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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
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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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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

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FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH:

Brothers and Sisters,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for the gifts, well wishes, cards and family photos I received during the Christmas Season. I am so grateful for the kind words and love and support I get from my family and from both parish families. I'm grateful especially for Father Pat, who is a wonderful and supportive pastor; Father Bob, who is not only a spiritual man but also a wonderful friend of mine; and Father Dennis, who supports both of our parishes with his continued service. Oh and secondly, Happy New Year!!

As we begin 2017, maybe we can do as they do in the news and take one last look at the year that has gone by and look forward to making our new year's resolutions. As I look back on 2016, it was a quiet year in the beginning but as it went on, it grew louder and louder until BANG – we finished it up with a presidential election in November that created quite a lot of noise. This past August, Father Pat completed his first year as our Pastor and, true to promise, he didn't make any changes. He didn't but life did, as we had to say goodbye to some of our beloved parishioners from both parishes. One resolution I made last New Year's was to enjoy the Christmas season and I did – I even shocked my wife by helping put up the lights! Or I should say, I shocked her by agreeing to have lights. My kids used to ask me to decorate the roof and outside of the house but I always refused. I never felt the need to put lights up. So not only agreeing but helping this year was a notable event in my family. My wife even called my daughter to tell her that I did it. We live exciting lives.

Looking to 2017, I was struck with a thought – wouldn't it be nice if we could have two of everything? We could celebrate two birthdays... no, wait... that would make us twice as old; not a good thing. Well, maybe we could have two Fourth of July's, two Thanksgivings and two of all the other holidays – even Christmas. However, that might get expensive. And where would you hide all the gifts if this occurred twice?

Speaking of hiding things, my son, Brandon, asked if he could hide his kids' gifts in our garage and that reminded me of the year that Christmas did come twice in one year for our family. The year was 1987 and my parents couldn't visit on Christmas Day so they sent the gifts up early so that the kids would have them on time. I knew we couldn't keep them in the house (they knew all the hiding spots; my wife had to get creative one Easter and hid baskets in the hamper!). So I took them out to the garage and hid them. Christmas came and everything went as planned and the kids were happy with their gifts.



Winter moved into spring and then summer. We were having a cookout when my wife said go get the badminton set from the garage and, as I was looking around, I came across a black garbage bag filled with wrapped presents. So instead of playing badminton, they decided to unwrap their gifts and enjoy Christmas all over again. So sometimes you can enjoy something twice a year.

I hope you had a great Christmas and all the gifts were found and enjoyed, and now you are having a great New Year's Day watching football and simply enjoying each other's company. So on behalf of Fathers Pat, Bob and Dennis – and myself – Happy New Year!

P.S. I will be really happy if Penn State wins the Rose Bowl!

May God Bless You,

Deacon Ray

NATIVITY'S ACCLAIMED PIEROGIES: Going.....Going.....GONE! Thanks to everyone who bought our Christmas pierogies. **We're sold out.**



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

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

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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE:

Deacon Ray is conducting a Divine Mercy prayer service on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00PM in St. Mary of the Lake Church. **The next service will be held this Sunday, January 1st. All are welcome.**



POPE FRANCIS QUOTES: "Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good."



ALTAR SERVER CHRISTMAS GIFTS: We thank all of our Altar Servers for their dedication to this most important ministry in our churches. There is a Christmas gift for all of our altar servers in the sacristy. Your name is on the gift. **If you haven't already done so, please stop in the sacristy after Mass this weekend to pick up your gift.**

A NOTE FROM SML PARISHIONER JOSH FLAHERTY

I am proud to say that the selection committee from my university (Mercyhurst) has picked me to embark on a medical mission trip in March of 2017 to Valladolid, Mexico. Out of about 35 applicants, 12 were chosen to participate and I am 1 of only 2 freshmen in this group.

On the trip, we will donate hours of service to the community. Most of the trip revolves around the medical field so I will get to observe specialists from the United States performing surgeries. I will also get hands on experience in other aspects such as physical therapy and treating smaller injuries. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am grateful that I was selected.

