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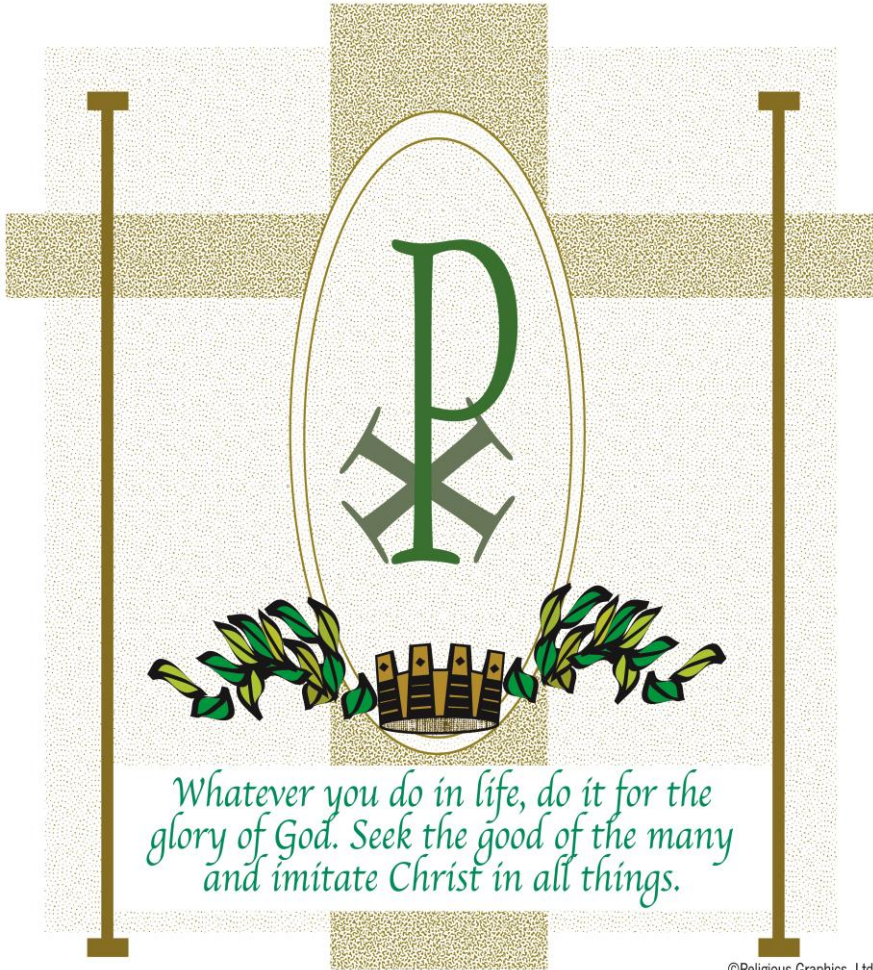
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Masses: Daily, M-F – 7:00 am • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm • Sunday- 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ☒ February 11, 2018



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Ash Wednesday Schedule

7:00 am Mass

9:00 am Mass

11:00am Service at Crossin Towers

12:00pm Liturgy of the Word ~ Ashes

4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word ~ Ashes

7:00 pm Mass

Blessed Ashes may also be taken in an envelope, a kerchief or napkin to those at home, in the hospital, or to a nursing home, and imposed using one of the following formulas:



Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

~or~

Repent and Believe in the Gospel.

Bring in your Old Blessed Palm

Baskets for the collection of last year's Blessed Palm can be found in the entrances of the church. Please remember to bring the palm by this Tuesday - BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY - to be burned along with the rest. It is the burning of old palm that gives us the blessed ashes used at the beginning of our Lenten fast and penance.



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

Models of Christ

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

(1 Corinthians 11:1)

Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?

What can you do this week to be an example to others?

