



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH, DURYEA

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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 24, 2017

**PARISH GOALS
& OBJECTIVES**

Reflection on WORD

What Bishop Bambera said in his pastoral letter: “Meeting this challenge (to make the baptized aware of the universality of Christ’s mission) calls for reflection and study (of):

- Promoting on-going family centered Christian formation...for all groups...
- Promoting full incorporation of youth and young adults into the life of the parish...
- Development and support of teachers, catechists, and others involved in Christian formation...

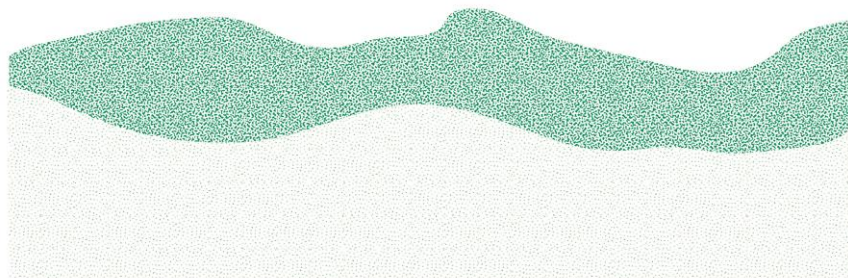
What you said in the Parish survey:”

- We need more age appropriate programs for children and young adults.
- We must reach our youth – with our actions based on truth from the Word.

Our Goal: To develop and nurture in our parishioners a greater knowledge of the Catholic Christian faith and a deeper relationship with Jesus. *Objective 1:* Make a faith formation plan for teens, young adults and adults and *Objective 2:* Explore new ways of engaging families in faith formation in the church and in the home



As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.



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

God's Generosity

[The landowner] said “Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”

(Matthew 20:14–15)

What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel?
How has God been generous to you in this way?

Who is generous to you, even when you do not always deserve it?

Education Information

Elementary Religious Education (CCD) and Sacramental Formation

Mrs. Rose Rava, Director
For information concerning Religious Education and Sacramental preparation of children not enrolled in a Catholic School, please call the rectory at (570) 457-3502, or Rose at (570) 702-3543.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (for a complete list, go to www.dioceseofscranton.org)

Holy Rosary School, PK-8
Mrs. Melissa Skutack, Principal
125 Stephenson Street
Duryea, PA 18642
Tel: (570) 457-2553
Fax (570)-457-3537
E-mail: hursduryea@hotmail.com

Holy Redeemer High School
Mr. Michael Reese, Principal
159 S. Pennsylvania Ave.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
Tel: (570) 829-2424
Fax: (570) 829-4411
Web: www.holyredeemerhs.org

LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 1, 2017

Mon	25	7:00am	Alice Karboski (by Maureen, Fran, and F. Sam)
Tue	26	7:00am	Dorothy Rava (by Family)
Wed	27	7:00am	Dorothy Barnousky (by Hillshire Assoc.)
Thu	28	7:00am	Louis Cremard (by Parents, sister and Madison)
Fri	29	7:00am	Allen Starzec (30-Day—by Family)
Sat	30	4:00pm	Irene and John Moskaitis (by Joyce and Ed Jones)
Sunday	1	8:00am	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
		11:00am	Bea and Joseph Krysko (by Son, Joseph and Wife, Darlene Krysko)
		7:00pm	Andrew and Regina Salidis (by Daughter, Ruth)
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Alan Nowakowski (by Wife, Janice and Family)	
Blessed Virgin Mary		Andrew Murman (by Wife, pat, and Daughters, Christa and Carla)	
St. Joseph		Allen Starzec (by Nativity of Our Lord Women's Society)	

Other Activities/Events

This Week:

Sunday –

1st Communion Parents' Meeting,
9:45 am, HRC Hall
Confirmation 2017 Rehearsal
4:00 (students only)

Tuesday –

Activities Meeting, 6:30pm, SH Hall
Picnic Meeting, 7:00pm, SH Hall

Wednesday –

Virtus Training, 6:00 pm, HRC Hall
Senior Choir, 6:30pm

Thursday –

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

Sunday, September 24

Confirmation 2017 Rehearsal
4:00 (students and sponsors)

