THANKSGIVING
NEWS & NOTES

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive
Nonperishable food items may be placed in the containers in the entrances of the church at all Masses from now until Thanksgiving Eve. As many of you may know from our local news stations, the Little Sisters of the Poor are no longer stationed at Holy Family Residence in Scranton, and so are no longer in need of our generosity. Food collected this year will be donated to our area soup kitchens.

Tri-Borough Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service,
Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 pm, at St. Mary’s Polish National Catholic Church, Stephenson Street, Duryea. Prayer and fellowship will follow in their parish hall. Donated food items will be collected for the Moosic Food Pantry at this evening service of prayer and praise.

40th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Project
If you are in need of a Thanksgiving meal and meet specifications, log on to CEOPeopleHelpingPeople.org and follow the instructions to sign up for a complete Thanksgiving meal. Or if you are homebound, you can receive a hot meal delivered on Thanksgiving Day.

6th Annual Duryea Borough Free Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday, November 23, 4:00-7:00pm, Sacred Heart Hall, Hosted by the Duryea Police Department and Duryea Crime Watch. Dinner is completely free, and everyone is welcome to attend. Please register by calling 570-457-6120, EXT15, and leave your name and number attending.

Questions for personal reflection based on this Sunday’s readings…

See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."
Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Do I continue to meet my responsibilities even during difficult times?
Do I remain faithful to myself, my spouse, family, friends, church, or nation, even when things are not easy and relationships are strained?
How can I bring myself to hope for healing justice in the midst of terrible events?
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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18-24, 2019**

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~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~ for the weekend November 9-10, 2019

- TOTAL $7,980.28
  - Sunday $4,629.50 *(395 Online)*; Loose $562.78
  - Secondary $1,773 *(181 Online)*; Furnace Fund $1,015.00

- DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Goal $42,000.00; Current $23,360.00 TO GO: $18,640.00
- Loaves and Fishes: November: Peanut Butter

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17 Sunday
- Make Pierogi, 9:00am, SHH
- Grade 6 Family Morning, 9:45am
- Grade 8 CCD, 5:15pm

18 Monday
- Men’s Society Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory

20 Wednesday
- Sr. Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

21 Thursday
- Women’s Society Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory

26 Tuesday
- Ecumenical Service @ St. Mary’s PNCC

27 Wednesday
- Thanksgiving Eve Family Mass, 7:00 pm

28-29 Thanksgiving, Office Closed

29 Friday – Office Closed

**DECEMBER**

1 Sunday
- No CCD/Rel. Ed. Classes

2 Monday – Office Closed

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**THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**
- Make Pierogi, 9:00am, SHH
- CCD, K-7, 9:45am

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**
- Grade 6 Family Morning, 9:45am
- Grade 8 CCD, 5:15pm

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**
- Men’s Society Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**
- Sr. Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**
- Women’s Society Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**
- Office Closed

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**
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Parish Men’s Society Annual Pre-Christmas Breakfast

Sunday, December 8th
8:30AM to 12:30PM
Sacred Heart of Jesus Hall
529 Stephenson St.

SCRAMBLED EGGS, PANCAKES, KEILBASA, HAM, HOMEFRIES, JUICE, COFFEE & DANISH

Adults: $9.00
Children (5 to 12): $5.00
Children (under 4): FREE

Please call Jef Bauman 570-881-6006 or Mike Wasko 570-885-6267 for questions or details.
Please return form below for pre-orders by Sunday, December 1st.

...Remember your loved ones in a most special way this year...offer an ornament in their name on our Nativity Memorial Christmas Tree

This year, as in years past, a Memorial Christmas Tree will be placed in church to honor those special people who have passed from our lives. The tree will remain in the church throughout the Christmas Season, and will feature various colors of ornaments with tags listing the names of your relative or friend. Our tree will be displayed near the Mission Crucifix shrine, near the votive candles, in order to allow family members an opportunity to privately view their treasured ornaments, offering also a prayer for their intentions.

If you would like to make an offering to have an ornament placed on the tree, please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory by Friday, December 9th. You can place your order in the collection, mail it or stop by our office during regular business hours. The Memorial Tree will be placed in the church on the Third Sunday of Advent. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 570-457-3502.

Nativity Memorial Tree Ornament

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Inscription on Tag:
In Loving Memory of:

_______________________________
Christmas 2019
Offered by:

_______________________________

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST PRE-ORDER

Name: _____________________________________________
Phone #: ___________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________

Number of Breakfasts:
Adults ($9): _______Children 5 yrs to 12 yrs ($5): _______
Children 4 & under (free): _______

Total Amount Enclosed $_______
(Checks payable to NOOL Men’s Society)

Please return form by December 8th
Dear Friends,

Time is really flying, and it is hard to believe Christmas is right around the corner! We at Holy Rosary School are holding a poinsettia sale to help with tuition assistance and are asking for your support. You have been so generous with fundraisers in the past, and it is always deeply appreciated.