ASH WEDNESDAY

vs. St. Valentine's Day

As most of you may already know, St. Valentine's Day falls on ASH WEDNESDAY this year. Please make plans to celebrate with your special sweetheart a day earlier on Tuesday, on the weekend, or even a day later. Please REMEMBER: Ash Wednesday is a day of FAST and ABSTINENCE - like Good Friday. No Meat, and one full meal with two partials are a serious obligation for all Catholics unless prohibited because of age or infirmity. Although the "Letter of the Law" can be served by a lobster dinner or stuffed flounder, the "Spirit of the Law" is one of Penance. Some pizza or a tuna hoagie, and a quiet evening home following church together might be a better choice.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12-18, 2018

Mon	12	7:00am	Jacinta Ann Nocera (<i>by Mother, Lucille, Sister, Theresa & Brother Scott Carey</i>)
Tue	13	7:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gruszkiewicz (<i>by Elaine Dankulich</i>)
Wed	14	7:00am	John T. Milus (<i>by Daughter, Sister Anna Mae</i>)
		9:00am	Claire Gromelski (<i>by Joan Waters</i>)
		11:00 am	Service of the Word at Crossin Towers, with Imposition of Ashes
		Noon	Service of the Word with Imposition of Ashes
		4:00pm	Service of the Word with Imposition of Ashes
		7:00pm	Leo and Josephine Decker (<i>by The Decker Family</i>)
Thu	15	7:00am	James Kersey (<i>30-Day--by Family</i>)
Fri	16	7:00am	Frank Lojewski (<i>by Betty Burke</i>)
		7:00pm	<i>Exposition, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Benediction</i>
Sat	17	4:00pm	Joseph Chipolis (<i>by Parents</i>)
Sunday	18	8:00am	Sophia Stascavage (<i>by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Orlosky</i>)
		11:00am	YOUTH MASS: For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
		7:00pm	Robert Yuhas (<i>by the Yuhas Family</i>)
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		James Kersey (<i>by Pat and Christa Murman</i>)	
Blessed Virgin Mary		Helen Zuro (<i>by Daughter, Mary Ann</i>)	
St. Joseph		Rebecca Shubilla (<i>by Denise and Bill Decker</i>)	

Other Activities/Events
This Week:

Sunday, Feb. 11

CCD, 9:45-10:45 am, HRS
Confirmation Formation Session I,
5:30-6:45 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectorry

~ LENT BEGINS ~

Ash Wednesday

See Liturgy Schedule for Mass and Service Times

No Junior or Senior Choir rehearsal this week

Thursday, Feb. 15

Gift Certificates, 8:00-10:00am, HRCH
Youth 3rd Grade Class Mass Practice,
6:00pm, HRC
Women's Society, 6:30pm, Rectorry

Friday, Feb. 16

Lenten Food Sale, 11:00-6:00

~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~ for the weekend of February 3-4, 2018

\$4,335.50 Sunday; \$1,399 Secondary; \$255.01 Loose; \$475.70 Care & Education of Priests
Online Giving: \$530 Sunday; \$123 Secondary; \$10 Initial; \$70 Care & Education of Priests

LOAVES AND FISHES February: Sugar & Sweeteners



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 - A) Easy handicap access to the hall and church, with a restroom for those with limited mobility; and B) Paving of the new lot directly behind the church.

"POT OF GOLD" RAFFLE tickets are available in the vestibule of the church. Please take yours and make returns as soon as possible.

SPRING STUDY SERIES: UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE!

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. Nativity of Our Lord Parish will offer *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on Monday, February 19, at 6:30 pm. We will meet on Feb 19 & 26, March 5, 12, & 19, and April 2, 9, & 16. If there is interest, a morning session will be scheduled for Tuesdays at 9:00 am, so please indicate interest on the form below.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious color-coded *Bible Timeline*. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You'll see how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice. The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. You can sign up for the study by filling out the form below, or filling out the form on our parish web page - www.nativityduryea.org. You will receive a color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart, a Bible study workbook, and also the ability to stream the study videos online at your convenience for review.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE Study Series

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Sign Me up for Monday Evenings

I would be interested in attending on Tuesday Mornings

FLU SEASON REMINDERS AND DIRECTIVES The following has been shared by Msgr. Muldowney, Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton:

Due to the widespread influenza (flu) activity currently taking place across the state of Pennsylvania and our nation, the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are urged to observe the necessary standard precautions in protecting the health of others during this flu season. Because influenza is a contagious respiratory illness, some basic measures that can help to prevent the spread of influenza include: Practicing good hygiene, especially by washing your hands frequently with soap and water, and if possible, to use a hand sanitizer; Avoid touching your mouth, eyes and nose; Covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough (*usually by doing so into your inner elbow rather than your hand*); and Getting a flu vaccine each year.

