

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
NATIVITY
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TUNKHANNOCK, PA



ST. MARY
OF THE LAKE
LAKE WINOLA, PA

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

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

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

Finance Council: Chris DeMarco, Chair

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair

Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair

Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Pastor
Deacon Raymond A. Pieretti, Pastoral Associate
Rev. 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*

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NOTES FROM OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Preparing for the Feast

Preparing for a feast is fresh in all our minds after enjoying Thanksgiving leftovers. We started it all with a well-thought-out list, maneuvered through the shopping and kept the momentum going with a marathon of cleaning, decorating, and accomplishing the recipe specialties our families know and love. And after everyone was full and happy, we cleaned up again and offered desserts throughout the day. What motivates us to do all this? Love. Love of people, love of feeding people, and love of tradition. And we'll do it all again for every holiday.

Thanksgiving is an important and favorite day for many people, and has been an official federal holiday for 155 years. But there is another feast we can experience every single day that has so much more to offer, and it's been around for almost two thousand years. It is us receiving the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") at Mass.

The question we all need to ask ourselves is this – are we preparing ourselves adequately for this feast? Are we coming in empty-handed? We are required to bring a soul full of grace. We approach the Eucharist as if we're taking a casual walk. An atheist once said that if the Eucharist is what (or who) Catholics say it is, they would be crawling to receive it on their hands and knees.

I'm not suggesting that we start crawling to the front of the church. A better idea is for us all to thoroughly prepare for the feast of sustenance our good priests consecrate at the table. We all need to know the severity of our sins and how they impact the health of our souls. It's critical to follow through with the execution of our preparation by receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. Much like a good, balanced meal, we need to combine the things we love about the feast (the Eucharist) with things we need (a good confession). The nourishing graces we receive when we do this help to keep us from sinning and protect our souls.

So prepare for your spiritual feast. You will leave fully satisfied.

Rita Fitzgerald



NATIVITY GIVING TREE: The annual Giving Tree is set up in the church starting this weekend. You are invited to take a paper ornament from the tree and to purchase the requested gift for the recipient. Place the gift (including the ornament) under the tree between now and Sunday, December 16th. More information can be found on the enclosed flyer.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Clergy Care & Education December 01-02
Retirement Fund for Religious December 08-09

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



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE: Deacon Ray is conducting a Divine Mercy prayer service on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00PM in St. Mary of the Lake Church. **The next service will be this Sunday, December 2nd.** All are welcome.

CAPUCHIN SISTERS SUPPORT FUND: If you were unable to participate in the collection for support of the Capuchin Sisters and would like to assist with this need, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Capuchin Sisters" and deposit it in the collection at any time.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING: Have you considered serving your parish as a Eucharistic Minister? **Deacon Ray is planning to conduct a training class for Eucharistic Ministers to serve at weekend Masses for the both of our parishes.** Anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity for service is asked to call the Parish Office at 570-836-3275.

NATIVITY ALTAR & ROSARY TRIP TO RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL FOR THE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR:

The 2018 production of the *Christmas Spectacular* will be technologically transformed with the addition of an all-new finale scene and redesigned elements.



This trip will take place this Wednesday, December 5th. The show starts at 11:00AM. The bus will leave Nativity's parking lot at 6:30AM. We will stop at McDonald's on Route 80 in New Jersey for breakfast (on your own).

Ticket price for the bus trip and the show will be \$135.00. If you don't want to attend the show but would like to take the trip into NYC for other reasons (shopping, sightseeing, etc.), the cost is \$65.00.

Contact Sue Barziloski – 570-836-1351 – for reservations and information.

ALTAR & ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual St. Mary's Disciples of Mary and Nativity BVM Altar and Rosary Christmas Party will be held **this Tuesday, December 4th at Shadowbrook beginning at 5:30PM.**



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass Obligation**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is next Saturday, December 8th. Please note that the obligation to attend Mass is not lifted (as with other Holy Days) for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Thus, the faithful must fulfill this obligation by attending Mass for the Holy Day (either Friday vigil or Saturday), and they must fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation (either Saturday vigil or Sunday).

Reverend Thomas M. Muldowney
Vicar General of the Diocese

**MASS SCHEDULE
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Nativity BVM**

Saturday, December 8th 7:00AM
**Please note the change to the schedule.

