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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

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

Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair

Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils
January 2007*

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FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH:

My Brothers and Sisters,



A few weeks ago, I wrote about the two cockatiels, Fred and Wilma, that were given to me and how I found out that free isn't always the best thing for you because of the noise they make. Well, I have to add to that statement that maybe silence isn't so golden because the day after that article came out, Wilma passed away and Ginna said it has to be my fault because I complained about the noise they make... Who knows? It was sad and I miss her... mostly because she was the quieter of the two. Her passing was sudden and completely unexpected.

The suddenness of world events and the craziness that goes on in our own country and our Church can certainly bring us down at times and cause us to lose hope. We become desperate for some good news – I know I do. Just this month, I was reminded again of all that can go wrong when the Boy Scouts of America stated that they may have to file for protection from the lawsuits because of the abuse of minors and the World Gymnastic Association is reeling from the continued revelations of abuse of minors. And, even in our own Church, we suffer because of the predatory weakness of some of our priests and cover-ups by some bishops. And we wait for Rome to give us assurances that they will act to cleanse the Church of this evil. It might seem that the world is coming apart at the seams – that we have lost our moral direction.

When it seems that I can't find any sunshine in my day, I look at the week's readings. We often hear the story of hope and rebirth. We heard so many uplifting stories of the birth of our Savior. Christmas, the true meaning of Christmas, reminds us that God has a plan. It would be nice if he would share it with us once in a while! The story of the life of the Church has always been one of saints and sinners, good and evil, wheat and weeds and good times and bad. We are called to let go of our anger, or at least start to heal and help those in our parish community heal from the ever-present evil in the world. We are called to let go of the mistrust and fear as we stand on the hill of Bethlehem and gaze upon living love in the guise of a tiny infant savior and we look into this new year. Remember what Jesus said to his disciples, "I am with you always. Be not afraid."

May God Bless You,

Deacon Ray

And thank you to everyone who wished my family and I a Merry Christmas and for all the wonderful gifts I was given.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Clergy Care January 05-06

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



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE: Deacon Ray is conducting a Divine Mercy prayer service on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00PM in St. Mary of the Lake Church. **The next service will be next Sunday, January 6th.** All are welcome.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
January 1, 2019
MASS SCHEDULE**



Nativity BVM

Monday, December 31st 5:30PM
Tuesday, January 1st 11:00AM

St. Mary of the Lake

Monday, December 31st 4:00PM
Tuesday, January 1st 9:00AM

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

DIOCESAN NOTICE

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are hereby advised that **John Tokarick** is not a Roman Catholic Priest and is not permitted to function as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. Furthermore, the Catholic faithful should not receive the sacraments from Tokarick or attend his celebration of the sacraments, wherever they may be held.

Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney
Vicar General
Diocese of Scranton

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.*



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

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



THANKS FOR THE SAINT MARY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS!

A big THANK YOU from the Saint Mary Worship Committee to all those who helped with this year's Saint Mary Christmas Eve Mass:

- To **Bill Jones, MaryAnn Barni, Mary Lou Franko and Jen Sinker** for church set up and the beautiful decorations;
- To all of the **Saint Mary of the Lake parishioners** whose donations made possible the beautiful flowers which adorned the church;
- To **Dick Schwoebel and Mary Lou Chackan**, who prepared the special Christmas bulletin;
- To **Dan Williams and the Saint Mary of the Lake Adult Choir** for "Carols With the Choir" and the delightful music at the Mass;
- To **Marie Packer** for her donation of the candy cane ornaments for all Massgoers;
- To **Jen Sinker** for organizing our CCD students to depict the journey into Bethlehem, the Holy Family, and the Gifts of the Kings, and for photographs.
- To participating students **Asia Holgate, Chase Newhart, Joel Slocum, Alex Pieretti, Alex Moran, Ava Newman, Jewel Stover, Macy Valentine, and Lacie Walsh**.
- To all of the ministers of the Mass, for serving the Lord and One Another: **Rachael Kenia, Ashley Kenia, Danny Driscoll, Bob Andrews, Carmel Williams, Dave Sinker, DJ Sinker, Mary Lou Franko, Bill Waters**;
- To our clergy, **Father Pat and Deacon Ray**, for leading us and serving us at Christmas Time.
- To **all other parishioners of Saint Mary of the Lake** who contributed in any way to the success of this service!