Parishioners should likewise be reminded that:

- If they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others.
- If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.
- The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill.

Please be aware that our Church building, School, Halls and facilities are cleaned regularly during this time, even daily in some instances, using antibacterial and anti-viral products. This includes railings and doors, restrooms, furniture, and Holy Water Fonts. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will also be taking extra precautions. Germs are a normal part of life, and in most cases, soap and water cleans all but sin. Though there is no cause for fear or alarm, a little prevention goes a long way.

◆ ◆ LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK ◆ ◆

A TIME OF SHARING

During Lent we are called upon to share our blessings with the poor and less fortunate in our midst and in the world. Set aside some of your blessings to help others--be it through the Church or other charitable agencies and organizations in our area. The customary RICE BOWL appeal is being made throughout our country during Lent. Rice Bowl containers and other information may be found on the tables at the doors of our churches. Volunteer or donate to the Care and Concern Clinic in Pittston, or remember the Loaves and Fishes program here at Nativity.

A TIME OF PRAYER and REFLECTION

Prayer and reflection are essential for a successful season of Lent. In addition to our personal time of prayer at home or in the quiet of a church, you are encouraged to participate in the Masses and services in our parish and community. How might we approach this Lent? One day at a time...

DAILY MASS: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m.

DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS are available in church Two types will be available - The Little Black Book (daily reflections) and Father Sica's "Finding Hope when Life Hurts" - Lent 2018"

MONDAYS:

CONFESSIONS "The Light Is On For You" 5:30-7:00 p.m. throughout the Diocese of Scranton (February 19, 26, March 5, 12, and 19)

ADORATION of the Most Blessed Sacrament each Lenten Monday from 5:30-6:30, concluding with Benediction.

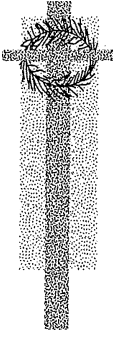
BIBLE STUDY - *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* beginning February 19, at 6:30 pm.

We will meet on Feb. 19 & 26, March 5, 12, & 19, and April 2, 9, & 16. (*Sign up on page 2 of this bulletin*)

WEDNESDAYS: Greater Pittston Deanery **Road to Resurrection**

In keeping with a long standing tradition for the Roman Catholic parishes of Greater Pittston, the *Road to Resurrection* will once again be held on Wednesdays of Lent.

The annual Lenten journey will be preached by Father Jeffrey Walsh, with the theme "The Journey Makes Us One"



Wednesday, February 21st with Mass at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, Pittston

Wednesday, February 28th Mass will be held at Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston

Wednesday, March 7th Mass will be celebrated at Queen of the Apostles, Avoca.

Wednesday, March 14th Mass will be held at St. Barbara's Parish, Exeter.

The last step on the *Road to Resurrection* will be hosted by St. John the Evangelist Parish on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome and encouraged to make this Journey of faith and prayer.

FRIDAYS: Stations Of The Cross, *with Adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 p.m.*

This Year, we will use alternating compositions of the Stations - Those of St. Alphonsus Liguori, those taken directly from Sacred Scripture, and those prayed from the loving perspective of a grieving mother - Mary's Way of the Cross.

Let us walk this road with Mary the Mother of God, in our prayer and good works, especially through our frequent meditation on the Sorrowful Mysteries of Our Lord's Passion and Death. Let us walk this road with the Saints, through spiritual readings on their lives or their meditations on Christ's Suffering. Let us walk this road with Christ, by taking up our cross daily, and following in His footsteps.

ANNUAL LENTEN FOOD SALE - FRIDAY, February 16

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ~ Nativity Parish Hall at Sacred Heart

Featuring...

Potato Pancakes - Red Clam Chowder - Seafood Bisque
Frozen Pierogi (2 doz. Limit) - Haluski - Pizza - Baked Goods

We hope to see you there!!!

We will also have our second sale on Friday, March 16, 2018

FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE: HELP NEEDED.....

