

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH, 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.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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November 12, 2017

Thank You, Mrs. Lambert!

As was announced in the spring of this year, Mrs. Judy Lambert, Religious Ed Director and Coordinator of Sacramental Formation, has retired following last month's Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, finishing up with a class she worked with from their First Penance and Communion, and wrapping up a 29 year catechetical ministry among the young Catholics of Duryea.

Judy began her work at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in the summer of 1988 when Fr. Ulrich stopped by her house unannounced and informed her that she was now going to be the Religious Education Coordinator. Soon, she would also become responsible for the children of St. Joseph's Parish as the departure of both Msgr. Madus and Fr. Ulrich ushered in a new phase of combined parish life under Father Edunk, which continued under Frs. Kvedrovich, Cappeloni, and Liberatore. In 2003, as Father Rokosz became pastor of Sacred Heart/ St. Joseph's, and with Fr. Williams to assist, the CCD programs in Holy Rosary and in Sacred Heart / St. Joseph's continued on as usual. In the spring of 2009, having mourned the loss of Fr. Williams, and looking toward the establishment of one parish for Duryea, Judy faced the challenge of combining both programs, and coordinating the catechesis for over 150 children. Having served well for 29 years, Judy now looks forward not so much to retirement, but to enjoying other ways of service within our parish family.

What is important to consider in giving thanks to Judy Lambert as a parish is that she, for nearly 30 years - as we went through sickness, deaths, and scandals of pastors; through restructuring, mergers, and closures; as councils planned and replanned, while we worried about a future for what our parents and grandparents had worked for; as we adjusted to changing Mass schedules, different pews in different churches, and even a flood, Judy, with her teams of so many wonderful volunteer teachers and aides; persisted in the religious education and Sacramental formation of our youth, uninterrupted. For this - the Church thanks you most deeply, most sincerely.

Mrs. Lambert will be honored at the 11:00 Mass next Sunday, November 19th. Please join us at a reception in Mrs. Lambert's honor following 11:00am Mass, 12:00pm - 2:00pm, in the Church Hall.



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

Actions and Consequences

Jesus said, "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

(Matthew 25:13)

We meet Christ sometimes when we least expect it. How can you be ready to see him in all the ways he is present?

What are some surprising ways in which you meet Christ in your daily life?



Week of November 13-18, 2017 ~ Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

	LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13-19, 2017									
Mon	13	7:00am	Alice Borkowski (by Borkowski Family)							
Tue	14	7:00am	Gus Kulas (by Rosalie and Bob Gudz)							
Wed	15	7:00am	Michalene Milus (by Children)							
Thu	7:00am Gertrude Abent (by Daughters, Mariann and Joan)									
Fri	17	7:00am	Stephen Chipolis (by Parents)							
Sat	18	4:00pm	Paulette Dalton (by Andrea and Andrew Lentowski and Family)							
Sunday	8:00am Helen Gregorczyk (by Daughter, Helen and Leonard Negvesky and Family) 11:00am Antoline and Joseph Duszak and Regis Duszak (by Family) 7:00pm Youth Mass - For the Intentions of Our Parishioners									
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS										
Sacred Heart of Jesus Jacob J. Vitek (by Daughter, Jacqueline Vitek)										
Ble	ssec	l Virgin M	ry Regis Duszak (by Family)							
St.	Jose	eph	Edward Butrymowicz (by Wife, Mercedes)							

Other Activities/Events This Week:

Sunday -

CCD Morning Classes, 9:45 am Confirmation Parents' Meeting - 5:30-6:45 pm HRC Hall

Monday -

Pivotal Players, 6:30-8:00 pm, Rectory

Tuesday

Pastoral Council, 6:30 pm, Rectory

Wednesday -

5th Grade Youth Mass rehearsal 5:30 Choir, 6:30 pm

Thursday -

Gift Certificates, 8:00-10:00 am, HRCH Women's Society, 6:30 pm, Rectory





~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS for the weekend of November 4-5, 2017

\$4,855.25 Sunday; \$731 Secondary; \$265 Loose; \$621.15 Care & Education of Priests; \$756 All Saints'; \$177 All Saints' Loose Online Giving: \$500 Sunday; \$103 Secondary; \$27 Care & Education of Priests; \$15 All Saints'; \$3 Cemetery

LOAVES AND FISHES November: Peanut Butter



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. PLEASE READ THE REPORT FOUND IN THE RAFFLE MAILING ENVELOPE. It explains point by point where we have been and where we are headed.

FALL "CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS" RAFFLE TICKETS If you have not received your tickets, please call the rectory. Your support of this fundraiser is needed and most appreciated. Don't forget to make your returns as soon as possible. Drawing is TUESDAY!





