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Nativity of Our Lord 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 8, 2017



If you love me, you will keep my commandments and I will ask the FATHER, and he will give you another ADVOCATE to be with you always, the SPIRIT of TRUTH.

Congratulations and Prayers for our Confirmation Class...

10 October 2017

- Vanessa Faith Barrett*
- David Charles Behm*
- Patrick Jordan Bennie*
- William Nicholas Bonczek*
- Robert Christopher Cabelly, III*
- Carlie Cecilia Feeney*
- Morgan Catherine Gromelski*
- Aden Genesis Johnson*
- Kacie Rose Kridlo*
- Thomas Thomas Lee*
- Abigail Nicole Lentowski*
- Ayva Gianna Lisowski*
- Alexis Adelaide Ralston*
- Emily Teresa Rinaldi*
- Keith Christopher Romanczuk*
- Abigail Clare Sankus*
- Emilee Grace Shaw*
- Haley Alice Sworen*
- Santina Rose Maria Zaino*
- Jessica Juliana Zaladonis*

"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit!"

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, as well as for peace. 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 this weekend's Masses will reflect the solemnity. Also, in observance of the feast, we will gather following the 7:00 p.m. Sunday Mass today (around 7:45pm) for the customary Solemn Rosary, and a Candlelight Procession to the outdoor Shrine of Our Lady. Please consider joining us to honor Our Lady during this 100th anniversary year of Fatima, and pray for a world so in need of God's help.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9-15, 2017

Mon	9	7:00am	Martin Hastie, Jr. <i>(by Parents and Family)</i>
Tue	10	7:00am 5:00pm	Alfred Rava <i>(by Family)</i> Sacrament of Confirmation with His Excellency, Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin
Wed	11	7:00am	Frank Kremitske (30-Day— <i>by Family</i>)
Thu	12	7:00am	Mary Olechna <i>(by Family)</i>
Fri	13	7:00am	Brandy Domiano <i>(by Parents)</i>
Sat	14	4:00pm	Edward and Sophie Wascavage <i>(by Joyce and Ed Jones)</i>
Sunday	15	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Elizabeth Warunek <i>(by Sons and Daughters)</i> YOUTH MASS: For the Intentions of Our Parishioners Gloria Barlik <i>(by The Chropowicki Family)</i>
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		John T. Milus <i>(by Sister Anna Mae)</i>	
Blessed Virgin Mary		Special Intention <i>(by Lois Hanczyk)</i>	
St. Joseph		Bernadine Kaczmarczyk <i>(by Nativity of Our Lord Women's Society)</i>	

**Other Activities/Events
This Week:**

Sunday –
CCD Morning Classes, 9:45 am
Confirmation 2017 Rehearsal, 4:00 pm
8th Grade CCD, 5:30 pm *Rectory*
Solemn Rosary and
Candlelight Procession
Following 7:00pm Mass (Approx 7:45)

Tuesday –
Confirmation, 5:00 pm

Wednesday –
Senior Choir, 6:30pm

Thursday –
Gift Certificates, 8:00-10:00 am (HRCH)



Be it done unto me according to your word

~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS for the weekend of September 30-October 1, 2017
\$3,978 Sunday; \$1,098 Secondary; \$374.78 Loose; \$642.84 Care & Education of Priests
Online Giving: \$505.00 Sunday; \$102.00 Secondary

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?
FALL "CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS" RAFFLE TICKETS are available in the church entrance. Please support this fundraiser as best you can.

**PARISH
GOALS &
OBJECTIVES**

Reflection on WORSHIP

What Bishop Bambera said: *"Basic to the faith life of the local parish community is its great act of worship, the liturgy. It challenges and celebrates our relationship with God, one another, and the world."*

In the survey, you said: *"Strengthen participation in liturgy. From altar servers to choir by children and attendance at Mass by children's parents and grandparents." "Reach out to youth and young adults to practice their faith. Ignite their spirit."*

GOAL: To create new opportunities to experience prayer in both communal and private settings

- ❖ Objective 1: Create opportunities to experience various forms of prayer in intergenerational settings
- ❖ Objective 2: Create opportunities to experience various forms of prayer in peer groups

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH TAKE-OUT BEEF/PORK BBQ DINNER

Wednesday, October 18, to benefit our ongoing Parish Campaign. Meal includes a choice of 2 sandwiches, a bag of chips and a piece of homemade cake at a cost of \$10.00 per dinner. Pre-orders only, please. The orders can be picked up in Sacred Heart Hall on October 18 between 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please consider choosing this for your dinner plans...every little bit helps! Thank you!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total Number of Dinners _____ Please indicate choice of sandwiches (select 2 per dinner) Beef _____ Pork _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Please return this form to the Rectory by Friday, October 13.



Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Duryea
**Guidelines for Mass Intentions
 and Scheduling of Masses**
2018 Mass Book will open on October 18, 2017

Offering of Mass - Mass Intentions for the Deceased or Living *(sometimes designated "Special Intention")*

1. The current offering for a Mass Intention is \$10. The offering must accompany the request. No Mass Intentions will be recorded in the Mass Intention Register without this offering.
2. Mass Intentions may be requested in one of three ways:
 - a. Visiting the parish office to make the request and give the offering in person.
 - b. Using the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church, near the Pieta. They may be placed in the collection basket.
 - c. Written requests may be mailed to the Parish Office with the offering enclosed—please use checks in this instance.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass Intention requests will not be taken over the phone, or even in person outside of the parish offices.

