



# 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.

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## October 1, 2017

**PARISH GOALS  
& OBJECTIVES**

### Reflection on COMMUNITY

What Bishop Bambera promotes in his pastoral letter: "I call us to be servant leaders who build COMMUNITY through hospitality, respect, inclusion and holiness. ...Community life is our greatest strength for the future. ...For the believer, faith is not a private affair acted upon in isolation; it is a call to holiness with a community of people."

What you said in the survey:

- \*I wish there were more e-mail communication.
- \*More information should be posted on the Facebook page.
- \*More community projects to help the less fortunate.

OUR GOAL: to create a culture of welcome in our parish

- ❖ Objective 1: Assess and improve communication with current and additional media
- ❖ Objective 2: Apply an "inclusivity" lens to all we do

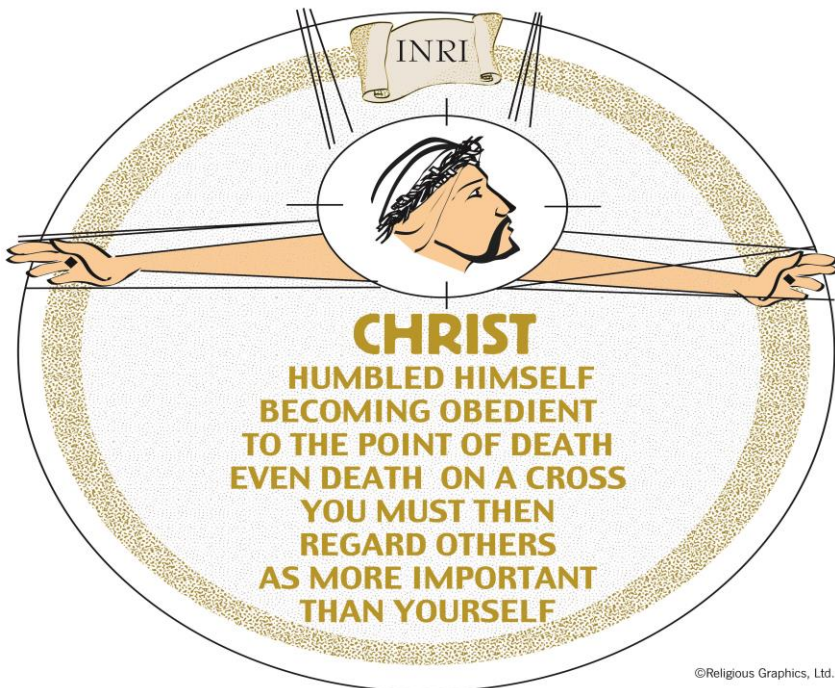
### OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

We will pray the Rosary before each Sunday Mass during the Month of October. We will begin 25 minutes before Mass, and our prayers are offered for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, particularly here in our Diocese where there is a desperate need for priests to serve the needs of area Catholics. Consider coming early to pray fervently for those who have yet to answer "the Call."



### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on Saturday, October 7. Since it is the patronal feast of our church building, all of next weekend's Masses will reflect the solemnity. Also, in observance of the feast, we will gather following the 7:00 p.m. Sunday Mass next weekend (October 8) for the customary Rosary, and a Candlelight Procession to the outdoor shrine of Our Lady. Please consider joining us to honor Our Lady during this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Fatima, and pray for a world so in need of God's help.



