



## MARCH 4-5, 2017



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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 5:00PM**

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

**Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair**

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

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE**  
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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 4:00PM**

**Sunday: 9:00AM**

**Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair**

**Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils  
January 2007*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK:

And so we begin the holy season of Lent, a time of renewal. Lent reminds me of all those fix-it jobs that haunt us. You know, all those repairs we promised to attend to yet they never seem to get done and the list continues to grow. We can tend to want to "give up trying" as time is always short and the list of repairs seems endless. Our spiritual life can parallel this experience by starting out with small promises and minor indiscretions.

We oftentimes put off prayer and good works, intending to save it for another day. The list can grow until we feel defeated. And then comes Lent, a perfect time to add an additional prayer to our daily offering or to do a good deed for someone in need of our help.

Lent gives us a golden opportunity to reflect and renew our relationship with God, perhaps a visit to the sacrament of Reconciliation. The 40 days go by quickly. Don't miss the opportunity to fulfill that promise or promises of a new you.

*Fr. Pat*



## NATIVITY'S ACCLAIMED PIEROGIES:

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

In addition to the pierogies, we will be selling Lenten foods (**Haluski & Manhattan clam chowder**) on **March 17<sup>th</sup> & April 7<sup>th</sup>.**



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

**"LETTERS FROM PRISON":** The **Wednesday morning sessions** on the study of Letters From Prison will **resume this Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at the Rectory**. This is the study of the letters St. Paul wrote to the Mission churches to encourage the early Christians to persevere in their faith and instructions on how to do that. FYI: **There will be no session on March 29<sup>th</sup>.** Come when you can. All are welcome! For further info, call Cindy at (570) 836-4744.

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

**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 held this Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.**

**POPE FRANCIS QUOTES:** The equal dignity of men and women makes us rejoice to see old forms of discrimination disappear, and within families there is a growing reciprocity. If certain forms of feminism have arisen which we must consider inadequate, we must nonetheless see in the women's movement the working of the Spirit for a clearer recognition of the dignity and rights of women.



**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 **25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2017** to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## NATIVITY BVM FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

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

**BRACELET FOUND:** A lady's adjustable gold bracelet has been found at St. Mary's. The owner may claim it by calling the Parish Office (570-378-2181) and describing the bracelet.



**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!!!



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**2016 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**  
As of February 21<sup>st</sup>

**NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:**

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

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:**

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

**Dear Parishioners:**

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

**Congratulations to St. Mary of the Lake Parish for exceeding our goal for the third year in a row. Nativity is oh so close to goal – just \$796.00 to go!**

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

Thank you.

*Fr. Pat*

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: February 25-26, 2017**

**Nativity BVM Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* ..... \$ 4,800.00  
 Actual Offertory\*\* ..... \$ 4,210.00  
 Difference:..... **\$( 590.00)**

**St. Mary of the Lake Church:**

Weekly Collection Goal\* ..... \$ 2,000.00  
 Actual Offertory\*\* ..... \$ 1,544.45  
 Difference:..... **\$( 455.55)**

\*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.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI KITCHEN:** St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton is in need of **sugar, salt and low sodium soups**. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! The kitchen is located at 500 Penn Avenue in Scranton.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

**REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD:** Your prayers are requested for the soul of Nativity BVM parishioner **JAMES LAVELLE**, who passed away this week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**NATIVITY / ST. MARY'S TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE**



**Two Parish Families – One Faith Community**

Have you checked out our new website at [www.nativitystmary.org](http://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](mailto:nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com) or [stmaryofthelake@frontier.com](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.com).**

**Did You Know...?**

...that you can receive a Lenten Gospel Reflection in your email each day of Lent from Bishop Robert Barron, host of *Catholicism*, the award-winning documentary about the Catholic Faith? Reading this daily reflection can be a great starting point for our Lenten journey of Faith.

**YOUR HOMEWORK:**

Visit the website [lentrelections.com](http://lentrelections.com) and enter your email address to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to refocus on the passion and death of Jesus.