Due to the fact that I am a college student, it is hard to come up with the necessary funds (\$2,100.00) for this trip. **Fr. Pat has graciously allowed me the opportunity to speak about my trip at most of the Masses in both churches next weekend (January 7-8) and to take up a special collection to assist me in this opportunity.** I gratefully request your assistance in that collection and I look forward to speaking to you next weekend about my trip. **Josh Flaherty**

Editor's Note: If you will be writing out a check for Josh's trip, **make the check payable to Nativity BVM or St. Mary's** and we will forward all funds collected to Mercyhurst on his behalf. **There is also a fundraising link (<https://hurstalumni.org/mexico>) for people who would prefer not to put it in the collection.** There is a box where you would insert Josh's name so that the funds are applied to his account.



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

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

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

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

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



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

NATIVITY BVM CHURCH:

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

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CHURCH:

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

Dear Parishioners:

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

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

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

Thank you.

Fr. Pat



SML TEE SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS: If you ordered a tee shirt or sweatshirt & have not yet picked it up, you will find it on a table in the hall after Mass this weekend.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd in celebration of the New Year's Holiday.

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.



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

NATIVITY
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TUNKHANNOCK, PA



ST. MARY
OF THE LAKE
LAKE WINOLA, PA

Two Parish Families – One Faith Community

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

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

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

Did you Know...?

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

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

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

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

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



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

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: December 24-25, 2016

Nativity BVM Church:

Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 2,518.00
Difference:.....**\$(2,282.00)**

St. Mary of the Lake Church:


Weekly Collection Goal*\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**\$ 1,025.00
Difference:.....**\$(975.00)**

NOTE: The totals above do not include the Christmas envelopes in this week's collection.

*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2016-2017 Parish Collections goal (envelopes and loose). It does NOT include Fundraising, Religious Education Income or any other income.

**Actual Offertory represents the total amount received in the weekly collection (not including special collections).

The generosity of our people is truly appreciated. We may not always reach our budgeted goals, but we are grateful to those who make a sacrifice on a weekly basis to sustain our parish ministries.

THANK YOU: I thank all and anyone who volunteers at the  Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen. Whether you volunteer in preparing and serving food, pick up the food products, provide canned goods or in any other capacity, thank you for your time and dedication in this mission of mercy. **Happy New Year!**
Fr. Dennis

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!!!

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

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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

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

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

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

Follow the Diocese on Social Media

Follow the Diocese of Scranton on our Twitter page:

www.twitter.com/DioceseOfScr

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

www.twitter.com/BishopBambera

Also check out our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton

You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at:

<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

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

BOY SCOUT NEWS



Next Committee Meeting:

January 9th

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall

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

CUB SCOUT NEWS

ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6:00PM – Fr. Nallin Hall

January 9th



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 11th**. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. **Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through Fr. Pat, Deacon Ray or the Parish Office before March 13th.**

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES/COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE:



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

LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM



2017 MASS INTENTIONS: Masses are filling up fast.

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

DIOCESAN NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WYOMING VALLEY PRO-LIFE EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Knights of Columbus of Wyoming Valley is sponsoring a Respect Life Mass. This Mass will be held on Sunday, January 15th @ 10:00AM in Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyersville. Following Mass, refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall. Father Joseph Pisaneschi, Pastor, welcomes all. Please attend and show your support for the respect of every Human Life through your prayers. Thank You.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

A Bus to the March For Life, Washington, DC, on Friday, January 27th, will leave from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville. For further information and reservations, please call Chris Calore @ 570-824-5621. Thank You.

RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST, SCRANTON AREA

The Scranton Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life, will hold their annual Respect Life Breakfast on Saturday, January 28th, at Fiorelli's Restaurant, Peckville. Mr. Steve Mosher will be Guest Speaker. For reservations (\$21.00), please call the Scranton PHL Office @ 570-347-8299. Thank You.

BISHOP LEADING JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:

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

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

Space is limited, so it is recommended that you call as soon as possible for reservations.

All arrangements and reservations are to be made through TRAVELWORLD. For information, call TRAVELWORLD at 800-828-6029 or visit www.asktravelworld.com.