Scheduling of Mass Intentions on Sundays, Holy Days, and Weekdays throughout the year

3. Because of the large number of funerals per year, we must limit scheduled Mass Intention requests (per household) to four in order that all the dead, especially those recently deceased, may have the benefit of being remembered at the Altar: Two (per household) may be requested for weekend Masses or Holy Day Masses and two (per household) may be requested for weekday Masses.
4. Mass Intention requests beyond the four per household will be recorded and scheduled as space permits, usually at weekday Masses.
5. The pastor is required to say one Mass each Sunday and Holyday for the intentions of the parishioners (*Pro Populo*). These Intentions will be scheduled before the Mass book opens.
6. Again, please use the envelopes found in the church for each Mass Intention request (even when no specific date is requested.) Please feel free to add a phone number in the event that a requested date is already filled.

EXAMPLE of ENVELOPE

Please feel free to add your phone number in the event that a requested date is unavailable.

Mass Intention	
MASS FOR _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> LIVING	<input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED
DATE IF REQUESTED _____	TIME _____
REQUESTED BY _____	
STIPEND _____	DATE RECEIVED _____
RECEIVED BY _____	
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**“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,
that they may be loosed from sins.”**

-2 Maccabees 12:46



OFFERING MASSES –

When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. To have a Mass offered for the living on the occasion of life's milestone birthdays, anniversaries, etc., is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *“Mirae caritatis”* (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: “The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply ... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly homeland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified.”

Given this understanding, we can add some specifics. When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Therefore, the effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The general fruits of the Mass are the effects upon the whole Church to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in purgatory. For this reason, in the Canon of the Mass (the 1st Eucharistic Prayer), a special mention is made for both the living and the dead. The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass, i.e. "for whom the Mass is offered." The special personal fruits of the Mass benefit the celebrating priest who acts in the person of Christ in offering the Mass and to the people who are in attendance and participate in the offering of the Mass.

The intention of the Mass is also determined by various factors: The Church may stipulate the particular intention; for example, all pastors are required to offer one Mass on Sunday for the intentions of the living and deceased parishioners of a parish. A priest may also have his own particular intention in offering a Mass, such as the repose of the soul of his parents. Finally, a person may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention; usually, a stipend is given to the priest for offering the Mass, which thereby in justice creates an obligation which must be satisfied.

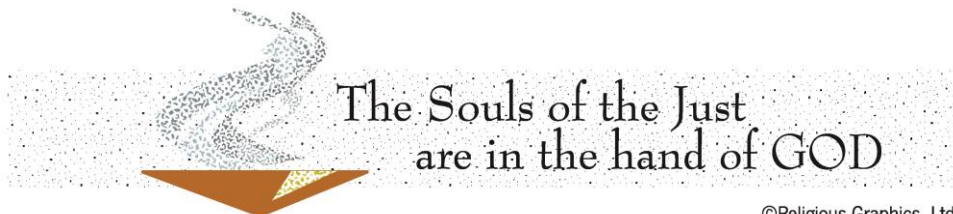
We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice: for example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. In *The Words of the Saints*:

St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.”

St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his Confessions: “One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.”

Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, “Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.”





SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—We welcome to the Church Conor Joseph Giambra who was baptized last Sunday. Now that he has received his new life in Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism, may our Lord fill him with many graces and blessings all through his Christian life. We offer our parish congratulations and prayerful best wishes to him and his family on this happy occasion!

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



to Mr. & Mrs. Peter and Helen Duszak who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, October 14. We wish them many more happy, healthy and grace-filled years ahead! Congratulations and best wishes!

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 14th 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!



Eucharistic Adoration



Our Annual **DAY OF SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** here at Nativity of Our Lord Parish is set for this Monday, October 16. Father Scott Sterowski, the Pastor of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Scranton will be our guest Celebrant and Homilist. 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 at prayer in the church at all times during exposition, and all members of societies and ministers are expected to make every sincere effort to spend some time with Our Lord in prayer and adoration on this day. All parishioners should make the effort, but even if you cannot do a holy hour, do a holy half-hour, or a quarter-hour, or sacrifice a little of whatever time is available in your busy lives. Do not wait for tragedy to beg for God's love, thank him now for what peace we have in our lives, and come to him in prayer and petition veiled in this Great Sacrament of the Altar while "the wood is green," asking for continued security, peace, and blessings for you and your family.

Please join us for the closing celebration of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

AUTUMN SOCIAL RESERVATION

hosted by our Parish Women's Society

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of People Attending: _____

Payment Enclosed: _____

NEXT WEEKEND IS IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND



Diocesan Appeal materials and pledge cards will be distributed to all parishioners during Masses celebrated next

weekend. If you have not already done so, please make your pledge to help the thousands of people who will directly benefit from your caring support. Everyone at Mass will be asked to complete the pledge form, whether or not they have made a pledge or intend to pledge. You are also invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside pledge form and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. Your intention will be remembered at this Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Prayer intentions are welcome whether or not you make a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you!

NEIGHBORING EVENTS...

AUTUMN ROAST BEEF DINNER hosted by the Little Sisters of the Poor next Sunday, October 15, from 12 to 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Avenue in Scranton. All proceeds will be used to update electronic management systems to provide continuous and integrated quality care for the residents of Holy Family Residence. The dinner, which will be catered courtesy of Stirna's Restaurant, includes roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, rolls and butter, assorted pies and beverages. Takeouts will be available. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and younger. There will also be a bake sale which includes the Sisters' famous homemade scones and an assortment of other baked goods.

The Passion of Jesus Christ, PREACHED RETREAT, for men and women, directed by Brother André Mathieu, CP, of St. Ann's Basilica, Scranton, October 20-22, at St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center, 631 Griffin Pond Road in Clarks Summit. Comfortable Silence during retreat. Begins on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. (registration at 7:00 p.m.) and ends after the noon meal on Sunday (no meals are served Friday evening). Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal reflection, prayer, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and liturgy. A deposit is required. For more information, please call the Retreat Office at 570-586-4957 or email kporter@epix.net.



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