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Deacon André Kabacinski, Parish Deacon

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 10, 2017



“Since our earliest days we have been taught how to pray by the words that Jesus himself shared with us in the scriptures. He began that prayer by saying ‘Our Father.’ We walk together as brothers and sisters in the light of Christ by the very nature of our faith. In his great instruction to us, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis invites us all to missionary discipleship as authentic followers of the Lord Jesus. Missionary discipleship calls us to go out of ourselves and to preach the Gospel and to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters with whom we walk.”

-Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

Our Holy Father tells us, “God’s heart has a special place for the poor, so much so that he himself ‘became poor.’ He explains that the proclamation of the gospel “is itself the prime form of charity.”

You are invited to join with parishioners across the Diocese as they “Walk Together in the Light of Christ” proclaiming the Gospel by supporting the many ministries and services made possible through gifts to the 2017 Annual Appeal throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese.

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

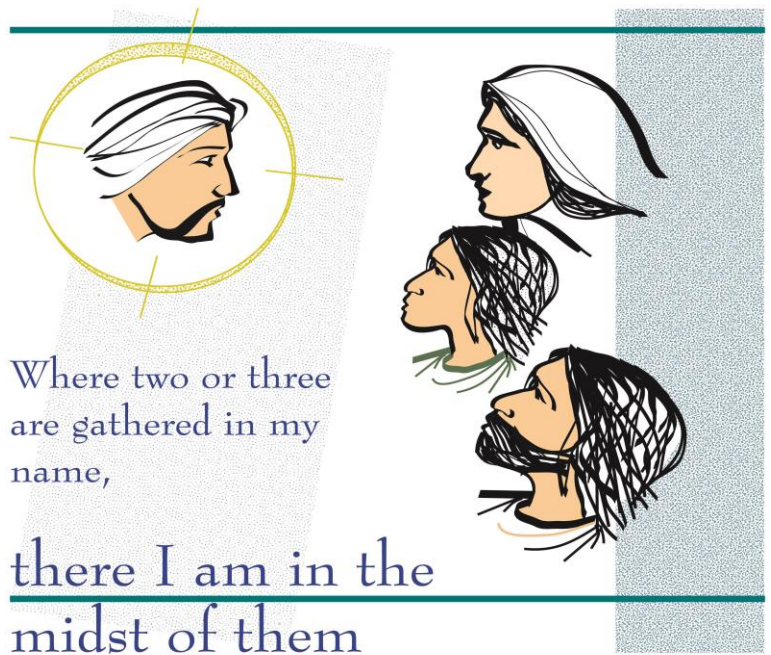
HELPING OTHERS GROW

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.”

(Matthew 18:15)

How have you been able to follow Christ more closely because others patiently loved you?

How can you help another person do the right thing?



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THE FUTURE IS COMING!!!

ARE YOU READY FOR IT? NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH IS! AFTER A YEAR OF CONSULTING WITH OUR SOCIETIES, MINISTRIES, AND PARISHIONERS, AND THEN PRAYERFUL DISCERNMENT, THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL IS READY TO SHOW YOU THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH. BE AT MASS NEXT WEEKEND TO SEE THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH!

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2017

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| Mon | 11 | 7:00am | Verna Parduski (by Fred and Jean Hoover) |
| Tue | 12 | 7:00am | Denis Picard (by Lisa Gnall Davis and Jimmy & Angel Gnall, Jr. & Family) |
| Wed | 13 | 7:00am | Frank S. Soy (by Allen and Sherry Starzec) |
| Thu | 14 | 7:00am | Mary Chilson (Mercedes McHale) |
| Fri | 15 | 7:00am | Bernard Budzilek (Mr. & Mrs. Ed Rehoski) |
| Sat | 16 | 4:00pm | Dec'd members of the Urban & Resavy Families (by Charles Resavy) |
| Sunday | 17 | 8:00am | Linda Barrett (by Deacon André and Mary Ann Kabacinski) |
| | | 11:00am | Youth Mass – Denise Cooper Larsen (by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kost and Family) |
| | | 7:00pm | For the Intentions of Our Parishioners |
| VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS | | | |
| Sacred Heart of Jesus | | Rosemary Kapish (by Beverly Dulny and Mary Ellen Plisga) | |
| Blessed Virgin Mary | | Mary Chilson (by Mercedes McHale) | |
| St. Joseph | | David Polak (by Wife, Cathy Polak and Family) | |

**Other Activities/Events
This Week:**

Sunday –
Confirmation 2017 Retreat
12:15-4:00pm, Cathedral, Scranton

Tuesday –
Pastoral Council (Rectory) 6:30 pm

Thursday ~
Yoga Session (HRCH) 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 17
Confirmation 2017 Rehearsal
(students only)



PRAY

and it
will be
granted
to you

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~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS for the weekend of September 2-3, 2017

\$3,749 Sunday; \$1,289 Secondary; \$311.08 Loose; \$608.25 Care & Education of Priests,
Online Giving: \$460 Sunday; \$208 Secondary

LOAVES AND FISHES September: Coffee



PARISH CAMPAIGN - EXTERIOR PROJECT-- Please consider making your gift today! As you know, we are working on Phase 2 of the improvements to our church building - the interior - which is nearing completion. Next to be taken care of is Phase 3 - accessibility - the paving of the lot behind the church, and the planning of a true handicap access to the church, with a restroom on the same level. The lot, currently covered in rock and dirt, will become an ideal place for those with limited mobility to park, since it is close to the building, and since it eliminates the need to cross the street or deal with much traffic. Estimates for the grading, paving, lining and curbing of the new lot are around \$40,000.00. The cost of the handicap entrance and restroom is not yet known. This work can't really begin until the funding is available. All of us will age, or may become unable to get around easily, and may need an easier way to enter our church. Invest in a comfortable future in this church for the aged or infirmed. Can you help?