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

Name _____
Current Address _____

Address while away _____

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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
THIRD ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE
Saturday, May 6, 2017
On the campus of King's College

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: In order to worthily receive Jesus in Holy Communion, you must be a Catholic who is in the State of Grace (without serious or mortal sin). Those who are not married according to teaching of the Catholic Church as well as non-Catholics are unable to receive Holy Communion. We encourage those in an invalid marriage to seek an annulment and to have their civil marriage blessed (convalidated) in the Church so that it will become a Sacrament and you will receive the grace of matrimony. Contact Fr. Pat or Deacon Ray for information regarding the annulment process and the blessing of your civil marriage. If you are unable to receive Holy Communion, we encourage you to make a "spiritual communion" by reciting the following prayer:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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

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.



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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

We celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave, which is an eight day extension of the feast. The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary; however in 1751, after a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. Eventually, the feast extended to other countries, and in 1914 began to be observed on October 11th. In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church, and in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar and replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the year.



The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Envelope Number: _____



MILITARY HONOR ROLL

PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

- MAJOR GEORGE D. KASZUBA, U.S. AIR FORCE (IRAQ)
- CORPORAL JOSEPH IGNATOVICH, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- SPEC. FRANK GAUS, U.S. ARMY SPEC. FORCES (VIETNAM)
- SPEC. WILLIAM F. MARRONE, U.S. ARMY
- PRIVATE JAMES DEEGAN, U.S. ARMY (NO. AFRICA, ITALY)
- MAJOR FRANCIS TURNER, U.S. ARMY (WW II)
- SPEC. 4 RANDY GREENIP, U.S. ARMY
- AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DONALD WHITE, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- AIRMAN BRUCE GELNETT, U.S.A.F. (KOREA)
- SPEC. 4 CARL I. PACKER, U.S. ARMY
- LANCE CPL RICHARD DOMBROSKI – U.S.MARINES (VIETNAM)
- STAFF SGT. RICHARD DOMBROSKI – NAT'L. GUARD (RET.)
- SGT. WALTER J. ZOLA, U.S. ARMY (KOREA)
- AE3 KENNETH C. FRANK, U.S. NAVY (KOREA)
- SSG WILLIAM SHAW, U.S. ARMY (GERMANY)
- SGT. JOHN WILPIZESKI, U.S. ARMY
- SFC TONY LANDI, U.S. ARMY (RET.)
- SGT. SAMUEL HERRING, US ARMY (KOREA)
- SGT. JERRY BEAUCHEANE, U.S. AIR FORCE
- PFC NICHOLAS KORDILLA, U.S. MARINE CORPS (WW II)
- SGT. NICHOLAS FERRUGGIA – U.S. MARINES

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.



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, January 6th is the First Friday of January. Confessions will be heard 15 minutes prior to the morning Mass at both churches.



Fr. Pat will take Communion to the Lake Winola area on Friday beginning at 9:00AM. Deacon Ray & Diane Stone will take Communion to the Tunkhannock area on Friday beginning at 9:30AM.

NIGHT PRAYERS with DEACON RAY



Tuesday evening prayers

5:00PM @ Winola View Apartments

All are welcome!

PRO-LIFE ROSE



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

Mary, Mother of God

Donated by the Pro-Life Committee

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

please contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055)

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.

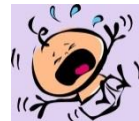
Nativity BVM

In need of a prayer shawl?

Please call Suer Barzilowski (570-836-1351)

Eucharistic Adoration

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



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

Line Dancing

Wednesday evening

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



Great for all cleaning projects!!

Available at the Parish Office

Only \$5.00

**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).

Nativity BVM CCD News

Our pancake and sausage breakfast was a big hit! We even had a surprise visit from Santa too. Many thanks to Sue and Sam Elias, Chris Evans, Greta, Tori and Lauren Kovalchick, Angie Burke, Sara Dunay, our Confirmation class and Steve Boyanowski for all of their help.

CCD will resume next Sunday, January 8th. Happy New Year to all of our CCD families and to everyone at Nativity BVM. **Mrs. B.**

CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE AT MASS

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



Community News

**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 suspects animal neglect/abuse, they should contact us. All calls are confidential.

