



DECEMBER 17-18, 2016



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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.)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE
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stmaryofthelake@frontier.com

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair

Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils
January 2007*

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH:

Brothers and Sisters,

And now the countdown begins in earnest. Christmas is just a week away. If you haven't finished your shopping yet, maybe I should say it's panic time!!! I was speaking with a fellow parishioner and I was telling him that I used to look forward to going shopping on Christmas Eve. It was a magical time back then. You knew that everyone who was out there on that night was a lot like you; they still couldn't find the right gift. There was just something different about shopping on Christmas Eve. Now if you wait for that night, you find that almost everything is gone, the shelves are bare.

Over the years, I have discovered that if you run out of ideas or don't know where to shop – don't worry, because Heaven has its own specialty shop with some great last minute gifts. Many years ago, I came across an article written by Lorine Woody entitled "Heaven's Thrift Shop", and here is what she said: "I was walking down life's highway when I saw a sign that read Heaven's Gift Shop and as I got a little closer, the door came open and I was standing inside. I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere and one of them said, 'My child, shop with care. Everything you need is here in the store.' First, I took some patience and love was in the same row. Further down was understanding; you need that not just on Christmas but every day. Next I picked up some wisdom and then some faith. By then my basket was almost full, but I remembered that I could use some grace, and I didn't forget salvation and near the end of the isle peace and joy. Then I asked, 'How much do I owe?' The angel just smiled and said, 'Just take them and go.' But again I asked, 'No, really, how much do I owe?' He smiled and said, 'No, really, just go. For you see that Jesus paid your bill a long time ago.' "

For all Christians, that should be what the birth of the son of God is all about. In that stable in the town of Bethlehem, a light was born that chased away the darkness and opened the door of a shop called salvation.

May God Bless You,

Deacon Ray



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

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

ATTENTION ALL NATIVITY ALTAR SERVERS: We need altar servers for the **11:00AM Christmas Mass** and the **New Year's Day 7:30AM & 9:00AM Masses.** Contact Mary Olshan as soon as possible at 570-836-1457 if you can help.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES: [i]t is necessary to reaffirm the conviction that every family is the principal setting for the growth of each individual, since it is through the family that human beings become open to life and the natural need for relationships with others.



Over and over again we see that family bonds are essential for the stability of relationships in society, for the work of education and for integral human development, for they are inspired by love, responsible inter-generational solidarity and mutual trust. These are factors which can make even the most adverse situations more bearable, and bring a spirit of true fraternity to our world, enabling it to feel as a single family, where the greatest attention is paid to those most in need. (6/20/13)

SML ADOPT-A-FAMILY OUTREACH:

Dear Friends,

The words "thank you" do not seem adequate for the outpouring of your generosity, time and talent in helping to provide gifts under the trees of two families from our area with elementary age children who attend Mill City School. There will be cookies to be baked and a holiday feast to be prepared in new cookware, along with special holiday treats provided by the donation of a grocery gift card. Warm fuzzy pajamas, a dinosaur that devours matchbox cars, shoes, boots, snow clothes, socks, requested books, cuddly throws and soft fluffy towels will no doubt bring smiles and squeals from two families who needed some help this year....you made it happen!



"Love thy neighbor" is truly fulfilled through your generosity in helping to purchase these treasures, going shopping, wrapping and giving of your time.....Know that all of you will hold a special place in my prayers during Christmas Mass....I wish you a very blessed and Merry Christmas with many memories to savor through the upcoming year, and a Happy and healthy New Year! God bless you!

Love, Mary Lou

NATIVITY'S ACCLAIMED PIEROGIES:

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

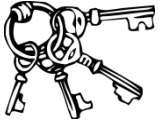
Thanks to everyone who bought our Christmas pierogies. **We're sold out.**

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



POT LUCK: Guess what's coming? Yes, Christmas but also the **Nativity and St Mary of the Lake POT LUCK Dinner!** **Save the date:** January 7, 2017 at 6:00PM at Father Nallin Hall.

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



LOOKING FOR SAINT PETER: We are looking for one person to become the "keeper of the keys" for Nativity's church buildings (Saint Peter was the term Fr. Ric used). **Ken Frank is going to retire finally at 85 years old and be put out to pasture with the old horses.** We need someone who is willing to control and manage the security and safety of our church facilities.

Requirements: reliable, honest, willing, cooperative, available and able to use a computer (any type of computer). (No smart remarks about how Ken ever got this job please!)

If you would like to consider filling this Buildings and Grounds task, please call Ken (570-575-7785) and he will answer all your questions and explain all the details of this very important task. This volunteer position does give you great latitude in using innovating and challenging ideas. It's really a fun job!

