



DECEMBER 24-25, 2016

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

**Finance Council: James Mullen, Co-Chair
Chris DeMarco, Co-Chair**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair

Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils
January 2007*

FROM THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK:

Can you believe the great day has arrived, not to mention the end of yet another year? Wow, where does it all go? The weeks preceding Christmas are always filled with memories of past holidays, of times spent with family and friends, of re-capturing traditions and priorities associated with the holiday.



For my part, cleaning and polishing the family home is an especially rewarding event, one that requires several weeks of spending my day off dusting and polishing, bringing back the luster that bespeaks such a glorious holiday. Some clean (me), some bake, some decorate – and some do all three – in preparation for this beautiful season. Family and friends are expected throughout the season, visiting and celebrating with us. For me, it is the season itself that I look forward to. It is the Spirit of Christmas past, present and future that I honor most of all. It is the sheer delight in the festivity of the season that is the perennial fascination for all of us.

May the spirit of Christmas be a very special guest of you and your family. May all of you have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Fr. Pat

NATIVITY'S ACCLAIMED PIEROGIES:

Going.....Going.....GONE!

Thanks to everyone who bought our Christmas pierogies. **We're sold out.**



Watch the bulletin for information on the schedule for making our Lenten pierogies starting in January.

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.

CARE AND EDUCATION OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS: The monthly collection for the care and education of priests of the Diocese of Scranton will be taken up **next weekend.** An envelope for this collection is in your set. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE:

Deacon Ray is conducting a Divine Mercy prayer service on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00PM in St. Mary of the Lake Church. **The next service will be held next Sunday, January 1st. All are welcome.**



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.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY):

New Year's Eve – Saturday, December 31, 2016

4:00PM – St. Mary – Fr. Bob & Deacon Ray

5:00PM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat

New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1, 2017

7:30AM – **NO MASS**

9:00AM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat

9:00AM – St. Mary – Fr. Bob & Deacon Ray

11:00AM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat

ATTENTION ALL NATIVITY ALTAR SERVERS: We need altar servers for the **New Year's Day 9:00AM Mass.** Contact Mary Olshan as soon as possible at 570-836-1457 if you can help.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES: God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.



ALTAR SERVER CHRISTMAS GIFTS: We thank all of our Altar Servers for their dedication to this most important ministry in our churches. There is a Christmas gift for all of our altar servers in the sacristy. Your name is on the gift. **Please stop in the sacristy after Mass this weekend to pick up your gift.**



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!

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).



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2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of December 12th

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$28,586.02
 STATUS:..... 84.1%
 UNDER GOAL: \$ 5,413.98
 PARTICIPATION: 19.29% (186 FAMILIES OUT OF 964)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$14,355.00
 STATUS..... 110.4%
OVER GOAL: \$ 1,355.00
 PARTICIPATION: 15.59% (75 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 third 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

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!

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.



#GIVING DECEMBER

Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools continue to participate in #GivingTuesday & #GivingDecember. A gift option is available at each of our 20 schools and all donations, in any amount, are appreciated. For more information, or to make a gift, please visit the link below:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/DiocesefofScrantonCatholicSchoolsGivingTuesdayCampaign>



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SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 17-18, 2016

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 4,800.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 4,573.00
 Difference:..... \$(227.00)


St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 2,000.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 1,309.75
 Difference:..... \$(690.25)

*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.

THANK YOU: I thank all and anyone who volunteers at the  Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen. Whether you volunteer in preparing and serving food, pick up the food products, provide canned goods or in any other capacity, thank you for your time and dedication in this mission of mercy.

Merry Christmas!
Fr. Dennis

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!!!

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.

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



LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM

NATIVITY / ST. MARY'S TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE



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...?

... that you don't have to be a "technology whiz" to be a part of our technology ministry? Specifically, **we are currently in need of three volunteers** to assist our ministry:

Facebook Poster: Do you know how to post on Facebook? Do you have the time to do one post per week for your church? You would copy and edit the material from the bulletin according to an assigned schedule. Then you would post it to our Facebook page, possibly adding a graphic.

