JUNE 15-16, 2019

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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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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Office hours: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

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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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.
FROM THE PASTOR’S TYPEWRITER:

Nativity BVM church was the setting this past Sunday for the Confirmation of 22 young people fully prepared for and energetic to begin professing and living out this new expression of their faith. It is our responsibility as Christian people to continue to demonstrate – by word and example – the very positive aspects of the beautiful sacrament they have received.

They will look to us for that example as they have for their skills in kindness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, generosity and many other attributes of our faith that will assist them in shaping a better world. And so their parents and family have brought them to this moment and now it is up to us to be the example they will need as they build a strong faith life to the next generation.

Well done to our young people – congratulations; and to our parish, may your best example be a gift as well as a lasting legacy to all who walk the journey of faith.

Fr. Pat

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.

SML REDECORATION PROJECT: Daily Mass is being celebrated in the Hospitality Room and weekend Masses are being celebrated in the Parish Hall. We’re getting there! Work is progressing on our renovation of St. Mary of the Lake church. Painting is done, carpeting is in, new lighting is installed…..we’re getting close! We ask for your continued patience and support during the renovation process. When you see the results, we’re sure that you will be pleased.

Only a few items remain on the Memorialization list – see the enclosed flyer for the available items. Memorialization is available on a first come-first served basis. Ellen Wengen & Bill Waters

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: Nativity will be having a special Mass and reception next Sunday, June 23rd to celebrate and acknowledge all of our graduates. If you know of anyone who may be graduating, please pass this information on to them.

PRAYER FOR AN END TO INFANTICIDE

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Peter’s Pence ..............................................................................June 29-30
Clergy Care & Education ......................................................July 06-07

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – At the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday, July 7th, His Excellency Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will consecrate the new altar at St. Mary of the Lake Church and celebrate the first Mass on that new altar. There will be no Saturday Mass that weekend.

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.

2nd ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE 2019

“Come To The Well - Refresh Your Faith”
June 22nd – University of Scranton, Byron Complex
8:00AM Registration - Light Breakfast,
8:45AM Mass with

Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera

Keynote Speakers:

Teresa Tomeo - Radio Show host for Catholic Connection, Author of several books including Beyond Sunday: Becoming A 24/7 Catholic, Wrapped up, God’s 10 Gifts for Women. Teresa’s featured topic will be Meeting Jesus at The Well; Praying 24/7.

Jill Metz - An Artist, Catholic Convert and Speaker, She will share her conversion story and how she was divinely inspired to paint the saints. The Dedication of the Saint Rose Venerini Painting will take place after Mass.

Sr. Mercy Marie - A Sister of Life, will lead us during Eucharistic Adoration with her inspiring words of faith.

“His Own”- A Female Music Ministry from Nashville, back by popular demand, sharing their love for Jesus through music and inspiring women to come to the Lord as they are, to encounter His unique love for them.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lunch and Catholic Vendor Marketplace

Admission: $40.00/person;
after June 9th $50.00/person
For details and registration go to:

www.cwcnepa.com

LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM
DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREATS

ISLI Leadership Retreat – July 8-11, 2019
The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) is a peer-facilitated faith-based leadership retreat developed at the University of Notre Dame. Over the past 52 years the institute has developed its present scope of operations, which includes exceptional and talented students throughout the United States and Canada. The ISLI retreat is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task oriented groups. During the retreat, participants take part in small group tasks that allow the student to do the following:
- Make decisions
- Observe the growth of the group
- Examine leadership styles
- Practice leadership behavior
- Brainstorm about group dynamics and leadership
- Learn about positive communication
- Develop self-motivational skills and learn problem solving
- Action planning techniques
- Explore and express faith values in the Catholic Tradition

Up&Over Middle School Retreat – September 27-29, 2019
A team-building and problem solving retreat for middle school students in grades 6th, 7th, or 8th. It’s guaranteed to be a weekend of fun, friendship, & faith at the beautiful wooded Camp Orchard Hill in Dallas. Participants will spend time outdoors, meet new friends & learn how their God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! Built into the weekend are opportunities to deepen your faith and a number of fun activities and events including weekend Mass, a movie, free time, & an outdoor obstacle course!
Students arrive at 7:00PM on Friday, September 27th and depart at noon on Sunday, September 30th. Cost for the weekend is $140.00. Your parish will pay half for all attendees.
Register online at Dioceseofscranton.org. For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-2213, ext. 1155.