~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

for the weekend of September 16-17, 2017

\$4,177 Sunday; \$2,110 Secondary; \$264.30 Loose;
\$417.80 Cemetery

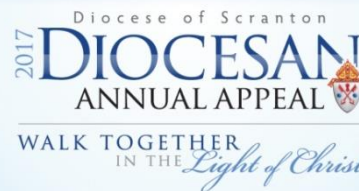
Online Giving: \$120 Sunday; \$95 Secondary

LOAVES AND FISHES September: Coffee

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. The cost of the handicap entrance and restroom is not yet known. This work can't really begin until the funding is available. 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.

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

The BBQ's are here!!! On Wednesday, October 18, Nativity of Our Lord Parish will sponsor a Take-Out Beef and Pork BBQ Dinner to benefit our ongoing Parish Campaign. The menu will feature a choice of 2 sandwiches, a bag of chips and a piece of homemade cake at a cost of \$10.00 per dinner. All dinners must be pre-ordered by filling out the form below or calling the Rectory at 570-457-3502 during business hours. 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.





WITH PARISH SYMPATHY--Our prayers are requested for for Carol Mesaris whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, September 22, and for Louise Szewczyk whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, September 23. 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.

❖ **CCD NEWS** CCD (Religious Education) classes continue today (Sunday) from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for students in grades K to 7. Those in 8th grade will meet this evening from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Rectory.

❖ **SACRAMENTAL NEWS** There will be a meeting for all parents of the First Communion Class this morning at 9:45 a.m. in Holy Rosary Church Hall.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES MEETING A brief Fundraising Activities Meeting will take place on Tuesday evening at 6:30, at Sacred Heart Hall immediately before the Picnic Report Meeting. A calendar for the next year, dates and projects will be discussed. New ideas for bolstering our income are welcome, and needed, as we look toward the paving of the new lot and the creation of a handicap entrance and restroom for our church.

PICNIC REPORT MEETING There will be a Picnic Meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hall. A report on income will be given at that time.

VIRTUS TRAINING will take place on Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. If you need to complete your clearances to volunteer at the school, help with CCD, or Vacation Bible School, or help at our other events and are interested even if not required, please call the school office at 570-457-2553 and reserve your spot.

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

PIVOTAL PLAYER SERIES CONTINUES Nativity of Our Lord will be continuing Bishop Robert Barron's series: *CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players*, a multi-part series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.. This Fall, we will be undertaking two more segments of the series: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, *The Theologian*, and BL. JOHN HENRY NEWMANN, *The Convert*. Evening sessions will be held on Mondays, October 23, 30, November 6, 13, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Rectory conference room. Please contact David Tighe at [570-457-3502](tel:570-457-3502) or email rectory@nativitydurvea.org to register. For those who may be new to the series, study materials will cost \$20 per person and can be ordered anytime. All are invited to journey with Bishop Barron to explore the lasting influence of these Pivotal Players.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS...

41st Annual ROSARY RALLY The Knights of Columbus will host their 41st Annual Rosary Rally, Sunday, September 24, at St. John's Church, 35 William Street in Pittston. Fr. 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 will carry the 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 process are invited to go directly to the church by 3:00 p.m. at which time the Glorious Mysteries will be prayed. 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.



CRAFT FAIR Sponsored by the Women's Guild of Divine Mercy Parish, 312 Davis Street, Scranton, on September 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Do your Christmas shopping early at this great display of handmade jewelry, seasonal decorations and gifts from 40 local crafters. Door prizes all day - bake sale - refreshments available. Admission \$2.00.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR—The Human Life Resource Center in Wilkes-Barre will soon mark their 30th year anniversary. The Pro-Life Center, an all-volunteer operation, was founded and is directed by Betty Caffrey. To commemorate this joyful event of serving moms and babies, a Holy Hour in thanksgiving to God will take place on Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church (St. