



FEBRUARY 25-26, 2017



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

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

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

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

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE
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P.O. BOX 1
LAKE WINOLA, PA 18625
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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 DEACON'S BENCH:

My Brothers and Sisters,

Way back in January, we announced that we would be offering training for Eucharistic Ministers on three consecutive Saturdays. I have to admit that I wasn't too confident that we would have anyone that would be willing to commit this time from their busy lives. But I guess God had more confidence than I did. We had six parishioners, three from St. Mary's and three from Nativity, who completed their training on February 11th and will be installed (called forward) as soon as we can schedule a time and place that works for all of them.

With Lent just a few days away, I can't help but rejoice that we have these parishioners who will be entering the Lenten season in a new way, changed, not only in the eyes of the Church but also in the eyes of the communities they will serve. While they will help lighten the load, we still have the need for help in not only this area but also in the other ministries of service that the Church offers. Some of the ministries that come to mind are: Lectors and Altar servers at St. Mary's; greeters, choir members, social justice committee volunteers and prayer shawl knitters at both churches – not to mention other areas for which we need volunteers that I can't remember because of advancing old age!

Maybe, instead of joining a ministry, during Lent you could encourage someone who has left the Church to take advantage of "The Light is ON for You" offered during Lent or you could attend Stations of the Cross on Friday nights – not just one Friday but all Fridays. Don't close your heart to God's call to change your life.

May God Bless You,

Deacon Ray



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, March 5th. All are welcome.**



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.



SOMETHING NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR:

The **Sunday Night Bible Study Group** is conducting a study on the book of **REVELATION**. We meet at **7:00PM on the second floor of Father Nallin Hall** on Sunday evening. Please join us. Everyone is welcome. For more information, you can call Cindy at 570-836-4744.

"LETTERS FROM PRISON": The **Wednesday morning** sessions on the study of Letters From Prison will **not meet this Wednesday, March 1st (Ash Wednesday)**. **We will resume the following Wednesday, March 8th at 10:00AM at the Rectory.** This is the study of the letters St. Paul wrote to the Mission churches to encourage the early Christians to persevere in their faith and instructions on how to do that. FYI: **There will be no session on March 29th.** Come when you can. All are welcome! For further info, call Cindy at (570) 836-4744.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES: "To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus."



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.**

NATIVITY'S ACCLAIMED PIEROGIES:

The schedule for the making & selling of this year's Lenten foods (pierogies & haluski) is on the Nativity parish calendar in this week's bulletin. If you have some time to spare on Monday mornings, please plan to join us. It's a very rewarding experience of fellowship and service to our parish.



Pierogies are available for sale in the Parish Office during normal business hours (M-F 9:00AM-2:00PM). They are also being sold on Fridays from 10:00AM to 5:00PM in Fr. Nallin Hall. The price remains at \$7.00 per dozen.

In addition to the pierogies, we will be selling Lenten foods (**Haluski & Manhattan clam chowder**) on **Ash Wednesday (March 1st), March 17th & April 7th.**

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING
Sunday, February 26th – 10:00-10:45AM**

Fr. Nallin Hall

At least one parent of each candidate must attend



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

NATIVITY BVM FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

WANTED! Our First Communion class welcomes the donation of dresses, dark suits, shoes, ties, etc. that may be sitting in a closet at your home! Our families appreciate the opportunity to choose from a closet full of lightly used clothing for their children's special day. Please consider donating your child's First Communion clothing! Items can be dropped off at Parish Office, brought to Anne DeMarco's CCD classroom on Sunday mornings....or you can contact Anne at 570-578-3446. Thank you!

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!!!

**2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of February 21st**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$33,204.00
 STATUS:..... 97.7%
 UNDER GOAL: \$ 796.00
 PARTICIPATION: 21.42% (211 FAMILIES OUT OF 985)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$14,895.00
 STATUS..... 114.6%
OVER GOAL: \$ 1,895.00
 PARTICIPATION: 16.74% (81 FAMILIES OUT OF 484)

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. Nativity is oh so close to goal – just \$796.00 to go!