If anyone is having trouble affording spay/neuter surgery, they should contact us; we may be able to help them find an affordable plan.

Words of Life

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. ... Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life."

**"10 Ways to Support Her When She's
Unexpectedly Expecting"**
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

St. Mary of the Lake CCD News

There is no CCD this week. Classes will resume next Sunday, January 8th. Happy New Year! God bless,
Jenny Sinker

LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

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

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.



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2017

SATURDAY	DEC.	31	5:00PM	THOMAS P. BELLUCCI – OFFERED BY HIS FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN.	01	7:30AM	NO MASS
			9:00AM	CECELIA KOBYSKI – OFFERED BY JERRY STROKA & FAMILY
			11:00AM	TERESA CRAWFORD – OFFERED BY CHRISTINE SHEFFLER
MONDAY	JAN.	02	7:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	JAN.	03	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	JAN.	04	7:00AM	ROBERT HUGHES – OFFERED BY EVELYN FORBA
THURSDAY	JAN.	05	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	JAN.	06	7:00AM	JOHN GLAUDEL – OFFERED BY LINDA KERSTETTER
SATURDAY	JAN.	07	5:00PM	GERARD MARINI – OFFERED BY SANDY & SUE
SUNDAY	JAN.	08	7:30AM	DON REGAN – OFFERED BY MARIE MIRABELLI & FAMILY
			9:00AM	DENNIS IDE – OFFERED BY JAMES & REBECCA FORTE
			11:00AM	JIM MANGANELLA – OFFERED BY DOLORES, CHERYL ANN AND JENNIFER

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

SAT. DEC. 31 & SUN. JAN. 01		SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		JOAN CHAPDELAINÉ SUSAN BARZILOSKI CINDY BROWN	ROY BRODY CARL SHINKO JOHN KEEFE	DIANE STONE DOLORES MANGANELLA GARY TEWKSBURY	
LECTOR		GRETA KOVALCHICK	ART DAVIS	TINA KALETA	
ALTAR SERVER(S)		ALYSSA KOVALCHICK LAUREN KOVALCHICK TORI KOVALCHICK	ABIGAIL KALETA MATTHEW KALETA	HELEN BELLUCCI THOMAS BELLUCCI ANTHONY ECKERT HANNAH ECKERT	
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS		SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	
COLLECTION COUNTERS				J. YABLONSKI, P. BROWN, C. KOVALCHICK	
SAT. JAN. 07 & SUN. JAN. 08		SATURDAY 5:00PM	SUNDAY 7:30AM	SUNDAY 9:00AM	SUNDAY 11:00AM
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		DOLORES KENNEDY LISA RANSOM CINDY BROWN	AGNES MASSACESI ALISHA NUDO NAN DeMARCO	LYNNE BINNER JOHN KEEFE GENE SCHWEITZER	DIANE STONE GARY TEWKSBURY DOLORES MANGANELLA
LECTOR		PAT MURRAY	SUSAN BARZILOSKI	RITA FITZGERALD	TONY ZEME
ALTAR SERVER(S)		BILLY PREBOLA MATTHEW PREBOLA MICHAEL PREBOLA	ELIZABETH DeMARCO LEAH DeMARCO PAUL DeMARCO	MARCUS BINNER PAUL BINNER THOMAS ELIAS	IAN BURKE SOPHIE BURKE MATTHEW WILLIAMS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS		SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS					J. MULLEN, V. MULLEN, A. DAVIS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

----- 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	\$2,518.00
Christmas	\$9,526.00

NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR

DEC. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 5:00PM	JAN. 22	CCD CLASS/5TH GRADE MASS – 9:00AM/ CONFIRMATION CLASS
JANUARY	NO ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING	JAN. 29	CCD CLASS
JAN. 01	NO CCD CLASS		
JAN. 01	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES – 9:00 & 11:00AM	FEB. 04	FIRST PENANCE SERVICE – 10:00AM (SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 11 – 10:00AM)
JAN. 02	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	FEB. 05	CCD BANNER SUNDAY – 10:00AM – FNH/ CONFIRMATION CLASS
JAN. 08	CCD CLASS/CONFIRMATION CLASS	FEB. 05	SCOUT SUNDAY – 11:00AM
JAN. 09	TECHNOLOGY MTG. – 6:30PM – ST. MARY OF THE LAKE HALL	FEB. 12	CCD CLASS
JAN 15	CCD CLASS		