St. Mary of the Lake

Friday, December 7th 7:00PM
Saturday, December 8th 8:00AM

CHRISTMAS CHARMS: Diane Stone is conducting a fundraiser for St. Joseph's Church at the Crow Creek Reservation in South Dakota (that's the church that she described in her recent bulletin message about her mission experience there last summer). She's selling *Tiny Saints charms* after the Masses at Nativity BVM Church this weekend (and next weekend if there are any still available). The charms are \$5.00 each and are pictured on the enclosed flyer.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: November 24-25, 2018

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory** \$ 3,350.00
Difference:..... **\$(1,450.00)**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal* \$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory** \$ 1,255.00
Difference:..... **\$(745.00)**

*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2018-2019 Parish Collections goal (envelopes and loose). It does NOT include Fundraising, Religious Education Income or any other income.

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

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

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!!!

Christmas Pageant!

Date: **Friday, December 7th**
Times: **First Showing - 6:00PM**
Second Showing - 6:30PM
Location: **Nativity BVM Church**



The **First Communion CCD Class** is pleased to invite all available to attend one of their performances of this year's Christmas pageant. There will be two performances in the church **on the Friday evening of Christmas in Our Hometown, December 7th**. Come watch the story of a little star that finally learns how to twinkle!

SML CCD CHRISTMAS PARTY: This year's CCD party at Saint Mary's is being sponsored by our Disciples of Mary and will be held on **Sunday, December 16th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM**. Instead of a Christmas Pageant, the children will be treated to a **movie, crafts, music, snacks and lunch and a visit from Santa!** The twist is that, during this party, we encourage parents to shop local for your last minute gifts while we watch the kids!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT NATIVITY B.V.M.

**Wednesdays
2:00 to 5:00PM**

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



ALL ARE WELCOME

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

**"Come Visit Me In The Blessed Sacrament:
Won't You, Please?"**

HAVE you no plans to interest you? Tell me about them. Do they concern your vocation? What do you think of? What would you like? Are you planning some pleasure for your mother for your family, for your guardian? What do you wish to do for them? AND have you no thoughts of zeal for Me? Are you not anxious to do a little good for the souls of your friends, for those whom you love, and who, perhaps, forget Me? Tell Me who interests you, what motives urge you, what means you wish to take.

THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open the first and third Thursday of the month. **We are always in need of dessert items (cake mixes, sugar, flour, pudding, bread mixes)** as these items are not purchased for the pantry shelves but are certainly enjoyed by our clients. If you or someone you know is in need, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support.

Mary Lou Franko



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES: The appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be **taken up at Masses next weekend, December 8-9.** The annual, parish-based collection is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and benefits 31,000

aging Catholic sisters, brothers and priests in religious orders.

Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the collection in 1988 to help address the deficit in retirement savings among the nation's religious congregations. Proceeds are distributed to eligible congregations to help underwrite retirement and health-care expenses.

Most senior religious worked for little to no pay, leaving their religious communities with inadequate retirement savings. At the same time, religious communities are challenged by the rising cost of care. Communities combine these funds with their own income and savings to help furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. Throughout the year, additional funding is allocated for congregations with critical needs and for retirement planning and educational resources.

Proceeds from the collection support the retirement needs of these women and men who spent their lives in church ministries such as education, health care and social services. In 2017, the collection raised more than \$28 million nationwide. The generous faithful in the Diocese of Scranton donated \$82,935.

The collection for the Religious Retirement Fund is distinct and separate from the monthly collection taken in parishes for the Care and Education of Priests of the Diocese of Scranton.

CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS: Paul Binner, a former Protestant and a convert to the Catholic faith, is conducting a forum that **explores the differences between Protestantism and Catholicism** and what those differences mean to us as Catholics. The session will be held in **Fr. Nallin Hall (2nd floor) this Tuesday, December 4th, 6:30-8:30PM.** See the enclosed flyer for more details.

Paul is planning additional sessions on January 9th and January 17th – topics to be announced.

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.*



SAVE THE DATE
HOLIDAY-THEMED PAINT PARTY
Saturday December 15th @ 6:00PM
Father Nallin Hall



See the enclosed flyer for all the info!
Reservations required no later than December 7th.