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 22-23, 2018	
Nativity BVM Church:	
Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 3,855.00
Difference:	\$(945.00)
St. Mary of the Lake Church:	
Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 1,269.00
Difference:	\$(731.00)
*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2018-2019 Parish Collections goal (envelopes and loose). It does NOT include Fundraising, Religious Education Income or any other income.	
**Actual Offertory represents the total amount received in the weekly collection (not including Easter or special collections).	
The generosity of our people is truly appreciated. We may not always reach our budgeted goals, but we are grateful to those who make a sacrifice on a weekly basis to sustain our parish ministries.	

NATIVITY'S HOMEMADE PIEROGIES:

Sorry – **we're SOLD OUT!!** We will start to make pierogies again in January. Watch the bulletin for more information.



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 2019** to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 30th**. 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 your pastor before April 2nd.**

THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open the first and third Thursday of the month. **We are always in need of dessert items (cake mixes, sugar, flour, pudding, bread mixes)** as these items are not purchased for the pantry shelves but are certainly enjoyed by our clients.

If you or someone you know is in need, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support.

Mary Lou Franko

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT NATIVITY B.V.M.

**Wednesdays
2:00 to 4:00PM**

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



ALL ARE WELCOME

ARE there about you friends who seem less kind than formerly, who neglect you through indifference or forgetfulness without your having consciously done anything to wound them? Pray for them, and I will restore them to you, if their companionship is good for you.

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

During INCLEMENT WEATHER:
 If school is closed for the day – No Adoration.
 If there is early dismissal – No Adoration.
 If there is a school delay (report 2 hours later) – There will be Adoration.

**MEMBERS NEEDED FOR
ST. MARY MINISTRY COMMITTEES**



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

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

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

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



**2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
As of December 17th**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$34,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$17,350.00
 STATUS:..... 51.8%

UNDER GOAL:..... \$16,650.00
 PARTICIPATION: 11.03% (105 FAMILIES OUT OF 952)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:..... \$13,000.00
 PLEDGED:..... \$ 4,650.00
 STATUS..... 35.8%

UNDER GOAL:..... \$ 8,350.00
 PARTICIPATION: 6.33% (28 FAMILIES OUT OF 442)

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

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

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Looking to learn more about your faith, or gain enrichment for your parish ministry? Members of the faithful across the Diocese of Scranton are invited to consider taking a course through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation! Cycle 1 (2019) Session dates run from January 20th through February 23rd. Registration is now open and closes January 16, 2019.

See <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/> to view the Course Calendar for 2019 or visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/> and click 'calendar.'

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!!!

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR? It is a wonderful honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. It signifies that you are being asked to live your life as an example and in imitation of God's love for the person you sponsor.

To serve as a sponsor, it is required that a person obtain a sponsor letter from his/her pastor. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, (If married) be married according to the regulations for marriage as provided by the Roman Catholic Church, officially registered and participating weekly in the Sunday Eucharist & actively striving to live out your own baptismal commitment to Christ.

BOY SCOUT NEWS



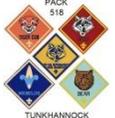
**Next Committee Meeting:
January 14th**

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

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fr. Nallin Hall
 January 7th



I have great respect for the past. If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going. I have respect for the past, but I'm a person of the moment. I'm here, and I do my best to be completely centered at the place I'm at, then I go forward to the next place.
Maya Angelou

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

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

Echoes of Faith

Do you want to know more about your faith? Are you a catechist or DRE who is looking for a way to earn a certificate in catechesis? Can you spare an hour a week? The Echoes of Faith 3.0 is for YOU!

Created by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) and published by RCL Benziger, *Echoes of Faith* is an online education program offering basic adult formation in the Catholic Faith.

With fourteen modules divided into three categories, the Echoes of Faith Learning Center can be used for parish Adult Faith Formation and for Basic Catechist Certification. It is also one way to complete the prerequisites for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry.

For information on how to get started for an affordable \$15.00 a year, contact Mary-Anne-Malone@dioceseofscranton.org.