Photographers (2): Do you have a digital camera or smart phone? Do you have the time to attend parish events for a few minutes to take a few pictures according to parish guidelines? You would forward the best of your photos to the technology ministry for inclusion on the parish Facebook page or website. **We are in need of one photographer for Nativity and one photographer for St Mary.**

Your homework: Search your soul to see if you can help out with this important, fun, and creative ministry. Do you know of someone who could help us out? Why not suggest it to them? This is a great way to get involved "technologically" with your parish. If you can help, please call the parish office at 570-836-3275 or Bill Waters at 570-378-2367.

NOTE: There will be a Technology Committee meeting on January 9, 2017 at 6:30PM at St. Mary's Parish Hall. All are invited to attend.



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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.

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.**

Follow the Diocese on Social Media

Follow the Diocese of Scranton on our Twitter page: www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr

If you're not already doing so, you can follow Bishop Bambera on Twitter by going to: www.twitter.com/BishopBambera

Also check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton

You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at: <http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

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.

BOY SCOUT NEWS



Next Committee Meeting:

January 9th

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



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 11th**. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. **Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through Fr. Pat, Deacon Ray or the Parish Office before March 13th.**

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.

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.

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.

BISHOP LEADING JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera invites the faithful to join him on a special pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's appearance to three young shepherd children in 1917. **The pilgrimage will take place September 18-26, 2017 and will include Masses celebrated by the Bishop and visits to many sacred and historic sites, including nearly two days in Fatima where the Marian apparitions occurred.**

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to the children – Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta – near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. During a time of war and turmoil, she told them that she had been sent by God with a message that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. The apparitions culminated in an inexplicable spectacle on October 13, when 70,000 onlookers witnessed the sun spinning like a ball in the sky.

Space is limited, so it is recommended that you call as soon as possible for reservations. All arrangements and reservations are to be made through TRAVELWORLD. For information, call TRAVELWORLD at 800-828-6029 or visit www.asktravelworld.com.

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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REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Nativity BVM parishioner **ROSE KUMET**, who was buried from our church this past Tuesday. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
THIRD ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE
Saturday, May 6, 2017
On the campus of King's College

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.

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.

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.



RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: In order to worthily receive Jesus in Holy Communion, you must be a Catholic who is in the State of Grace (without serious or mortal sin). Those who are not married according to teaching of the Catholic Church as well as non-Catholics are unable to receive Holy Communion. We encourage those in an invalid marriage to seek an annulment and to have their civil marriage blessed (convalidated) in the Church so that it will become a Sacrament and you will receive the grace of matrimony. Contact Fr. Pat or Deacon Ray for information regarding the annulment process and the blessing of your civil marriage. If you are unable to receive Holy Communion, we encourage you to make a "spiritual communion" by reciting the following prayer:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen!

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 30th & Monday, January 2nd in celebration of the New Year's Holiday.

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 _____ Email _____

Envelope Number: _____



Luke 2: 1-20

The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The Visit of the Shepherds

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

WHY SPEAK ABOUT THE POOR? LOOK TO CHRISTMAS, POPE FRANCIS SAYS

ROME - There's a Christmas reason to speak always about the poor and about mercy, Pope Francis told a benefit concert Saturday.

"At times someone says to me 'But Father, you always speak about the poor and about mercy.' Yes, I say. But this is not a malady. It's simply the way that God had revealed himself," the pope said in a December 17 video message.

"The fact that Christmas is almost upon us reminds us of the way in which God entered the world: born of the Virgin Mary like all children, wrapped in swaddling clothes, picked up, nursed. Not only him, but his mother and Joseph have had to contend with the fact that there was no room for them in the inn," the pope continued.

"The good news, the announcement of this birth, is not delivered to the king and princes, but to shepherds...This is our God: not the wholly other, but totally the neighbor."

His video message was delivered to the Paul VI Hall the evening of Francis's eightieth birthday. The concert marked the bicentenary of the Vatican Gendarmerie and was headlined by the Italian singer Claudio Baglioni.

The concert benefited a pediatric hospital in Bangui in the Central African Republic and also the victims of the major earthquake in central Italy. The pope offered thanks in the name of the children of Bangui and of the earthquake victims in Italy, saying the benefit concert would help construction projects for "the weakest and most fragile children." "We can do great things, carry out large projects, but what we do will be the signature of our passion for the Gospel," he said.

The pope said he is "very happy" with the initiative, noting the many artists and skilled workers the Gendarmerie has involved in the benefit.