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.**



BOY SCOUT NEWS

Next Committee Meeting:
December 10th

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall
Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson
570-233-4000 adelano1230@gmail.com

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fr. Nallin Hall
January 7th



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.



LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM

REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD: Your prayers are requested for the following Nativity BVM parishioners who passed away recently:



CLETUS MacDONALD, whose funeral was last Monday in our church;

NORMAN HARDING, whose funeral was this past Tuesday in our church;

MARGARET KINTNER, whose funeral was this past Thursday in our church.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

MEMBERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY MINISTRY COMMITTEES



The Saint Mary of the Lake Parish Pastoral Council has established four Ministry Committees which will assist in developing goals for the future development of Saint Mary of the Lake as well as action plans to ensure the achievement of these goals. The Worship Committee will focus on the prayer and worship life at Saint Mary of the Lake. The Word Committee will focus on the faith education and catechesis of all parishioners at Saint Mary of the Lake. The Service Committee will focus on serving those in need, making justice a lived value at Saint Mary of the Lake. The Community Committee will work to enhance and communicate the sense of community at Saint Mary of the Lake.

We are asking that you prayerfully consider giving your time and talents as a member of one or more of these four Committees. The time commitment would be four meetings per year, not to exceed 1.5 hours in length, plus whatever other time commitment you are able to give to the process.

If you are interested in being considered for membership on a committee, please call the Parish Office at 570-378-2181 and give your name, phone number and preferred Committee. You may also contact one of the Committee Chairs directly and let them know of your interest:

- Worship Committee Chair..... Bill Waters..... 570-378-2367
- Word Committee Chair..... MaryAnn Barni..... 570-687-3070
- Service Committee Chair..... Mary Lou Franko... 570-586-4811
- Community Committee Chair... Bernie Garvey..... 570-862-7651

CAN YOU HELP? Both of our parishes are in need of volunteers to **help count the collection each week**. At **Nativity**, the counting takes place on **Sunday morning** starting at about 9:00AM. **St. Mary of the Lake** counting takes place on **Monday morning** at about 9:00AM. If you can help out **approximately once a month** in either parish, please contact Dick Schwoebel at the Parish Office (570-836-3275) or at 570-677-7634. It doesn't take long and we could really use your help.



Holy Redeemer High School
159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd. Wilkes-Barre
570-829-2424



www.holyredeemerhs.org

PLACEMENT / SCHOLARSHIP TEST
for interested Public and Private School 8th graders
Saturday – December 8, 2018 8:30AM
Call the Guidance Office at 570-829-2424
to register for the test

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

Diocese of Scranton
2018 **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL** | THE JOURNEY MAKES US ONE

2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of November 26th

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:	
GOAL:.....	\$34,000.00
PLEGGED:.....	\$15,465.00
STATUS:.....	45.5%
UNDER GOAL:	\$18,535.00
PARTICIPATION: 9.33% (89 FAMILIES OUT OF 954)	
ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:	
GOAL:.....	\$13,000.00
PLEGGED:.....	\$ 4,050.00
STATUS.....	31.2%
UNDER GOAL:	\$ 8,950.00
PARTICIPATION: 4.51% (20 FAMILIES OUT OF 443)	

Your support is necessary to maintain the programs and resources funded by the Appeal. Please consider making a pledge or donation to the Appeal today.
More information is available on the diocesan website – www.dioceseofscranton.org

NATIVITY'S HOMEMADE PIEROGIES:

We are selling our frozen Potato and Cheese-filled Pierogies during the week at the Parish Office during normal business hours (9:00AM-2:00PM). The price still remains the same at **\$7.00 per dozen**. **Limited quantity available – first come, first served!**



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.

PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM?

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

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

2019 MASS INTENTIONS: Masses are already filling up fast! Mass intentions for **2019** will be booked on a first-come, first served basis. 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.

Independent Compensation Program for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Scranton announced November 8th the creation of an Independent Survivors Compensation Program for those who have suffered sexual abuse by clergy, religious or lay employees. Participation in the Program by survivors is entirely voluntary.