ZUMBA & YOGAFIT: Zumba classes are held on **Wednesdays in St. Mary's Parish Hall starting at 6:00PM with a Yogafit class to follow at 7:00PM.** The cost for each is **only \$5.00 per session.** We hope to see you all there!!!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER?: We are looking to add additional Eucharistic Ministers to our ministry in both churches. If you are interested – or simply want to get more information – please call Deacon Ray (570-378-2929).



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DESSERTS: The Lower Wyoming County Food pantry is in need of desserts for the upcoming holiday season. There are many good sales in our grocery stores now and a donation would be much appreciated as the pantry does not purchase desserts. Thank you for your consideration and donations to the blue box by the hall...you really do make a difference on the shelves for those in our neighborhood who need help with groceries. If you or your neighbor needs help with groceries, the pantry is open the first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:30AM at the Lake Winola United Methodist churchor call Mary Lou Franko (570-586-4811) anytime. God Bless!

PS: \$25.00 gift certificates will be given out to food pantry participants for the Christmas holidays.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 10-11, 2016

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 4,863.00
Difference:.....\$ **63.00**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 1,821.00
Difference:.....\$ **(179.00)**

*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.

**2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of December 12th**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

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

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:.....\$13,000.00
PLEGGED:.....\$14,355.00
STATUS.....110.4%
OVER GOAL:\$ 1,355.00
PARTICIPATION: 15.59% (75 FAMILIES OUT OF 481)

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you to those who have already joined us in "Living Faith, Serving with Mercy" by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each gift truly matters.

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

If you have not yet made your gift, and need a pledge envelope, envelopes are available at the entrances to the church today. Packets are also available by calling the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250, or on-line at www.DiocesefScranton.org.28.

Thank you.

Fr. Pat

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



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

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY: You enter this church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise.



MARRIAGE HELP: If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. Retrouvaille (*pronounced retro-vi with a long i*) is helping couples put the pieces back together and to rediscover a more loving relationship. **The next local program will be February 24-26, 2017 at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA.** Registration Required. All calls confidential. Cost is by donation. For more information or to register call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

March 21 – 31, 2017
\$3,794.00 per person including air from Scranton
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily
Mass daily at the Holy Sites
For a Flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660

#GIVING DECEMBER

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

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

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 / ST. MARY'S TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE



Two Parish Families – One Faith Community

Have you checked out our new website at www.nativitystmary.org? Comments will certainly be welcomed; constructive criticism as well.

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

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

Did you Know...?

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

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

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

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

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



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



AED IS LOCATED IN NATIVITY BVM CHURCH
& ALSO IN FR. NALLIN HALL

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

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

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

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



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

Follow the Diocese on Social Media


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

If you're not already doing so, you can follow Bishop 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/>

BOY SCOUT NEWS



Next Committee Meeting:
January 9th
 Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall

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

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6:00PM – Fr. Nallin Hall
January 9th



Statement of the Diocese of Scranton

In its commitment to protecting children and young people and to providing support to victims of sexual abuse, the Diocese of Scranton cooperates fully with all civil authorities in their investigation of such matters. The Diocese encourages anyone who has been sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone else, to immediately notify local law enforcement authorities; and to contact Mary Beth Pacuska, Victim's Assistance Coordinator, at (570) 862-7551; or Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton at (570)-207-2269.

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

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

SNOWBIRDS: Some of our parishioners have already left for warmer temperatures and others will be leaving immediately after the holidays for an extended stay out of our area. If you are officially one of these snowbirds, we would like to know. If you complete the form below and return it to us or call our parish office (570-836-3275), you will be sent an occasional parish bulletin so you can stay in touch with the happenings here. We can also either discontinue your envelopes for the time that you are away or have them forwarded to the address where you will be staying. If not, they are often simply returned to us as undeliverable by the post office and it is a waste of both postage and envelopes. We can resume the envelopes when you return. Have a safe and enjoyable stay down South, keep warm and think of us in the cold, snowy and sometimes ice slicked North. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name _____

Current Address _____

Address while away _____

Envelope # _____ Date Leaving: _____

Date Plan to Return: _____



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

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

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.