He said these people are "artists of mercy" because the works of mercy that find inspiration in God are shaped by the hearts and hands of men and women.

"To become artists of charity and builders of mercy-this is how to invest, not in the stock market, but in paradise, in the blessed life of heaven, in the love of the Father."

The pope cited his apostolic letter "Misericordia et misera," where he said that the culture of mercy is formed in "assiduous prayer." He spoke about overcoming the temptation of merely words and a theory of mercy and the need to transform mercy into everyday life that becomes "participation and sharing."



MILITARY HONOR ROLL

PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

- LANCE CPL CHRISTOPHER HNATKO – U.S. MARINES
- CAPTAIN JOSEPH P. BREYMEIER – 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
- COL. 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 – 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 DILONE – NATIONAL GUARD
- ET2 JACOB KINTNER – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT DAVID BALTRUSAITIS – NATIONAL GUARD
- CPO KENNETH C. FRANK – U.S. NAVY
- SGT ROBERT J. POLSTER – U.S. ARMY
- MAJOR CATHERINE RICHARDSON – U.S. MARINES
- SFC RICKY BROWN – NATIONAL GUARD
- PFC RYAN M. ERDEK – U.S. ARMY
- CPL ROBERT D. BARBER III – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ELL – U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY
- SN MICHAEL T. BARBER – U.S. NAVY
- PVT NIKKI CAPWELL – U.S. ARMY
- SPEC DEVIN BATTENBERG – NATIONAL GUARD
- CADET MARK AGUILAR – U.S.C.G. ACADEMY
- MAJ JEFFREY O'DELL – 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)
- SGT. NICHOLAS FERRUGGIA – U.S. MARINES

A Prayer for our Military

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



NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY



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



PRO-LIFE ROSE

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

Blessings to all who have dedicated a Pro Life rose for a friend or loved one

May God Bless you and your loved ones

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)



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

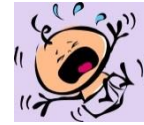
In need of a prayer shawl?

Please call Sue Barziloski (570-836-1351)



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.



Line Dancing

Wednesday evening

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



FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, January 6th is the First

Friday of January. Confessions will be heard

15 minutes prior to the morning Mass at both

churches. Fr. Pat will take Communion to the

Lake Winola area on **Friday beginning at**

9:00AM. Deacon Ray & Diane Stone will take Communion

to the Tunkhannock area on **Friday beginning at 9:30AM.**



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**THE MOST BLESSED
SACRAMENT IS RESERVED
WHERE MASS IS SAID
We respectfully ask that all
observe a reverent silence
and appropriate dress**

Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM

Parents must be registered in the Parish. In order to understand and appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism, first time expectant parents are required to attend one pre-Baptism instruction. A call to the Parish Office 4 months before your child is due will make the scheduling of your session easier and give you ample time to prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation to the life of grace.

MARRIAGE

The engaged couple is asked to call the Parish Office and arrange an appointment with the priest. Please allow 12 months for the completion of the necessary preparations. Do not enter into any other commitments before confirming a wedding date and time in the parish.

Confession Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated **every Saturday:**

St. Mary of the Lake

..... **3:15-3:45PM**

Nativity of the BVM

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

or **at any time by appointment.**
Contact the Parish Office (836-3275).

Cemetery Lots Available

Pieta Cemetery, one of our Parish Cemeteries (located on Dark Hollow Road in Tunkhannock Township) **has burial lots available.** For further info, to view the map of available lots and to inquire about prices & regulations, please contact our Parish Secretary, Mary Lou, at the Parish Office (570-836-3275).

Community News

**The Humane Society
of Wyoming County, Inc.**
570-836-4745

www.hswcPA.org

The Humane Society of Wyoming County is a non-profit, tax-exempt, all volunteer organization. Volunteers and donations always needed.

If anyone suspects animal neglect/abuse, they should contact us. All calls are confidential.

If anyone is having trouble affording spay/neuter surgery, they should contact us; we may be able to help them find an affordable plan.

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Our Christmas Program and Dessert Reception was a huge success! Kudos to the kids for doing an awesome job! We had our drawing for our Nativity set and the winner was: **Lossie Reeves!** Thanks again, **Bob Andrews**, for your generous donation! A great big "Thank you" to all who supported our fundraiser!