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2017

SATURDAY	DEC.	31	4:00PM	JOSEPH & MARY GANZ – OFFERED BY CARL & MARIE PACKER & FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN.	01	9:00AM	TERESA WALL – OFFERED BY PAT WALL
MONDAY	JAN.	02	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	JAN.	03	8:00AM	MAURICE JOHNSON – OFFERED BY ELEANOR DOUGHERTY
WEDNESDAY	JAN.	04	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	JAN.	05	8:00AM	MARGERY duFOSSE – OFFERED BY THE 8:00AM MASS GROUP
FRIDAY	JAN.	06	8:00AM	ANGELO MACEDONIO – OFFERED BY JOHN OGOZALY
SATURDAY	JAN.	07	4:00PM	SUSAN CAWLEY – OFFERED BY RICK, MARY LOU & JULIA FRANKO
SUNDAY	JAN.	08	9:00AM	ANNE MUCKIN – OFFERED BY KEN & GAIL MATTEUCCI

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>SAT. DEC. 31 & SUN. JAN. 01</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY CAROL BALKO JONI JAMES	DEACON RAY HELEN FABIANI ANN MARIE GORKO
LECTORS	LISA JANOSKI	STEVE ZDANIEWICZ
ALTAR SERVER(S)	MICHAEL GREEN	ASHLEY KENIA RACHEL KENIA
USHERS	BILL SHAW & JIM BILLINGS	DAVE SINKER & DJ SINKER
GREETERS	JANET SHAW	JOHN HARRIS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		JACK HADDOW & FRAN MOLLUSKY
<u>SAT. JAN. 07 & SUN. JAN. 08</u>	<u>SATURDAY 4:00PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 9:00AM</u>
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)	DEACON RAY LISA JANOSKI DOROTHY TRAUGER	DEACON RAY ELLEN WENGEN DAVID SHYGELSKI
LECTORS	MARY LOU FRANKO	LEN NASH
ALTAR SERVER(S)	JULIA FRANKO	JAMES MIKUS ZACH HARRIS ZACH ZELNA
USHERS	BERNIE GARVEY & CARL PACKER	JEFF PIERCE & ED ULTSH
GREETERS	MARIE PACKER	BILL WATERS
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		DON & CAROL AMES

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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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
JANUARY 1ST FOR **MARY ANN KASZUBA**
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$ 1,025.00
Christmas	\$ 3,150.00

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR

<p>DEC. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS – 4:00PM</p> <p>JAN. 01 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – 9:00AM</p> <p>JAN. 02 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>JAN. 08 CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 09 TECHNOLOGY MTG. – 6:30PM – HALL</p> <p>JAN. 15 CCD CLASS</p> <p>JAN. 22 CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE/4TH GRADE MASS</p> <p>JAN. 29 CCD CLASS TILL NOON FOR RECONCILIATION PRACTICE</p> <p>FEB. 04 FIRST RECONCILIATION – 10:00AM</p> <p>FEB. 05 CCD CLASS/3RD GRADE MASS/BANNER DAY</p>	<p>FEB. 11 SNOW DATE – RECONCILIATION</p> <p>FEB. 12 CCD CLASS/VALENTINE BREAKFAST</p> <p>FEB. 19 NO CCD CLASS</p> <p>FEB. 26 CCD CLASS</p> <p>MAR. 05 CCD CLASS/1ST GRADE MASS</p> <p>MAR. 12 CCD CLASS</p> <p>MAR. 19 CCD CLASS/CONFESSIONS</p> <p>MAR. 26 CCD CLASS/PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN GRADE MASS/CONFESSIONS</p> <p>MAR. 28 CONFIRMATION – 7:00PM – CATHERDRAL</p> <p>APR. 02 CCD CLASS/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION LUNCHEON & MASS</p> <p>APR. 09 CCD CLASS/EASTER TREATS</p>
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