



DECEMBER 9-10, 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair

Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK:



The Advent season, four weeks of anticipation, planning and busying ourselves in preparation for the Christmas season. Advent is positioned prior to Christmas purposely reminding us to slow down, to incorporate prayer into our daily lives, to look to the impending new year with a posture of seriousness. We can become caught up in the whirl of shopping, planning, baking and other festive preparation, missing the opportunity Advent gives us to reflect on the many gifts God bestows upon us.

So each day, take the time in this beautiful season to pause in the quiet of your home, light a candle perhaps and name just one of your blessings each day. By the time Advent comes to a close, you will have realized many merry blessings, more than you can imagine.

Fr. Pat

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH GIVING TREE:
As has been the custom for years, **our parish's Human Needs Ministry is sponsoring a Christmas giving tree.**



Found on the tree are paper ornaments, each one describing a child's or an elderly person's wish for a Christmas gift. Personal care home residents are designated as "PC". If you cannot find the exact gift, you may buy something similar. You are invited to take an ornament, buy the gift, wrap it and use the paper ornament as a label. Then place the gift under the tree in church. Your response to this project has always been overwhelming and we hope that your generosity will continue this year.

Please note that all gifts must be returned no later than this Sunday, December 10th. Any questions, please call Carole Rubbinaccio at (570) 836-2284. Thank you so much for your help. God bless and Merry Christmas.

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE "ADOPT-A-FAMILY" PROGRAM

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your support of our Christmas Outreach program. Your generosity is always appreciated.

We will take up the missed collection next Sunday at the 9:00AM Mass. If you choose to donate this weekend, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Adopt-A-Family - Mary Lou Franko".

Please think about taking part in this holiday ministry – you can call me at 570-586-4811. Thank you for your consideration.

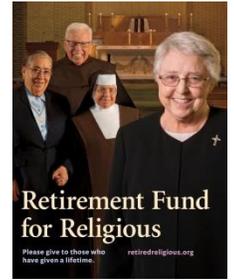
God bless you!

Love, Mary Lou Franko

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Retirement Fund for Religious December 09-10
Adopt-A-Family (SML 9:00AM) December 10

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS: The 30th appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up at Masses **this weekend, December 9-10.** The annual, parish-based collection is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) and benefits some 32,000 aging Catholic sisters, brothers and priests in religious orders.



Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the collection in 1988 to help address the deficit in retirement savings among the nation's religious congregations. Proceeds are distributed to eligible congregations to help underwrite retirement and health-care expenses. Roughly 94 percent of donations aid elderly religious.

Most senior religious worked for little to no pay, leaving their religious communities with inadequate retirement savings. At the same time, religious communities are challenged by the rising cost of care. Last year, the average annual cost of care for senior religious was \$42,000 per person, while skilled care averaged more than \$63,000, according to NRRO data. In 2016, the total cost of care for women and men religious past age 70 exceeded \$1.2 billion.

Proceeds from the collection support the retirement needs of these women and men who spent their lives in church ministries such as education, health care and social services. In 2016, the collection raised more than \$30 million nationwide.

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

WANTED: **Nativity CCD** is in need of a few people who would like to be a **substitute CCD teacher.** CCD runs from **9:50AM to 10:50AM most Sundays from September through April.** We are blessed to have regular CCD teachers for Pre-school through Eighth grade but occasionally the teachers have to have a Sunday off and we need someone to fill in. So...if you would like to share your faith and time with our Parish children, please contact Judy Boyanowski by calling the Parish office and leaving a message. Assistance will be provided to get required clearances.



LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 02-03, 2017

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 4,800.00
 Actual Offertory**\$ 7,547.00
 Difference:.....\$ **2,747.00**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 2,000.00
 Actual Offertory**\$ 2,317.35
 Difference:.....\$ **317.35**

*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2017-2018 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.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APEAL 2017

Your gifts support the following ministries made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal:

- Catholic Social Services and Parish Social Justice Grants
- Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes
- Clergy Formation, Education and Support
- Parish Life and Ministry Formation
- Catholic Media and Communication

Please consider a gift to the 2017 Diocesan Appeal. Envelopes are available at the doors to the church. Thank you. **Fr. Pat**

**2017 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APEAL
 As of December 4th**

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

GOAL:.....\$34,000.00
 PLEDGED:.....\$28,610.00
 STATUS:.....84.1%

UNDER GOAL:.....\$ 5,390.00
 PARTICIPATION: 17.20% (167 FAMILIES OUT OF 971)

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

GOAL:.....\$13,000.00
 PLEDGED:.....\$ 7,460.00
 STATUS.....57.4%

UNDER GOAL:.....\$ 5,540.00
 PARTICIPATION: 9.56% (46 FAMILIES OUT OF 481)

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.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT NATIVITY B.V.M.
 Wednesdays in December
 3:00PM to 7:00PM**



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

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

Reasons

Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. "Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..." "Faith can move mountains..." "What is needed is trust..." "Behold I come to make all things new."

(John 20:29; Mark 11:23; Mark 5:36; Rev 21:5) 11

Benefits

A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration helps to bring everlasting peace to earth.

(St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta) 57

Be Silent

Be Attentive

Be Alert

**You are invited to spend an hour with Jesus
 AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE NEEDED IN CHURCH
 DURING EACH HOUR
 (BE A REGULAR OR A SUBSTITUTE)
 Call Cindy Brown (570) 836-4744 to sign up**

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



REVELATION: If you are interested in learning more about the last book of the Bible, *Revelation*, please come and join the **Sunday evening Bible Study** group. **It's never too late to**

join us. We meet in **Father Nallin Hall at 7:00PM.** All you need to bring is a Bible. If you have any questions, call Cindy at 570 836-4744.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

NATIVITY'S ACCLAIMED PIEROGIES:
Pierogies are available for sale in the Parish Office during normal business hours (M-F 9:00AM-2:00PM). The price remains at \$7.00 per dozen.



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.

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR:

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

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

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.

DIGITAL DISCIPLES MINISTRY

Like our Facebook Page

When you think about it, being a Digital Disciple is all about four things:

Information – learning what you need to know about our parishes

Education - learning about our Catholic faith and how we are implementing that faith here in our parishes

Communication - making sure we all know what's going on

Evangelization – spreading our faith to others

If you are on Facebook, THE biggest way you can help INFORM, EDUCATE, COMMUNICATE, and EVANGELIZE is by LIKING our Facebook page, @nativitystmary, and by LIKING and SHARING our Facebook posts. When you like our page, you affirm that you want to know about your faith and how we are practicing it at Nativity and St Mary. By liking and sharing our posts, you affirm that you want others to know about our faith as well.

We currently have about 150 "likes" for our page. Realistically, we should have many more likes for two parishes of our size. We have set a goal of doubling the number of likes for our page. Here's how you can help:

- If you are on Facebook and have not yet liked our page, by all means do so.
- If you have already liked our page, start liking and sharing our posts to your friends, and encourage them to like the page as well.
- If you are not yet on Facebook, create a Facebook profile and like our page. If you need help, ask a friend or family member to help you.
- If you are a "computer person", offer to help a friend or family member create a Facebook profile.

Liking our Facebook page is one way of being an active parishioner. Support your parish by helping us reach our goal.

PLEASE NOTE: We have begun to transition the email addresses for our parishes to take advantage of the options available through our website.

While we will still receive emails through the frontier.com email addresses, we are also utilizing the following website email addresses for our outgoing communications and receiving emails through them as well. Please help us in this transition by making note of the following addresses in your email program's Address Book:

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| Fr. Pat Albert | pastor@nativitystmary.org |
| Deacon Ray | deacon@nativitystmary.org |
| Dick Schwoebel | busrmgr@nativitystmary.org |
| Nativity Parish | nativity@nativitystmary.org |
| St. Mary Parish | stmary@nativitystmary.org |



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



BOY SCOUT NEWS

**Next Committee Meeting:
December 11th**

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall

Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson
570-233-4000 adelano1230@gmail.com

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6:00PM – Fr. Nallin Hall

January 8th



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!!!

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.