The Program will be administered by Kenneth Feinberg and Camille Biros, two leading experts in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. They will have absolute autonomy in determining compensation for survivors, and the Diocese of Scranton will abide by their decisions. Mr. Feinberg and Ms. Biros are currently managing a number of high-profile compensation programs nationwide, including similar programs started by five Catholic Dioceses in New York. Those programs collectively have provided over \$200 million in compensation to more than 1,000 survivors. They have received positive feedback from those who participated.

An Independent Oversight Committee will oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. The Diocese will have no authority over this committee. Compensation decisions are final and cannot be appealed or overturned by the Diocese or the Independent Oversight Committee.

"Providing compensation to these survivors is the right thing to do," said Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. "Several weeks ago, Pennsylvania's Bishops announced support of such a program, which was recently discussed but not enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The Diocese of Scranton is therefore moving forward and is offering this Program for survivors."

Parish and school assets, as well as contributions and bequests from parishioners and donations to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, will not be used to fund the Program. Rather, the Diocese will use available reserves and will sell assets and borrow money as needed. While the Program will require significant resources, the Diocese will strive to maintain its core mission to serve the local community.

The Diocese continues to refine the Program so that it better serves survivors. Further details concerning the Program will be made available in the near future, including a website for survivors to obtain information and claim forms. The Program is anticipated to launch in January 2019.

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

THE ADVENT WREATH: The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreaths with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. In Scandinavia during Winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn "the wheel of the earth" back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth.



By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreaths as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (cf. John 3:19-21). By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the

anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

In family practice, the Advent wreath is most appropriately lit at dinner time after the blessing of the food. A traditional prayer service using the Advent wreath proceeds as follows: On the First Sunday of Advent, the father of the family blesses the wreath, praying: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." He then continues for each of the days of the first week of Advent, O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The youngest child then lights one purple candle.

During the second week of Advent, the father prays: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The oldest child then lights the purple candle from the first week plus one more purple candle.

During the third week of Advent, the father prays: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The mother then lights the two previously lit purple candles plus the rose candle.

Finally, the father prays during the fourth week of Advent, O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The father then lights all of the candles of the wreath.

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information call (570) 207-2283.



MILITARY HONOR ROLL

PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

- SGT SETH CAINES – U.S. ARMY
CPO ERIC TOMCZAK – U.S. NAVY
STAFF SGT. PETER FRANKO III – U.S.A.F.
SGT THOMAS DILTONE – NATIONAL GUARD
ET2 JACOB KINTNER – U.S. NAVY
STAFF SGT DAVID BALTRUSAITIS – NATIONAL GUARD
SCPO KENNETH C. FRANK – U.S. NAVY
SGT ROBERT J. POLSTER – U.S. ARMY
SFC RICKY BROWN – NATIONAL GUARD
PFC RYAN M. ERDEK – U.S. ARMY
SGT 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
MAJOR JEFFREY O'DELL – U.S. ARMY
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
SPEC. NICOLE GRIFFITH – U.S. ARMY
STAFF SGT ROBERT GOHLER – U.S. MARINES
LT CHELSEA ZWICKER – U.S. NAVY
COL. CRAIG KEYES – U.S.A.F.
CPL 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
PO2 ALEC FISHER – U.S. NAVY
CWO4 TONY RICHARDSON – U.S. MARINES
COL. CARL PACKER – U.S. ARMY
TECH SGT DONALD WEITZ – U.S.A.F.

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 (ASA TURKEY)
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
SGT. E5 ROBERT SPRAGUE – U.S. ARMY
SGT. JAMES SNYDER – U.S AIR FORCE
LT. J.G. TIMOTHY LEBER – U.S.COAST GUARD
CAPT ALAN B. FLANAGAN – U.S. NAVY
AE1 JOSEPH YAKOSKI – U.S. NAVY (VIETNAM)
STAFF SGT. STEPHANIE DANIELS SUND (AFGHANISTAN)

God Bless all who serve or have served our country.



NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY



Tuesday evening prayers
4:00PM @ St. Mary's Church
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 Anniversary in heaven
Joe and Joan Jurista
Donated by their kids

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



Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, 54 Warren Street in Tunkhannock (formerly the P&G Credit Union building), serves a hearty meal every Monday through Friday from 5:00-6:30PM. There is no charge and all are welcome. Those who desire to volunteer to work at the kitchen or to donate food or make a financial contribution are asked to contact 570-996-5005 or 570-836-3145.