**SML 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION  
GIFT BEARERS SCHEDULE**

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

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

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



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BETWEEN THE CHURCH & HALL**

**DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 2017 "BE A MAN" CONFERENCE**

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

We have engaged three outstanding speakers:

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

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

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

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

Register today:

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

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

**Follow the Diocese on Social Media**

Follow the Diocese of Scranton on our Twitter page:

[www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr](http://www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr)

If you're not already doing so, you can follow Bishop Bamberg on Twitter by going to:

[www.twitter.com/BishopBamberg](http://www.twitter.com/BishopBamberg)

Also check out our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton](http://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/>

**LENTEN BUFFET: Saints Peter and Paul Parish, 13 Hudson Road, Plains, will hold their annual Lenten Buffet on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in Bernardine Hall.** The dinner will include baked fish, pierogi, haluski, potato pancakes, homemade pizza, french fries, cole slaw, dessert and beverage. Dinner and takeout will begin at 4:00PM and run until 7:00PM. Cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. Children 3 and under eat free. Ample free parking is available. All are welcome.



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## BOY SCOUT NEWS

**Next Committee Meeting:**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**



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

## SUCCESS

We have the good fortune to have **Gary Tewksbury** offer his services to take over responsibility for safety and security from Ken Frank. Thank you, Gary, for your willingness to serve Nativity parish in this responsible task. This was effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please direct any safety or security issues to the parish office or to Gary directly.

## HOWEVER!!!!

We need another volunteer to take over another task that Ken was doing. It consists of overseeing and supervising the landscaping and snow removal contracts and performance of them for our church properties, including both cemeteries. Call it "groundskeeper" if you will. This task is not very time consuming. It does require vigilance and communication with our contractor to insure that certain tasks are carried out properly and in a timely fashion. No physical work is required, just walking some of our property to inspect it and communicate with our contractor. If you would like to volunteer your time and talent to help your parish, please contact Ken at 570-575-7785 or call the parish office.

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

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

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

Complete information is posted on the diocesan website:

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

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

## NATIVITY BVM ALTAR & ROSARY

Please note: **This month's Altar & Rosary meeting has been changed to Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.** Fr. Pio will be our speaker. He will offer a Lenten message, after which we will go to the church for those who wish to go to confession. Fr. Pio will also give us a special blessing.

Rosary and a brief business meeting will begin at 12:45PM. Fr. Pio will speak at 1:30PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL:** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the worldwide Charismatic Renewal movement by hosting a **CCR Formation Day Video MiniConference on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.** The Golden Jubilee celebration event will be held at the Holy Family Center in Nanticoke, beginning with registration and breakfast from 8:00 to 9:00AM. The video conference will be offered from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. Guest presenters for the conference include Jim Murphy, founding president of Vera Cruz Communications and former chairman of the National Service Committee for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal; and Deacon Larry Oney, internationally known Catholic Charismatic speaker and preacher who serves as a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. **Conference registration fee is \$25.00 per person, which includes three meals.** For more information and registration details, including overnight accommodations, contact Bob Valiante, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, P.O. Box 3306, Scranton, PA 18505-0306; or at [ccrenewal@comcast.net](mailto:ccrenewal@comcast.net); or by phone (570) 344-2214.

Also, the **35<sup>th</sup> annual conference is scheduled for August 4-6 at the University of Scranton.** Our local CCR invites everyone to experience its numerous prayer meetings and other events as the CCR celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## SUPER SOUP SUPPER

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:00-7:00PM**  
**Lake Winola United Methodist Church**  
**326 Maple Drive, Mill City**

**No charge (Free Will Offering accepted)**



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



**NPM – A LENTEN TAIZÉ EXPERIENCE:** The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, combined with St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston, will offer a Lenten Taizé Experience on **Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street, Pittston.** The evening begins with **dinner at 6:00PM** and a brief overview of Taizé prayer. At 7:00PM, Cantores Christi Regis from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, will lead participants in this form of meditative worship. All are welcome. **A free will offering will be collected** to offset the cost of dinner and as a donation for Cantores Christi Regis. To register, please contact David Baloga, NPM Program Director, at 570- 207-2213, or register online at [www.scrantonNPM.com](http://www.scrantonNPM.com).

**N.B.: Taizé** is an ecumenical sung and silent participatory **prayer** service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence.

**OBLATES TO HOST ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH NOVENA, FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:** The Annual **Solemn Novena to St. Joseph**, Patron of the Universal Church, **will begin on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, located on Route 315 in Laffin. **Masses are celebrated daily at 11:00AM and 7:00PM**, followed by Novena prayers and individual blessing with the first-class relic of St. Joseph Marello, Founder of the St. Joseph Oblates Congregation. Each Novena Mass is preceded by an opportunity for Confessions and recitation of the Holy Rosary.