EVENING OF MARIAN DEVOTION – DECEMBER 13th:

An evening of Marian devotion will take place on **Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00PM at Our Lady of the Abingtons, 207 Seminary Road, Dalton**, hosted by the Diocesan Legion of Mary in response to the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima asking for prayers for world peace. The prayer service will include the Rosary, Fatima Prayers, Hymns and newly composed Scriptural Music led by Ernie Pappa. All are invited to come and pray for peace in our country and in the world.

TUNKHANNOCK CURSILLO NEWS CORNER

Please note the following Cursillo event to be held at Nativity BVM in Father Nallin Hall:

**Ultreya
Sunday, 12/10 2:00-4:00PM**

Cursillo is a worldwide movement that focuses on the teachings of Jesus. The goal of the Cursillo Movement is to make Christ the prime influence in society. Through retreats and catechetical programs, participants are offered an experience of living in Christian community.

For more information, call Cindy Brown @ 836-4744, Paul & Lynne Binner @ 836-8777 or Gloria Pasternak @ 836-1209.

NATIVITY BVM ALTAR SERVERS: Altar servers are needed for the following holiday Masses:

Christmas Eve 5:30PM
Christmas Day 11:00AM
New Year's Day 11:00AM
If you can help, call Mary Olshan (570-836-1457).

St. Mary's Visitation Church MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

In the school at
625 Dundaff St., Dickson City

**Progressive Jackpot
Weekly Minimum \$1,200.00**

Call 489-2091 for info!

Early Bird at 6:40PM

Regular Games at 7:00PM

2 Floors – main floor handicapped-accessible!

Doors open at 4:30PM

**Kitchen serving food and beverages
from 5:00PM!**

Homemade pizza available after 7:30PM

THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open the first and third Thursday of the month. **We are in need of dessert items (cake mixes, sugar, flour, pudding, bread mixes)** as these items are not purchased for the pantry shelves but will certainly be enjoyed for the upcoming holiday feasts! The food pantry will provide our clients with a \$25.00 gift card for Thanksgiving and Christmas to help with the ham and turkey purchase. If you or someone you know is in need, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support. **Mary Lou**

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

Name _____
Current Address _____

Address while away _____

Envelope # _____ Date Leaving: _____
Date Plan to Return: _____

COMMUNITY HEALING SERVICES

First Sunday of each month @ 6:00PM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Route 6, Tunkhannock

For more information or prayer contact:

Colleen Williams – (570) 836-5485 or

John Hardman-Zimmerman – (570) 289-5077

Diocese Approaching 150th Anniversary of Founding Year-long celebration has begun

The First Sunday of Advent, **December 3rd**, marked the beginning of the Liturgical Year throughout the world. It **also designated the commencement of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Scranton.** The territory that comprises our Diocese was part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia until March 3, 1868, when Pope Pius X created the Diocese of Scranton.

Our Diocese has a rich and noteworthy history that we will recognize through most of next year with liturgical celebrations and numerous annually occurring and specially focused events.

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.**

WELCOME: We extend our prayerful congratulations to **LOGAN THOMAS McCULLOUGH**, son of **Mark & Anita (Konopatski) McCullough**, who will be baptized by Fr. Pat **this Sunday, December 10th at Noon in Nativity BVM Church.** We offer our best wishes to Logan, his parents, godparents, grandparents and members of his family. May he continue to grow in age, wisdom and love before God and others.



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.



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

Community Invited to Longest Night Service on December 21st

Christmas can be a painful time. For some, it may be the first Christmas without a loved family member because of death, divorce or military service; or it may be that Christmas has always been a difficult time.

For this reason, **Tunkhannock United Methodist Church is offering a special "Longest Night" service on Thursday, December 21st at 4:30PM.** The service will be held at Tunkhannock United Methodist Church located at the corner of Church and Warren Streets.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation — all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; and we need to know that we are not alone.

Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days still ahead of us.

