



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH, DURYEA

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Nativity of Our Lord Duryea

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Masses: Daily, M-F – 7:00 am • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm • Sunday- 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Confession: Daily, M-F~6:40-6:55 am • Saturday- 3:15-3:45 pm, and anytime upon request.

✠ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ August 11, 2019 ✠

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

This Week

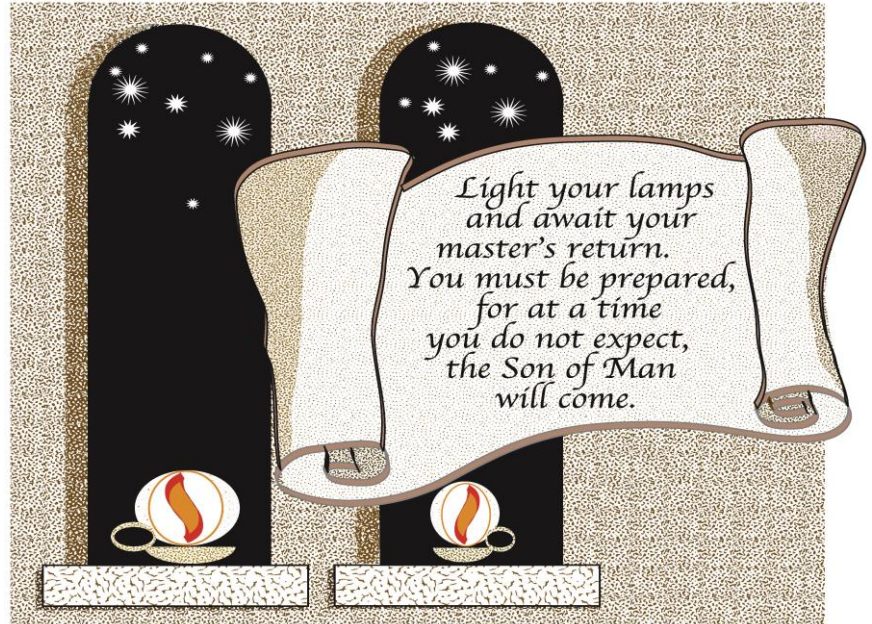
Thursday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for ALL Catholics, not so that our week be interrupted, nor that the Blessed Virgin Mary is in need of human accolades and praise, but rather – and far more important – that we, the Church, see in the mystery of her glorious Assumption our own future as believers. She is the first to follow Christ into heaven, body and soul. This gift and promise is for each of us – for our loved ones. God has done it, and will do it again on the last day! Let us rejoice and find comfort in this mystery! This is truly what can be called the first of the harvest feasts – as our fields begin their yield, and our hearts look ahead past summer, to the months ahead!

BLESSING OF FLOWERS AND PRODUCE

Since ancient times, vegetables, fruits and flowers have been blessed on this day. During the masses, we will continue the traditional blessing of flowers, vegetables, herbs and other produce.

Please place the items on the table at the Shrine of Our Blessed Mother. We thank God for the harvest that is now beginning to come in. May Our Lady, the first of Christ's harvest, who was assumed body and soul into His Kingdom, prepare places for us.

**Flowers, herbs, and produce
will be blessed at each Mass.**



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Questions for personal reflection based on this Sunday's readings...

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. ~

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

~Luke 12:40, 48

Considering that the end may come at any time, am I prepared?

What can I do to prepare myself for my end time?

Information

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Religious Ed (CCD)

Mrs. Tara Kucharski, Coordinator

For information concerning Religious Education of children not enrolled in a Catholic School, please call the rectory at (570) 457-3502, or Tara at (570) 309-8514.