This year, **the Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> with a solemn Mass at 11:00AM** with His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, as principal celebrant and homilist. The Oblate priests and Diocesan clergy will concelebrate. At the conclusion of the Holy Mass, St. Joseph's Bookmarks will be blessed and distributed. **There also will be a Holy Mass at 7:00PM.** Everyone is welcome to participate in the St. Joseph Novena and Feast Day Celebration.

For more information, contact the OSJ seminary office at 570-654-7542.

**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.

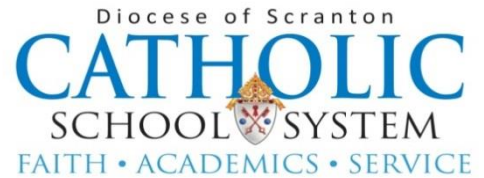
In order for a child to receive First Penance, First Eucharist or Confirmation, at least one of their parents or legal guardian must belong to and participate in our Parish. If you need to register or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Parish Office at 570-836-3275.



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



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

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

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

**BVM 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION  
GIFT BEARERS SCHEDULE**

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

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

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



**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.**

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Regulations for Lent 2017

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

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

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

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

+ **Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.**

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

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

#### Lenten Reminders

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

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

- + **Almsgiving** - generously giving to those in need
- + **Fasting** - practicing self-discipline and self-denial
- + **Prayer** - reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

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

How can you spend your time during Lent?

- + By "giving up" things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.
- + By "doing" things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing.
- + By "adding" to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.



#### GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE!!

Which one is your favorite? Thin Mints, Samoas, Tag-A-Longs, Savannah Smiles, Trefoils, Do-Si-

Dos? Looking for cookies? **Contact Kathy Boehmer, 570-836-1343**, and I will put you in contact with a Girl Scout in your area.

#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Our daily Mass schedule is:

##### Nativity BVM Church

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..... 7:00AM

##### St. Mary of the Lake Church

Tuesday, Thursday ..... 8:00AM

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

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Living Your Strengths Evening Retreat

Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-9:00PM

**St. Ignatius Parish 339 N. Maple Avenue, Kingston**

With the coming of Spring and the promise of new life in Easter, Lent prompts us to cultivate life-giving practices and attitudes. One such practice is to acknowledge the goodness God has created in each us. Living Your Strengths is a time to reflect on our unique talents, so we can see the particular call God has for us in the Church and world. We can also appreciate our need for one another as we each fulfill a different role in the Body of Christ. This Lent, grow into the unique and wonderful gifts God has given you!

Presenter: Bernadette Rudolph, Director for Family and Community Development

**Cost: \$10.00 for dinner**

Also you need to get a code from the book, **StrengthsFinder 2.0 by Tom Rath**. You can purchase a hard copy from Amazon - making sure it is new so you get an unused code - or an e-book directly from Gallup.

Please take the StrengthsFinder2.0 survey and bring the results with you on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

To register, contact Jennifer at 570-207-2213 or oplgeneral@dioceseofscranton.org.

**DCCW LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a Lenten Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton.** The retreat will begin at 9:00AM and will end with Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral at 12:10PM. **The speaker will be Megan Murphy**

([www.meganmurphyministries.com](http://www.meganmurphyministries.com)). Megan is a dynamic woman of faith who will talk about the inestimable value of confession, prayer, suffering, and sacrifice – some of the greatest gifts Christ has given us, which we often undervalue, avoid and even reject. Megan will speak on the profound transformative and healing power these gifts can have on us, as opportunities to deepen our relationship with the Lord and with loved ones. Megan will encourage women to immerse themselves in confession, sacrifice and prayer which will lead to a life of abundance, holiness and peace! Megan is a parishioner of Christ the King Parish in Archbald and resides in Dunmore with her husband and four daughters.