If you have not yet made your gift, and need a pledge envelope, packets are available by calling the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250, or on-line at www.DiocesefofScranton.org.28.

Thank you. *Fr. Pat*

FISH FRY DINNER: Corpus Christi Parish at **Immaculate Conception Church – 605 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston** – will be serving a Fish Fry dinner on **Ash Wednesday from 5:00-6:30PM (takeouts from 4:30PM)**. Menu: (**Adult age 13+ \$10.00**) Fried Haddock, baked potato, cole slaw, fruit cup, homemade dessert & beverage (add clam chowder for \$2.00 more); (**Children ages 3-12 \$5.00**) mac & cheese, applesauce, dessert & beverage. Under age 3 – no charge. **For tickets, call 570-654-2753.**

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: February 18-19, 2017

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 4,800.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 4,433.00
 Difference:..... **\$(367.00)**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 2,000.00
 Actual Offertory** \$ 1,592.00
 Difference:..... **\$(408.00)**

*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.

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

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY/ ROME/MONTE CASSINO/NAPLES/POMPEII/AMALFI COAST

September 11 - 20, 2017
 \$3,799.00 per person including air from Scranton
 Breakfast & Dinner Daily
 Mass daily at the Holy Shrines
 For a Flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660

CAMP NEWS: Registration is now open for 2017 summer camp programs at United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA's **Camp Kelly (formerly Camp St. Andrew)**. Week-long Girls Resident, Girls Basketball, Boys Resident, and Boys Basketball camps are all available, as well as a Father/Son Weekend and Women's Weekend. For more information, or to register online, visit www.uncnepa.org/campkelly or call 570-346-0759.

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.

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 our diocese has its own cable TV station? "CTV of the Diocese of Scranton" broadcasts daily Mass from the Cathedral, special events, and a monthly magazine show. It broadcasts on the same channel as EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network. The bad news? Our local cable provider, Blue Ridge Communications, does not broadcast CTV. The good news? Our website, nativitystmary.org, and our Facebook page, [@nativitystmary](https://www.facebook.com/nativitystmary), will be providing you with easy links to some of these event broadcasts so that you can view them on your computer, phone, or television. The January edition of "Our Faith ... Our Diocese", the diocesan magazine show, is already up on our website and Facebook page.

YOUR HOMEWORK: Visit our website or Facebook page and view the January edition of "Our Faith ...Our Diocese". This month's magazine show, hosted by Dan Gallagher, includes stories on Our Lady of Guadalupe, parish renewal, seminarians, Christian Unity, Catholic education, and the International Student Leadership Conference. This is a great way to learn more about our Faith in Action and to become informed about what is going on in our Catholic region. Don't forget to mark our website as a favorite and to "like" our Facebook page if you have not already done so.

BVM FLOWERS: Flowers by the altar this weekend at Nativity BVM Church are in memory of **Diane Yakoski**, offered by her husband Joseph.



"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU": This year, on **every Monday during Lent (March 6th – April 3rd)**, the "Light will be On for You" in the Reconciliation Room - Confessional of **Nativity BVM**

Church in Tunkhannock from 5:30-7:00PM. A priest will be available to hear your confession in preparation for Easter.

This is a special opportunity for Catholics who have not participated in this Sacrament in a long time to avail themselves of the incredible source of God's amazing Grace, Mercy and Healing in a relaxed and unhurried atmosphere of welcome.

Materials will be available to assist you in making a thoughtful examination of conscience and to help you with the form of Confession (Act of Contrition, etc.)

This is available for both of our parishes and for all Catholics in Wyoming County. Confessions will also be heard at the usual times on Saturdays in both of our churches.

