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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.



Second Sunday of Advent ❖ December 10, 2017

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

Patience

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

(2 Peter 3:9)

With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

A voice of one crying in the wilderness



**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD
MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS**

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'Tis the Season...

You Are Cordially Invited to come Christmas Carolling!!!

For the past few years, members of our parish music ministry have gone Christmas Carolling to spread Christmas Cheer at a few area retirement and nursing homes.

This year, as requested, we invite any individuals or families interested to come along. Taking a Sunday afternoon, and visiting with residents, singing, and enjoying each other's company is a great way to add to your holiday season. Carollers will meet on Sunday, December 17th, at 3:30 pm in the Sacred Heart parking lot. Songbooks will be provided, and no experience is necessary. We hope to see you there!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

sponsored by the Nativity of Our Lord Parish Men's Society.

The Society invites you to our breakfast Sunday (today), December 10, from 8:30am-12:30pm at Sacred Heart Hall.

Menu Includes: Scrambled Eggs, Home fries, Kielbasa & Ham, Pancakes, Danish & Beverage.

Tickets: Adults- \$9, Children (5 - 12 yrs)- \$5 (4 & Under)-Free.

Contact: Jef Bauman (570) 881-6006 or Mike Wasko (570) 885-6267.

Tickets will also be available at the door.



Haul out the Holly

On Monday, December 11th, we will begin "greening" our church by putting up and fluffing trees, swags, wreaths, etc. Although early this year, doing the hard work now will allow more time for prayer and reflection in the last days of Advent. Come give a hand if you are able.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4-10, 2017

Mon	11	7:00am 1:00pm	Veronica Kulas (by Rosalie and Robert Gudz) Advent Prayer Service
Tue	12	7:00am	Victor J. Salidas (by Family)
Wed	13	7:00am 1:00pm	Victor L. Salidas (by Family) School Holy Hour
Thu	14	7:00am	Francis Zujkowski (by Dolores and Richard Klink and Family)
Fri	15	7:00am	Edward Romanoski (30-Day—by Family)
Sat	16	4:00pm	Lea Glodzik (by the Glodzik Family)
Sunday	17	8:00am	Ruth Pernot (by the Pernot Family)
		11:00am	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
		5:30pm 7:00pm	Confessions, 5:45-6:45pm Gerald Butler (by Diane Freas)
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Dorothy Dulny (by Niece, Beverly Dulny)	
Blessed Virgin Mary		William Bernard (by Wife, Regina, Pat & Christa Murman and Carla Reck)	
St. Joseph		Carol Mesaris (by Mary Alice Hodick)	

~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~
for the weekend of December 2-3, 2017

\$4,416.30 Sunday; \$1,181 Secondary; \$204.51 Loose;
\$603.95 Care & Education of Priests

Online Giving: \$455 Sunday; \$63 Secondary; \$65 Care & Education of Priests; \$3
Cemetery; \$10 Immaculate Conception



LOAVES AND FISHES December: Non-Dairy Creamer

PARISH CAMPAIGN - Please consider making your gift today! Thank you to those parishioners who have responded so far to the next phase of work here at Nativity.

**Other Activities/Events
This Week:**

Sunday –
Men's Society Breakfast,
8:30-12:30 SHH
CCD, 9:45-10:45 am

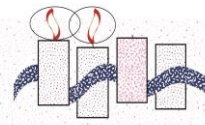
Monday –
Christmas Tree Fluffing, etc., 5:30 – 9pm
All are welcome, HRC

Wednesday –
Children's Choir 5:15pm
Senior Choir, 6:30 pm
Women's Society Christmas Bag Prep,
6:30 pm, Rectory

Thursday –
Holy Rosary School Christmas Concert
9:00 am and 6:30 pm, Auditorium
Women's Society Yoga, 6:30pm, SHH
Prison Ministry Support, 6:30pm,
In the Rectory

Saturday December 16 -
Cookie Sale

Sunday December 17 –
Cookie Sale
CCD Christmas Pageant, 9:45 am
Christmas Caroling ~~~
Meet at 3:30 in the Sacred Heart Lot
Confessions: 5:45pm -6:45pm



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CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES TO ARRIVE SOON - Children who have been using their envelopes will receive them again this year (2018). Children whose parents give for the family, or those children who haven't used their envelopes, will not be provided with envelopes for 2018, so as not to be wasteful and provide envelopes to children who are not in a habit of using them. We understand that some families have begun adding their child's offering to their own adult contribution, and to be sure, each and every gift to the parish is appreciated, yet there is cause for a little concern. The practice of providing a child with a few quarters or dollar or so to place in their own envelope, and then place it in the basket seems to be declining. Please remember, the purpose for providing children's envelopes is not necessarily to bolster our parish income, but rather to teach children in a real way the need to provide for the church. Anyone who wishes to begin anew with your child and the use of offertory envelopes may call the office anytime. Thank you.