Post Confirmation and Adult Religious Studies

Please call Mr. David Tighe at the rectory or check bulletins, Facebook, and our parish web page for seasonal Bible Studies, Classes, and formation opportunities.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (for a complete list, go to www.dioceseofscranton.org)

Holy Rosary School, PK-8

Mrs. Melissa Skutack, Principal

125 Stephenson Street

Duryea, PA 18642

Tel: (570) 457-2553

Fax (570) 457-3537

E-mail: hursduryea@hotmail.com

Holy Redeemer High School

Mrs. Doreen Dougherty, Principal

159 S. Pennsylvania Ave.

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Tel: (570) 829-2424

Fax: (570) 829-4411

Web: www.holyredeemerhs.org

Enroll today. Please call to make an appointment to tour our schools. Please ask about scholarships, tuition assistance, and the gift certificate program.

Information concerning CCD Registration, class schedule, etc., was sent out this week. Enjoy the rest of summer vacation!!!

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS AND INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12-18, 2019**

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon	12	7:00am	Isabelle Pollard <i>(by Joseph Felter)</i>
Tue	13	7:00am	James and Clara Palumbo <i>(by William and Debbie Orner)</i>
Wed	14	7:00am 4:00	Allen Starzec <i>(by Wife, Sherry)</i> Margaret, Leo Sr. and Lea Glodzik <i>(by the Family)</i>
Thu	15	7:00am 12:00 Noon 7:00pm	Paul Coleman <i>(by the Orner Family)</i> For the Intentions of Our Parishioners Ralph Trotta <i>(by Angela and Ron Metcho)</i>
Fri	16	7:00am	Hazel and Dominic Tacconelli <i>(by the Family)</i>
Sat	17	4:00pm	Aldona Morris <i>(by Beverly and James Scalise)</i>
Sun	18	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Betty Tonkin <i>(by Frank Duszak and Family)</i> For the Intentions of Our Parishioners John Zielinski <i>(by Sister, Regina Callis)</i>

VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS

Sacred Heart of Jesus	Joseph Fahey	<i>(by Jacqueline Vitek)</i>
Blessed Virgin Mary	Arthur and Mary Vignali	<i>(by Daughter, Janice Nowakowski and Family)</i>
St. Joseph	Walter Zavrotny	<i>(by Wife, Carol and Family)</i>

AUGUST

13 Tuesday

-Parish Council, 6:30pm, Rectory

15 Thursday

The Assumption – Holy Day of Obligation

21 Wednesday

-Rel. Ed. Registration, 6:30-7:30pm, School

25 Sunday

- Rel. Ed. Registration, 9:45-10:45am, School

SEPTEMBER

8 Sunday

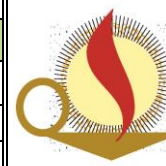
-CCD Begins, 9:45-10:45am, School

-8th Gr. CCD, 5:15-6:45pm

10 Tuesday

-Pastoral Council, 6:30pm, Rectory

More events and details online at www.nativityduryea.org



Be like those
awaiting their master's
return so when he arrives,
you can open the door
without delay.

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~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~ for the weekend of July 27-28, 2019

\$4,132 Sunday; \$305 Loose; \$1,073 Secondary; \$633.75 Care & Education of Priests

Online Giving: \$635 Sunday; \$113 Secondary; \$53 Care & Education; \$5 Assumption; \$13 Cemetery; \$5 Initial

Loaves and Fishes: August: Sugar and Sweeteners

On **Wednesday, September 4**, Nativity of Our Lord Parish will sponsor a

Take-Out Beef and Pork BBQ Dinner

The menu will feature a choice of 2 sandwiches, a bag of chips and a piece of homemade cake at a cost of \$10.00 per dinner. All dinners must be pre-ordered by filling out the form below or calling the Rectory at 570-457-3502 during business hours. The orders can be picked up in Sacred Heart Hall on September 4 between 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Please consider choosing this for your dinner plans...every little bit helps!

Thank you!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total Number of Dinners _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please indicate choice of sandwiches (select 2 per dinner)

Beef _____ Pork _____

Please return this form to the Rectory by Friday, August 30.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED/HELPED WITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A sincere thank you to all who helped make last week's Vacation Bible School such a huge success! To the young people who attended, the older students who assisted, and the adult co-ordinating team and volunteers - we are grateful. As a joint parish activity, Father Polednak, Father Sladicka and Father Petro join together in saying how pleased they are in the outcome of all the planning and preparation. It was truly a beautiful week spent looking more closely at the parables of Jesus, and finding "hidden treasure" in the words of these gospel stories!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, August 14-15:

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Vigil, Wednesday, August 14 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, August 15 - 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, and 7:00 pm

Please see full article on front cover.