There is no CCD for the next 2 weeks. We will resume on January 8, 2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God bless,

Jenny Sinker

Words of Life

"What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." **John 1:3-4**

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LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

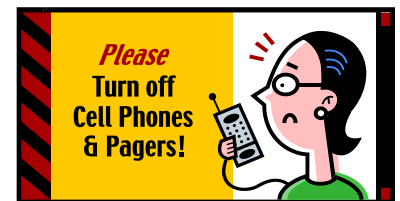
Those in need are encouraged to participate in the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry located at the Lake Winola United Methodist Church. **Hours of Operation: The First and Third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:30AM.**

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

If a family member or friend has been hospitalized (especially if they were admitted through the Emergency Room or to Tyler Hospital or one of the hospitals in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre or Plains Township) or placed in a long-term care facility, please contact the Parish Office so that Fr. Pat or Deacon Ray may visit them. Unfortunately, **the current privacy laws make it extremely difficult for us to know if a parishioner has been admitted to one of the local hospitals.**

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.**



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.



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2016

SATURDAY	DEC.	24	4:00PM	PARKER & TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY PAT, ALLEN & KATHY WALL
SUNDAY	DEC.	25	9:00AM	LOUISE DeLEO – OFFERED BY RICK, MARY LOU & JULIA FRANKO
MONDAY	DEC.	26	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC.	27	8:00AM	CAROLINE KELCH – OFFERED BY ANN ZACKARIAS
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	28	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC.	29	8:00AM	PETER & DOLORES POLINSKY – OFFERED BY THE POLINSKY CHILDREN
FRIDAY	DEC.	30	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	DEC.	31	4:00PM	JOSEPH & MARY GANZ – OFFERED BY CARL & MARIE PACKER & FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN.	01	9:00AM	TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY PAT WALL

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC. 24 & SUN. DEC. 25</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY LISA JANOSKI DOROTHY TRAUGER	BRANDON PIERETTI SEAN PIERETTI ELLEN WENGEN
LECTORS	PHYLLIS SYMULESKI BILL WATERS	PAUL WENGEN NICK MIGLIORI
ALTAR SERVER(S)	MASON BERKHIMER OWEN BERKHIMER DANIEL DRISCOLE	ZACH ZELNA
USHERS	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER	SEB NARO & STAN MALECKI
GREETERS	PEG GARVEY	ELLEN WENGEN
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & KAY NOREIKA
<u>SAT. DEC. 31 & SUN. JAN. 01</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY CAROL BALKO JONI JAMES	DEACON RAY HELEN FABIANI ANN MARIE GORKO
LECTORS	LISA JANOSKI MICHAEL GREEN	STEVE ZDANIEWICZ ASHLEY KENIA RACHEL KENIA
ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS	BILL SHAW & JIM BILLINGS	DAVE SINKER & DJ SINKER
GREETERS	JANET SHAW	JOHN HARRIS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		FRAN MOLLUSKY & JACK HADDOW

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole who healed those who believed. Amen.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 25TH FOR **BOB JOHNSON**
OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$ 1,309.75

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

DEC. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – 4:00PM	JAN. 29	CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE
DEC. 25	NO CCD CLASS		
DEC. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 9:00AM	FEB. 04	FIRST RECONCILIATION – 10:00AM
DEC. 26	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	FEB. 05	CCD CLASS/3 RD GRADE MASS/BANNER DAY
DEC. 30	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	FEB. 11	SNOW DATE-RECONCILIATION
DEC. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 4:00PM	FEB. 12	CCD CLASS/VALENTINE BREAKFAST
JAN. 01	NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 19	NO CCD CLASS
JAN. 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 9:00AM	FEB. 26	CCD CLASS
JAN. 02	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		
JAN. 08	CCD CLASS	MAR. 05	CCD CLASS/1 ST GRADE MASS
JAN. 09	TECHNOLOGY MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL	MAR. 12	CCD CLASS
JAN. 15	CCD CLASS	MAR. 19	CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS
		MAR. 26	CCD CLASS/PRE-K & KN
JAN. 22	CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE/4 TH GRADE MASS		GRADE MASS/CONFESSIONS