Line Dancing



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



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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES



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

All women of the parish are invited to join us.

Nativity BVM

In need of a prayer shawl?

Please call Sue Barziloski (570-836-1351)



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Advent penance services are scheduled in the churches of our deanery. All services begin at 6:00PM.

- December 09 Nativity BVM
December 17 Corpus Christi, Montdale
December 18 Our Lady of the Abingtons
December 20 Our Lady of the Snows

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).



CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Traditional Christmas wafers (Oplatek) are available at the doors to the church and also in the Parish Office. Donation is \$2.00 per pack (6 wafers).



The breaking of the Christmas wafer is a custom that began in Poland in the 10th century and is practiced by people of Polish ancestry around the world. It is considered the most ancient and beloved of Polish traditions.

In Poland and some parts of **Central Europe**, these Christmas wafers are dyed and used as ornaments. They are also sent as small trinkets with greeting cards to loved ones who are away from home.

The **Christmas** wafer symbolizes the unity of the family, which many consider to be the main pillar of society. According to beliefs, the bond of unity should exist between family members. The father is seen as the link in the unbroken chain of One Body, One Bread, One Christ, and One Church, while other family members join him in this eternal procession. The wafer also symbolizes forgiveness and reconciliation.

PRO-LIFE ROSE

Looking for a wonderful way to remember a loved one on a special day? **Why not donate the Rose that is placed before the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nativity BVM Church?** Simply **contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055) to schedule the date that you desire and how you want it listed in the bulletin.** Many weekends are available.



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. **If we don't have a mailable address on file for you, we will have to remove your name from our parish roster.**



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, December 7th is the First Friday of December. Confessions will be heard 15 minutes prior to the 7:00AM morning Mass at Nativity. Deacon Ray will conduct a Communion Service at St. Mary's at 8:00AM.



Fr. Pat will take Communion to the **Tunkhannock** area on **Friday beginning at 9:30AM.**

Deacon Ray will take Communion to the **Lake Winola** area on **Friday beginning at 9:00AM.**

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

CCD classes resume this week following the 9:00AM Mass.

God bless, **Jenny Sinker**

Nativity BVM CCD News

CCD classes resume this week following the 9:00AM Mass. **Mrs. B**

Words of Life

"Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are*, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 "A Perfect Gift"

St. Mary of the Lake Disciples of Mary

Our next meeting will take place **this Monday, December 3rd – rosary in the church at 6:30PM and meeting at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.** All women of the parish are invited to join us.

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 2, 2018

SATURDAY	DEC	01	4:00PM	ELEANOR HELLER – OFFERED BY RICHARD, MARY ANN & JEWEL BARNI
SUNDAY	DEC	02	9:00AM	PETER & DOLORES POLINSKY – OFFERED BY THE POLINSKY FAMILY
MONDAY	DEC	03	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC	04	8:00AM	MARY ANN TARGETT – OFFERED BY TOM & SANDRA TANASKI
WEDNESDAY	DEC	05	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC	06	8:00AM	WATKIN PIERCE – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY
FRIDAY	DEC	07	8:00AM	FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
			7:00PM	FATHER ROBERT KELLEHER – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER
SATURDAY	DEC	08	8:00AM	JOSEPH IGNATOVICH – OFFERED BY JAY & TINA PEARSON
			4:00PM	HENRY HOFFMAN – OFFERED BY THE SINKER FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC	09	9:00AM	LOU BOBECK – OFFERED BY RICK, MARY LOU & JULIA

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT DEC 01 & SUN. DEC 02	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	CAROL BALKO MARIE PACKER CARMEL WILLIAMS	ANN MARIE GORKO ELLEN WENGEN TOM WOLFF
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	BILL WATERS	NICK MIGLIORI
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW JANET SHAW SELECTION BY USHERS	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER JOHN HARRIS SELECTION BY USHERS DON & CAROL AMES
SAT. DEC 08 & SUN. DEC 09	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	MARIE PACKER PETER POLINSKY DOROTHY TRAUGER	ANN MARIE GORKO SEAN PIERETTI JOAN STROKA
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	LISA JANOSKI	STEVE FRANKO
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW DEE PASKO SELECTION BY USHERS	RANDY PIERETTI & STEVE ZDANIEWICZ ABBA FRANKO SELECTION BY USHERS DICK SCHWOEBEL & FRAN MOLLUSKY

