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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.



First Sunday of Lent ✕ February 18, 2018

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4-BORO MINISTERIUM ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

The Ministers of the 4-Boro Ministerium – Duryea, Avoca, Moosic and Old Forge – will be holding weekly Lenten ecumenical services on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm according to the following schedule:

- Feb. 20 Bethel UM Church, Avoca
Homilist: Rev. Phil Sladicka
- Feb. 27 Steward UM Church, Old Forge
Homilist: Pastor Alex Becker
- Mar. 6 Moosic Presbyterian Church
Homilist Sharon Tellban
- Mar. 13 St. Mary's PNCC, Duryea
Homilist: Pastor Sharon Dietz
- Mar. 20 Queen of the Apostles, Avoca
Homilist: Father Carmen Bolock

Collection to be donated to the Food Pantry at Moosic UMC.

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

A Change of Heart

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

(1 Peter 3:18)

When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

What good habit could you work on during Lent so you could grow closer to God?

COORDINATING TEAMS

To implement the Five Year Plan, the Parish Pastoral Council has established four coordinating teams. Each team will be responsible for one of the areas of ministry that the Diocese of Scranton sees as integral to the life of the parish: Word, Worship, Community and Service. The focus of each area is:

WORD: Evangelization and lifelong faith formation.

WORSHIP: Liturgy, devotional practices, prayer, training.

COMMUNITY: Communication and public relations.

SERVICE: Making justice and mercy lived values in society.

The teams have had a general formation session and an individual formation session. Each has been given a "charter" from the Pastoral Council that delineates our mission and values, and entrusts the goals to them to be implemented. The charter also establishes the relationship between the team and the Pastoral Council and the parish.

The teams will now meet to form an action plan and timeline to implement the goals and objectives they have been given.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19-25, 2018

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Mon	19	7:00am 5:30pm	Alfred Akulonis, Sr. (by Jimmy and Janice McAndrew) <i>Confessions, Adoration, Meditation from 5:30 - 7:00pm</i>
Tue	20	7:00am	Lewis and Margaret Joseph (by Family)
Wed	21	7:00am 7:00pm	Special Intention "The Road to Resurrection" – *Our Lady of the Eucharist, Pittston*
Thu	22	7:00am	Cynthia Haduck (by Mr. & Mrs. John Donahue)
Fri	23	7:00am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Special Intention <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Adoration, Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>
Sat	24	4:00pm	Henry and Sophie Dulny (by Daughter, Beverly)
Sunday	25	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Michael Rostkowski (by Children) Donald & Theresa Thiede and John & Angela Krimowski (by Children and Grandchildren) For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Special Intention (by Arlene Gigliello)	
Blessed Virgin Mary		Mary Matt (by Husband, Edward Matt)	
St. Joseph		John Freas (by Wife, Diane Freas)	

Other Activities/Events
This Week:

Sunday

CCD, 9:45-10:45 am, HRS
8th Grade CCD, 5:30-6:45 pm, Rectory
Vespers, 5:00 pm, Our Lady of the Eucharist

Monday

"The Light is on for You", 5:30-7:00 pm
"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible", 6:30 pm

Tuesday

Men's Society Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory

Wednesday

"Road to Resurrection", 7:00pm,
Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish

Thursday

Gift Certificates, 8:00-10:00am, HRCH
Week #1 Recap Meeting, 6:30 pm, SHH
Yoga, 6:30pm, HRCH

~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~ for the weekend of February 10-11, 2018

\$3,889.75 Sunday; \$1,068 Secondary; \$527.11 Loose

Online Giving: \$245 Sunday; \$120 Secondary; \$20 Initial; \$12 Cemetery

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: Please make your returns as soon as possible. The drawing will take place on March 17

SPRING STUDY SERIES: UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE!

NOT TO LATE..... BEGINS THIS WEEK

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



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY –Our prayers are requested for Jennie Rugletic for whom services were celebrated on Tuesday, February 13; and for Antoinette (Annette) Symosh, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 16. May our Lord embrace them in His eternal love and peace, and give His comfort and consolation to their families and friends. Our sympathy is extended to them in their loss.

PRE-K CCD FOR LENT Our Seasonal Sunday Pre-K sessions, Miracles of Easter CCD Program for Pre-K, will run for four weeks from March 4 to March 25 from 9:45-10:45 am just as the regular CCD Program. You can call ahead or register on March 4. We do ask that all the children are able to use the bathroom on their own (potty-trained).

In conjunction with “The Road to Resurrection” series, **VESPERS** will be held at 5:00 pm on the Sunday prior to the “Road to Resurrection” in each of the parishes.

Sun., Feb. 18 at Our Lady of the Eucharist in Pittston

Sun., Feb. 25 at Corpus Christi in West Pittston

Sun., March 4 at Queen of the Apostles in Avoca

Sunday, March 11 at St. Barbara’s in Exeter

Sunday, March 18 at St. John the Evangelist in Pittston

The **MEN’S SOCIETY** will meet in the Rectory on Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

CHOIR PRACTICE resumes for both Junior and Senior members this week at the usual times.

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.

There will be a **YOGA SESSION** on Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.



The **BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Tuesday at 6:30 pm** in the Rectory Library. We will be reading “Forgiveness: One Step at a Time” by Father Joseph Sica. We completed reading it for the last meeting, but felt that there were still more things to discuss. Also, our meeting time has been changed from Saturday mornings to weeknights upon request. **We welcome even those who are unable to get the book or read the book in time for the meeting** (you don’t need to read to have an opinion or experience with forgiveness). Discussions and sharing of our faith are an excellent way to make our Lenten journey. We are hoping for a nice turnout of interested readers, we can help us choose our next book.

GORZKIE ŻALE - SAVE THE DATE Again this year, the ancient Lenten Meditation will be prayed at Sacred Heart in Dupont on March 18, at 3:00 pm, assisted by members of our choir, with homily by Fr. Gregory Finn, OSJ.

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



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 provide 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.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

There will be a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 3, at 9:00 a.m. at Queen of the Apostles Hall, 715 Hawthorne Street in Avoca. Donna Caputo will be giving her witness and Jim Gialanella will be providing the teaching. We will have a time of Worship and Song, a great catered breakfast, and wonderful fellowship! Cost is \$10 payable at the door. Reservations are required by February 25. Please contact Jack McQuade at 570-639-0952 or Jim Roberts at 570-267-1614. Come and join us! Sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Scranton. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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.





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