

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

*Nativity BVM Church
Tunkhannock, PA*



*St. Joachim Church
Meshoppen, PA*

APRIL 21 2024

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

99 East Tioga Street, PO Box 186
Tunkhannock, PA 18657
(570) 836-3275 (570) 836-4268 (Fax)

Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, and 11:00 AM
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 7:00 AM
Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair
Finance Council: Chris DeMarco, Chair
Confessions—Sat. 4:15 to 5

Saint Joachim Church

Sterling Street, Meshoppen, PA 18630

Masses:

Sunday: 9:00 AM
Thursday: 9:00 AM
Misa en Espanol—First & Third Sundays at 3pm
Rev. Kevin Miller —celebrant
Confessions—before the Sunday 9am Mass

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Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Pastor  
Deacon Raymond Pieretti, Pastoral Associate  
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**WELCOME!** We warmly welcome all to join us in worship of God. If you are new to our Parish community, Please contact the office at (570) 836-3275.

## **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**Nativity BVM - Sanctuary Candle for 1<sup>st</sup> week in April is for Robert Ottaviani by the family and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April is for Dominic Grandinetti given by the family**

Sat. 4/20/24 – 5pm – Charles Buffington given by Linda Buffington

Sun. 4/21/24 – 7:30am – Sergio Baconcini given by Tom & Tammy Daniels

Sun. 4/21/24 – 11am – Blessings for Lyle & Grace Sturdevant on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Mon. 4/22/24 – 7am – Rev. Charles W. Rokosz, given by a friend

Wed. 4/24/24 – 7am – John Ruhlman given by Linda & Sara Ruhlman

Fri. 4/26/24 – 7am – Gus DiStadio given by Don White

Sat. 4/27/24 – 5pm – Joan Jurista, given by Sam and Meg

Sun. 4/28/24 – 7:30am – Robert Haggerty given by his daughters

Sun. 4/28/24 – 11am – Helen Kalinowski given by the family

**St. Joachim – Sanctuary Candle for April is for the Lepo Family & JJ Baker given by Pat Baker**

Sun. 4/21/24 – 9am – Judy Bauman, given by husband Mike and children

Thurs. 4/25/24 – 9am – Collin Burton, given by Marilyn Burton

Sun. 4/28/24 – 9am – The Lepo Family & JJ Baker, given by Pat Baker

## **REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK**

**By your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.**

**Pray: Jesus, my life is a gift from you. When you want it back, I'll return it, knowing that I used the time and talent you gave me wisely. Amen**

**Heavenly Father, You provide my every need. I thank you for the life you gave me.**

**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.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenants 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.

## ***Prayer Requests***

CAROLYN MYERS, LYLE & GRACE STURDEVANT, SEAN COLLETT, MARY ANN BROWN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, KATHLEEN ALTEMUS, CARL ALTEMUS, , BRENT RANSOM, PAT & BILL STEAD, MARY PETERSEN, KATIE PACKER,, RON GORKO, FRAN MOLLUSKY, CURTIS EDWARDS, JOYCE PSARAS, RUTH ALTEMUS, DAVID MIKULKA, ,TIM WINTERS FRED STORY, EMILY RICKABY, ONDIE CUMMISKEY, ROBERT HAZELWOOD, NICOLE LEE, BONNIE FLYNN, STELLA MARABELL,, ELLIE DOUGHERTY MATTHEW FORTESE, THERESA CHIUMENTO, MATTHEW COLAVITTI, JILL & TY MOSER, CRISTEN PLACE CHARNLY , ANNA HARDISKY, DIANE POWELL, KELLY KULSICAVAGE, SCOTT JACOBY, COLE HENRY, CLAIRE HENRY, BOB SMALSER, ANDREW "ANDY" KUFFA, JR.,JANICE SHASSER, PRAYERS FOR A HEALTHY BABY FOR KAYLA BINNER DAVIS - MICHAEL JURISTA, JIM ALTEMUS, CARL SHINKO, JENNIFER BORDI

*Eucharistic Adoration* Wednesday after-  
noons from 3 to 4pm—Use side door by  
Rectory to enter the church— Rosary at 2:30

Save the Date for — *An Afternoon Tea*  
to be held on Sunday, April 28th at 2pm in  
Fr. Nallin Hall—Call the office for details

**Attention High School Seniors**

**The Anne Keane Townsend Scholarship is available to all Nativity BVM Parish Seniors. This year's theme is** “If I were a member of the United Nations, what would I bring or suggest as a formula for world peace?”

**Applications available at the Church office**  
(Completed applications & essays must be received no later than Monday, May 27th by 2pm)

**SAVE THE DATES—May 4th & 5th!** At St. Joachim's Parish Hall (Casino), Meshoppen, a Roast Beef Sandwich Event will be held (eat in or take out) from 10am to 4pm (or until sold out) The Event will also feature Basket & Gift Certificate raffles and three Artists— from the Wyoming Co. Artisan Trail. Tickets will also be sold after 9 o'clock Mass on April 21st & 28th.

**Country line dancing** Wednesday nights 7pm to 8:30 pm at Fr. Nallin Hall- Rosemary Lubinski —instructor

**PRO-LIFE ROSE:** The rose is present in front of the statue of Mary during the Masses and the intentions requested:

April 6-7—Respect Life in every season given by Katie Packer  
April 13-14—Linda Biel Krupovich given by Fran  
April 20-21—Open  
April 27-28—Open

Please contact the Parish Office to donate a rose for a special intention (570)-836-3275

**Easter Baskets Thank you**

Nativity Church's Human Needs Ministry extends a Thank you to all those people who donated food or money to make this project possible. The baskets are always a welcomed blessing to those of our parish and community who are in need of a helping hand. We were able to help 9 families.— A special thanks goes out to Chris Schweitzer, Terri Yurksis, Ruth & Gary Tewksbury, who helped sorting food and packing baskets.— A big thank you to Gary Tewksbury who helped gather the food, set up tables and clean up after we were done.

Thank you & God Bless *Mary Olshan*

**Around the Diocese...**

Speaker at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Dupont on Wed. April 24th at 6:30m—Dr. Larry Chapp—His topic is “The Universal Call to Holiness in Our Times” - free of charge.

St. Maria Goretti—Laflin—EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Thurs. May 2nd at 7pm—Speaker—reconciliation and social.

St. Joseph's Center in Scranton are taking donations for a Sidewalk sale—items are accepted every Saturday 9am to noon until May 4th at the DeNaples building —320 Blakely Street, Dunmore—no clothes or large furniture

**Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral**

**Sunday, June 23rd at 2:30—Couples who are celebrating a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary are cordially invited to be a part of this special Mass. A reception will follow. Registration deadline is May 26, 2024 Please go to the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-207-2213—ext.1133**