**SML 1ST HOLY COMMUNION
GIFT BEARERS SCHEDULE**

As has been our custom, the students preparing for First Holy Communion will be bringing the gifts to the altar at the 9:00AM Mass most weekends over the next several months. The remaining schedule is:

- March 5Madelyn Newhart & family**
- March 19Alexander Pieretti & family**
- April 9Alexander Moran & family**
- April 23Alana Zdaniewicz & family**
- April 30Dylan Walsh & family**

If family or friends of the person for whom the Mass is being offered also wish to participate in the gift procession, please call the Parish Office (570-836-3275) one week prior to the Mass so that it can be noted in the bulletin and also advise the ushers prior to the Mass.

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/>

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! The kitchen is located at 500 Penn Avenue in Scranton.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 2017 "BE A MAN" CONFERENCE

Plans are made for the 2017 "Be a Man" Conference for the Diocese of Scranton, to be held on **May 6th**. Revolving around the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima, our conference theme is "**Mary's Call To Battle**".

We have engaged three outstanding speakers:

- * **Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR**
- * **Steven Ray**
- * **Matt Fradd**

Supported by the grace which the Lord bestows on us, Mary calls us to do battle prayerfully, sacrificially and actively against the forces of evil that are threatening to engulf us men, the world and the Church. But the message of Fatima ends on a high note: "My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph" and "She will crush his head". Jesus Christ will indeed reign as King!!

We expect over 1,000 men to fill the gym at King's College on May 6th. Please tell the men of your Parish that this will be a conference that they will not want to miss.

So please mark your calendar and spread the word to your family and friends. We ask you to remember this conference in your daily prayers, interceding for its success.

Register today:

- * visit <http://www.beamanconference.com/>
- * call 570-207-2213 (Diocesan Pastoral Center)

The early bird Conference fee is \$30.00 until April 15th, \$35.00 after. Student fee is \$15.00; Priests, Deacons and Seminarians attend free.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: A pancake supper will be offered by **St. Thomas More Parish at St. Joseph Church (1625 North Main Avenue at Theodore Street, Scranton** on Shrove Tuesday, **February 28th at 6:30PM**. The cost is **\$6.00 per person**, and is **capped at \$25.00 max per family**. Come this Tuesday evening and enjoy a delicious supper and "fatten up" for the Lenten season!

BOY SCOUT NEWS



**Next Committee Meeting:
March 13th**

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall

Andrea Hebda, Committee Chairperson
570-406-5227 rhebda@ptd.net

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6:00PM – Fr. Nallin Hall

February 27th



ANNUAL CLEANUP AT NATIVITY CEMETERIES: Our annual cleanup of Christmas and winter decorations has begun at Mount Carmel and Pieta Cemeteries. **Any items remaining after February 28th will be removed and discarded.**

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

► **Sunday, March 5th at Prince of Peace Parish, Old Forge beginning at 1:00PM.**

► **Thursday, March 16th at Ascension Parish, Forest City beginning at 6:30PM.**

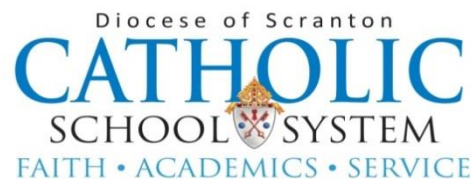
Complete information is posted on the diocesan website:

www.dioceseofscranton.org (safe environment-child protection-VIRTUS)

If you are an adult employee or volunteer who has direct contact or routine interaction with children, please make every effort to participate in this training. Your attendance is important. Thank you.

2017 MASS INTENTIONS: Masses are really 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; names will be printed in the parish bulletin and announced at the Mass.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the soul of Nativity BVM parishioner **PETER BROZUSKY**, who will be buried from our church on Monday. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**Catch Our Spirit...
Celebrate Our Catholic Schools**

As families register their students for the upcoming school year, consider becoming an **Academic Angel!**

Your contribution is an investment in a child's future...the outcomes speak for themselves. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring and strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for the 2017-18 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or as an honor for someone special; you can also select a particular school to receive your gift, or allow us to allocate it to the area with the greatest need. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton PA 18503.