Can you help? And really - no experience is necessary.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14: ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00 am Haluski Mixing and Soup Prep

THURSDAY, Feb. 15: Potato Pancake Batter Preparation
Bake Sale Drop-Off

FRIDAY, Feb. 16: 7:00 am – Bisque Making - help needed stirring the pots to prevent scorching
Bake Sale Drop-Off
9:00 am – Kitchen Workers Arrive
9:30 am – Pancake Fryers Arrive
10:00 am – Pizza Bakers & Steam Table Workers Arrive

We hope to see some new faces this week!!!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY – Our prayers are requested for Albert Ignatovich whose Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, February 12. May our Lord embrace him in His eternal love and peace, and give His comfort and consolation to family and friends. Our sympathy is extended to them in their loss.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—We welcome to the Church Connor James and James Vincent Rosentel who were baptized on February 4; and Lincoln John Popko who is being baptized today (Sunday), February 11. As they receive their new life in Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism, may our Lord fill them with many graces and blessings all through their Christian lives. We offer our parish congratulations and prayerful best wishes to them and their families on this happy occasion!



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

CONFIRMATION NEWS Our Confirmation Formation Session #1 will take place this evening (Sunday) from 5:30-6:45 pm, for the entire 2018 Confirmation class. We will meet in the church hall.



MONTHLY CLASS MASS next Sunday at 11:00 am. Practice on Thursday at 6:00 pm for **third** grade participants. Any parents of third graders of our parish who may be interested in helping at this Mass are asked to call Mrs. Rava at 570-702-3543.

The **PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet in the Rectory on Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

CHOIR PRACTICE for both Junior and Senior members will not be held this week – Ash Wednesday.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! We ask all those wonderful bakers of our parish to please bake your favorite breads, cake, cookies, brownies, fruit squares or pies and bring them to the sale. Please support this large fundraiser. Your generosity and time make the sale a success! Items can be dropped off Thursday from 5:00 pm and Friday from 7:00 am at Sacred Heart Hall. If you have any questions or need your baked goods picked up, please contact Rose Rava at 570-702-3543.

The **GIFT CERTIFICATES** that support Holy Rosary and our other Diocesan schools will be available on Thursday from 8:00-10:00 am in the Holy Rosary Church Hall. As always, the students are grateful for your cooperation.

The **WOMEN'S SOCIETY** will **MEET** on Thursday at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

MEN'S SOCIETY will meet on Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30 in the rectory.

THANK YOU FROM THE SCOUTS Last weekend, many bags of canned goods, boxed foods, and other items were brought in by parishioners to assist several of our scouts with their non-perishable food collection. Thank you for your consideration and assistance, and for answering the call to “feed the hungry.”

Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?: In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more “user friendly” than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connect with the Church.

IN THE COMMUNITY

PRE-LENTEN BREAKFAST – St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church, 200 Stephenson Street in Duryea will hold a Pre-Lenten Breakfast today (Sunday) from 8:00-11:30 am. Menu features: eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, roll with butter, juice and a beverage. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. **There will be limited tickets at the door.** For advance tickets, please telephone 570-457-2291. Take-outs will be available.



MEALS ON WHEELS of Greater Pittston Area is in desperate need of drivers and runners to deliver a hot meal and a light supper to our area's elderly and physically handicapped. Meals on Wheels provides this service Monday through Friday with the delivery of meals starting between 8:00-8:30 am. If you are an early riser and can spare an hour or two of your time a week, please contact Louise Smith at 570-655-0135.

CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS In a 69 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten Concerts. The first concert on Sunday, March 11 will be held at 3 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 116 Hughes Street, Swoyerville, PA.

The second concert will be held on Sunday, March 18 at 3 PM at the Forest City Historical Museum. The concerts are open to the public and free of charge, but a good will offering is accepted. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Jean Shields is accompanist. The group, marking its 69th season, is composed of 60 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna, and Wyoming counties, who will perform inspirational music with a Lenten theme at these March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and online at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Fr. Thomas P. Looney, CSC, will lead the retreat with the theme “Create a Clean Heart in Me, O God.” Fr. Looney is the College Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The retreat day will include Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral with distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass, and lunch will be served after Mass. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, call Mary Anne Malone at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213, ext. 1100.



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