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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.



Third Sunday of Lent ❖ March 4, 2018

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

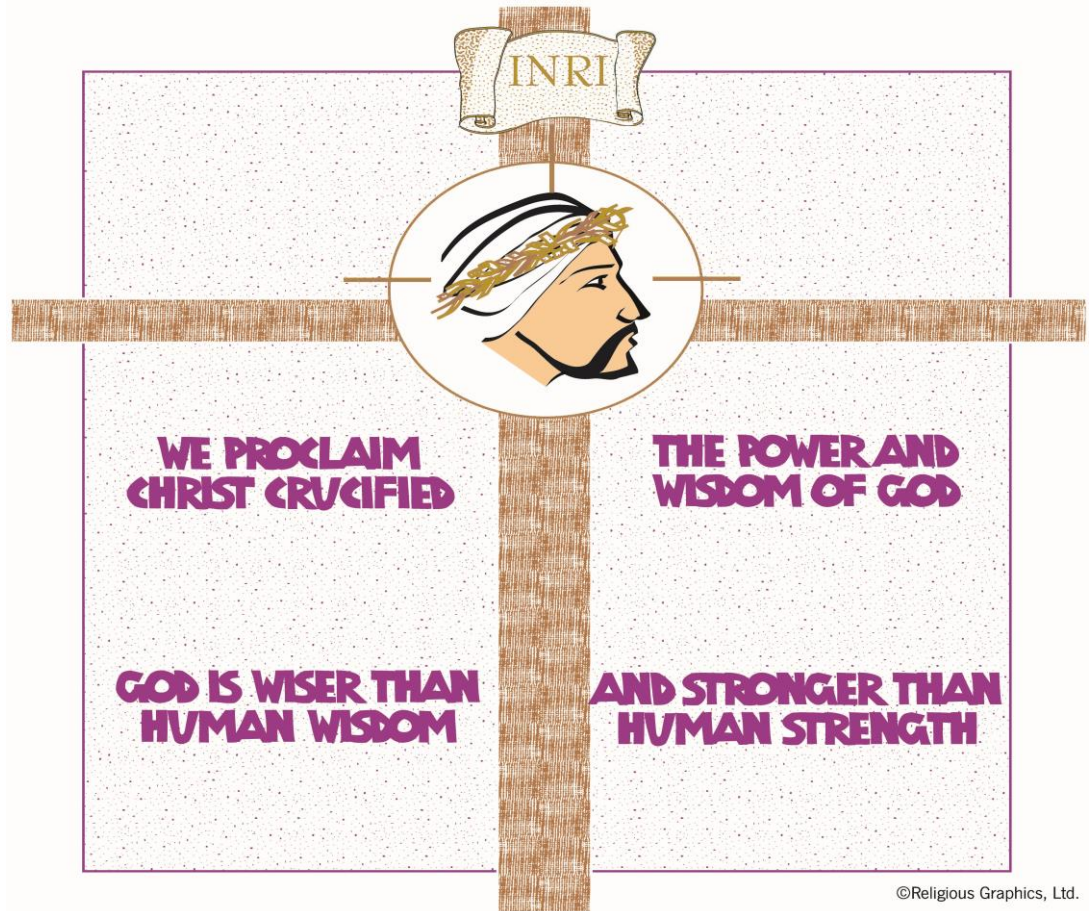
Trust and Doubt

For Jews demand signs and
Greeks desire wisdom, but we
proclaim Christ crucified, a
stumbling block to Jews and
foolishness to Gentiles.

(1 Corinthians 1:22-23)

When has the message of the
cross seemed absurd to you,
and when have you seen its
wisdom?

What puzzles you in the gospel
stories? Which story makes
you the most hopeful?



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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 7th ~ *Queen of the Apostles, Avoca.* March 14th ~ *St. Barbara's Parish, Exeter.* March 21st ~ *St. John the Evangelist, Pittston.* **SUNDAY VESPERS** 5:00 pm on 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 LENTEN SERVICES** Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. 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*
- ❖ **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, 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 5-11, 2018**

Mon	5	7:00am 5:30pm	Christine and Andrew Murman, Sr. <i>(by Pat, Christa and Carla)</i> <i>Confessions 5:30 - 7:00pm, Adoration 5:30pm – Benediction 6:30pm</i>
Tue	6	7:00am	Louis & Catherine Cremard and Louis Robert Cremard <i>(by the McDermott Family)</i>
Wed	7	7:00am 7:00pm	Lydia Girman <i>(by Mother and Sisters)</i> "The Road to Resurrection" – *Queen of the Apostles, Avoca*
Thu	8	7:00am	Peter Rava <i>(by the Rava Family)</i>
Fri	9	7:00am 7:00pm	Robert and Anthony Naida <i>(by Arlene Gigliello)</i> <i>Adoration, Stations of the Cross and Benediction</i>
Sat	10	4:00pm	Frank Callis <i>(by Wife, Regina and Daughter, Carol)</i>
Sunday	11	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Margaret Stanavage <i>(by Debbie Buckley and Karen & Jack Hoover)</i> Bertha, Joseph, Ronald, Francis and Joseph Swenton, Jr. <i>(by the Matiko Family)</i> For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Robert Naida <i>(by Arlene Gigliello)</i>	
Blessed Virgin Mary		Frank Callis <i>(by Wife, Regina and Daughter, Carol)</i>	
St. Joseph		Anthony Naida <i>(by Arlene Gigliello)</i>	