UNRAVELLING THE MYSTERIES: Paul Binner is planning two additional sessions in his discussion of the mysteries of our faith. On **Wednesday, January 9th**, the topic will be **Reconciling Science, Faith and Reason** and on **Thursday, January 17th**, it's **How to Read the Bible**. Both sessions will be held in **Fr. Nallin Hall (2nd floor), 6:30-8:30PM**. See the enclosed flyer for more information on the topics and how to register.

Independent Compensation Program for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.**

DRE Network Meetings - January 2019

The 2019 January DRE Network Meetings will focus on Confirmation in 2019. Every parish is invited to send its DRE and/or a parish catechetical representative to one of the following Network Meetings. Meetings will be held in five locations, and every parish should be represented. Please choose one of these dates/locations and plan to join other parish DREs for an evening of prayer, fellowship, formation and information.

Each meeting will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 17-Christ the King Parish
429 Church Street, Archbald 18403

Tuesday, January 22-Our Lady of Fatima Parish
134 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre 18701

Thursday, January 24-St. Matthew Parish
78 Ridgeway Street, East Stroudsburg 18301

Monday, January 28-Holy Family Academy
601 N. Laurel Street, Hazleton 18201

Tuesday, January 29-Resurrection Parish
75 Musser Lane, Muncy 17756

R.S.V.P. to Mary Anne Malone (570) 207-2213, ext. 1100 or mary-anne-malone@dioceseofscranton.org

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

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GATHERINGS OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH, CLARKS SUMMIT

- Support group meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM and the third Sunday of the month at 2:00PM

- The Gathering Room (lower level) of Our Lady of the Snows Church, 301 South State Street, Clarks Summit

All are welcome; no registration is required.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

The **Holy Family** consists of the Child Jesus, the **Virgin Mary** and **Saint Joseph**. Veneration of the Holy Family was formally begun in the 17th century by **Saint François de Laval**, the first bishop of New France, who founded a Confraternity.



The Feast of the Holy Family is a **liturgical** celebration in the **Catholic Church** in honor of Jesus, his mother, and his legal father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. Since the **1969 revision** of the **General Roman Calendar**, **the feast is celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, that is, the Sunday between Christmas Day and New Year's Day** (both exclusive), or if both Christmas Day and the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** are Sundays, on December 30th (always a Friday in such years).

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: 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. Catholic Social Services accepts Medicaid plans and some insurance plans. Counseling is made affordable for everyone. For more information or to make an appointment, call (570) 207-2283.

"Men build too many walls and not enough bridges."
— **Joseph Fort Newton**

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019: World Youth Day will be held in **Panama City, Panama from January 22 - 27, 2019**. World Youth Day is an initiative from St. John Paul II to gather Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters.

The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18-35. If you, or a young adult you may know, are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213 x1155.

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant."
Martin Luther King Jr.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



On December 31 we usher in the New Year with late night champagne, half-baked resolutions and epic movies. But in the midst of this activity the Church asks us to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God; a feast day of epic proportions and fulfilled covenants, a dogma that sheds as much light on the nature of Christ as it does on the nature of His mother.

The Church has defined four dogmas pertaining to Mary. They include Mary, the mother of God, her perpetual virginity, Immaculate Conception, and her assumption into heaven. It is because of the first Marian dogma that she has been privileged with the other three. Therefore, it is essential to understand the meaning and implications of this doctrine before attempting to explain the more complicated and controversial Marian dogmas.

The doctrine of Mary as the mother of God finds its roots in the New Testament when the archangel Gabriel says to Mary, *"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God"* (Lk 1:35). The Gospel of Matthew also affirms the doctrine in 1:23, *"Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us)"*. This dogma was formally defined at the council of Ephesus in 431 when the Church gave Mary the official title *Theotokos* which literally means Christ-bearer.

An insufficient understanding of the *Theotokos* has caused some people think that if Mary is the mother of God, she must have somehow preceded God and given birth to Divine triplets. This vaguely resembles some pagan beliefs but it certainly is not the Christian understanding of Mary. In fact, this deduction shows a backwards approach to the relationship between God and his mother. It is not Mary who entered eternity with the Incarnation; it is God who entered time. We can't elevate Mary to the level of creator because it was God who lowered Himself to be one of the creatures.