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**BVM 1ST HOLY COMMUNION
GIFT BEARERS SCHEDULE**

The students preparing for First Holy Communion will be bringing the gifts to the altar at several Masses over the next two months. The remaining schedule:

- February 26 – 11:00AM** Katy Brown & family
- March 5 – 9:00AM** Cara Evans & family
- 11:00AM Scout Stauffer & family
- March 12 – 11:00AM** Lucas Mateus & family
- March 19 – 9:00AM** Molly Burke & family
- 11:00AM Wyatt Stauffer & family
- April 2 – 9:00AM** Ty Richter & family
- April 9 – 7:30AM** Leah DeMarco & family
- 9:00AM Hunter Burry & family
- April 23 – 9:00AM** Maddy Forrer & family
- April 30 – 9:00AM** Jonny Lane & family

If family or friends of the person for whom the Mass is being offered also wish to participate in the gift procession, please call the Parish Office (570-836-3275) one week prior to the Mass so that it can be noted in the bulletin and also advise the ushers prior to the Mass.

NEED A HAND? Need a hand running an errand, getting something at the store, mailing something at the post office, light housekeeping? Call 570-954-2890 and ask for Marie. No task too small, just ask her and she'll be glad to "lend a hand."

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

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

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, visit www.askstravelworld.com or 800-828-6029.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE!!

Which one is your favorite? Thin Mints, Samoas, Tag-A-Longs, Savannah Smiles, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos? Looking for cookies? **Contact Kathy Boehmer, 570-836-1343**, and I will put you in contact with a Girl Scout in your area.

TAHS CLASS OF 2017 BINGO
Saturday, March 4th – 1:00PM
TAHS cafeteria
Cost: \$20.00

All proceeds go toward Senior Lock-In
(keeping students safe following graduation)



SUPER SOUP SUPPER
Saturday, March 4th – 5:00-7:00PM
Lake Winola United Methodist Church
326 Maple Drive, Mill City
No charge (Free Will Offering accepted)

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.



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DIOCESAN NEWS

Regulations for Lent 2017

All faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded of Diocesan Statute No. 41, which addresses the penitential aspect of Lent:

"The season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, No. 5, 109). Pastors are obliged to avoid scheduling activities in the parishes which in any way could possibly detract from the external and social penance required by Lent."

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 marks the beginning of Lent. The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:

+ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 14, 2017, are days of fast and abstinence.

+ Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

+ All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent.

+ All Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal and two smaller meals unless dispensed or excused.

Lenten Reminders

Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord.

As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

+ Almsgiving - generously giving to those in need

+ Fasting - practicing self-discipline and self-denial

+ Prayer - reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

Lent is also a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. It is a time to regroup and to prepare.

How can you spend your time during Lent?

+ By "giving up" things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.

+ By "doing" things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing.

+ By "adding" to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.

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.

PAUSE AND REFLECT: "Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good."



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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Our daily Mass schedule is:

Nativity BVM Church

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00AM

St. Mary of the Lake Church

Tuesday, Thursday 8:00AM

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

DCCW LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a Lenten Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, April 1st at the Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.** The retreat will begin at 9:00AM and will end with Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:10PM. **The speaker will be Megan Murphy (www.meganmurphyministries.com).** Megan is a dynamic woman of faith who will talk about the inestimable value of confession, prayer, suffering, and sacrifice – some of the greatest gifts Christ has given us, which we often undervalue, avoid and even reject. Megan will speak on the profound transformative and healing power these gifts can have on us, as opportunities to deepen our relationship with the Lord and with loved ones. Megan will encourage women to immerse themselves in confession, sacrifice and prayer which will lead to a life of abundance, holiness and peace! Megan is a parishioner of Christ the King Parish in Archbald and resides in Dunmore with her husband and four daughters.

All Catholic women are invited to attend. A full breakfast will be served. **The cost is \$20.00.** Please send your reservation with payment to: Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa Street, Peckville, PA 18452. **The reservation deadline is Friday, March 24th.** Contact Judith Poltanis at 570-470-1536, Mary Lloyd at 570-578-6720 or Nancy Addley at 570-536-4466 if additional information is required.