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

--- THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED, ESPECIALLY: SANDRA SLOWEY, LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, CARMEN PIERCE, ELAINE HUG, CHASE RUSSELLO, ANNETTE SMITH, LYNN POLLINI, AVA MASON, LYNN McGLYNN, BONNIE KILGANNON, MSGR. DAVID L. TRESSLER, RUSTY PERKINS, JULIA KAIFER, MICHELLE HUERBIN, JENNIFER BUNNELL, JOSEPH PIERCE, THELMA SHEBBY, EDD KILGANNON, AUDREY DAVIS, SHIRLEY ROCHA, DOT JOHNSON, JAMES DOUGHERTY, STACIE MAGNECZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, CAROLLYN DAVIS, LINDA ZALEWSKI, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, RON GORKO, KATIE PACKER, PETER POLINSKY, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., ANN SMITH, DELORES HEAGY, FRAN MOLLUSKY, PEARL PIERCE, BERNICE BURANICH, CEIL IGNATOVICH, MARY PETERSEN, LOUIS C. POLLINI JR., SUE MIGLIORI, JOE SCHIAVONE, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, FLORENCE KEYES, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILIO, RON WILLIAMS, DICK & FLORENCE KELLY.

--- 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 2ND FOR **DOMINIC GRANDINETTI**
OFFERED BY THE GRANDINETTI FAMILY

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$1,255.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

DEC. 02	CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS	JAN. 13	CCD CLASS
DEC. 03	DISCIPLES OF MARY MTG. – 6:30PM ROSARY IN CHURCH – 7:00PM – MTG. IN HALL	JAN. 20	CCD CLASS/4 TH GRADE CLASS MASS
DEC. 04	ALTAR & ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY – BOGEY'S	JAN. 22	MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MTGS. – 6:30PM – HALL
DEC. 07	HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS – 7:00PM	JAN. 27	CCD CLASS
DEC. 08	HOLY DAY MASS – 8:00AM	FEB. 02	FIRST RECONCILIATION @ 10:00AM
DEC. 09	CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS	FEB. 03	CCD CLASS/BANNER DAY 1 PARENT MUST BE PRESENT
DEC. 16	7 TH GRADE CLASS MASS/CCD CHRISTMAS PARTY – 10:00AM – HALL	FEB. 11	CCD CLASS/VALENTINE FUN BREAKFAST
DEC. 23	NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 17	NO CCD CLASS
DEC. 30	NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 24	CCD CLASS
JAN. 06	CCD CLASS	FEB. 26	PARISH COUNCIL MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2018

SATURDAY	DEC	01	5:00PM	EDWARD ZACKARIAS SR. – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE & SON
SUNDAY	DEC	02	7:30AM	MARGARET DOYLE – OFFERED BY JOE & NAN DeMARCO
			9:00AM	MARGE EVERITT – OFFERED BY ROY & JOAN BRODY
			11:00AM	ETHEL PRYOR – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
MONDAY	DEC	03	7:00AM	WALTER ZOLA – OFFERED BY THE USHERS AT 7:30AM MASS
TUESDAY	DEC	04	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC	05	7:00AM	HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY – OFFERED BY THE RUEHLMAN FAMILY
THURSDAY	DEC	06	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC	07	7:00AM	JOSEPH & FLORENCE STELMA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, CHERYL ANN & JENNIFER
SATURDAY	DEC	08	7:00AM	GERTRUDE FISK – OFFERED BY BRIAN & JOAN DEEKEN
			5:00PM	ROGER BETTS – OFFERED BY HEATHER
SUNDAY	DEC	09	7:30AM	MARGARET DOYLE – OFFERED BY THE CHRIS DeMARCO FAMILY
			9:00AM	PETER & MARGARET LAROCCA – OFFERED BY MARY LAROCCA
			11:00AM	JOHN WAGENHOFFER – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC 01 & SUN. DEC 02</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	CHARLOTTE SMITH SUSAN BARZILOSKI	ALISHA NUDO NAN DeMARCO AGNES MASSACESI	DEACON RAY JOHN KEEFE CARL SHINKO	DEACON RAY LISA RANSOM DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	SABRINA TRAVER ALYSSA KOVALCHICK MATTHEW PREBOLA MICHAEL PREBOLA	MARY SOHNS CORAL MILNER JACOB POWERS NOAH POWERS	TINA KALETA ALEX KEISER MOLLY KEISER ZAK KEISER	JOHN BURKE HEIDI WILLIAMS MATTHEW WILLIAMS SEAN WILLIAMS
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS D. NOLE, R. NOLE, G. LUPINSKI	SELECTION BY USHERS
<u>SAT. DEC. 08 & SUN. DEC 09</u>	<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY DONNA KASKUS JOAN CHAPDELAIN	ALISHA NUDO NAN DeMARCO CHARLOTTE SMITH SUSAN BARZILOSKI	DEACON RAY LYNNE BINNER GENE SCHWEITZER	DEACON RAY LISA RANSOM DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	DAVID KUFFA EMMA ELIAS LAUREN KOVALCHICK TORI KOVALCHICK	JOSEPH COLAVITTI BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER	SIXTH GRADE CCD CLASS MAIA BURRY SARAH DeMARCO MOLLY KEISER	MEGHAN KEISER IAN BURKE SOPHIE BURKE JOSEPH CASEY
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	SELECTION BY USHERS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

----- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, JENNIFER BUNNELL, RITA BERCHEM, MARIE STAIR, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELLE MORTIMER, SHERI RAIL, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, HEATHER STEGNER, MARGE HOLUB, BEN BROWN, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DON WHITE, MARY KUKUCHKA, EMMY COIA, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, NANCY ROBINSON, SUSAN BOLOUSKI McANDREWS, GARRET CONOVER, ANALISA DOMINIC, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, BILL IVEY, VERNA PRAWDZIK, MATTHEW FORTESI, JACOB WALTER, CURTIS, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LaBAR, TIKI LYONS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, JEAN YABLONSKI, AUSTIN THOMAS, JIM BORDEN, JERRY STROKA, LINDA NIEMIEC, DIANE THOMPSON, ROSEANN GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMORE, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLSHAN, JR., HELEN RAIL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, FLORENCE KEYES, LINDA RUEHLMAN, ROY PREVOST, ALLEN KEYES, CATHERINE LITWIN, JUDI HOWE, LEAH WILSEY, ANN ZACKARIAS, CHRISTOPHER BELL, NATHAN DELMAR, LINDA, KATHLEEN ALTEMUS, CARL ALTEMUS, MARY LOUISE BECKETT, PAULA MOELLER, GEORGE ZALEDONIS, PAT STASCavage, JOHN RUEHLMAN JR, MICHALINE WIERNUSZ, MARY BOLOUSKI, PEGGY FINNEGAN, JIM RAIL SR., JOAN STEPHENS, PEG BALL, NORM BALL, BARBARA LOCKER.

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED **ESPECIALLY CLETUS MacDONALD, NORMAN HARDING, MARGARET KINTNER** AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.
PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (836-3275) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
 DECEMBER 2ND FOR **ALL DECEASED SOULS**
 OFFERED BY THE BETTS FAMILY

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$3,350.00
Human Development	\$ 859.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

DEC. 02	CCD CLASS	JAN. 20	CCD CLASS/4 TH GRADE CLASS MASS – 9:00AM
DEC. 04	ALTAR & ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY	JAN. 27	CCD CLASS
DEC. 08	HOLY DAY MASS – 7:00AM		
DEC. 09	CCD CLASS/6 TH GRADE MASS – 9:00AM	FEB. 03	CCD CLASS
DEC. 15	PAINTING PARTY – FNH – 6:00PM	FEB. 05	ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 12:45PM – FNH
DEC. 16	CCD CLASS/CLASS PARTIES	FEB. 09	FIRST PENANCE SERVICE – 10:00AM (SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 16 TH – 10:00AM)
DEC. 23	NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 10	CCD CLASS/BANNER SUNDAY
DEC. 30	NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 17	CCD CLASS
JAN. 06	CCD CLASS		
JAN. 13	CCD CLASS		