**Other Activities/Events
This Week:**

Sunday

Make Pierogi, 9:00 am, SHH
CCD, 9:45-10:45 am, HRS
Vespers, 5:00 pm, Queen of the Apostles, Avoca

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
4 Coordinating Teams, 6:30 pm, Rectory

Wednesday

Choir Practice: Jr. 5:15pm, Sr. 6:30pm
"Road to Resurrection", 7:00pm,
Queen of the Apostles, Avoca

Thursday

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

~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~ for the weekend of February 24-25, 2018

\$3,679 Sunday; \$2,346 Secondary; \$553.11 Loose

Online Giving: \$405 Sunday; \$136 Secondary; \$20 Care & Education of Priests

LOAVES AND FISHES March: Coffee



Our **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend will be the CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION.

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.

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.

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!!!

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.

WITH PARISH SYMPATHY Our prayers are requested for Jennie O'Hop whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, March 3. May the Risen Lord embrace her 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, begin today (Sunday) and will continue for four weeks until March 25.

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.

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. She is a graduate of Holy Rosary School and is currently a junior at Scranton Prep. **All adult and children's books will be accepted EXCEPT textbooks and encyclopedias.** A box will be placed in the vestibule of the church to put all donations. The collection will continue until March 25. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and support!

EASTER CANDY FOR FRIENDS OF THE POOR

Once again Holy Rosary School sixth grade class, in conjunction with Student Council, is continuing the tradition of filling Easter baskets for the Friends of the Poor. This organization will distribute them to children who may not have the opportunity to celebrate Easter.

We are asking for your help with this worthy cause. Monetary donations toward the purchase of baskets and items to fill them are greatly appreciated. We are also accepting individually wrapped candy; for example, the dollar stores have Russell Stover chocolate bunnies. Please mark all donations to the attention of Mr. Rose. Please send all donations to the school no later than Tuesday, March 13. We will be filling the baskets on Thursday, March 15. Please make checks payable to Holy Rosary School.



PARISH BOOK CLUB - Announces their next book: "Glittering Vices" by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung. Pick up a copy, and join in their discussion on Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Library.

FREE YOGA CLASS—The Nativity Women's Society would like to invite the men and women of our parish to try a free yoga class on Thursday, March 15, at 6:30 pm in the lower hall of the church. This class is taught by certified yoga instructor, Kim Maslanka, who has worked with the society for the past several years. Kim offers gentle yoga, chair yoga, meditation and aromatherapy for all ages. Please consider giving this class a try and doing something beneficial for yourself!

IN THE COMMUNITY

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA, FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

The Annual Solemn Novena to St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, will begin on Saturday, March 10, at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, located on Route 315 in Laflin. Masses are celebrated daily at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., followed by Novena prayers and individual blessing with the first-class relic of St. Joseph Marello, Founder of the St. Joseph Oblates Congregation. Each Novena Mass is preceded by an opportunity for Confessions and recitation of the Holy Rosary. The Feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, March 19th with a solemn Mass at 11:00 a.m. with His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, as principal celebrant and homilist. The Oblate priests and Diocesan clergy will concelebrate. At the conclusion of the Holy Mass, St. Joseph's Bookmarks will be blessed and distributed. There also will be a Holy Mass at 7: p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate and offer prayers to Saint Joseph for personal intentions, for our families, and for our country. For more information, contact the OSJ seminary office at (570-654-7542)

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.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be celebrating a **MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING** on Sunday, March 11, at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church, 715 Hawthorne Street in Avoca, with Rev. August Ricciardi, Celebrant. There will be recitation of the rosary at 6:30 pm with prayers for healing following the Mass. The evening is being hosted by Divine Mercy Prayer Group of Archbald, and refreshments will be served. Please come and join in the celebration of the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit!

LENTEN ROSARY at the oblates of St. Joseph Seminary Chapel Rosary, prayers, hymns and newly composed Scriptural Mysteries in Contemporary Chant led by Ernie Pappa will take place at 6:00 pm every Monday during Lent through March 26 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel on Route 315 in Pittston. All are welcome to come and deepen their Lenten devotion.

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. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and online at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.





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