DIOCESAN NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT: The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on **Ash Wednesday, March 1st, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.** The day will **begin at 9:00AM** and end at 2:30PM. Sister Chris Koellhoffer, I.H.M. will lead the retreat "*Living with a Lenten Heart.*" Sister serves as a writer, presenter, and spiritual guide through her Mobile Spirituality Ministry. Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral with distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass. **The fee is \$30.00, which includes lunch.** To register, call Mary Anne Malone at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213, or e-mail MaryAnne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org.

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



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 to wish a Happy Birthday in Heaven to

Mary Kozielski

Donated by Daughter Mary Ann & Children

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP 518 ITALIAN DINNER

February 25, 2017
4:00-7:00PM
Father Nallin Hall

- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Green salad
- Garlic bread
- Drink
- Dessert



Donation: \$7.00
Age 5 and under FREE
Take outs available

All proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 518 chartered by Nativity BVM Church

Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration will be held every Wednesday from 6:00PM until 7:00PM at Nativity BVM Church.

All are welcome & encouraged to join us.

St. Mary of the Lake
Ham & Cabbage Dinner
Sunday, March 19th
5:00PM 'till SOLD OUT
in the Parish Hall



Ham, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, salad, dessert & drink

Tickets:

Eat in\$9.00
Take out.....\$9.00

Tickets sold at the door

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, March 3RD is the First Friday of March. 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 Thursday beginning at 9:00AM. Deacon Ray & Diane Stone will take Communion to the Tunkhannock area on Friday beginning at 9:30AM.



Line Dancing

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



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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

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

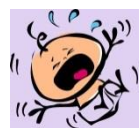
All women of the parish are invited to join us.

Nativity BVM

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



Knitting



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



Available at the Parish Office

**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

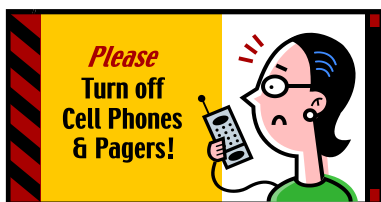
.....**4:15-4:45PM**

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).



Nativity BVM CCD News

The **third grade will be hosting the 9:00AM Mass this Sunday.**

Participants are:

First Reading **Sophia Garzillo**

Second Reading ... **Eliza Talcott**

Petitions..... **Skylar Roerig**

Gifts..... **Alex Boock**

..... **Olivia Sobeck**

..... **Caden Newswanger**

Altar Servers **Robert Burry**

..... **Aiden Burry**

..... **Cora Milner**

Teacher **Michael Skumanick**

Aides **Matthew Colavitti**

..... **Rachel Eckert**

..... **Skylar Roerig**

Please remember that CCD is from 9:50-10:50AM on Sunday morning.

Mrs. B.

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

The next First Holy Communion Student to bring up the gifts is **Madelyn Newhart and family on March 5th.**

Our next Class Mass is Miss Kira's 1st grade class on March 12th.

God bless,

Jenny Sinker

Community News

FREE OLD LYNN CONCERTS

Come out to the Old Lynn Concerts for a fun Saturday night.

Concert schedule (7:00PM):

March 11 - Jay Smar

April 01 - Claudia Nygaard

May 6 - Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen

The converted church has great acoustics & a friendly feel. The free entertainment can't be beat. Feel free to bring some finger foods for the intermission. Chances will be sold for homemade items.

The venue is located off Route 29 past Lake Walter in Springville. First left after the lake – look for a sign at the turn.

Words of Life

“Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s love. ... Every life is worth living.”

**USCCB Secretariat
of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Program Flyer**

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.

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.**

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.**

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.**

PRO-LIFE ROSE

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

Why not donate the Rose that is placed before the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nativity BVM Church? Simply contact **Diane Stone (570-836-3055)** to schedule the date.