CCD NEWS

CCD classes for the upcoming school year begin on September 8, from 9:45-10:45 am for grades K-7 and from 5:15-6:45 pm for grade 8. Registration will take place on Wednesday, August 21, from 6:30-7:30 pm and again on Sunday, August 25, from 9:45-10:45 am in Holy Rosary School Gym.

Families have been mailed Registration forms which we ask that they fill out (new students) or review for any changes/corrections (for returning students) and return them along with the appropriate fee on registration day.

HELP WANTED - High school, college, and adult volunteers of all ages are requested as volunteers for our Religious Education Program to work as teacher's aides, door monitors (for child safety), and helpers with the program. This is an excellent way to gain service hours, or to share your love of our Lord and His holy Church. Please call Tara Kucharski, Coordinator, at 570-309-8514, or the Rectory.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As the school year approaches, it is time to look towards the sacraments of First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation. Information will be sent home in the coming weeks, and dates will be announced for meetings with the parents of those children in Second and Eighth grade, as well as the dates for these Sacraments. We ask that ALL children in the parish be enrolled in either a Catholic School, or in the Religious Education Program here in our parish, particularly those preparing for Sacraments.

GIFT CERTIFICATES The next sale will be on Wednesday, August 21, from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Rectory.



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN SOMETHING??

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and **CONFIRMATION PICTURES** are still available for pick-up in the parish office during ordinary hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

THERE'S A DESK WAITING FOR YOU!!

New students are always welcome at Holy Rosary School in Duryea! We are happy to enroll students in grades Preschool to 8th grade anytime. If you are searching for a caring environment that offers academic excellence in a faith-filled environment, please call our office at 570-457-2553 or visit us online at www.holyrosaryduryea.org to learn how Holy Rosary School could be the right choice for your child. Tuition assistance is available.

IN THE COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT - Three-day summer retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ, Tuesday, August 13-15. Bus leaves from Dunmore. \$350 includes meals and lodging. Sponsored by St. Raphael Society Prayer Group. Please call Barbara McCarthy for more information at 570-347-8314.

TRIDUUM AND FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

The Oblate of St. Joseph Fathers will hold the Annual Triduum and Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The Triduum (three days of prayer) will be held on August 30-31 and September 1 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel on Route 315 in Laflin with a Mass at 7:00 pm followed by special prayers to St. Joseph. Confessions and the Rosary will precede the Mass.

The Feast will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, with a Solemn Mass at 11:00 am. Serving as Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop John M. Dougherty, DD, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton. The special intentions for the Triduum celebration include: *for all employed and unemployed, for students, teachers, administrators, and staff, for peace and prosperity in our families, for peace in the world and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life to serve Jesus' Church.* Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please contact the OSJ Seminary Office at 570-654-7542.

BUS TRIP to DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Bus leaves at 7:00 am from the Oblates of St. Joseph rear parking lot, 1880 Highway 315, Pittston

Estimated arrival at the Shrine is 11:00 am. All events will take place at the Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine.

ITINERARY

- 11:00 am Talk on St. Faustina
- 1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
- 1:30 pm Rosary for Life
- 2:00 pm Holy Mass
- 3:00 pm Chaplet & Benediction, blessing of religious articles, veneration of a first-class relic of St. Faustina
- 4:45 pm Departure from Shrine
- 5:00 pm Dinner at Cork 'N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA
- 11:00 pm Arrival at Oblates of St. Joseph

Cost is \$75 per person and includes complimentary snack items and water, bus trip, Shrine fee, bus driver's tip, and a full-course meal at Cork 'N Hearth Restaurant in Lee, MA. Please contact trip coordinator, Cathy Mack, at 570-654-6063 for reservations.



Wherever your treasure lies,
there your heart will be.



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