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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.



Second Sunday of Lent ❖ February 25, 2018

ROAD TO RESURRECTION

In keeping with a long standing tradition for the Roman Catholic parishes of Greater Pittston, the *Road to Resurrection* continues on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00 pm. The annual Lenten journey will be preached by Father Jeffrey Walsh, with the theme "The Journey Makes Us One"

February 28th

Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston

March 7th

Queen of the Apostles, Avoca.

March 14th

St. Barbara's Parish, Exeter.

March 21st

St. John the Evangelist, Pittston.

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

SUNDAY VESPERS

In conjunction with "The Road to Resurrection" series, Evening Prayer with benediction will be held at 5:00 pm on the Sunday prior to the "Road to Resurrection" in each of the parishes:

Sunday, Feb. 25

Corpus Christi in West Pittston

Sunday, March 4

Queen of the Apostles in Avoca

Sunday, March 11

St. Barbara's in Exeter

Sunday, March 18

St. John the Evangelist in Pittston

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. 27 Steward UMC, 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...

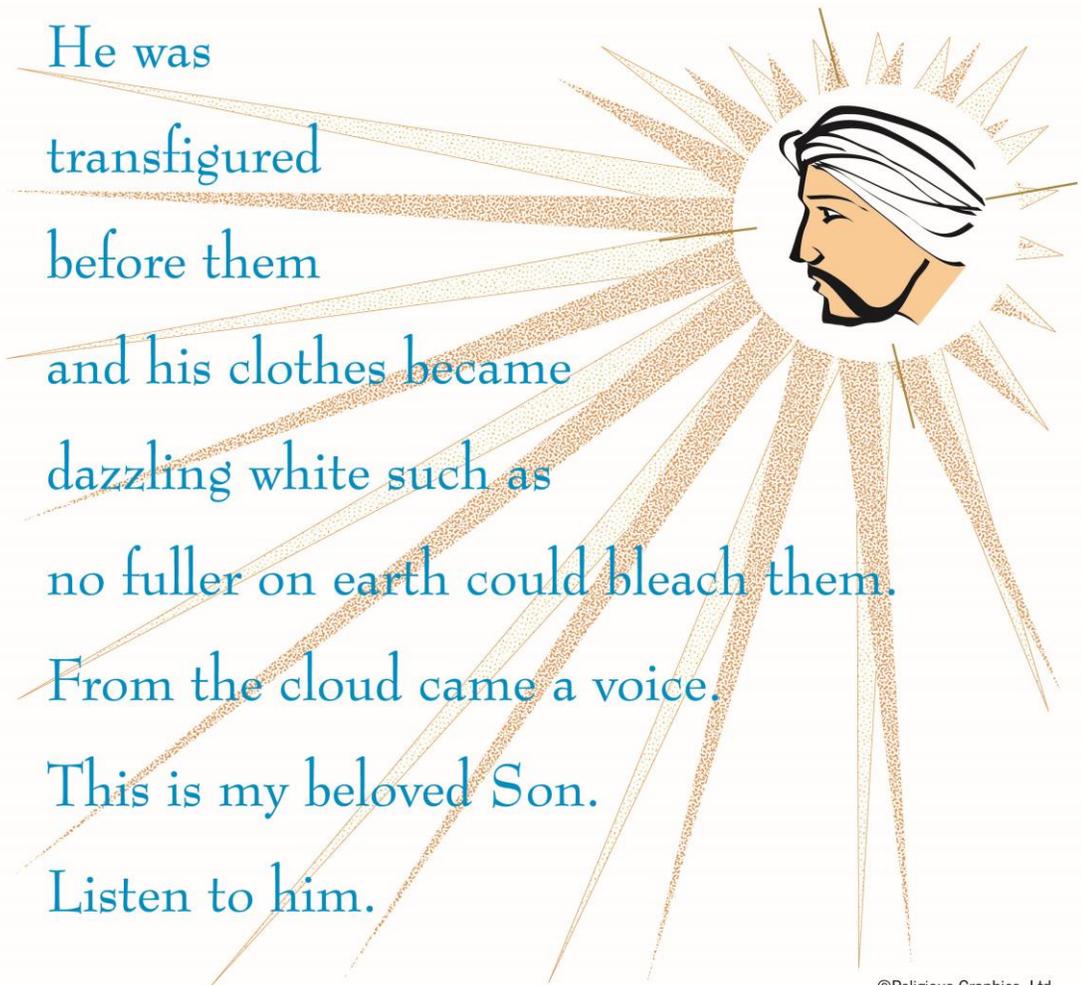
The Assurance of Faith

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Mark 9:5)

How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?

