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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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent ❖ March 18, 2018

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

The Reward of Faith

Those who love their life
lose it, and those who hate
their life in this world will
keep it for eternal life.
(John 12:25)

When and in what way have
you seen life come from death?

When have you felt stronger
because you sacrificed
something for a friend or
member of your family?



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LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES ❖ HOME AND AWAY

At Nativity.....

- ❖ **CONFESSION** - The Light is on for **YOU** each Monday from 5:30-7:00pm *Avoid the long lines during Holy Week.*
- ❖ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Each Monday from 5:30-6:30pm. Concludes with Benediction at 6:30.
- ❖ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Each Friday at 7:00pm. Stations are also prayed at 1:00pm with HRS Students.

At Neighboring Parishes/Churches.....

- ❖ **ROAD TO RESURRECTION** Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00 pm. March 21st ~ *St. John the Evangelist, Pittston.*
- ❖ **SUNDAY VESPERS** 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 18~*St. John the Evangelist in Pittston.*
- ❖ **4-BORO LENTEN SERVICES** Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. Mar. 20 ~ *Queen of the Apostles, Avoca, Homilist: Father Bolock*
- ❖ **GORZKIE ŻALE**, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations", will be held this afternoon (Sunday) at 3:00 pm in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Avenue in Dupont. The devotion, sung in English and Polish, is a 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.

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

Mon	19	7:00am 5:30pm	Eugene Madrak (by Wife, Lucille and Daughters) <i>Confessions 5:30 - 7:00pm, Adoration 5:30pm – Benediction 6:30pm</i>
Tue	20	7:00am	Walter Zavrotny (by Wife, Carol and Family)
Wed	21	7:00am 7:00pm	Grace Hazenski (by Patricia and Louise Poplarchick) <i>"The Road to Resurrection" – *St. John's, Pittston*</i>
Thu	22	7:00am	Anna Salidas (by Family)
Fri	23	7:00am 9:00am 7:00pm	Frank Maszeroski (by Marilyn and David Mlodzienski) <i>Living Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Living Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat	24	4:00pm	Sophie Dulny (by Ron and Angela Metcho)
Sunday	25	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners Alicia Rutkoski (by Family) Dolores Rafferty (by John and Nancy Rafferty)

VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS

There are no votive candles offered this week, as we begin Passiontide, and focus with more intensity on the Passion and Death of the Lord.

Other Activities/Events
This Week:

Sunday

CCD, 9:45-10:45 am, HRS
Vespers, 5:00 pm, St. John's, Pittston
Confirmation Formation, 5:30-6:45 pm, Rectory

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

Wednesday

The Road to Resurrection, 700 pm, St. John, Pittston
Choir Practice: Jr. 5:15pm, Sr. 6:30pm

Friday

Living Stations, 9:00 am
Living Stations, 7:00 pm



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

\$3,917.25 Sunday; \$2,116 Secondary; \$338.61 Loose

Online Giving: \$230 Sunday; \$45 Secondary; \$40 Care & Education of Priests; \$12 Cemetery; \$20 Initial

LOAVES AND FISHES March: Coffee



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.

PICNIC COMING - DESIGNER PURSES WANTED Last year's Stand was a huge success thanks to so many kind donors! So, the coordinators of the Designer Purse Stand are again seeking new designer purses (Michael Kors, Vera Bradley, etc.) Please call Elaine at 570-451-1238 or Rose at 570-702-3543 or for details or with ideas.

HOSPITALIZATION AND ILLNESS Parishioners, some hospitals do not give us names of parishioners who are patients. Other hospitals only give names when patients register as a Catholic and a parishioner of Nativity Duryea (not Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph's, St. Michael's, etc.) Families, PLEASE call the rectory to let father know if a loved one is in the hospital, moved to a nursing home, or needs a visit for any illness. It is not an inconvenience to Father John or the staff or ministers – it is a Sacrament, and the work of the church to care for those who are sick.

RETRouvaille PROGRAM (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.

ANNULMENTS 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.

