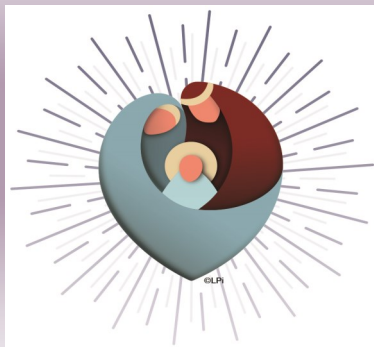


Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

*Nativity BVM Church
Tunkhannock, PA*



*St. Joachim Church
Meshoppen, PA*

MARCH 26, 2023

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

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 & Rev. John Ruth—celebrants
Pastoral Council: Geraldine Zionkowski, Chair
Finance Council: Chuck Bullock, Chair

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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 and Intentions

### Nativity BVM - Sanctuary Candle is available

Sat. 3/25/23 – 5pm – Paul Wozniak given by Gloria Pasternak

Sun. 3/26/23 – 7:30am – Joseph Frank given by his parents

Sun. 3/26/23 – 11am – The McMonagle Family given by Ken & Rose Layaou

Mon. 3/27/23 – 7am – Victor and Anne Schaefer given by Ruth & Gary Tewksbury

Wed. 3/29/23 – 7am – Kathleen M. Collett given by Tom and Diane Stone

Fri. 3/31/23 – 7am – Janet Kerner given by the Vanderveken family

Sat. 4/1/23 – 5pm – Beverly Connolly given by John & Linda Yablonski

Sun. 4/2/23 – 7:30am – Joseph Frank given by his parents

Sun. 4/2/23 – 11am – Margaret Lutostanski given by Diane & Tom Stone

### St. Joachim – Sanctuary Candle for March is in memory of Tom, Chris & Collin Burton given by Marilyn Burton

Sun. 3/26/23 – 9am – Collin Burton given by his grandmother Marilyn

Thurs. 3/30/23 – 9am – Beryle Ciprich given by Chuck Bullock

Sun. 4/2/23 – 9am – Lepo Family given by Pat Baker

### LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULE:

At the Tunkhannock Methodist Church

**Wednesdays at 12:15**

**March 29 Fr. Dennis  
Bajkowsky Matt 5:9—the  
peacemakers**

**April 5—Brother  
Walline—Matt 5:10—The  
persecuted.**

## REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

*...This week we reflect on movement from death into life...  
Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in  
me even if he dies, will live..*

**How do you make Easter easier? - You uncross the "t" and dot it!**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

CAROLYN MYERS, LYLE STURDEVANT, SEAN COLLETT, MARY ANN BROWN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, ROY PREVOST, KATHLEEN ALTEMUS, CARL ALTEMUS, MIKE DISTADIO, BRENT RANSOM, PAT & BILL STEAD, MARY PETERSEN, KATIE PACKER., RON GORKO, FRAN MOLLUSKY, CURTIS EDWARDS, PAT WALL, JOYCE PSARAS, HARRIET MCGARRIGLE, CORINNE LANE, JUDY BAUMAN, RUTH ALTEMUS, DAVID MIKULKA, GLORIA THOMAS, TIM WINTERS FRED STORY & JEFF WILSON

Call the Parish Office at (570) 836-3275 to add or delete anyone for the Prayer Request List.

**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 USSCB 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.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Nativity BVM 3 - 4pm Wednesdays

*Stations of the Cross* †

*Friday Evenings in Lent at 7pm Nativity BVM*

### St. Joachim Easter Basket collection

The Social Concerns committee will once again collect food items for the Easter Baskets. All donations will be used to make up baskets for those in need. Please leave all items at the doors of the church or at the CCD building next to the church

Thank you, *Marilyn Bell*

### *Remembrance of the Deceased*

Please remember in your prayers  
**WILLIAM COBB**, husband of Carol Cobb, both parishioners of Nativity BVM, Mr. Cobb was buried from Nativity on March 13th.

### **Rotary Annual District 7410 Dance**

Sat. April 1st at Shadowbrook 6 to 9 pm

Cash bar, appetizers, basket raffle

Photo booth & dancing

Tickets on Line \$25.00—Tunkhannock Rotary.org

### **“Moving Forward Together in Faith” Program**

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation. Please return the card whether you plan to keep your donation the same or plan to change the amount. Thank you!

**St. Mary of the Lake—Easter Candy is sold at Fr. Nallin Hall each Friday in Lent.**

### *THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!*

Nativity BVM will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Mondays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm during Lent. Please consider taking this time to receive this grace filled sacrament of our Catholic Church.



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

March 4-5—In memory of Don Olshan given by his wife Mary

March 11-12—Open

March 18-19—In memory of Josephine Wrona given by daughter Carol

March 25-26—Open

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

### **LENTEN HOLY HOUR**

With Bishop Bambera—Tues. March 28th

7pm at St. St. Anthony/Rocco = Dunmore, PA

### **Nativity Altar & Rosary**

~Important Meeting Many topics to ~  
discuss on Tues. April 11th at 12:45

### *~Lenten Food Sale~*

*Pierogies are sold Fridays in Lent at Father Nallin Hall from 10am to 6pm*

*—APRIL 5th—Clam chowder, haluski pierogis will be sold that day.*

*-No food sale on Good Friday-*

**St. Joachim's Elimination Party Saturday,**  
**May 20, 2023 at The Casino Hall in Meshoppen**

**Doors open at 6—Dinner at 6:30**

**Call (570) 280-8470 OR 836-3275 for tickets**  
**Sponsors are listed on the insert each week**

### **Easter Penance Services** †

*Nativity BVM—March 26th at 6pm*

*Our Lady of the Snows—March 27 at 7pm*