What a wonderful way to add to the Christmas décor in your home by buying poinsettias and helping to continue providing Catholic Education. The great part is that there are so many choices! If you would like to order, please fill out the form below, and return with your payment to the school by Monday, Nov. 25th. You may also drop it in the collection basket by next Sunday, November 25. If you are writing a check, please make it out to Holy Rosary School.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education here in Duryea.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa Skutack, Principal, and Mrs. Lisa Simkulak, Pre-School Teacher

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Large hanging basket,
12 branched plant with too many Blooms to count! $40.00 _____ Red _____ White

_wrapping with your choice of color is included. Whichever you pick is for ALL your plants. Thank you._

_circle one:_ Red Green Gold Silver

Name __________________________________________________________ Phone _________________________________

Email _______________________________________________________

Delivery will be in the third week of Dec., the grower will let us know the exact delivery date in a week or two. We will call to let you know the date.
REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CANDIDATES WHO CARE ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS!

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS AND NOTES  CCD classes for grades K-7 will continue today at the usual time with grade 8 meeting at 5:15 pm.

FAMILY MORNING  Today, Deacon André is continuing Family Mornings in conjunction with the monthly Grade Youth Mass. Today, those in grade 6, along with their parents/guardians will come together for breakfast and a session with the Deacon.

TREE OF HOPE

Our annual TREE OF HOPE project begins this weekend, to aid the poor or lonely in our parish and community in order to give 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. Coordinated by our parish Women’s Society, this program helps those who for whatever reason might find nothing under their tree or in their stocking. The Tree of Hope will have tags with information such as ages or sizes. 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.

Anyone who may know of an individual or family who is struggling, lonely, in need of some help or in need of our love at Christmastime is asked to contact the rectory. Please include the person or family’s name, address, age group, and what they may need. We will make sure a tag is placed on the tree for them. All information is strictly confidential.

MEN’S SOCIETY  Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 6:30 in the rectory. All are welcome, new members also.

CHOIR and MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES:  Our parish music ministry welcomes members of all ages and backgrounds, no experience necessary. Our Senior Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, and sings at each weekend Mass, as members are available. Men and altos needed especially, and sopranos too!! Our children and young adult Junior Choir sings each week at the 11:00 Mass; just come on up and we will get you started. The Junior Choir will rehearse a few times to get ready for Christmas—watch the bulletin for details. Instrumentalists and Musicians also welcome, see Mr. Tighe for ways you can help. Don’t think that an electric guitar, accordion or bagpipe fits in? Well, maybe not at most Masses, but consider joining us for the Duryea Christmas Stroll or Christmas Caroling as we sing and entertain out in the community. We look forward to “hearing” from you!!

The GIFT CERTIFICATES that support Holy Rosary School and other Diocesan schools may be purchased on Thursday from 8:00-10:00 am in the church hall.

WOMEN’S SOCIETY Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 6:30 in the rectory. All are welcome, new members also.

FURNACE TROUBLE  We were informed last week that the heating unit for the rectory offices is no longer able to function properly. This is an unexpected and necessary expense. Because of the unit’s age, there is danger of carbon monoxide leaking into the rectory office and meeting rooms. The cost of the new HVAC unit is around $12,000.00. Money for this project will be made available from parish savings; however, any donations towards the new unit to help defray the cost and lessen the depletion of our savings would be greatly appreciated. If you are in a position to help, please use a plain envelope marked “Rectory Heating Project,” include your name and/or envelope number, and place in the Sunday Collection or send it to the rectory. Last Week, over $1,000.00 was raised! THANK YOU! And, thank you for your consideration of this matter.

TOYLAND BINGO!!!!  Friday, December 6

Holy Rosary PTO is hosting the Annual Toyland Bingo on Friday, December 6. Doors will open at 5:00 pm and Bingo starts at 6:00 pm. $10 admission includes 3 bingo cards for every regular game. We hope you can join us for this awesome event!!

IN THE COMMUNITY

St. Lucy’s Church, 949 Scranton Street in Scranton, will be having their annual HOLIDAY BINGO BASH on Sunday, November 17, in the Church Auditorium. Doors open at 11:30 am for a light lunch. Early bird games begin at 12:45-1:45 pm. Regular bingo starts at 2:00 pm. Prizes include cash, turkeys, certificates, baskets, door prizes and other surprises. Cost of admission if $6 (includes 2 boards). Tickets will be sold in the church office Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, or call Jack at 570-650-1278. Limited seating for 200 guests.

CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

St. Maria Goretti Parish Center – Laflin
Saturday-Sunday, November 23-24 – 9:00am – 3:00pm
25+ vendors in the upstairs hall offering this wonderful assortment of handmade crafts and unique gifts. The variety of items is endless. You can certainly get a big jump start on your Christmas shopping or just find wonderful items which you can enjoy. A specialty basket and gift raffle will be held featuring baskets and gifts which have a value of $150 and up. Tickets will be sold for $1 each of 6 for $5 – arm’s length for $10. Our ever popular food stand will be offering meatballs, haluski, clam chowder, seafood bisque, hoagies, poke barbecue sandwiches, chili, grilled all beef hot dogs, chips, soda, coffee, tea, water and a bake sale! We hope you will stop by, spend a little time shopping, grab a bite to eat and enjoy your day with us! Hope to see you there!! Free admission – handicapped accessible.