We have to ask ourselves, "If not the mother of God, then the mother of whom?" It is essential that we define what we mean by "nature" and "person" when we speak of Jesus being one person with two natures. Nature is the permanent structure of a

being and the source of all activities of that being whereas Person defines the self-conscience, rational being that answers the question "Who am I?" Put simply, nature is the source of actions, but person is responsible for them. In Jesus then there are two sources for His actions, one human and one divine, but it is His one person that manifests them. His relationship with His mother is like that of any mother/child relationship in that it is not nature-to-nature, person-to-nature, or nature-to-person. It is a person-to-person relationship. Just as we would never say, "My mother is the mother of my body," so Jesus would never say it because Mary was not merely an incubator for a god-creature. John Paul II said, "Mary is the Mother of God's Son, whom she virginally begot according to His human nature and raised with her motherly love, thus contributing to the human growth of the divine person who came to transform the destiny of mankind."

When we honor Mary we are following the example of Jesus who honored His mother. Scott Hahn said that Jesus fulfilled every letter of the Law. The first of the Ten Commandments that pertain to one's neighbor is to honor one's mother and father. In Hebrew "to honor" means "to give glory". It was not the Church that initiated the honor given to Mary; it was Jesus who bestowed great glory on her first.

Just as the New Year marks a time for new beginnings, so the feast of the Mother of God marks a new beginning for the world. History was split, the Old Covenant was fulfilled and we all became sons and daughters of God.

Traditional Home Health and Hospice

Come help the team that helps the community

As the volunteer coordinator at Traditional Home Health and Hospice, I would like to extend an invitation to join our team. Volunteers are an integral part of our community support network.

As a volunteer, you can expect to:

- Provide companionship to patients through conversation, reading, letter writing, music appreciation, movie/TV watching, walking or sitting outside to get some fresh air, and all sort of hobby sharing.
- Help patients and their families by running errands, doing light household chores, doing yard work, or preparing a meal.
- Provide respite to family caregivers, so they may take a break from their caregiving duties for a couple of hours, i.e., doctor appointments, errands, etc.

If you would like to volunteer, but prefer not to have patient involvement, we would gladly have you volunteer in the office assisting with various community projects.

We offer a comprehensive training program which includes both video and one-on-one training.

Contact Lisa Morgan at (570) 207-9286.



**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 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
4:00PM @ St. Mary's Church
All are welcome!**



PRO-LIFE ROSE

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



Mary, Mother of God

Donated by the Pro-Life Committee

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



Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, 54 Warren Street in Tunkhannock (formerly the P&G Credit Union building)), serves a hearty meal every Monday through Friday from 5:00-6:30PM. There is no charge and all are welcome.



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



Line Dancing

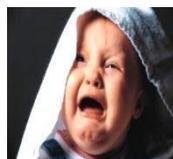
Wednesday evening

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

All are welcome



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



SAVE THE DATE

**Valentine's Day
Dinner-Dance
Saturday, February 9th
Fr. Nallin Hall**



**Tickets will be on sale starting
January 7th**

Watch the bulletin for more details



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)



What is a PreCana Day of Reflection?

Each runs from 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. on a Saturday or a Sunday. They are offered at multiple sites around the diocese January through November.

The days of reflection are designed to help the engaged couple reflect on and discuss significant issues involved in married life, such as the families in which they were raised, finances, children, sexuality, moral decision making, values, communication styles and skills and spirituality. These are topics the US Catholic Conference of Bishops as well as licensed marriage counselors see as essential for couples to discuss BEFORE marriage. (<http://www.foryourmarriage.org/dating-engaged/must-have-conversations/>)

Besides giving the couple time to talk about these topics, the PreCana Days of Reflection also provide information in these areas from Catholic Church teaching as well as the social sciences and the financial world.

Presenters are married couples who give witness to how to succeed through good times and bad with God's help. They give practical information and explain the holiness of marriage and the role God and the Church have to play.

Q1 & 2 2019 PreCana Day of Reflection Schedule

- .. Sunday, January 27-Scranton
- .. Saturday, February 9-Dickson City
- .. Saturday, March 16-Wilkes-Barre
- .. Saturday, March 23-Duryea
- .. Saturday, March 30-Drums
- .. Saturday, April 27-Montoursville
- .. Sunday, May 5-Scranton
- .. Saturday, May 18-Tannersville
- .. Saturday, June 1-Wilkes-Barre
- .. Saturday, June 15-Dickson City

**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).



ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers of both parishes who have not yet done so are asked to **pick up their Christmas gifts** following Mass this weekend.