EWTV: The Eternal Word Television Network display with valuable Catholic programming information will be available in the front of Nativity BVM church. There will be a display of this information in the front vestibule of the church closest to Tioga Street. Feel free to stop by and take the information regarding their programming.

PIEROGI SALES: For a limited time, we are continuing to sell pierogies at the Parish Office. Cost is $7.00 per dozen. First come, first served.

Amata Days – A Vocation Camp for Girls from grades 9-12
with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth
3:00PM Sunday, June 23rd – 9:00AM Wednesday June 26th
Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas

Please come join us for a camp filled with talks, activities, Mass and Adoration, outdoor fun and more! Please visit our website at https://www.capuchinfranciscansisters.com/amata-daysa for the printable registration form and permission slip. There is NO COST for the camp and a shuttle will be provided to “Light the Fire Youth Rally” on June 26th. To register, call Sr. Margaret: 570-836-2737 ASAP.

AED IS LOCATED IN NATIVITY BVM CHURCH & ALSO IN FR. NALLIN HALL
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019**

Come join the fun for Vacation Bible School, held at Father Nallin Hall in Tunkhannock on July 1st through July 3rd from 9:30AM to 12:00PM. Kids from Kindergarten through 5th grade will learn about the power and peace of Christ's kingship while celebrating the joys of fellowship and enjoying some summer fun! Our service project this year will address the needs of those living in local nursing homes. **Please register by June 24th.** Teen and adult volunteers are still needed. Thank you!

**VOCATIONS GOLF CLASSIC:**
Fostering vocations to the priesthood and assisting our seminarians are among the most urgent responsibilities of the faithful in the Church today. **You don't have to be a golfer to support the 10th Annual Vocations Golf Classic to be held Monday, July 8th at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Mountain Top.** Donors and advertising sponsors are welcome in any amount. For a brochure, go ONLINE at [www.DioceseofScranton.org (Giving tab)](http://www.DioceseofScranton.org) or call the Diocese Development Office at 570-207-2250. Thank you.

**LADY CRUSADER GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP:**
The Annual Lady Crusader Girls Basketball Camp will be held July 22nd through July 26th at Holy Cross High School Gym, Drinker Street, Dunmore. Each camp session will be from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Instruction will include offense, defense, and individual shooting. Each day will include competitive games that will emphasize the skills taught that day. Instructors will include high school coaches and players. The camp is open to girls entering grades 4 through 9 in the upcoming school year and cost $60.00 which includes all camp sessions, a commemorative t-shirt and end of camp pizza party. **For more information contact Coach Bob McCormack at 570-309-1635 or by email at rmack0423@comcast.net.**

**Corpus Christi Parish Bazaar**
601 Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston
June 20, 21 & 22
Thursday & Friday: 6:00-10:00PM
Saturday: 5:00-10:00PM
Indoor – rain or shine
Giant flea market, instant bingo, cash bingo, basket raffle, children’s games & activities
Delicious food: potato pancakes, beer & wine, pierogies, tripe, steamed clams, meatballs, Haluski, piggies, hand filled cannoli, pizza and more
**Entertainment:**
► Thursday, June 20th – Flaxy Morgan
► Friday, June 21st – Millennium
► Saturday, June 22nd – Orange Whip

**ST. JOSEPH’S CENTER FESTIVAL**
St. Joseph’s Center Festival Afghan Booth is looking for items for Festival 2019
Looking for new, never used handmade, knitted or crocheted baby hats, sweaters, blankets, quilted items, afghans of all sizes
Call 570.207.6656 with any questions
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.