CONFIRMATION 2017 Prayer Partners Confirmation will take place in one month, on October 10. On that day, 20 young women and men from our community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Emeritus James C. Timlin. In the entrance of the church you will find prayer cards with the names of the students. Please consider taking one, with the promise to pray daily for the child as he or she makes their final preparations for this Sacrament, asking God to strengthen them, that they may boldly live our one holy Catholic and apostolic faith in a world so in need of Christ's love and witness.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL VICTIMS OF RECENT DISASTERS! This weekend, the Diocese of Scranton will hold a special collection for flood relief which will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please consider setting a little aside in the next two weeks to contribute. Locally, Holy Rosary School's 8th Grade will be holding a "Fill the Truck" collection of non-perishable items on September 16th. Diapers, Rubber Gloves, Buckets, Cleaning Supplies, Laundry Soap, Toiletries, Pet Food, Sponges, Towels, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Water and Non-perishable food are all appreciated. Items can be dropped off that day in the school parking lot from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Most importantly, pray and be supportive of victims and recovery efforts. Prayer and kind words heal, and help in ways that we sometimes can't even imagine. Trust in God, and do whatever you can to help those who need our love more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

CCD BEGINS TODAY

CCD (Religious Education) classes begin today (Sunday) with registration from 9:15 a.m. in the auditorium for those who have not yet sent in their forms, and for new students. Those who are registering for the first time are asked to report to the New Registration Table. While we are accepting Kindergarten registrations for our program, please note that it is not mandatory. Classes for students in grades K to 7 are from 9:45-10:45 a.m. with classes for students in 8th grade held this evening from 5:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

A Sound Religious Education for **every child** from grade 1 through 8 is required of all families. The two options are either enrollment in a Catholic School, or CCD. Aside from regular class time, formation **FOR RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS is also required.** – It is a Diocesan requirement to be enrolled in a Catholic School or Religious Education Program for two (2) years prior to the reception of sacraments while on this Sacramental faith journey. Therefore, those student parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord presently in 6th or 7th grade must be following this guideline to receive Confirmation in 2018; and those presently in 1st or 2nd grades must also follow this guideline to receive First Communion this spring.

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

NEIGHBORING EVENTS...

Holy Family Parish, 828 Main Street in Sugar Notch, will hold a **CASH BINGO** today (Sunday) in the church hall. Doors open at noon with games beginning at 1:00 p.m. Homemade food and refreshments will be sold. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO Sponsored by 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, please contact Anne McDonnell at 570-451-1331 or arbronyx@comcast.net, or Rose Rava at 570-702-3543.



FALL CRAFT FAIR Queen of the Apostles Parish Social Concerns/Respect Life Ministry will be conducting a fall craft fair on Saturday, September 16, from 9 am to 2 pm in the parish hall, 740 Spring Street in Avoca. Hand crafted items and more will be available from up to 20 local vendors. A refreshment stand will be open from 9-2 serving breakfast, lunch and dessert items. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the Ministry's upcoming projects including services to parish and community.

A **PASTA AND MEATBALL DINNER** will be hosted by the Holy Name Society of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Avenue in Dupont, on Saturday, September 16. Take-outs available from 3-5 pm/eat-in dinners from 4-6 pm in the church hall. Tickets can be purchased from members as well as at the parish office at a cost of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

41st Annual ROSARY RALLY



The Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus will host their 41st Annual Rosary Rally, Sunday, September 24. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William Street in Pittston. Father Joseph Elston, Pastor, graciously welcomes all the faithful to attend this prayerful event.

A Rosary procession from the church, through the streets of Pittston will begin at 2:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will carry the Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue in procession followed by the faithful. Special emphasis will be focused on praying for peace in our country and the world.

Those who will not be in the procession are invited to go directly to the church by 3:00 p.m. at which time the Grand Knights will lead the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will begin immediately following the Rosary and will satisfy the Sunday obligation. Following Mass, refreshments will be served at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 55 Main Street in Pittston.



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Diocesan Day of Service
Saturday, September 16, 2017

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| <p>Registration 9AM Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston</p> | <p>Service Care & Concerns Clinic CEO & More!</p> | <p>Reflection Faith and Service Presentation Service Experience</p> |
| <p>Lunch</p> | | <p>Liturgy 4:30PM Saint John the Evangelist Parish 35 William Street Pittston, PA 18640</p> |

All Parishioners of Nativity, ages 16-35, and adult chaperones are encouraged to volunteer and leave a mark!

Members of the young church (16-35) and adult chaperones can register online by September 11:
www.dioceseofscranton.org
570-780-2996



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