CHRIST



draws all
things to
himself

WITH PARISH SYMPATHY Our prayers are requested for Judy Samartzis whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday. She was the music teacher at Seton Catholic High School in Pittston for many years, and so instructed quite a few of our parishioners in love of music – both sacred and secular. May the Risen Lord embrace Judy in His eternal peace, and give His consolation and comfort to her family and friends. Our parish sympathy is extended to them in their loss.

Our **SEASONAL SUNDAY PRE-K** sessions, Miracles of Easter CCD Program for Pre-K, continue today (Sunday) and will continue until next Sunday, March 25.

FOOD SALE THANK YOU Ongoing thanks to all those who assisted in Friday's Lenten Food Sale: to both the volunteers and customers. Your work and support is vital to the success of our fundraising efforts. Thank you most sincerely for your efforts, and we hope to see you soon at the picnic on July 6-7-8!!

HOLY WEEK PROCESSION AND HELP

Forms have been handed out concerning the Holy Thursday procession to all students, grades 3-8. If you have not received one, please call the rectory or see Mrs. Rava or Mr. Tighe. Also, any students in need of Service Hours, or who have interest in helping out around the church are asked to see Mr. Tighe for times and opportunities.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS...

- **RUTH'S PLACE** The collection for the residents of Ruth's Place will continue throughout the month of March. A tote can be found in the vestibule of the church in which to place any items. We are in need of household products, personal products, non-perishable food items, bottled juices and water, kitchen supplies, towels and gift cards. Any donation you can make is much appreciated!
- **EASTER BUCKETS** The members of the Women's Society will gather on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 pm in the rectory office building to put together the Easter buckets for the homebound and nursing home residents. Light refreshments will follow. Members can drop their items for the buckets at the rectory during regular business hours or bring them on Thursday evening.

BOOK COLLECTION BENEFITTING THE OSTERHOUT LIBRARY Lauren Cawley, a parishioner and a member of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre, will be collecting new and used books to donate to the Osterhout Library in Wilkes-Barre. **All adult and children's books will be accepted EXCEPT textbooks and encyclopedias.** The collection will continue until March 25. Place your donations in the bin at the church entrance. Thank you for your kindness and support!



- Maximum of 10 players per team – minimum of 8
- Only the FIRST 65 TEAMS will be accepted!
\$10 per person

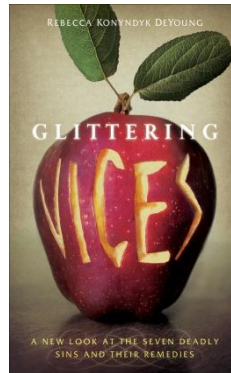
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DIVE & DODGE**

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SUNDAY APRIL 8 @ 1pm-7pm

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PARISH BOOK CLUB Our next Book Club Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 pm** in the rectory. Avid readers of all ages as well as families are welcome to attend. The next book discussion will highlight "Glittering Vices", a new look at the Seven Deadly Sins and their Vices by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung. If you are unable to obtain the book prior to the next meeting, please attend anyway to offer insight and help us choose our next book.

Suggestions are always welcome! Our club seeks to read and discuss books or other literature to deepen our belief and understanding of our holy Catholic Faith. Contact Krista Pisano at 570-479-0473 with any questions. Happy Reading!!

IN THE COMMUNITY

In a 69-year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY will present their annual **LENTEN CONCERTS**. 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. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and online at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

12th ANNUAL REGIONAL DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish (339 N. Maple Avenue in Kingston) will host the 12th Annual Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 8 (previously held at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Laflin). We are honored to have as this year's Principal Celebrant and Homilist, Rev. Pio Mandato, FMHJ, a Franciscan Hermit of the Scranton Diocese. Rev. Leo J. McKernan, Pastor of St. Ignatius, will be Concelebrant. The Feast Day Coordinator is Cathy Mack – EADM Cenacle Leader. Itinerary as follows:

- 1:00 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Rosary
- 2:00 pm – Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy/Mass
- 3:00 pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song

Benediction and Blessing with the first-class relics of St. Faustina. This year's theme is "Prayer for Peace and Conversion of the Whole World."

All are welcome to attend! Contact Cathy Mack at 570-654-6063 for more information.



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