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 Reflection for Those Who are Grieving
Sunday, June 23rd – 6:00PM
Saint Monica Parish Hall
363 West Eighth Street, West Wyoming

Evening of Reflection includes Prayer and Scripture, Video, Words from Father Peter Tomczak, Time to Share (if one so desires) and Refreshments. Please make plans to attend this beautiful evening of consolation. For more information or to register, please call Joanne Austin at 570-288-6785

ZUMBA & YOGAFIT: Due to the renovations of the church and the use of the hall for Masses, Zumba & YogaFit classes will not be held on Wednesdays in St. Mary’s Parish Hall until further notice.

MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENT OR TRAGIC DEATH: Many families in the Diocese of Scranton continue to suffer the loss of loved ones who have died as a result of violent or tragic death. In response, the Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death; particularly for persons who have died through murder, suicide, or accidental death. The Mass will be a way for family and friends to remember and celebrate the lives of these victims and to stand together surrounded in God’s love. This Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 11th at 7:00PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons in our parishes who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death - especially murder, suicide, and accident - are invited to this liturgy. In addition, you are encouraged to register the name of your loved one for entry into the Book of Remembrance. The Diocese asks that the names of the deceased loved ones are registered on the registration form available in the Parish Office or by calling 570-836-3275. The completed forms will be sent to the Diocese no later than Monday, July 1st.

RESOURCES FOR ATONEMENT AND HEALING: Resources for ongoing prayer for atonement and healing for victims of sexual abuse in our Diocese, including a sample rosary with reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries, sample intercessions and prayers can be found on the diocesan website. The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) has also provided a resource which can be found on its website, https://fdlc.org/resources.

BOY SCOUT NEWS
Next Committee Meeting: TBA
Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall
Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson
570-233-4000 adelano1230@gmail.com

CUB SCOUT NEWS
ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Fr. Nallin Hall
June 24th

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.
EARN EXTRA MONEY: Could you use a little extra income? Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing fieldwork.

Support Your Community
Decennial census data are used to determine your representation in Congress, as well as how funds are spent for roads, schools, hospitals, and more. Help ensure that everyone in your community is counted in the next decennial census.

Fit Your Schedule
Temporary positions for the 2020 Census feature flexible hours—a perfect fit if you are looking to earn a little extra money, even if you already have other commitments.

Be a Part of History
Every 10 years since 1790, the United States has undertaken the momentous task of counting all of its residents. This is your chance to play a role.

Apply here: https://2020census.gov/jobs
Employment Opportunities - 2020census.gov
View all employment opportunities at the Census Bureau. ... On the Census Team, every one counts, from the recent graduate to the career statistician whose analysis of statistical methodology puts you on the leading edge.

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.

THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: The Lower Wyoming County Food Pantry will have added hours to provide our community neighbors a more convenient opportunity to help stock their kitchen with staples. The Pantry will remain open as before on the first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:00AM. The new added hours will be on the first and third Monday evening of the month from 6:00-8:00PM. We are in need of a few new volunteers. Your scheduled two hour shift will take place perhaps three times a year. If you think that this is a service you would like to try, please call me and we can talk about it.
If you or someone you know from the Lower Wyoming County is in need of food, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your consideration....God bless!

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
An Engaged Encounter is a retreat weekend for engaged couples. It is an opportunity to gather with other engaged couples, to enjoy time both in groups and alone as a couple, and to dialogue about your future married life together.
A team of married couples, as well as a priest, present ideas related to many pertinent topics. The weekend concludes with a Sunday Mass celebration. With your pastor’s permission, an Engaged Encounter Weekend can qualify as PreCana preparation.
Engaged Encounter Weekends are held throughout the year, both through the Diocese of Camden and through the Diocese of Harrisburg. To learn more about Engaged Encounter, or to register for a weekend, go to http://www.endedencounter.org/.