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

## The Challenge to Forgive

A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said, "The first." (Matthew 21:28-31)

When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2-8, 2017**

Mon	2	7:00am	John T. Milus ( <i>by 30-Day—by Family</i> )
Tue	3	7:00am	Edward Koytek ( <i>by Wife, Margaret</i> )
Wed	4	7:00am	Johanna Coolbaugh ( <i>by Daughter, Mercedes McHale</i> )
Thu	5	7:00am	Michael Gudz ( <i>by Rosalie and Robert Gudz</i> )
Fri	6	7:00am 9:00am	Mrs. Helen Rava ( <i>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Joe DeAngelo</i> ) Mary Ann Miro ( <i>by The Holy Rosary School Sunshine Club</i> )
Sat	7	4:00pm	Deceased Members of the Class of 1958 Duryea High School ( <i>by Classmates</i> )
Sunday	8	8:00am	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
		11:00am	Anthony & Ruth Levanda, Sr. and John & Harold Levanda, Sr. ( <i>by Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephew</i> )
		7:00pm	Peter and Agnes Olsheski ( <i>by Son, Peter</i> )
<b>VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS</b>			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Ted Hanczyc ( <i>by Marty and Lois Hanczyc</i> )	
Blessed Virgin Mary		Johanna Coolbaugh ( <i>by Daughter, Mercedes McHale</i> )	
St. Joseph		John T. Milus ( <i>by Nativity of Our Lord Women's Society</i> )	

**Other Activities/Events  
This Week:**

**Sunday –**

Confirmation 2017 Rehearsal  
4:00 pm (students and sponsors)

**Wednesday –**

Blessing of Animals, 6:00pm (parking lot)  
Senior Choir, 6:30pm

**Thursday –**

Gift Certificates, 8:00-10:00 am (HRCH)  
Yoga, 6:30 pm, HRCH

**Sunday October 8**

Confirmation 2017 Rehearsal  
4:00 pm (students only)



~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

**for the weekend of September 23-24, 2017**

\$3,669 Sunday; \$1,428 Secondary; \$286 Loose;  
\$1,196.50 Hurricane Irma

Online Giving: \$202 Sunday; \$141 Secondary;  
\$20 Care & Education of Priests

**LOAVES AND FISHES** October: Hot Chocolate Mix

**PARISH CAMPAIGN - EXTERIOR PROJECT--**

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. Estimates for the grading, paving, lining and curbing of the new lot are around \$40,000.00. Can you help?

**PARISH LIFE & MINISTRY FORMATION**

*"Serving one another by supporting our parish communities."*

Our Catholic life comes alive in the parish because our parish is the gathering of God's faithful people. Connecting with our fellow parishioners, reinforcing our beliefs and experiencing the joy of coming together is vital for everyone to fully experience our Catholic faith. It is crucial that we foster a rich parish life, where neighbors, families and friends come together in the spirit of Catholic fellowship. The Office for Parish Life assists in all aspects of Liturgy & Worship, Service & Social Concerns, Community and Family Development. Your gifts fund such programs as networking and training for Youth Ministry Leaders, Directors of Religious Education, Music and Liturgical Ministry, Bereavement Support, Social Concerns and Parish Councils.



**PICNIC REPORT** At last week's Picnic Meeting, a report of this summer's Picnic was given as follows:

Income:	\$111,357.64
Expenses:	<u>40,946.83</u>
<b>TOTAL PROFIT:</b>	<b>70,410.81!!!</b>

Thank you to all who helped in any way at this our most important event in the life of our parish. This was a stellar year!

**Eucharistic****Adoration**

Our Annual Day of Solemn Eucharistic Adoration here at Nativity of Our Lord Parish is set for Monday, October 16. The Eucharist will be exposed after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule. **SOMEONE** must be in the church at all times. Members of parish societies, readers, servers, ushers, choir members and extraordinary ministers are expected to make every effort to spend some time with our Lord in prayer and adoration on this day. Can't do a holy hour? Do a holy half-hour, or a quarter-hour, or sacrifice a little of whatever time is available in our lives.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October 2017****Workers and the Unemployed**

*That.....all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.*

As the Church in our country observes **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** today, may our prayers grow more intense as we face critical issues that touch life from conception to natural death. May we do our utmost to guarantee for ourselves and future generations a culture of life that glorifies God, the creator of all life.



**WITH PARISH SYMPATHY**--Our prayers are requested for Brian Wychoskie whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, September 28; and for James Stallo whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, September 30. May the angels lead them into paradise, and may Christ grant His comfort and consolation to their families and friends. We offer our parish sympathy to them in their loss.