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN LAY MINISTRY: The Office for Parish Life is still accepting applications for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry. The Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving in areas such as: Parish Pastoral Councils, Directors of Religious Education and Catechists, Liturgical Coordinators, Parish Staff, as well as members of Volunteer Ministry teams, and others. Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, Diocesan Certificate candidates enrich their knowledge base, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in serving their local faith communities. Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty MacLean, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at KittyMacLean@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials, and application submissions.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES/COUNSELING SERVICES

AVAILABLE: Catholic Social Services of The Diocese of Scranton offers compassionate counseling in a safe, comfortable environment where your privacy is always respected. Counseling is about self-discovery and can be used for personal growth or when distressing conditions exist and you need a bit of extra support... help is available. Anyone who struggles with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, life transitions or a variety of emotional or psychological conditions is welcome. For more information or to make an appointment, call 570-207-2283.



DIOCESAN NEWS

The Year of Mercy Offers an Opportunity to Bring Healing in the Area of Failed Marriages

When marriages fail, Catholics may be unclear about their relationship to the Church.

"I am civilly divorced and not sure whether I can continue to receive the Eucharist or be a part of the parish community."

"I am not sure about the status of my marriage. It would be helpful to talk to someone who could explain it to me."

"My spouse and I would like to explore having our marriage blessed in the Church."

"I don't know what an annulment really is and why I would want one. Also, I heard they are expensive."

Do any of these voices sound like you or someone you know? In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact Fr. Pat or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE GLORY OF

GOD: We like to see our altars reflect floral beauty all year long. You are encouraged to offer a floral bouquet in memory of a loved one, for a special intention or in

thanksgiving. **Intentions and donors will be listed in the bulletin unless you request otherwise.**

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Envelope Number: _____

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24: Christmas Eve

4:00PM – St. Mary – Fr. Bob/Deacon Ray
5:00PM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat
10:00PM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25: Christmas Day

7:30AM – **NO MASS**
9:00AM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Bob & Deacon Ray
9:00AM – St. Mary – Fr. Pat
11:00AM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat

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

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

4:00PM – St. Mary – Fr. Bob & Deacon Ray
5:00PM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat

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

7:30AM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat
9:00AM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat
9:00AM – St. Mary – Fr. Bob & Deacon Ray
11:00AM – Nativity BVM – Fr. Pat

BISHOP LEADING JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:

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

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

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

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th in celebration of the Christmas holiday. The Office will be closed on Friday, December 30th & Monday, January 2nd in celebration of the New Year's Holiday.



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

There are 2 Pro-Life red roses in front of the statue of Mary at Nativity this week.



The first rose is in memory of **AGNES REMETZ**
Offered by Charlie & Nancy Kovalchick

The second rose is in memory of **BONNIE PREVOST**
Offered by Walt & Theresa Zola & Family



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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES



St. Mary of the Lake
Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM in the Parish Hall
All women of the parish are invited to join us.
Nativity BVM
In need of a prayer shawl?
Please call Sue Barziloski (570-836-1351)

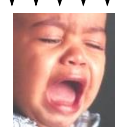
Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved or had an address change, please contact the parish office at 570-836-3275 so that our records may be updated. **We are still getting back mailings to Rural Routes (RRs) that the Post Office is no longer delivering. Unless you contact the Parish Office with a mailable address, your information will be eliminated from our parish registration listing.**



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be held every Wednesday from 6:00PM until 7:00PM at Nativity BVM Church. All are welcome to join us.



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

Line Dancing

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



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Those who desire to volunteer to work at the kitchen or to donate food or make a financial contribution are asked to contact
Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen
570-996-5005 or 570-836-3145.



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

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

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ **Zip** _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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

Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM

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

MARRIAGE

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

Confession Schedule

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

St. Mary of the Lake

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

Nativity of the BVM

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

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

Cemetery Lots Available

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

Community News

The Pines Senior Living Home

Bake Sale

Assorted holiday cookies

Cost: \$9.00 per pound

Place Order by December 18th

570-587-7709

Pick up on December 23rd

@ The Pines Senior Living Home

1300 Morgan Highway, Clarks Summit

Benefits the Alzheimer's Association

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Kudos to Ms. Gerstemeier's & Mrs. Holgate's 5th grade class for hosting last week's Mass. They did an awesome job! I think we might have a few new lectors in our future! Thank you Ms. Gerstemeier & Mrs. Holgate for preparing your class so well!

This is your last week to get your chances for our Nativity Raffle.

This week is our Christmas Program: "**New Star**". Program starts at 10:30AM. Parents: please wait in the church. After the program we will have our drawing for the Nativity Set and Dessert Reception.

There will be **no CCD for the next 2 weeks** due to Christmas and New Year holidays. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year! **CCD will resume on January 8, 2017.**

God bless,

Jenny Sinker

Words of Life

"Help one another: This is what Jesus teaches us and this is what I am doing, and doing with all my heart."