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

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

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.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Our daily Mass schedule is:
Nativiy 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.

Mary Lou Franko (570-586-4811)
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The greatest dogma of the Christian faith is the mystery of the Holy Trinity. (Mystery, in this connection, means a supernatural fact revealed by God which in itself transcends the natural power of human reasoning.) During the first thousand years of Christianity there was no special feast celebrated in honor of this mystery, but, as Pope Alexander II (1073) declared, every day of the liturgical year was devoted to the honor and adoration of the Sacred Trinity.

However, to counteract the Arian heresy, which denied the fullness of divinity to the Son, a special Mass text in honor of the Holy Trinity was introduced and incorporated in the Roman liturgical books. This Mass was not assigned for a definite day but could be used on certain Sundays according to the private devotion of each priest. (Such Mass texts which are not prescribed but open to choice on certain days are now known as "votive Masses.") From the ninth century on, various bishops of the Frankish kingdoms promoted in their own dioceses a special feast of the Holy Trinity, usually on the Sunday after Pentecost. They used a Mass text that Abbot Alcuin (804) is said to have composed.

Thus the custom of observing a special feast in honor of the Trinity became increasingly popular in the northern countries of Europe. Several synods prescribed it for their respective territories in France, Germany, England, and The Netherlands. In the thirteenth century the orders of the Benedictines and Cistercians adopted the annual celebration of the feast. It was kept on different Sundays in different places, until in 1334 Pope John XXII accepted the festival into the official calendar of the Western Church and ordered that henceforth it should be held everywhere on the Sunday after Pentecost.

A new Mass text was written and published. It is interesting to note that the beautiful Preface of the Trinity as read today is the same one that appeared in the first text of the Sacramentary of Saint Gregory the Great. Most of the other prayers are of later origin. The Divine Office in its present form was arranged under Pope Saint Pius V (1572). It is one of the most sublime offices of the breviary.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity now belongs among the great annual festivals of Christianity. Although it is not observed with additional liturgical services outside the Mass, its celebration quickly took root in the hearts and minds of the faithful, and in all countries of Europe popular traditions are closely associated with this feast.

The making of the sign of the cross, which professes faith both in the redemption of Christ and in the Trinity, was practiced from the earliest centuries. Saint Augustine (431) mentioned and described it many times in his sermons and letters. In those days Christians made the sign of the cross (Redemption) with three fingers (Trinity) on their foreheads. The words ("In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost") were added later. Almost two hundred years before Augustine, in the third century, Tertullian had already reported this touching and beautiful early Christian practice:

In all our undertakings — when we enter a place or leave it; before we dress; before we bathe; when we take our meals; when we light the lamps in the evening; before we retire at night; when we sit down to read; before each new task — we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads.

During the first centuries of the Christian era the Holy Trinity was sometimes represented in paintings by three young men of identical shape and looks. By the sixth century, however, it had become an accepted practice that only the Father and Son should be shown in human form; the Holy Spirit is represented by the figure of a dove.

In medieval times there were many imaginative and symbolic pictures, as well as designs, to indicate the great mystery of the faith. The Church has not officially accepted any of them, has tolerated some, forbidden others. One of the best-known symbols of this kind is the trefoil ( shamrock). A second plant to which this symbolism is attached is the pansy (viola tricolor), which even today is called "Trinity flower" in many parts of Europe. In Puerto Rico a delicately perfumed white flower with three petals is called Trinitaria. Another symbol is the figure of a triangle (Trinity) surrounded by rays (divinity) with the picture of an eye inside the triangle (omniscience and providence). This design became very popular and may be found all over Europe in homes, on wayside shrines, and even in churches. An interesting version of this symbol may be seen in the Great Seal of the United States (reproduced on every one-dollar bill).