Please join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle — and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it), is welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING EVENT: The Order of Alhambra, an organization of Catholic men and women, dedicated to providing activities and support for special needs children and adults and assisting persons with intellectual disabilities, is planning a holiday Christmas caroling event. The local chapter, known as Alhambra Caravan No. 4, will sing Christmas carols **at St. Joseph's Alhambra house in Scranton.** Volunteers are welcome to participate in the caroling event at **7:00PM on December 11th at St. Joseph's Center.**

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. Better yet, let others know.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diocese of Scranton Real Estate Availability

The Property & Risk Management Division of the Diocese currently maintains a listing of real estate available for sale or use throughout the Diocese. If interested in learning about the available opportunities, please contact Ed Carlin, Property Assets Director, P&RM Division, at 570-558-4310.



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. Show us ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families, in the powerful name of Jesus.



NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY



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



PRO-LIFE ROSE

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



The first rose is in memory of
MARY KOZIELSKI
 Offered by Mary Ann Brown & Family



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

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



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).



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.



Great for all cleaning projects!!
 Available at the Parish Office
 Only **\$5.00**

This ultra-fine StreakFree Microfiber Cloth does not damage any surface. The fibers grab and hold dirt, dust and grime. This is the magnet effect. Single fiber is approximately 1/20th the diameter of a strand of silk. Disperses oil, grease, dirt, grime, film, dust. Tough on dirt and gentle on surface.



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Follow the Diocese of Scranton on our Twitter page:
www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr
 If you're not already doing so, you can follow Bishop Bambara on Twitter by going to:
www.twitter.com/BishopBambara
 Also check out our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton
 You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at:
<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>



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



Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath

Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

**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).



St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

Miss Rachel's 6th grade class is hosting this week's Mass:

Greeters: **Whole class**
1st Reading: **Adrien Franko**
2nd Reading: **Owen Berkheimer**
Petitions: **Madison Degilio**
..... **Danny Driscole**
..... **Adrien Franko**
..... **Kylie Zaleski**
Gifts: **Madison Degilio**
..... **Danny Driscole**
..... **Payton Walsh**
..... **Kylie Zaleski**

CCD is selling handmade bows for that special gift! They come in 3 sizes: small, medium and large; or we can make a bigger bow if needed! Thanks for supporting our ministry! We will be selling them before and after Mass.

God bless, Jenny Sinker

Words of Life

"If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness."

USCCB Sec. of Pro-Life Activities
"Bridges of Mercy for
Post-Abortion Healing"

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.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

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



Christmas Flowers



Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the purchase of Christmas flowers in honor of a living person or in memory of a deceased loved

one is asked to use the Christmas Flower envelope located in your packet of envelopes. Please legibly print the name of the loved one in whose name you wish to make the donation on the envelope (or on a plain white envelope marked "Christmas Flowers"). **In order to be included in the special annual list of intentions that will be published on Christmas, we must receive your envelope no later than Sunday, December 17th.**

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.**

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.

Have You Moved?

If you have recently moved or had an address change, please contact the parish office at 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.**



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017

SATURDAY	DEC.	09	5:00PM	EDWARD ZACKARIAS – OFFERED BY HIS WIFE
SUNDAY	DEC.	10	7:30AM	ANDREW & MARY KUFFA – OFFERED BY RICHARD KUFFA & FAMILY
			9:00AM	MARIELLEN GARDNER – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
			11:00AM	ROGER C. BETTS – OFFERED BY HIS DAUGHTER HEATHER
MONDAY	DEC.	11	7:00AM	MARY KOZIELSKI – OFFERED BY HER DAUGHTER MARY ANN & CHILDREN
TUESDAY	DEC.	12	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC.	13	7:00AM	BONNIE PREVOST – OFFERED BY MOM, DAD & FAMILY
THURSDAY	DEC.	14	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	DEC.	15	7:00AM	HEALTH & BLESSING FOR SARA RUEHLMAN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SATURDAY	DEC.	16	5:00PM	HELEN YONCHIUK – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
SUNDAY	DEC.	17	7:30AM	FRANK & HELEN McKEON – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY
			9:00AM	CAROLINE PANTUSO – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
			11:00AM	JOHN WAGENHOFFER – OFFERED BY GLORIA PASTERNAK