Pope Francis

Homily on Holy Thursday

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LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

When you're making your list of charitable contributions for the holiday season, please remember to include the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry on your list.

Christmas Flowers



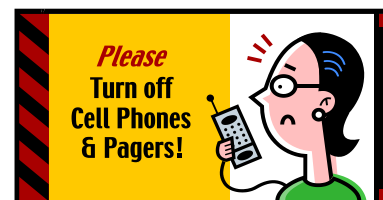
Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the purchase of Christmas flowers in memory of a deceased loved one is asked to use the Christmas Flower envelope located in your packet of envelopes. Please legibly print the name of the loved one in whose name you wish to make the donation on the envelope (or on a plain white envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"). **In order to be included in the special memorial list of intentions that will be published on Christmas, we must receive your envelope no later than this Sunday, December 18th.**

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.

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.**



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2016

SATURDAY	DEC. 17	4:00PM	TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY BILL & MARY BETH BOOTH
SUNDAY	DEC. 18	9:00AM	THERESA WENGEN – OFFERED BY THE FLAHERTY FAMILY
MONDAY	DEC. 19	8:00AM	KATHERINE McDONNELL – OFFERED BY FRAN MOLLUSKY
TUESDAY	DEC. 20	8:00AM	EVELYN WATERS – OFFERED BY SHARON MINCHAK
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 21	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC. 22	8:00AM	ANDRE MANDATO – OFFERED BY THE ST. MARY OF THE LAKE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
FRIDAY	DEC. 23	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	DEC. 24	4:00PM	PARKER & TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY PAT, ALLEN & KATHY WALL
SUNDAY	DEC. 25	9:00AM	LOUISE DeLEO – OFFERED BY RICK, MARY LOU & JULIA FRANKO

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC. 17 & SUN. DEC. 18</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY JONI JAMES KAREN LEBER	ANN MARIE GORKO LEN NASH DAVID SHYGELSKI
LECTORS	GEORGE KAMAGE	STEVE FRANKO
ALTAR SERVER(S)	JEWEL STOVER	CAITLIN ANDREWS ADRIEN FRANKO JAMES MIKUS
USHERS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW	JEFF PIERCE & ED ULTSH
GREETERS	CAROL KAMAGE	ABBA FRANKO
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & LEN NASH
<u>SAT. DEC. 24 & SUN. DEC. 25</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY LISA JANOSKI DOROTHY TRAUGER	BRANDON PIERETTI SEAN PIERETTI ELLEN WENGEN
LECTORS	PHYLLIS SYMULESKI BILL WATERS	PAUL WENGEN NICK MIGLIORI
ALTAR SERVER(S)	MASON BERKHIMER OWEN BERKHIMER DANIEL DRISCOLE	ZACH ZELNA
USHERS	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER	SEB NARO & STAN MALECKI
GREETERS	PEG GARVEY	ELLEN WENGEN
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & KAY NOREIKA

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 18TH FOR **MARY ANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$ 1,821.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 325.05

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

<p>DEC. 18 CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @10:30AM DESSERT RECEPTION</p> <p>DEC. 23 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – 4:00PM</p> <p>DEC. 25 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p>DEC. 26 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>DEC. 30 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 4:00PM</p> <p>JAN. 01 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p>JAN. 02 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>JAN. 08 CCD CLASS</p>	<p>JAN. 09 TECHNOLOGY MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL</p> <p>JAN. 15 CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 22 CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE/4TH GRADE MASS</p> <p>JAN. 29 CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE</p> <p>FEB. 04 FIRST RECONCILIATION – 10:00AM</p> <p>FEB. 05 CCD CLASS/3RD GRADE MASS/BANNER DAY</p> <p>FEB. 11 SNOW DATE-RECONCILIATION</p> <p>FEB. 12 CCD CLASS/VALENTINE BREAKFAST</p> <p>FEB. 19 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>FEB. 26 CCD CLASS</p> <p>MAR. 05 CCD CLASS/1ST GRADE MASS</p>
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NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2016