Whatever the weather on Trinity Sunday, it is said to be good and wholesome. "Trinity rain" is credited with special powers of health and fertility. Ghosts and witches are prevented from doing harm. Magic flowers blossom at midnight bestowing on their finders all kinds of miraculous benefits like the healing of diseases, discovery of hidden treasures, protection against accidents, and freedom from pain for the rest of the year.

On the other hand, in popular fantasy the neglect or desecration of this great Sunday is punished with dire misfortune. Those who refuse to attend service or who do menial work will suffer sickness, accidents, or even death within the year. Any work with metal instruments (including sewing needles) will bring the additional punishment of drawing lightning upon the house for the rest of the season. This superstition derives (as does that of Ascension Day) from the ancient lore of the death demons roaming the earth at this season of the year.
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.

+++++++++++++++++++++++ Nights 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 memory of
Joseph & Joan Jurista
Donated by their daughters, Sam & Meg

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.
+++++++++++++++++++++++ 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)

+++++++++++++++++++++++ Vacation Bible School 2019
“JESUS IS KING”
JULY 1-3
9:30AM – NOON
FATHER NALLIN HALL
AGE: FOR ANY CHILD ENTERING KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE
WE WILL BE DOING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES DAILY, SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN WEAR SNEAKERS EVERY DAY. EACH DAY WILL HAVE A DIFFERENT DRESS UP THEME.

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

+++++++++++++++++++++++ ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD
We all love to see our altars decorated so beautifully at Christmas and Easter. But 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.
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
Pietà Cemetery, one of our Parish Cemeteries (located on Dark Hollow Road in Tunkhannock Township) has burial lots available. For further info, to view the map of available lots and to inquire about prices & regulations, please contact our Parish Secretary, Mary Lou, at the Parish Office (570-836-3275).

Community News
St. Mary’s Center
320 Mifflin Avenue, Scranton
St. Mary’s
Old Fashioned Rib BBQ
Sunday, June 23rd – 12:00-4:00PM
Eat in or take out - $12.00
Tickets available at the door
570-343-5151

Sportsman’s Bingo
Sunday June 23rd 2:00-7:00PM
Shadowbrook Resort
201 Resort Lane, Tunkhannock
Over $10,000 in Prizes
Tickets $50.00 each
Funds to be raised for the Gold Star Learning Academy
st the former Mill City Elementary School
Call: Karen Thomas for Tickets
570-687-0783 OR
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sportsmans-bingo-tickets-59089260569?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete

The Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc.
570-836-4745
www.hswcPA.org
The Humane Society of Wyoming County is a non-profit, tax-exempt, all volunteer organization. Volunteers and donations always needed. If anyone is having trouble affording spay/neuter surgery, they should contact us; we may be able to help them find an affordable plan. If anyone suspects animal neglect/abuse, they should contact us. All calls are confidential.

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?
Contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055) to schedule the date that you desire and how you want it listed. Many weekends available.

Prayer Resources for Those Suffering from Addiction
The Diocese of Erie is providing a variety of resources for parishes and individuals to help pray for those suffering from addictions. Although designed with the opioid crisis in mind, these resources could also be helpful for those suffering from other addictions as well, including alcoholism and gambling. Visit https://www.ericerd.org/opioid.html to access the prayer services on the Diocese of Erie website, or visit https://store.fairthcatholic.com/meditations-and-prayers to order a booklet of Catholic prayers for family members whose loved ones are suffering from addiction.

Parish Bulletin Advertising
Space is currently available in our weekly parish bulletin for your business advertisement. Contact Dick Schwoebel, at (570) 836-3275 or (570) 677-7634 for information and pricing. Various sizes are available; the cost is reasonable.

St. Mary of the Lake
CCD News
Parents: Don’t forget to fill out your registration forms and get them back to me. Jenny Sinker

Words of Life
“Each [IVF and IVF] procedure involved living human beings—individuals with unique DNA, who deserve to be treated with the dignity of human persons. They should never be frozen or disposed of like laboratory waste than the rest of us. They bear—as all human beings do—the image and likeness of God, the Father of all.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Life Matters: Reproductive Technology

Line Dancing
Wednesday evening
7:00-8:30PM
Fr. Nallin Hall
All are welcome
NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE — WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2019

SATURDAY  JUN 15  5:00PM  LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF NATIVITY BVM PARISH
SUNDAY   JUN 16  7:30AM  LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF NATIVITY BVM PARISH
         JUN 9:00AM  LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF NATIVITY BVM PARISH
         JUN 11:00AM  LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF NATIVITY BVM PARISH
MONDAY  JUN 17  7:00AM  FRANK & MARY KOZIELSKI — OFFERED BY MARY ANN & FAMILY
TUESDAY  JUN 18  7:00AM  NO MASS
WEDNESDAY  JUN 19  7:00AM  MARY KUKUCHKA — OFFERED BY STACY & DOLORES
THURSDAY  JUN 20  7:00AM  NO MASS
FRIDAY  JUN 21  7:00AM  AL WYDA — OFFERED BY NORM HARDING
SATURDAY  JUN 22  5:00PM  ALL MY GRANDCHILDREN – OFFERED BY FLORENCE TROWBRIDGE
SUNDAY  JUN 23  7:30AM  JOSEPH FRANK – OFFERED BY HIS PARENTS
              9:00AM  AUDREY & DAVE ROOSA – OFFERED BY ANNA HARDISKY
              11:00AM  ALL GRADUATES

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. JUN. 15 & SUN. JUN. 16  SATURDAY 5:00PM  SUNDAY 7:30AM  SUNDAY 9:00AM  SUNDAY 11:00AM
Eucharistic  GARY TEWKSURY  DONNA KASKUS  ROY BRODY  DONNA KASKUS
Minister(s)  DONNA KASKUS  SUSAN BARZILOSKI  TAMMY NUDO  DEACON RAY
Lector  JOHN BURKE  JOHN BURKE  ROY BRODY  JOHN KEEFE
Altar  JOHN BURKE  JOHN BURKE  ROY BRODY  JOHN KEEFE
Server(s)  JOHN BURKE  JOHN BURKE  ROY BRODY  JOHN KEEFE
Offertory Gifts  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS
Collection Counters  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS

SAT. JUN. 22 & SUN. JUN. 23  SATURDAY 5:00PM  SUNDAY 7:30AM  SUNDAY 9:00AM  SUNDAY 11:00AM
Eucharistic  DONNA KASKUS  ROY BRODY  DONNA KASKUS  DONNA KASKUS
Minister(s)  ROY BRODY  ROY BRODY  CARL SHINKO  ROY BRODY
Lector  PAT MURRAY  PAT MURRAY  GENE SCHWEITZER  PAT MURRAY
Altar  PAT MURRAY  PAT MURRAY  GENE SCHWEITZER  PAT MURRAY
Server(s)  PAT MURRAY  PAT MURRAY  GENE SCHWEITZER  PAT MURRAY
Offertory Gifts  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS
Collection Counters  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS  SELECTION BY USHERS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
----- THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYELE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, JENNIFER BUNNELL, MARIE STAAR, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELLE MORTIMER, SHERI RAIL, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., CHERYL MACDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELEQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, MARGE HOBEN, BEN BROWN, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAVID DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DON WHITE, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, GARRETT CONOVER, ANALISA DOMINIC, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, BILL IVEY, VERNA PRAWDK, MATTHEW FORTESE, JACOB WALTER, CURTIS, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LÁBAR, TIKI LYNES, GRACE STURDEVANT, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSON, JEAN YABLONSKI, AUSTIN COBB, JERRY STROKA, LINDA NEMICIE, DIANE THOMPSON, ROSEANNE GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMOUR, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLISAN, JR., HELEN RAIL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, FLORENCE KEYES, LINDA RUEHLMAN, ROY PREVOST, ALLEN KEYES, CATHERINE LITWIN, JUDI HOWE, LEAH WILSEY, ANN ZACKARIAS, CHRISTOPHER BELL, NATHAN DELMAR, LINDA, KATHLEEN ALTEMUS, CARL ALTEMUS, MARY LOUISE BECKETT, PAULA MOELLER, GEORGE ZALEDONIS, PAT STASCAVAGE, JOHN RUEHLMAN JR, MICHAELA WIERNUSZ, MARY BOLOUSKI, PEGGY FINNEGAN, JOAN STEPHENS, PEG BALL, NORM BALL, BARBARA LOCKER, JOSEPH YAKOSKI, FATHER CHRISTOPHER MANUELE, RALPH SZAIKOWSKI.
----- 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  $3,295.00
Clergy Care  $149.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