He was
transfigured
before them
and his clothes became
dazzling white such as
no fuller on earth could bleach them.
From the cloud came a voice.
This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 4, 2018

Mon	26	7:00am 5:30pm	James Kryptavich (by Brother, William Kryptavich) <i>Confessions 5:30 - 7:00pm, Adoration 5:30pm - Benediction 6:30pm</i>
Tue	27	7:00am	Carol Lillis (by Husband, James)
Wed	28	7:00am 7:00pm	Lucille Yanulaitis (30-Day—by Family) "The Road to Resurrection" - *Corpus Christi, West Pittston*
Thu	1	7:00am	Nancy Sepelyak (by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Sobeski)
Fri	2	7:00am 9:00am 7:00pm	Thomas O'Malley (by Karen and Kenny Burke) Claire Gromelski (by Joan Waters) <i>Adoration, Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>
Sat	3	4:00pm	Deceased members of the Felter Family (by Sons and Daughters)
Sunday	4	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners Leonard and Theresa Nawrocki (by the Family) James Carey (by Al Sarti)
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Daniel Guzior (by Lucille Carey and Family)	
Blessed Virgin Mary		Michael and Irene Rostkowski (by Children)	
St. Joseph		Nellie Vancosky (by Lucille Carey and Family)	



Other Activities/Events
This Week:

Sunday

CCD, 9:45-10:45 am, HRS
Vespers, 5:00 pm, Corpus Christi, W. Pittston

Monday

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

Tuesday

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible", 9:00 am
Sauté & freeze cabbage, 10:00am, SHH
Picnic Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory Meeting Rm.
Book Club, 6:30pm, Rectory Library

Wednesday

Choir Practice: Jr. 5:15pm, Sr. 6:30pm
"Road to Resurrection", 7:00pm,
Corpus Christi, West Pittston

Thursday

Gift Certificates, 8:00-10:00am, HRCH

Saturday, March 3

Peel/mash/ball 100 lbs. potatoes, 10 am, SHH

Sunday, March 4

Make Pierogi, 9:00 am, SHH

~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~ for the weekend of February 17-18, 2018

\$4,004.60 Sunday; \$2,097 Secondary; \$367.75 Loose; \$235.33 Cemetery; \$698.50 Ash Wednesday; \$172.36 Ash Wed. Loose
Online Giving: \$147 Sunday; \$80 Secondary; \$1 Initial

LOAVES AND FISHES February: Sugar & Sweeteners ~ March: Coffee

Our **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend will be our monthly response to the Care and Education of Priests. Your ongoing generosity is deeply appreciated! *As always, thank you for your support of your parish. Your sacrifice is deeply appreciated!*



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 - Please see the Thank You in this week's Bulletin.



APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The Holy Father's Intentions for
MARCH:

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

NEXT LENTEN FOOD SALE

FRIDAY, March 16

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Nativity Parish Hall at Sacred Heart
Featuring...**

Red Clam Chowder - Seafood Bisque

Prepared or Frozen Pierogi (2 doz. Limit)

Haluski - Pizza - Baked Goods

We hope to see you there!!!

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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY –Our prayers are requested for Joseph Kudey, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, February 17. May our Lord embrace him in His eternal love and peace, and give His comfort and consolation to his family and friends. Our sympathy is extended to them in their loss.

Our **SEASONAL SUNDAY PRE-K** sessions, Miracles of Easter CCD Program for Pre-K, will run for 4 weeks from March 4-25 from 9:45-10:45 am 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).

There will be a **PICNIC MEETING** on Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Workers are asked to attend as we make plans for our biggest fundraiser!

CHOIR PRACTICE continues 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 Holy Rosary Church Hall.

FIRST FRIDAY of the month occurs this week. Home visits with Holy Communion will be made on Thursday and Friday of this week. Telephone calls will be made to set up convenient times for the visit.



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 who can help us choose our next book.

GORZKIE ŻALE, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations", will be held on Sunday, March 18, at 3:00 pm in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Avenue in Dupont. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and His Sorrowful Mother. Members of The choir of Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Duryea will join in the singing. Father Gregory Finn, OSJ, will be the guest Homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

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

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM 9 To Re-Discover) Help to Strengthen and Heal Marital Relationships..... A program that helps couples who may be experiencing tension, stress and loneliness in the marriage relationship. Program helps couples, even those separated and divorced to better communicate and resolve conflicts in their relationships. Please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org for more information or to pre-register. All calls are confidential. Cost of the program is by donation. The next local weekend is March 2-4 at the Ramada Inn in Clarks Summit. Contact Nettie and Bob Goldate at 570-587-0415.

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!

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at St. Aloysius Church, Corner of Barney & Division Sts., Wilkes-Barre Altar & Rosary Society is the Sponsor. March 4, from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. in Padden Hall (cafeteria) Adults \$9, Under 10 \$4

HAM AND CABBAGE DINNER Holy Family Parish, 828 Main Street in Sugar Notch, will hold their annual Ham and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 10, in the church hall. Takeouts begin at 3:00 p.m. with serving from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased by calling the rectory at 570-822-8983.

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, Swoyersville, 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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