❖ **SACRAMENTAL NEWS** Confirmation rehearsal this evening at 4:00 p.m. for students and their sponsors.



**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, October 4. Blessing of Animals will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot. We invite you to bring your pets for the blessing on this special day.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES** will be available this Thursday in Holy Rosary Church Hall from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY** of the month occurs this week. Home visits with Holy Communion will be made according to the usual schedule. Telephone calls will be made to set up convenient times for the visit.



**NATIVITY PARISH BOOK CLUB!** Do you love to read? Would you like to share with friends how pieces of literature impact and strengthen your faith? We invite readers of all ages to join us for our first Book Club meeting on **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** in the rectory. Our first meeting will simply be a meet and greet where we choose our first book over coffee and doughnuts. We hope to meet once per month, and new members will always be welcome. Hope to see you there!

**AUTUMN SOCIAL RESERVATION**

*hosted by our Parish Women's Society*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

A **SENIOR BINGO** sponsored by the Pastoral Outreach Apostolate of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will be held on Sunday, October 8, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the church hall located at 215 Lackawanna Avenue in Dupont. All persons 60 years of age and older are invited. Admission is free. Snacks and prizes will be given.

**COLOR ME PINK 5K** Please join us for the 4th Annual PPP 5k, Family Fun Walk and Gentlemen's Dash. This very fun, family friendly event ends our week-long stretch of activities and you certainly don't want to miss the PINKEST race in town. PPP's mission is to support a cure for ALL cancers through research and clinical trials. Please help us in spreading the word! Saturday, October 7. Register online at [Raceroster.com](http://Raceroster.com) or in person the morning of the race. Like us on Facebook: Paint Pittston Pink

**QUILT BINGO**--sponsored by Church of Saints Peter and Paul, 13 Hudson Road in Plains, on Sunday, October 8, in Bernardine Hall. The bingo will be a dauber bingo. With admission you will receive a 6-card game for each regular game. Specials and 50/50 will be sold separately. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and the games start at 1:00 p.m. If you are one of the lucky winners, you will be able to choose the quilt of your choice (sizes range from baby quilts to full/queen quilts). All quilts are handmade. Admission is \$25 and can be purchased at the door. Plenty of free parking. For information, please contact the Office Secretary at 570-825-6663. Come and join us for a day of great food, beautiful prizes and lots of fun!

**PITTSTON AREA CLASS OF 1968 PLANNING REUNION**

The Pittston Area Class of 1968 will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on September 1, 2018. Additional events over that weekend are also being planned. Planning sessions are being held monthly. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m., at Tony's Pizza in the City Line Plaza, Pittston. If you are a class member, please join us and bring a classmate. You can also get up-to-date reunion info on Facebook: Pittston Area High School Class of 1968.

**CONCERT AND CELEBRATION** The community is invited to a 100th Birthday Celebration for the M.P. Möller pipe organ at Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, corner of Rock and Center Streets, Hughestown, on October 15, at 3:00 p.m. Visiting organist Michael Sowa will play works by past and present composers of organ music on the 100-year-old instrument, rebuilt in 1994. Contributions to the organ fund will be accepted, and a reception will follow the program.



to benefit the students and programs/equipment at Holy Rosary School. Sunday, October 22, at Eagle McClure Hose Co. #1, 375 Milwaukee Avenue, Old Forge. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. with Bingo at 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tickets in advance \$20 - Tickets at the door

\$25. There will be food, soda, water, raffles, 50/50, door prizes. Sponsorships are available: Bag Sponsors \$250....Mega Bag Sponsors \$500 Space is limited! Get your tickets today! If you are interested in coming to this event, donating a raffle basket, or donating a designer purse, call Anne McDonnell at 570-451-1331 or [arbronyx@comcast.net](mailto:arbronyx@comcast.net), or Rose Rava at 570-702-3543.



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of the Lord  
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