TODAY IS "TEXT TO GIVE" WEEKEND

"Giving everyone the opportunity to read, see and hear the Good News."

If you didn't bring your phone to Mass today, it's not too late to make a gift or pledge using your cell phone. Gifts are appreciated in any amount and are fully tax-deductible. Will you help by sharing your gifts?

To text a gift using your cell phone to support the ministries and services supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal, just....

Text the word "Appeal" to number 50555 and follow the prompts.

We appreciate your generosity. May God bless you.

Appeal Update: Thus far, we are at 52% of our goal of \$42,000.



CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS RAFFLE

Thanks to our parishioners who have made their raffle returns. Your generosity to your parish is much appreciated! Drawing will be Tuesday, November 14.

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M/M Robert Zbylicki Clara Zielinski Ann Zongilla WITH PARISH SYMPATHY—Our prayers are requested for Ione Pagnotti, Dolores Galuska, Edward Romanoski, and Bernardine Skurla whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated this past week. May the Risen Christ embrace them in His eternal love and peace, and give His comfort and consolation to their families and friends. Our parish sympathy is extended to them in their loss.

FALL SUNDAY PRE-K Today we begin our Fall Sunday Pre-K sessions which will continue November 19, December 3-10-17. For the convenience of families with older children enrolled in our Religious Education Program (CCD), ALL sessions will meet at the same time: 9:45-10:45 a.m. (gather in Holy Rosary School Gymnasium). We ask that all Pre-K children are able to use the bathroom on their own (potty trained). Children may register late on the first day of Sunday Pre-K, November 12. Our number is limited to 10 boys and girls. There is no charge.

CONFIRMATION 2018 There is a meeting for all parents of current 8th grade students receiving Confirmation next year this evening (Sunday) at 5:30 in the HR Church Hall.

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

GIFT CERTIFICATES will be available this Thursday in Holy Rosary Church Hall from 8:00-10:00 a.m. It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas shopping!! No kids in school? Still wish to help out? The gift certificate program is open to all. Stop in during their Thursday hours, or call the school for more details.

The **WOMEN'S SOCIETY** will **MEET** at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Rectory. All are welcome!

STUFF THE STOCKINGS



The 7th grade class and the Student Council of Holy Rosary School are collecting items to stuff stockings for the kids at the Janet Weis Research Hospital in Danville. The items needed are candy, small toys, books, and plush toys; greeting cards are optional.

Also, if you can bring in stockings to fill, that would be absolutely great! The goal is to make about 100 stockings for the children. The items and stockings are due to the school by December 4 with delivery made the week of December 11.



CHRISTMAS TREE OF HOPE This weekend we begin our annual Tree of Hope project to aid the poor or lonely in our parish and community giving enough notice so that donors could take advantage of the many sales that are sure to be popping up in the next month or so. Sponsored by our Nativity of Our Lord Parish Women's Society, this program helps those who for

whatever reason might find nothing under their tree or in their stocking. Simply take a tag, and as you do your Christmas shopping, return the item wrapped with the tag attached and place in the totes in the vestibule of the church.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS...

Holy Rosary School PTO is hosting our Annual Toyland Bingo on Friday, December 1, 2017 Doors open 5:00 pm - Bingo starts at 6:00 pm \$10.00 admission includes 1 bingo packet for regular bingo games

Extra bingo packets, specials, raffles & food for purchase Come join us for a fun night of bingo Any questions please call Anne McDonnell @ 570-885-0475.

GENERATIONS SING XVI CONCERT The Catholic Choral Society will present the 16th Generations Sing Concert on Sunday evening, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. The Catholic Choral Society, marking its 69th season, is composed of more than 50 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming and Susquehanna counties.

SPIRITED ART FUNDRAISER AT HOLY FAMILY RESIDENCE

Friday, November 17 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.

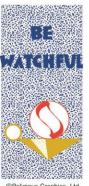
Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Avenue in Scranton Spirited Art provides individuals and friends as opportunity to create paintings while sampling beverages and snacks such as wine and cheese. The cost is \$35 per person and includes an instructor-led class, paints, smocks, brushes, easels and canvases. The Little Sisters also will provide snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Attendees are welcome to bring their own wine and snacks as well. Seating is limited. Reservations are due by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13. To make a reservation, please contact Jackie Galvin, or Lisa Blaker, at 570-343-4065.

REQUEST: The Free Clothing Room at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen is in need of winter clothing for men, women and children. Donations can be dropped off at the Kitchen each day between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Access to the Kitchen for dropping off donations is easiest from Bennett Street in the rear of the building.

Holy Redeemer High School Musical THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2
7:00 p.m.
Reserved seating
Adults \$10 - Senior \$9 - Students \$8

All are welcome! Call to pick up presale tickets: 570-829-2424.



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