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2016

SATURDAY	DEC.	24	5:00PM 10:00PM	JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY KEN & MILLIE FRANK JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, JENNIFER AND CHERYL ANN
SUNDAY	DEC.	25	7:30AM NO MASS 9:00AM 11:00AM	HERB & WINNIE BELL & GENE TROWBRIDGE – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY REV. JOHN CASEY – OFFERED BY THE DELMAR FAMILY
MONDAY	DEC.	26	7:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC.	27	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	28	7:00AM	ROBERT BARZIOSKI – OFFERED BY SUSIE
THURSDAY	DEC.	29	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC.	30	7:00AM	DOROTHY TRIBUS – OFFERED BY MARY ANN BROWN
SATURDAY	DEC.	31	5:00PM	THOMAS P. BELLUCCI – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN.	01	7:30AM NO MASS 9:00AM 11:00AM	CECELIA KOBYLSKI – OFFERED BY JERRY STROKA & FAMILY TERESA CRAWFORD – OFFERED BY CHRISTINE SHEFFLER

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. DEC. 24 & SUN. DEC. 25		SATURDAY 5:00PM	SATURDAY 10:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	JOAN CHAPDELAINÉ SUSAN BARZIOSKI CINDY BROWN	DOLORES MANGANELLA GARY TEWKSBURY DIANE STONE	DEACON RAY ROY BRODY CARL SHINKO	LISA RANSOM DOLORES KENNEDY ALISHA NUDO	GLORIA PASTERNAK CORR MILNER HANNAH MILNER
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	ART DAVIS EMMA ELIAS THOMAS ELIAS ALYSSA KOVALCHICK LAUREN KOVALCHICK HELEN BELLUCCI THOMAS BELLUCCI	EILEEN HEAD ANTHONY ECKERT HANNAH ECKERT JACK ZEUNEN MARY ZEUNEN	JUSTIN ROTH ALEX BRODY EVAN BRODY		
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS F. SMALSER, V. MINER, G. STURDEVANT	
SAT. DEC. 31 & SUN. JAN. 01		SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	JOAN CHAPDELAINÉ SUSAN BARZIOSKI CINDY BROWN	ROY BRODY CARL SHINKO JOHN KEEFE	DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA GARY TEWKSBURY TINA KALETA		
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	GRETA KOVALCHICK ALYSSA KOVALCHICK LAUREN KOVALCHICK TORI KOVALCHICK	ART DAVIS ABIGAIL KALETA MATTHEW KALETA	HELEN BELLUCCI THOMAS BELLUCCI ANTHONY ECKERT HANNAH ECKERT		
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS J. YABLONSKI, P. BROWN, C. KOVALCHICK		

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

----- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, RUTH KUKUCKA, JENNIFER BUNNELL, RITA BERCHEM, MARIE STAIR, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELE MORTIMER, CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, 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, VERNA PRAWDZIK, JACOB WALTER CURTIS, MATTHEW FORTESE, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LaBAR, DON WHITE, DAVID TRESSLER SR., CAROL McGINLEY, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, JEAN YABLONSKI, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, AUSTIN THOMAS, LYNNE BINNER, JIM BORDEN, ROSE ANN WHITE, JERRY STROKA, BEN BROWN, LINDA NIEMIEC, DIANE THOMPSON, BILL IVEY, DEBBIE GAY, ROSEANN GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMORE, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, BECKY REESE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLSHAN, JR., HELEN RAIL, ANN ZACKARIAS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CHRISTOPHER BELL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, FLORENCE KEYES, LINDA RUEHLMAN, PETER BROZUSKY, SHERI RAIL, BONNIE LaFLEUR, ROY PREVOST, MARY DELMAR.

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED **ESPECIALLY ROSE KUMET** AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$4,573.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

DEC. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – 5:00PM & 10:00PM	JAN. 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES –
DEC. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES – 9:00AM & 11:00AM		7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM
DEC. 25	NO CCD CLASS	JAN. 02	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
DEC. 26	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 08	CCD CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS
DEC. 30	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 09	TECHNOLOGY MTG. – 6:30PM –
DEC. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 5:00PM		ST. MARY OF THE LAKE HALL
JANUARY	NO ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING	JAN 15	CCD CLASS
JAN. 01	NO CCD CLASS		