PARISH CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE after all the Masses on Saturday, December 16, and Sunday, December 17, in the church hall. Homemade cookies of all varieties will be available for purchase right in time for the Christmas holidays. We ask the bakers of our parish to contribute by baking some of their favorite cookies and sharing them with us. If you are able and willing to do this, please contact Lois Hanczyk at 570-457-2482 or 570-313-8188.

MEMORIAL TREE - If you would like to offer an ornament for the tree, please call or stop by our office during regular business hours. The Memorial Tree will be placed in the church on the weekend of December 16th and 17th. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 570-457-3502.



WITH PARISH SYMPATHY—Our prayers are requested for Ellen Kobal whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday. May the Risen Christ embrace her in His eternal love and peace, and give His comfort and consolation to her family and friends. Our parish sympathy is extended to them in their loss.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS--All parishioners are invited to the Religious Education Christmas Show on Sunday, December 17, in the School Auditorium starting at 9:55 am. Light refreshments will be served afterward in the school cafeteria.

The **GIFT CERTIFICATES** that support Holy Rosary and our other Diocesan schools will be available on Thursday from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Holy Rosary Church Hall.

PRISON MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Back in September, Deacon André started working with Father Mike Kloton at Retreat State Correctional Institute in Hunlock Creek. Anyone interested in hearing about his experiences thus far is invited to attend a meeting on Thursday evening, December 14@ 6:30 in the Library meeting room in the rectory, adjacent to the church. We will discuss how we as a parish can provide support and minister to those in prison. Although the prison is not a place that anyone can just walk in and visit, there are various means that we can provide our support. Anyone is welcome to attend.

BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplutki) for use at your Christmas dinners and celebrations will be available after Masses throughout the Advent season. We hope you can keep this tradition alive in your homes. A donation of \$2 is sked to cover the cost of the wafers, and shipping and handling.

STUFF THE STOCKINGS



The 7th grade class and the Student Council of Holy Rosary School thank everyone who donated items for the stockings for their generosity! You helped make this project a huge success!

BOLD CHOICES RETREAT (*Finding Your Passion and Living It Fully*) Join us for a young adult (18-35) retreat at Saint Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Summit January 5-6. The 24-hour retreat will include presentations and interactive sessions on prayer, making choices based in faith, finding your passion, the art of discernment, small group discussion & more. Cost is \$65.00. For more information and/or to register, visit vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

One mightier than I is coming after me.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.



TWO LITTLE REMINDERS

As mentioned at Mass last weekend, parking is sometimes an issue – and not because of a lack of spaces. Below are a couple of reminders concerning you, the parishioners, some who may not realize that several of the closest spots to the church are often unused... Also, with Christmas around the corner, it is a good time to remind all parishioners to be welcoming to those who may need a seat.

1. PARKING: There are four parking lots available for use at our church: Two in front, on the corner of Stephenson Street and Church Street, and two behind, on Dickson Street. The lots, along with the street parking available along our parish property, provide 98 parking spaces...without blocking driveways, lot exits, or hydrants.

~~*Please remember the following:*

- Please avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbors, or the garage at the Pastor's house (*former convent*) Please Do Not Block Lot entrances or exits, or park across crosswalks or on yellow lines.
- Enter the Stephenson Street lots from Church Street, and exit onto Stephenson Street
- Enter the Dickson Street Lots (*those behind the school and church*) from Dickson Street and exit using the ally behind the church and school.

The Dickson Street lot behind the church is not yet paved, but is graded, and ready for use, and is the closest lot to the back entrance and ramp into the church.

2. SEATING: Our Blessed Lord calls each of us to welcome the stranger, and to receive little children. These are not ambiguous words from Sacred Scripture, they are a direct instruction from Christ to each of us. To the best of anyone's knowledge, assigned seats are not given to parishioners. Although concerns of sitting too close to someone who may be sick, wearing too much perfume or cologne, etc., can certainly be understood, refusing to slide down and allow people in when the church is full, or even making people walk around and enter from another aisle rather than standing to allow them into a pew can seem rude and unwelcoming.

~~*Please remember:* we share our Church building with each other – and were brought up to be ladies and gentlemen – placing the needs of others before our own...please be courteous and accommodating to each other in the pews. Also, be aware when putting on perfume and cologne, it is winter and there is not as much fresh air moving through the building – a little bit goes a long way.

And keep in mind, the stranger looking for a seat may be someone returning to church and to the sacraments after months or years away. It is the responsibility of each and every parishioner to bring others to Christ. Sometimes all it takes is a smile and kind gesture.



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