Nativity: Gifts are located in the back of the church.

St. Mary: Gifts are located under the bulletin board in the hospitality area.

PRO-LIFE ROSE

Looking for a wonderful way to remember a loved one on a special day? **Why not donate the Rose that is placed before the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nativity BVM Church?**



Simply **contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055) to schedule the date that you desire and how you want it listed in the bulletin.** Many weekends are available.

Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved **or had an address change**, please contact the parish office at 570-836-3275 so that our records may be updated. **If we don't have a mailable address on file for you, we will have to remove your name from our parish roster.**



Words of Life

"Blessed Joseph, You took Mary and Jesus into your home. You followed the precepts of the Law, presented Jesus in the Temple, taught him skills at the plane and the lathe, and, daily, you shared traditions which were built on the covenants he came to fulfill.

Hear the prayers of the siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and entire families of children who have been adopted. May they be a source of loving welcome and a fount of faith. Through Christ our Lord.

St. Joseph, descendant of David, pray for us." **USCCB Sec. of Pro-Life Activities**
Novena to St Joseph for Those on the Path of Adoption



As seen on TV - Only **\$5.00**
Available at the Parish Office

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

There will be **no CCD this week.** See you January 6, 2019.

Have a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

God bless,

Jenny Sinker

Nativity BVM CCD News

No CCD class this week. Classes will resume next week. Mrs. B

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.

Community News

WYOMING COUNTY CANCER SOCIETY

Financial assistance to cancer patients is provided toward expenses incurred in driving to doctor appointments or to treatment centers for radiation and chemotherapy as well as medication expenses prescribed by a physician but not covered by insurance.

Occasionally, when a patient has no means of transportation, a ride to treatment center or doctor's office may be arranged (volunteer drivers needed). For more information and application procedure, please call 570-836-6552.

Loan of wheelchairs, walkers and commodes can be arranged for patients who need them.

The Wyoming County Cancer Society is funded by the Wyoming County United Way, but memorials and donations are welcomed and appreciated.

For more information and application procedure, please call 570-836-6552.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We want to acknowledge another donation for Christmas Flowers at Nativity BVM Church. This donation from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Getek was received after the Christmas bulletin was printed.

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2018

SATURDAY	DEC	29	4:00PM	MARY ANN BISIGNANI – OFFERED BY DON & CAROL AMES
SUNDAY	DEC	30	9:00AM	JOSEPH & MARY GANZ – OFFERED BY THE PACKER FAMILY
MONDAY	DEC	31	4:00PM	BETH BLUHM – OFFERED BY DAN & JOAN STROKA
TUESDAY	JAN	01	9:00AM	TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY PAT WALL
WEDNESDAY	JAN	02	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	JAN	03	8:00AM	ELISE DAVIS – OFFERED BY JERRY & MARY BROOKS
FRIDAY	JAN	04	8:00AM	FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
SATURDAY	JAN	05	4:00PM	FATHER ROBERT KELLEHER – OFFERED BY FRAN MOLLUSKY & FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN	06	9:00AM	CARL GINGHER – OFFERED BY JIM & GERT BILLINGS

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT DEC 29 & SUN. DEC 30	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY CAROL BALKO KAREN LEBER	DEACON RAY LEN NASH BRANDON PIERETTI
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	LISA JANOSKI JEWEL STOVER	NICK MIGLIORI RACHEL KENIA ALEX PIERETTI IRENE PIERETTI
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW DEE PASKO SELECTION BY USHERS	SEB NARO & JEFF PIERCE JOHN HARRIS SELECTION BY USHERS DICK SCHWOEBEL & FRAN MOLLUSKY
MON. DEC. 31 & TUE. JAN. 01	MONDAY 4:00PM	TUESDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	LISA JANOSKI PETER POLINSKY	ANN MARIE GORKO JOAN STROKA
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)	DON AMES	PAUL WENGEN
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS	JIM BILLINGS & BILL SHAW NONE SELECTION BY USHERS	STEVE ZDANIEWICZ & JEFF PIERCE NONE SELECTION BY USHERS
SAT. JAN 05 & SUN. JAN 06	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	LISA JANOSKI MARIE PACKER CARMEL WILLIAMS BOB ANDEWS	LEN NASH ELLEN WENGEN TOM WOLFF ASHLEY KENIA
LECTORS ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS GREETERS OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER PEG GARVEY SELECTION BY USHERS	DAVID SINKER & DJ SINKER BILL WATERS SELECTION BY USHERS DON & CAROL AMES

