appointments are available during the weekdays. You may also contact the parish office at 570-836-3275 and leave your name and phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**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

This week's 9:00AM Mass is hosted by Ms. Gerstemeier's & Mrs. Holgate's 5th grade class. Participants are:

Greeters **Whole class**
Ushers **Owen Berkhimer**
..... **Payton Walsh**
First Reading **Adrien Franko**
Second Reading **Owen Berkhimer**
Petitions **Danny Driscole**
..... **Payton Walsh**
Gift Bearers **Madison Degilio**
..... **Sara Mikus**
..... **Kylie Zaleski**

Only 2 weeks left to get your tickets for our Nativity Set being chanced off after our Christmas program next Sunday, December 18th. Program starts at 10:30AM. God bless,
Jenny Sinker

Words of Life

"A child is loved because he is one's child: not because he is beautiful, or because he is like this or like that... Not because he thinks as I do, or embodies my dreams. A child is a child: a life generated by us but intended for him, for his good, for the good of the family, of society, of mankind as a whole."

Pope Francis

General Audience, February 11, 2015

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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"). **In order to be included in the special memorial list of intentions that will be published on Christmas, we must receive your envelope no later than next Sunday, December 18th.**

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 CORNER

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

"No child is an inconvenience"

"You need no words from me to see how the decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to an abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion and an inconvenience."
Mother Theresa

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2016

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
MONDAY	DEC. 12	7:00AM	BONNIE PREVOST – OFFERED BY HER DAD, MOM, BROTHER & SISTER
TUESDAY	DEC. 13	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 14	7:00AM	THE HEALTH & BLESSING OF SARA RUEHLMAN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
THURSDAY	DEC. 15	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC. 16	7:00AM	SYLVIA ODGERS – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SATURDAY	DEC. 17	5:00PM	HELEN YONCHIUK – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC. 18	7:30AM	HELEN McKEON – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
		9:00AM	STELLA LITWIN – OFFERED BY TONY & LINDA LITWIN & FAMILY
		11:00AM	JOHN WAGENHOFFER – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<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>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		DEACON RAY SUSAN BARZILOSKI CINDY BROWN	DEACON RAY NAN DeMARCO ALISHA NUDO	LYNNE BINNER GENE SCHWEITZER JOHN KEEFE	LISA RANSOM DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR		PAT MURRAY ANTHONY ECKERT	TAMMY NUDO SARAH DeMARCO	BARBARA KALISH ALEX BRODY	PAULA ECKERT ABIGAIL KALETA
ALTAR SERVER(S)		ALYSSA KOVALCHICK TORI KOVALCHICK	EMMA HARDING GRACE HARDING	EVAN BRODY MAIA BURRY	MATTHEW KALETA JACOB POWERS
OFFERTORY GIFTS		SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS				K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	
<u>SAT. DEC. 17 & SUN. DEC. 18</u>		<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		DOLORES KENNEDY SUSAN BARZILOSKI CINDY BROWN	DEACON RAY ALISHA NUDO NAN DeMARCO	DEACON RAY ROY BRODY RITA FITZGERALD	GARY TEWKSBURY DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR		SABRINA TRAVER	MARY SOHNS	LYNNE BINNER	JOHN BURKE
ALTAR SERVER(S)		LAUREN KOVALCHICK JACK ZEUNEN MARY ZEUNEN	NICHOLAS DeMARCO MOLLY KEISER ZACH KEISER	KAYLA BINNER BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER	CORA MILNER HANNAH MILNER NOAH POWERS
OFFERTORY GIFTS		SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS				R. ROWE, T. DEITZER, W. WALKER	

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, RICHELLE MORTIMER, CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, HEATHER STEGNER, BARBARA CHAPMAN, MARGE HOLUB, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DOROTHY KOZLOSKI, MARGARET KINTNER, TRUDY FISK, MARY KUKUCHKA, MARY BOLOUSKI, EMMY COIA, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, SUSAN BOLOUSKI McANDREWS, NANCY ROBINSON, GARRET CONOVER, BECKY REESE, CLETUS MacDONALD, MERCEDES ANDERSON, ANALISA DOMINIC, VERA PRAWDZIK, JACOB WALTER CURTIS, MATTHEW 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.