SATURDAY	DEC. 17	5:00PM	HELEN YONCHIUK – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC. 18	7:30AM	HELEN McKEON – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
		9:00AM	STELLA LITWIN – OFFERED BY TONY & LINDA LITWIN & FAMILY
		11:00AM	JOHN WAGENHOFFER – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK
MONDAY	DEC. 19	7:00AM	MERCEDES HENNING – OFFERED BY TOM & DIANE STONE
TUESDAY	DEC. 20	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 21	7:00AM	JOHN & JOYCE BELL – OFFERED BY MARY OSTROWSKY & FLO TROWBRIDGE
THURSDAY	DEC. 22	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC. 23	7:00AM	DONNA DONATELLI – OFFERED BY TONY & LINDA LITWIN
SATURDAY	DEC. 24	5:00PM	JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY KEN & MILLIE FRANK
		10:00PM	JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, JENNIFER & CHERYL ANN
SUNDAY	DEC. 25	7:30AM	NO MASS
		9:00AM	HERB & WINNIE BELL & GENE TROWBRIDGE – OFFERED THEIR FAMILY
		11:00AM	REV. JOHN CASEY – OFFERED BY THE DELMAR FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC. 17 & SUN. DEC. 18</u>		<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		DOLORES KENNEDY SUSAN BARZILOSKI CINDY BROWN	DEACON RAY NAN DeMARCO ALISHA NUDDO	DEACON RAY ROY BRODY RITA FITZGERALD	GARY TEWKSBURY DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR		SABRINA TRAVER LAUREN KOVALCHICK	MARY SOHNS NICHOLAS DeMARCO	LYNNE BINNER KAYLA BINNER	JOHN BURKE CORAL MILNER
ALTAR SERVER(S)		JACK ZEUNEN MARY ZEUNEN	MOLLY KEISER ZACH KEISER	BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER	HANNAH MILNER NOAH POWERS
OFFERTORY GIFTS		SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS				R. ROWE, T. DEITZER, W. WALKER	
<u>SAT. DEC. 24 & SUN. DEC. 25</u>		<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SATURDAY 10:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		JOAN CHAPDELAIN SUSAN BARZILOSKI CINDY BROWN	DOLORES MANGANELLA GARY TEWKSBURY DIANE STONE	DEACON RAY ROY BRODY CARL SHINKO	LISA RANSOM DOLORES KENNEDY ALISHA NUDDO
LECTOR		ART DAVIS	EILEEN HEAD	JUSTIN ROTH	GLORIA PASTERNAK
ALTAR SERVER(S)		EMMA ELIAS THOMAS ELIAS ALYSSA KOVALCHICK LAUREN KOVALCHICK HELEN BELLUCCI THOMAS BELLUCCI	ANTHONY ECKERT HANNAH ECKERT JACK ZEUNEN MARY ZEUNEN	ALEX BRODY EVAN BRODY	
OFFERTORY GIFTS		SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS				F. SMALSER, V. MINER, G. STURDEVANT	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

----- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, RUTH KUKUCKA, JENNIFER BUNNELL, RITA BERCHEM, MARIE STAIR, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELE MORTIMER, CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, HEATHER STEGNER, BARBARA CHAPMAN, MARGE HOLUB, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DOROTHY KOZLOSKI, MARGARET KINTNER, TRUDY FISK, MARY KUKUCHKA, MARY BOLOUSKI, EMMY COIA, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, SUSAN BOLOUSKI McANDREWS, NANCY ROBINSON, GARRET CONOVER, BECKY REESE, CLETUS MacDONALD, MERCEDES ANDERSON, ANALISA DOMINIC, VERNA PRAWDZIK, JACOB WALTER CURTIS, MATTHEW FORTI, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LaBAR, DON WHITE, DAVID TRESSLER SR., CAROL McGINLEY, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, JEAN YABLONSKI, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, AUSTIN THOMAS, LYNNE BINNER, JIM BORDEN, ROSE ANN WHITE, JERRY STROKA, BEN BROWN, LINDA NIEMIEC, DIANE THOMPSON, BILL IVEY, DEBBIE GAY, ROSEANN GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMORE, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, BECKY REESE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLSHAN, JR., HELEN RAIL, ANN ZACKARIAS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CHRISTOPHER BELL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, FLORENCE KEYES, LINDA RUEHLMAN, PETER BROZUSKY, SHERI RAIL, BONNIE LaFLEUR, ROY PREVOST.

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 18TH FOR JENNIE RICHIE
OFFERED BY JOE & ANNA HARDISKY

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$4,863.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 688.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

DEC. 18	CCD CLASS PARTIES/CONFIRMATION CLASS	JANUARY	NO ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING
DEC. 23	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 01	NO CCD CLASS
DEC. 24	CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – 5:00PM & 10:00PM	JAN. 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES – 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM
DEC. 25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES – 9:00AM & 11:00AM	JAN. 02	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
DEC. 25	NO CCD CLASS	JAN. 08	CCD CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS
DEC. 26	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 09	TECHNOLOGY MTG. – 6:30PM – ST. MARY OF THE LAKE HALL
DEC. 30	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		
DEC. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 5:00PM	JAN 15	CCD CLASS