JUL. 01-03  VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – 9:30-NOON – FNH
AUG. 28 -  WYOMING COUNTY FAIR
SEPT. 02
ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2019

SATURDAY JUN 15 4:00PM LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PARISH
SUNDAY JUN 16 9:00AM LIVING & DECEASED FATHERS OF ST. MARY OF THE LAKE PARISH
MONDAY JUN 17 8:00AM NO MASS
TUESDAY JUN 18 8:00AM CHRISTINE VANDERVEKEN – OFFERED BY HER FAMILY
WEDNESDAY JUN 19 8:00AM NO MASS
THURSDAY JUN 20 8:00AM MARTHA SHAFER – OFFERED BY GEORGE & ELINOR DOUGHERTY
FRIDAY JUN 21 8:00AM NO MASS
SATURDAY JUN 22 4:00PM MARY ANN KASZUBA – OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE
SUNDAY JUN 23 9:00AM VINCE & ADELE SYLVESTER – OFFERED BY THEIR FAMILY

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT JUN 15 & SUN JUN 16 SATURDAY 4:00PM SUNDAY 9:00AM
Eucharistic Eucharistic
Minister(s) Minister(s)
John John
Lector(s) Lector(s)
Altar(s) Altar(s)
Server(s) Server(s)
Usher(s) Usher(s)
Offerory Gifts Offerory Gifts
Collection Counters Collection Counters

SAT JUN 22 & SUN JUN 23 SATURDAY 4:00PM SUNDAY 9:00AM
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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: LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, CARMEN PIERCE, ELAINE HUG, CHASE RUSSELLO, 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 MAGNEZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, CAROLYN 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 IGNAKOVICH, MARY PETERSEN, SUE MIGLIORI, JOE SCHIAVONE, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, FLORENCE KEYES, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILIO, DICK & FLORENCE KELLY, MIKE HAMBURG, HARRETT MCGARRIGLE, JONI JAMES, KAY NIREIKA.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 16TH FOR MARYANN KASZUBA OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

JUL 06 NO 4:00PM MASS
JUL 07 DEDICATION OF NEW ALTAR – 9:00AM MASS WITH BISHOP BAMBERA
JUL 23 MINISTRY COMMITTEES MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL
AUG 28 WYOMING COUNTY FAIR
SEP 02 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & BREAKFAST
SEP 15 INSTALLATION OF CCD TEACHERS/ CLASSES BEGIN
SEP 22 CCD CLASS
SEP 29 CCD CLASS
OCT 06 CCD CLASS/BLESSING OF ANIMALS – NOON

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR - WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2019

SATURDAY OCT 19 4:00PM INSTALLATION OF CCD TEACHERS/ CLASSES BEGIN
SATURDAY OCT 26 4:00PM CCD CLASS/BLESSING OF ANIMALS – NOON

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:
Weekend Offering $ 1,143.00
Clergy Care $ 62.00

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