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. DEC. 09 & SUN. DEC. 10	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY SUSAN BARZIOSKI JOAN CHAPDELAINÉ	DEACON RAY ALISHA NUDO TAMMY NUDO	ROY BRODY CARL SHINKO GENE SCHWEITZER	LISA RANSOM DOLORES MANGANELLA GARY TEWKSBURY
LECTOR	SABRINA TRAVER	CINDY BROWN	RITA FITZGERALD	JOHN BURKE
ALTAR SERVER(S)	AIDEN BURRY JACK ZEUNEN MARY ZEUNEN	ALEX KEISER MOLLY KEISER ZACH KEISER	MARCUS BINNER PAUL BINNER EVAN BRODY	THOMAS BELLUCCI CORAL MILNER HANNAH MILNER
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS R. ROWE, T. DEITZER, W. WALKER

SAT. DEC. 16 & SUN. DEC. 17	SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	SARA DUNAY SUSAN BARZIOSKI JOAN CHAPDELAINÉ	MARY ROBBINS NAN DeMARCO AGNES MASSACESI	RITA FITZGERALD JOHN KEEFE BARBARA KALISH	DEACON RAY DOLORES MANGANELLA GARY TEWKSBURY
LECTOR	PAT MURRAY	CHRIS DeMARCO	MICHAEL CASEY	TINA KALETA
ALTAR SERVER(S)	ANTHONY ECKERT HANNAH ECKERT TORI KOVALCHICK	MAIA BURRY ROBERT BURRY KATHRYN CUSATIS	JOSEPH COLAVITTI EMMA ELIAS	ABIGAIL KALETA MATTHEW KALETA SEAN WILLIAMS
OFFERTORY GIFTS COLLECTION COUNTERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS JIM & VAL MULLEN, ART DAVIS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

----- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, TRUDY FISK, RUTH KUKUCKA, 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, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, MARGARET KINTNER, DON WHITE, MARY KUKUCHKA, MARY BOLOUSKI, EMMY COIA, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, NANCY ROBINSON, SUSAN BOLOUSKI McANDREWS, GARRET CONOVER, CLETUS MacDONALD, 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, CAROL McGINLEY, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, JEAN YABLONSKI, AUSTIN THOMAS, LYNNE BINNER, MAGDALENE FRONCZKIEWICZ, JIM BORDEN, JERRY STROKA, BEN BROWN, LINDA NIEMIEC, DIANE THOMPSON, ROSEANN GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMORE, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLSHAN, JR., DEBBIE GAY, HELEN RAIL, ANN ZACKARIAS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CHRISTOPHER BELL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, FLORENCE KEYES, LINDA RUEHLMAN, BONNIE LaFLEUR, ROY PREVOST, ALLEN KEYES, CATHERINE LITWIN, JUDI HOWE, LEAH WILSEY, NATHAN DELMAR, DONNA BROWN.

----- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED 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	\$7,547.00
Clergy Care	\$ 606.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

DEC. 10 CCD CLASS	JAN. 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 11:00AM
DEC. 10 ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – 6:30PM	JAN. 03 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 3:00-7:00PM
DEC. 10 BIBLE STUDY – 7:00PM – FNH	JAN. 06 POT LUCK DINNER – FNH
DEC. 13 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 3:00-7:00PM	JAN. 07 CCD CLASS
DEC. 17 CCD/CLASS PARTIES	JAN. 10 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 3:00-7:00PM
DEC. 17 BIBLE STUDY – 7:00PM – FNH	JAN. 14 CCD CLASS
DEC. 20 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 3:00-7:00PM	JAN. 17 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 3:00-7:00PM
DEC. 24 NO CCD CLASS	JAN. 21 CCD CLASS/5TH GRADE MASS – 9:00AM
DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – 5:30PM & 10:00PM	JAN. 28 CCD CLASS
DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 11:00AM	
DEC. 27 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 3:00-7:00PM	FEB. 04 CCD CLASS
DEC. 31 NO CCD CLASS	FEB. 10 FIRST PENANCE – 10:00PM
DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 5:00PM	