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2017

SATURDAY	FEB.	25	4:00PM	TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY HER GODDAUGHTER LINDA
SUNDAY	FEB.	26	9:00AM	BARBARA MARSHALL – OFFERED BY NICK & PAT SHYSHUK
MONDAY	FEB.	27	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	FEB.	28	8:00AM	GERALD MARISH – OFFERED BY JOHN & JANICE TUCKER & FAMILY
WEDNESDAY	MAR.	01	8:00AM	DIANNE JONES – OFFERED BY ST. MARY'S ALTAR & ROSARY
			7:00PM	FATHER JOHN CASEY – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER
THURSDAY	MAR.	02	8:00AM	WALTER HALLISKY – OFFERED BY GEORGE & ELINOR DOUGHERTY
FRIDAY	MAR.	03	8:00AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
			7:00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY	MAR.	04	4:00PM	MASS OF THANKSGIVING – OFFERED BY GEORGE & CAROLE KAMAGE
SUNDAY	MAR.	05	9:00AM	JOSEPH FABIANI SR. – OFFERED BY HELEN FABIANI & FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. FEB. 25 & SUN. FEB. 26	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC	LEN NASH	JERRY HILDEBRAND
MINISTER(S)	MARIE PACKER	SUSAN HILDEBRAND
	DOROTHY TRAUGER	SEAN PIERETTI
LECTORS	BOB ANDREWS	LYNN BERKHIMER
ALTAR	CAITLIN ANDREWS	DANIEL DRISCOLE
SERVER(S)		JAMES MIKUS
		JEWEL STOVER
USHERS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER
GREETERS	PAT STEAD	JOHN HARRIS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	PAT WALL	PAT SHYSHUK & FAMILY
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & FRAN MOLLUSKY
WED. MAR. 01 ASH WED.	WEDNESDAY 8:00AM	WEDNESDAY 7:00PM
EUCCHARISTIC	DEACON RAY	DEACON RAY
MINISTER(S)	HELEN FABIANI	JONI JAMES
	ANN MARIE GORKO	BRANDON PIERETTI
LECTORS	DON AMES	BILL WATERS
ALTAR		ZACH HARRIS
SERVER(S)		
USHERS	CARL PACKER	JEFF PIERCE
GREETERS		
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		
SAT. MAR. 04 & SUN. MAR. 05	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC	DEACON RAY	DEACON RAY
MINISTER(S)	MARIE PACKER	HELEN FABIANI
	TOM WOLFF	ANN MARIE GORKO
LECTORS	LISA JANOSKI	LEN NASH
ALTAR	MICHAEL GREEN	MASON BERKHIMER
SERVER(S)		OWEN BERKHIMER
		TYLER BERKHIMER
USHERS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER
GREETERS	JANET SHAW	JEAN NASH
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	MADelyn NEWHART & FAMILY
COLLECTION COUNTERS		DON & CAROL AMES

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

--- THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED, ESPECIALLY: SANDRA SLOWEY, LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, CARMEN PIERCE, ELAINE HUG, CHARLIE RUSSELLO, ANNETTE SMITH, LYNN POLLINI, AVA MASON, LYNN McGLYNN, BONNIE KILGANNON, ANGIE HNATKO, RUSTY PERKINS, ANASTASIA TECHKY, JULIA KAIFER, MICHELLE HUERBIN, SHIRLEY DZIAK, JENNIFER BUNNELL, JOSEPH PIERCE, THELMA SHEBBY, EDD KILGANNON, AUDREY DAVIS, SHIRLEY ROCHA, DOT JOHNSON, JERRY LAMONICA, JAMES DOUGHERTY, JESSICA MIGLIORI, STACIE MAGNECZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, KERSTIN LEE MIGLIORI, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, KATIE PACKER, JOE IGNATOVICH, 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.

