

# *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish*

*Nativity BVM Church  
Tunkhannock, PA*



*St. Joachim Church  
Meshoppen, PA*

**FEBRUARY 12, 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

Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Pastor

Deacon Raymond Pieretti, Pastoral Associate

Rev. Dennis Bajkowski,

Secretary: Diane Stone

Business Manager: Lucinda Brown

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LOVE AND  
SACRIFICE  
ARE AS  
INTIMATELY  
CONNECTED  
AS SUN  
AND LIGHT.”

- ST. GIANNA MOLLA

WIFE, MOTHER, AND PHYSICIAN

**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 Intentions

### Nativity BVM - Sanctuary Candle is available

Sat. 2/11/23 – 5pm – Joan Betts given by Heather

Sun. 2/12/23 – 7:30am – Charles Chellis given by Jane Wiernusz

Sun. 2/12/23 – 11am – Audrey Bates given by Diane & Tom Stone

Mon. 2/13/23 – 7am – Health & blessings for Tom Stone given by Marleen & Pete Butler

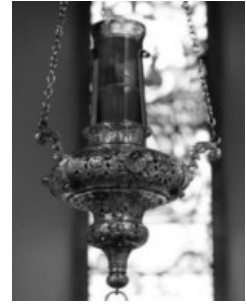
Wed. 2/15/23 – 7am – Health & blessings for Marie Mirabelli given by the morning Mass group

Fri. 2/17/23 – 7am – Virgil Colavitti given by Mr. and Mrs. John Hovan

Sat. 2/18/23 – 5pm – Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Yablonski given by John & Linda Yablonski

Sun. 2/19/23 – 7:30am – Happy Heavenly Birthday for Rita “Gigi” McMillan given by Marleen & Pete Butler and family

Sun. 2/19/23 – 11am – John J. Pasternak, Jr. given by Gloria Pasternak



### St. Joachim – Sanctuary Candle for February is for Richard Vosik given by Kathy

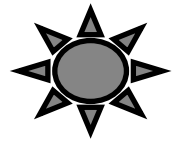
Sun. 2/12/23 – 9am – Josephine Storey given by the Stretch & Storey families

Thurs. 2/16/23 – 9am – Donald Hampsey given by Norm & Fran Stretch & family

Sun. 2/19/23 – 9am – Elizabeth Coleman given by Diane Yale

## REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

*I believe in the sun even when it's not shining  
I believe in love even when I am alone :)  
I believe in God even when He is silent*



## 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, ANJA LUBBE, JOYCE PSARAS, HARRIET MCGARRIGLE, CORINNE LANE, JUDY BAUMAN, RUTH ALTEMUS, TOM STONE & DAVID MIKULKA

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 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.

## First Communion Class 2023

Please keep these children in your prayers as they go forward towards their First Communion, on May 6th

*Cassady Agler, Elliott McGlynn and John Plishka* received First Reconciliation on February 4th.

## “Living Stations” 2023

On **Sunday, Feb. 19th** following the 11 o'clock Mass, we will hold a meeting in the church for any interested children, ages 8 and up and adults from Nativity and St. Joachim interested in taking part in the Living Stations. We will hold the Living Stations on Palm Sunday evening at 7pm at Nativity BVM.



## 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.

## “Moving Forward Together in Faith” Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming “Moving Forward Together in Faith” Program at Nativity BVM Parish. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of Nativity BVM Parish. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on March 4th and 5th. If you have any questions regarding this new Program, please contact the Parish Office.

## Around the Diocese...

### Dinner to Benefit—Providence Pregnancy Center

**Thurs, March 16 from 5-9—\$15.00 per person includes event and dinner—Speaker is Mark Houck & the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**  
**Contact Sandy Campbell at 570\_-862-3001**

## Eucharistic Adoration

Nativity BVM 3 - 4pm Wednesdays

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

Feb. 4-5—In Memory of Walt Zola, given by Ruth & Jim Altemus

Feb. 11-12—Open

Feb. 18-19—Happy Heavenly birthday to Rita “Gigi” McMillan given by Marleen & Pete Butler

Feb. 25-26—Open

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

## Country line dancing

 Join us Wednesday nights

7pm to 8:30 pm at Father Nallin Hall

Rosemary Lubinski – instructor

## Life Line Screening

This event will be held again this year at Nativity BVM, Father Nallin Hall on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Phone 1(800) 640-6307 or go to <https://llsa.social/HC> to register

## St. Joachim’s Elimination Party

**To be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023  
at The Casino Hall in Meshoppen**

**This is a fun filled night for everyone.**

**Call (570) 280-8470 for tickets**

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