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017

SATURDAY	DEC. 09	4:00PM	LOU, IRENE & CHUCK BOBECK – OFFERED BY RICK, MARY LOU & JULIA FRANKO
SUNDAY	DEC. 10	9:00AM	MARION SHANDRA – OFFERED BY HER DAUGHTER DEBBIE PETERS
MONDAY	DEC. 11	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC. 12	8:00AM	NICHOLAS MIGLIORI – OFFERED BY RITA GRAZIANO
WEDNESDAY	DEC. 13	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DEC. 14	8:00AM	FRANCIS DULNY – OFFERED BY ST. MARY OF THE LAKE ALTAR & ROSARY
FRIDAY	DEC. 15	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	DEC. 16	4:00PM	MARION SHANDRA – OFFERED BY CARL, MARIE & KATIE PACKER
SUNDAY	DEC. 17	9:00AM	HENRY HOFFMAN – OFFERED BY THE SINKER FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. DEC. 09 & SUN. DEC. 10	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	CAROL BALKO DOROTHY TRAUGER CARMEL WILLIAMS	DEACON RAY HELEN FABIANI PETER POLINSKY
LECTORS	LEN NASH	SIXTH GRADE CCD CLASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)	MICHAEL GREEN	MASON BERKHIMER TYLER BERKHIMER
USHERS	BILL SHAW & JIM BILLINGS	SIXTH GRADE CCD CLASS
GREETERS	JEAN NASH	SIXTH GRADE CCD CLASS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SIXTH GRADE CCD CLASS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		DON & CAROL AMES

SAT. DEC. 16 & SUN. DEC. 17	SATURDAY 4:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY KAREN LEBER ELLEN WENGEN	ANN MARIE GORKO LEN NASH SEAN PIERETTI
LECTORS	BOB ANDREWS	NICK MIGLIORI
ALTAR SERVER(S)	JEWEL STOVER	
USHERS	CARL PACKER & BERNIE GARVEY	RANDY PIERETTI & STEVE ZDANIEWICZ
GREETERS	JONI JAMES	JIM SNYDER
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		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, MSGR. DAVID L. TRESSLER, 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, JAMES DOUGHERTY, JESSICA MIGLIORI, STACIE MAGNECZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, CAROLLYN DAVIS, LINDA ZALEWSKI, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, KERSTIN LEE MIGLIORI, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, RON GORKO, KATIE PACKER, JOE IGNATOVICH, 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, JOSEPH FRANKO, LINDA NIEMI, JACK KARASACK, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, FLORENCE KEYES, GINNY CLARKE, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILO.

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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 10TH FOR **MARYANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$ 2,317.35
Clergy Care	\$ 283.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

<p>DEC. 10 CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS/6TH GRADE MASS</p> <p>DEC. 10 ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – 6:30PM – BVM</p> <p>DEC. 17 CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 10:30AM/ DESSERT RECEPTION</p> <p>DEC. 24 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS – 4:00PM</p> <p>DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p>DEC. 31 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 4:00PM</p> <p>JAN. 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p>JAN. 07 CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 14 CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 21 CCD CLASS/5TH GRADE CLASS MASS</p> <p>JAN. 28 CCD CLASS/7TH GRADE CLASS MASS</p> <p>FEB. 03 FIRST RECONCILIATION – 10:00AM</p>	<p>FEB. 04 CCD CLASS/BANNER DAY</p> <p>FEB. 11 CCD CLASS/VALENTINE FUN BREAKFAST</p> <p>FEB. 18 NO CCD CLASS – WINTER BREAK</p> <p>FEB. 25 CCD CLASS</p> <p>MAR. 04 CCD CLASS/KINDERGARTEN/ 1ST GRADE CLASS MASS</p> <p>MAR. 11 CCD CLASS</p> <p>MAR. 18 CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS</p> <p>MAR. 25 CCD CLASS/EASTER TREATS</p> <p>APR. 01 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>APR. 08 CCD CLASS</p> <p>APR. 15 CCD CLASS</p> <p>APR. 22 CCD CLASS/2ND GRADE MASS/LUNCHEON – 2:00PM</p>
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