--- 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
FEBRUARY 26TH FOR **MARY ANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$ 1,592.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

FEB. 26 CCD CLASS

MAR. 05

CCD CLASS

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2017

SATURDAY	FEB.	25	5:00PM	AL HENRY – OFFERED BY THE ELIAS FAMILY
SUNDAY	FEB.	26	7:30AM	NICHOLAS DEITRICH – OFFERED BY DAVID & ROSEMARY MIKULKA
			9:00AM	MARY PASTERNAK – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
			11:00AM	DONALD OLSHAN – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE & FAMILY
MONDAY	FEB.	27	7:00AM	MARY KOZIELSKI – OFFERED BY MARY ANN BROWN & CHILDREN
TUESDAY	FEB.	28	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	MAR.	01	7:00AM	BERTHA HOLOD – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
			7:00PM	EDWARD McGINLEY – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY
THURSDAY	MAR.	02	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MAR.	03	7:00AM	GENE YONCHUIK – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY
			7:00PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY	MAR.	04	5:00PM	JOAN BETTS – OFFERED BY THE RICHARD JONES FAMILY
SUNDAY	MAR.	05	7:30AM	STANLEY LIPINSKI – OFFERED BY GENE & BARBARA KOVALCHICK
			9:00AM	RICHARD & SARA CIGNA – OFFERED BY CHARLIE & CAROL KUFFA
			11:00AM	JOSEPH KOVAL – OFFERED BY TAMMY NUDO

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. FEB. 25 & SUN. FEB. 26	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY CHARLOTTE SMITH CINDY BROWN	DEACON RAY NAN DeMARCO ALISHA NUDO	DEACON RAY CARL SHINKO JOHN KEEFE	GRACE STURDEVANT DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	SABRINA TRAVER AIDEN BURRY ALYSSA KOVALCHICK LAUREN KOVALCHICK	MARY SOHNS PAUL DeMARCO EMMA HARDING GRACE HARDING	3RD GRADE CCD ROBERT BURRY AIDEN BURRY CORAL MILNER	TINA KALETA HEIDI WILLIAMS MATTHEW WILLIAMS SEAN WILLIAMS
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	3RD GRADE CCD K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	KATY BROWN & FAMILY
WED. MAR. 01	WEDNESDAY 7:00AM	WEDNESDAY 7:00PM		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	CHARLOTTE SMITH NAN DeMARCO	JOAN CHAPDELAINE DOLORES KENNEDY GENE SCHWEITZER		
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	SUSAN BARZIOSKI PAUL BINNER MARCUS BINNER KAYLA BINNER	MARY SOHNS ABIGAIL KALETA JACOB POWERS NOAH POWERS		
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS		
SAT. MAR. 04 & SUN. MAR. 05	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	CINDY BROWN GARY TEWKSBURY SUSAN BARZIOSKI	AGNES MASSACESI ALISHA NUDO NAN DeMARCO	JOHN KEEFE GENE SCHWEITZER ROY BRODY	DOLORES KENNEDY LISA RANSOM DIANE STONE
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	SABRINA TRAVER ALEX KEISER MOLLY KEISER ZACH KEISER	JUSTIN ROTH ROBERT BURRY BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER	EILEEN HEAD OLIVIA CARICHER JOSEPH COLAVITTI MATTHEW COLAVITTI	TINA KALETA SOPHIE BURKE JOSEPH CASEY MICHAEL CASEY
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	CARA EVANS & FAMILY D. NOLE, J. MITCHELL, G. LUPINSKI	SCOUT STAUFFER & FAMILY

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, MARGE HOLUB, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, MARGARET KINTNER, TRUDY FISK, MARY KUKUCHKA, MARY BOLOUSKI, EMMY COIA, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, 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, 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, SHERI RAIL, BONNIE LaFLEUR, ROY PREVOST, MAGDALENE FRONCZKIEWICZ.

----- **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** **ESPECIALLY PETER BROZUSKY** 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 IS AVAILABLE TO BURN FOR YOUR INTENTION. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (570) 836-3275

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$4,433.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

FEB. 26	CCD CLASS/3 RD GRADE MASS – 9:00AM	FEB. 26	BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 7:00PM – FNH UPSTAIRS
FEB. 26	FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS – 10:00-10:45AM – FR. NALLIN HALL		CLASSROOM
		MAR. 01	BIBLE STUDY – 10:00AM – RECTORY