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

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 11TH FOR **STANLEY & JOSEPHINE KISZKA**
OFFERED BY JOE & ANNA HARDISKY

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$6,196.00
Clergy Care	781.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

DEC. 11	CCD CLASS	JAN. 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES – 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM
DEC. 11	ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – 6:00PM	JAN. 02	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
DEC. 18	CCD CLASS PARTIES/CONFIRMATION CLASS	JAN. 08	CCD CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS
DEC. 23	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 15	CCD CLASS
DEC. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – 5:00PM & 10:00PM	JAN. 22	CCD CLASS/5 TH GRADE MASS – 9:00AM/ CONFIRMATION CLASS
DEC. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES – 9:00AM & 11:00AM	JAN. 29	CCD CLASS
DEC. 25	NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 04	FIRST PENANCE SERVICE – 10:00AM (SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 11 – 10:00AM)
DEC. 26	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	FEB. 05	CCD BANNER SUNDAY – 10:00AM – FNH/ CONFIRMATION CLASS
DEC. 30	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		
DEC. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 5:00PM		
JANUARY	NO ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING		
JAN. 01	NO CCD CLASS		

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2016

SATURDAY	DEC.	10	4:00PM	DOROTHY JOHNSON – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC.	11	9:00AM	HENRY HOFFMAN – OFFERED BY THE SINKER FAMILY
MONDAY	DEC.	12	8:00AM	CATHERINE POLMOUNTER – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER
TUESDAY	DEC.	13	8:00AM	THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KENNY & DILLON FAMILIES – OFFERED BY VINCE & JOSETTE ABRUZZINI
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	14	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC.	15	8:00AM	LOIS RAIL – OFFERED BY THE ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
FRIDAY	DEC.	16	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	DEC.	17	4:00PM	TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY BILL & MARY BETH BOOTH
SUNDAY	DEC.	18	9:00AM	THERESA WENGEN – OFFERED BY THE FLAHERTY FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. DEC. 10 & SUN. DEC. 11	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	LISA JANOSKI MARIE PACKER	DEACON RAY JERRY HILDEBRAND SUSAN HILDEBRAND
LECTORS	ASHLEY KENIA	5TH GRADE CCD CLASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER	5TH GRADE CCD CLASS
GREETERS	PAT STEAD	5TH GRADE CCD CLASS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	5TH GRADE CCD CLASS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		DON & CAROL AMES

SAT. DEC. 17 & SUN. DEC. 18	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY JONI JAMES KAREN LEBER GEORGE KAMAGE	ANN MARIE GORKO LEN NASH DAVID SHYGELSKI STEVE FRANKO
LECTORS		
ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW	JEFF PIERCE & ED ULTSH
GREETERS	CAROL KAMAGE	ABBA FRANKO
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & LEN NASH

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.

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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 11TH FOR **MARY ANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$ 2,359.02
Clergy Care	\$ 314.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

DEC. 11	CCD CLASS/5 TH GRADE MASS/CONFESSIONS	JAN. 08	CCD CLASS
DEC. 11	ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – 6:00PM – NATIVITY BVM CHURCH	JAN. 15	CCD CLASS
DEC. 18	CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @10:30AM DESSERT RECEPTION	JAN. 22	CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE/4 TH GRADE MASS
DEC. 23	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 29	CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE
DEC. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – 4:00PM	FEB. 04	FIRST RECONCILIATION – 10:00AM
DEC. 25	NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 05	CCD CLASS/3 RD GRADE MASS/BANNER DAY
DEC. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 9:00AM	FEB. 11	SNOW DATE - RECONCILIATION
DEC. 26	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	FEB. 12	CCD CLASS/VALENTINE BREAKFAST
DEC. 30	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	FEB. 19	NO CCD CLASS
DEC. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 4:00PM	FEB. 26	CCD CLASS
JAN. 01	NO CCD CLASS		
JAN. 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 9:00AM		