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



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



### MILITARY HONOR ROLL

PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

- PVT JACOB BURGESS – U.S. MARINES
- CPL CHARLES BLISS – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ALFIER – U.S.A.F. ACADEMY
- PVT ANDREW SOLANIC – U.S. ARMY
- COL. JAMES J. CLANCY – U.S. ARMY
- PFC MATTHEW CLANCY – U.S. MARINES
- SEAMAN KAMRON HUBBARD – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT ROBERT GOHLSEY – U.S. MARINES
- LT CHELSEA ZWICKER – U.S. NAVY
- LT COL CRAIG KEYES – U.S.A.F.
- SPC GARRETT SUND – U. S. ARMY
- LIEUTENANT AMY LEBER – U.S. NAVY
- LT COL ANDREW STRALEY – U.S. MARINES
- LT JOHN D. PETERS, M.D. – U.S. NAVY
- SGT JOSEPH A. HARDISKY – U.S. ARMY
- PO2 ALEC FISHER – U.S. NAVY
- CWO TONY RICHARDSON – U.S. MARINES
- COL CARL PACKER – U.S. ARMY
- TECH SGT DONALD WEITZ – U.S.A.F.
- PVT 2 CL SETH CAINES – U.S. ARMY
- CPO ERIC TOMCZAK – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT. PETER FRANKO III – U.S.A.F.
- SGT THOMAS DILIONE – NATIONAL GUARD
- ET2 JACOB KINTNER – U.S. NAVY
- STAFF SGT DAVID BALTRUSAITIS – NATIONAL GUARD
- CPO KENNETH C. FRANK – U.S. NAVY
- SGT ROBERT J. POLSTER – U.S. ARMY
- MAJOR CATHERINE RICHARDSON – U.S. MARINES
- SFC RICKY BROWN – NATIONAL GUARD
- PFC RYAN M. ERDEK – U.S. ARMY
- CPL ROBERT D. BARBER III – U.S. MARINES
- CADET RYAN ELL – U.S.AIR FORCE ACADEMY
- SN MICHAEL T. BARBER – U.S. NAVY
- PVT NIKKI CAPWELL – U.S. ARMY
- SPEC DEVIN BATTENBERG – NATIONAL GUARD
- CADET MARK AGUILAR – U.S.C.G. ACADEMY
- MAJ JEFFREY O'DELL – U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL CHRISTOPHER HNATKO – U.S. MARINES
- CAPTAIN JOSEPH P. BREYMEIER – U.S. ARMY

We also want to recognize the service of the following veterans who have served our country:

- MAJOR GEORGE D. KASZUBA, U.S. AIR FORCE (IRAQ)
- CORPORAL JOSEPH IGNATOVICH, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- SPEC. FRANK GAUS, U.S. ARMY SPEC. FORCES (VIETNAM)
- SPEC. WILLIAM F. MARRONE, U.S. ARMY
- PRIVATE JAMES DEEGAN, U.S. ARMY (NO. AFRICA, ITALY)
- MAJOR FRANCIS TURNER, U.S. ARMY (WW II)
- SPEC. 4 RANDY GREENIP, U.S. ARMY
- AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> 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

#### 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.



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



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

Tickets:

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

Tickets sold at the door



### NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY



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



### PRO-LIFE ROSE

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

**Dorothy Kozloski**

Donated by Peggy Finnegan and family



If you would like to donate for a  
Pro-Life Rose at Nativity,

please contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055)



### Eucharistic Adoration

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



All are welcome & encouraged to join us.



### Line Dancing

Wednesday evening

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

All are welcome



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

#### St. Mary of the Lake

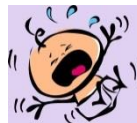
Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM in  
the Parish Hall

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)



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





**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**

**FREE OLD LYNN CONCERTS**

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

Concert schedule (7:00PM):

- March 11 - Jay Smar
- April 01 - Claudia Nygaard
- May 6 - Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen

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

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

**Tunkhannock Area**

**Middle School Band**

**Craft Show**

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00AM-3:00PM**

**Food & Bake Sale also!**

**Info: call 570-836-8247**

**Words of Life**

"It is important to remember that no matter what you have done, you retain your dignity as a son or daughter of God, loved by the Father. What sin has disintegrated, grace can reunite and make whole."

**"Wash Me Thoroughly": Healing from Pornography Use and Addiction**  
**Daniel Spadaro**  
**USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth**

**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 Altar & Rosary**

Our **next meeting** will take place **this Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45PM** in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

**St. Mary of the Lake CCD News**

Parents: **Our hoagie sale starts this week!** All information is being sent home with your child. **If anyone would like to support our fundraiser, please see a CCD student, teacher or me.** Thanks for your support! ..... **Our next class Mass is Miss Kira's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class, next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.** Parents: please have your child here by 8:45AM. .... The next First Holy Communion Student to bring up the gifts is **Madelyn Newhart & family this Sunday.**

God bless, Jenny Sinker

**LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**

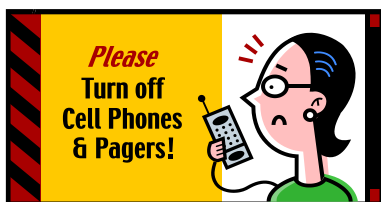
Those in need are encouraged to participate in the Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry located at the Lake Winola United Methodist Church. **Hours of Operation: The First and Third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:30AM.**

**CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE AT MASS**

In keeping with the sacredness of the liturgy, please make every effort to **turn off or silence your cell phone during the Celebration of the Eucharist.**

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

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



## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2017

SATURDAY	MAR. 04	5:00PM	JOAN BETTS – OFFERED BY THE RICHARD JONES FAMILY
SUNDAY	MAR. 05	7:30AM	STANLEY LIPINSKI – OFFERED BY GENE & BARBARA KOVALCHICK
		9:00AM	RICHARD & SARA CIGNA – OFFERED BY CHARLIE & CAROL KUFFA
		11:00AM	JOSEPH KOVAL – OFFERED BY TAMMY NUDO
MONDAY	MAR. 06	7:00AM	THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY – OFFERED BY THE RUEHLMAN FAMILY
TUESDAY	MAR. 07	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
WEDNESDAY	MAR. 08	7:00AM	FATHER JOSEPH ZIOBRO – OFFERED BY THE PARISHIONERS OF NATIVITY BVM
THURSDAY	MAR. 09	7:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
FRIDAY	MAR. 10	7:00AM	ROSE ANN WHITE – OFFERED BY MARY OSTROWSKY
		<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
SATURDAY	MAR. 11	5:00PM	ANTHONY “SPIKE” BROWN – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE & CHILDREN
SUNDAY	MAR. 12	7:30AM	FRANCIS & HELEN McKEON – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
		9:00AM	ED & MARIE BELLES – OFFERED BY THEIR DAUGHTER & SON
		11:00AM	JOAN V. BETTS – OFFERED BY HER DAUGHTER HEATHER

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. MAR. 04 &amp; SUN. MAR. 05</u>		<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>		CINDY BROWN GARY TEWKSBURY SUSAN BARZILOSKI	AGNES MASSACESI NAN DeMARCO ALISHA NUDO	JOHN KEEFE GENE SCHWEITZER ROY BRODY	LISA RANSOM DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA
<b>LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>		SABRINA TRAVER ALEX KEISER MOLLY KEISER	JUSTIN ROTH ROBERT BURRY BRETT SICKLER	EILEEN HEAD OLIVIA CARICHNER JOSEPH COLAVITTI	TINA KALETA SOPHIE BURKE JOSEPH CASEY
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>		ZACH KEISER <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	MICHAEL SICKLER <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	MATTHEW COLAVITTI <b>CARA EVANS &amp; FAMILY</b> R. ROWE, T. DEITZER, W. WALKER	MICHAEL CASEY <b>SCOUT STAUFFER &amp; FAMILY</b>
<u>SAT. MAR. 11 &amp; SUN. MAR. 12</u>		<u>SATURDAY 5:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 7:30AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00AM</u>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>		DEACON RAY LISA RANSOM SUSAN BARZILOSKI	AGNES MASSACESI ALISHA NUDO NAN DeMARCO	DEACON RAY ROY BRODY JOHN KEEFE	DOLORES MANGANELLA GARY TEWKSBURY DIANE STONE
<b>LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>		GRETA KOVALCHICK ALYSSA KOVALCHICK LAUREN KOVALCHICK	CINDY BROWN ELIZABETH DeMARCO LEAH DeMARCO	<b>PRE-K, K &amp; 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE CCD</b> ALEX BRODY EVAN BRODY	GLORIA PASTERNAK AIDEN BURRY MAIA BURRY
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>		TORI KOVALCHICK <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	NICHOLAS DeMARCO <b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	KENNETH FILER <b>PRE-K, K &amp; 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE CCD</b> J. MULLEN, V. MULLEN, A. DAVIS	KATHRYN CUSATIS <b>LUCAS MATEUS &amp; FAMILY</b>

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

----- **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ESPECIALLY JAMES LAVELLE** AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS.  
PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (836-3275) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$4,210.00

## NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

MAR. 05	<b>CCD CLASS</b>	MAR. 13	<b>MAKING PIEROGIES – FNH</b>
MAR. 05	<b>BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 7:00PM – FNH UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM</b>	MAR. 13	<b>ALTAR &amp; ROSARY MEETING – 12:45PM – FNH</b>
MAR. 06	<b>MAKING PIEROGIES – FNH</b>	MAR. 13	<b>“THE LIGHT IS ON” – 5:30PM – 7:00PM – CONFESSIONS</b>
MAR. 06	<b>“THE LIGHT IS ON” – 5:30PM-7:00PM- CONFESSIONS</b>	MAR. 14	<b>PACKAGING PIEROGIES – 1:00-2:00PM – FNH</b>
MAR. 07	<b>PACKAGING PIEROGIES – 1:00-2:00PM – FNH</b>	MAR. 15	<b>BIBLE STUDY – 10:00AM – RECTORY</b>
MAR. 08	<b>BIBLE STUDY – 10:00AM – RECTORY</b>	MAR. 17	<b>SELLING LENTEN FOOD – 10:00AM – 5:00PM – FATHER NALLIN HALL</b>
MAR. 10	<b>SELLING PIEROGIES – 10:00AM – 5:00PM – FNH</b>	MAR. 19	<b>CCD CLASS</b>
MAR. 12	<b>CCD CLASS/PRE-K,K, &amp; 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE MASS/ CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>	MAR. 19	<b>BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 7:00PM – FNH UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM</b>
MAR. 12	<b>BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 7:00PM – FNH UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM</b>	MAR. 20	<b>MAKING PIEROGIES – FNH</b>

## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2017

SATURDAY	MAR.	04	4:00PM	MASS OF THANKSGIVING – OFFERED BY GEORGE & CAROLE KAMAGE
SUNDAY	MAR.	05	9:00AM	JOSEPH FABIANI SR. – OFFERED BY HELEN FABIANI & FAMILY
MONDAY	MAR.	06	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
TUESDAY	MAR.	07	8:00AM	PAUL MAHON – OFFERED BY THE CONABOYS
WEDNESDAY	MAR.	08	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
THURSDAY	MAR.	09	8:00AM	NANCY YOUNG – OFFERED BY GEORGE & ELINOR DOUGHERTY
FRIDAY	MAR.	10	8:00AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
			<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
SATURDAY	MAR.	11	4:00PM	BOB GAFFNEY – OFFERED BY HIS DAUGHTER MAUREEN
SUNDAY	MAR.	12	9:00AM	PATRICIA VANDERVEKEN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. MAR. 04 &amp; SUN. MAR. 05</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	DEACON RAY MARIE PACKER TOM WOLFF	DEACON RAY HELEN FABIANI ANN MARIE GORKO
<b>LECTORS</b>	LISA JANOSKI	LEN NASH
<b>ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	MICHAEL GREEN	MASON BERKHIMER OWEN BERKHIMER TYLER BERKHIMER
<b>USHERS</b>	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER
<b>GREETERS</b>	JANET SHAW	JEAN NASH
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>MADELYN NEWHART &amp; FAMILY</b>
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>		DON & CAROL AMES
<b>SAT. MAR. 11 &amp; SUN. MAR. 12</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)</b>	KAREN LEBER LEN NASH MARIE PACKER	DAVID SHYGELSKI JOAN STROKA TOM WOLFF
<b>LECTORS</b>	BOB ANDREWS	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE CCD</b>
<b>ALTAR SERVER(S)</b>	CAITLIN ANDREWS	ASHLEY KENIA RACHEL KENIA ZACH ZELNA
<b>USHERS</b>	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE CCD</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	PEG GARVEY	ELLEN WENGEN
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS</b>	<b>SELECTION BY USHERS</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE CCD</b>
<b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b>		JACK HADDOW & LEN NASH

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

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

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

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF  
MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> FOR **SUSAN CAWLEY**  
OFFERED BY KATHLEEN FLAHERTY & FAMILY

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering \$ 1,544.45

## ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

<b>MAR. 05</b> CCD CLASS	<b>APR. 03</b> ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 6:45PM – HALL
<b>MAR. 06</b> ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 6:45PM – HALL	<b>APR. 09</b> CCD CLASS/EASTER TREATS
<b>MAR. 12</b> CCD CLASS/1 <sup>ST</sup> GRADE MASS	<b>APR. 16</b> NO CCD CLASS
<b>MAR. 19</b> HAM & CABBAGE DINNER – 5:00PM	<b>APR. 23</b> CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE
<b>MAR. 19</b> CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS	<b>APR. 30</b> CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE
<b>MAR. 26</b> CCD CLASS/PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN GRADE MASS/CONFESSIONS	
<b>MAR. 28</b> CONFIRMATION – 7:00PM – CATHERDRAL	
<b>APR. 02</b> CCD CLASS/ FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LUNCHEON & MASS	<b>MAY 01</b> ALTAR & ROSARY MTG. – 6:45PM – HALL
<b>APR. 02</b> LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE	<b>MAY 04</b> FINAL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE – 7:00PM
	<b>MAY 06</b> FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 10:00AM