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 30TH FOR **MARYANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$1,269.00
Christmas	\$3,162.43

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

DEC. 30	NO CCD CLASS	JAN. 06	CCD CLASS
DEC. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS- 4:00PM	JAN. 13	CCD CLASS
JAN. 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 9:00AM	JAN. 20	CCD CLASS/4TH GRADE CLASS MASS

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2018

SATURDAY	DEC	29	5:00PM	BEN & CELIA WHYTASHEK – OFFERED BY THEIR DAUGHTER JANICE & TOM
SUNDAY	DEC	30	7:30AM	BONNIE LaFLEUR – OFFERED BY ADA HARVEY
			9:00AM	GERADO MARINI – OFFERED BY GLENN & CAROLYN LAYAOU
			11:00AM	CHARLES DILIONE – OFFERED BY BARBARA STAWINSKY
MONDAY	DEC	31	5:30PM	PETER BROZUSKY – OFFERED BY MR. & MRS. RONALD MARKOVITZ
TUESDAY	JAN	01	11:00AM	NORMAN HARDING – OFFERED BY GENE & BARBARA KOVALCHICK
WEDNESDAY	JAN	02	7:00AM	JOSEPH HOLUB – OFFERED BY JANE ELL
THURSDAY	JAN	03	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	JAN	04	7:00AM	ERMA DONVITO – OFFERED BY MARIE MIRABELLI & FAMILY
SATURDAY	JAN	05	5:00PM	JOAN JURISTA – OFFERED BY CHRIS & CATHY CIPRICH
SUNDAY	JAN	06	7:30AM	BONNIE LaFLEUR – OFFERED BY JOE & NAN DeMARCO
			9:00AM	PETER FRANKO JR. – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS
			11:00AM	JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, CHERYL ANN & JENNIFER

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. DEC 29 & SUN. DEC 30	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	JOAN CHAPDELAINÉ CHARLOTTE SMITH GARY TEWKSBURY	DEACON RAY NAN DeMARCO AGNES MASSACESI	JOHN KEEFE ROY BRODY CARL SHINKO	JUDY BOYANOWSKI DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	SUSAN BARZIOSKI ANTHONY ECKERT HANNAH ECKERT LAUREN KOVALCHICK	TAMMY NUDO GRACE HARDING MOLLY KEISER HANNAH MILNER	LYNNE BINNER EVAN BRODY JACOB POWERS NOAH POWERS	MEGHAN KEISER HELEN BELLUCCI THOMAS POWERS JOSEPH CASEY
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS D. NOLE, R. NOLE, G. LUPINSKI	SELECTION BY USHERS

MON. DEC. 31 & TUE. JAN 01	MONDAY 5:30PM	TUESDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY GENE SCHWEITZER SUSAN BARZIOSKI	DEACON RAY LISA RANSOM CHARLOTTE SMITH
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	SABRINA TRAVER ANNA EVANS CARA EVANS	DAVID KUFFA MATTHEW KALETA
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS

SAT. JAN. 05 & SUN. JAN 06	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY SUSAN BARZIOSKI CHARLOTTE SMITH	AGNES MASSACESI ALISHA NUDO NAN DeMARCO	DEACON RAY JOHN KEEFE CARL SHINKO	DEACON RAY LISA RANSOM DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR ALTAR SERVER(S)	PAT MURRAY MATTHEW PREBOLA BRETT SICKLER MICHAEL SICKLER	MARY SOHNS NICHOLAS DeMARCO ANNA EVANS CARA EVANS	ART DAVIS MARCUS BINNER PAUL BINNER JOSEPH COLAVITTI	TINA KALETA MAIA BERRY EMMA ELIAS MATTHEW KALETA
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS K. FRANK, M. FRANK, G. & B. KOVALCHICK	SELECTION BY USHERS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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SANCTUARY LIGHT:

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

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$ 3,855.00
Christmas	\$ 7,458.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

DEC. 30 NO CCD CLASS	JAN. 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 11:00AM
DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 5:30PM	JAN. 06 CCD CLASS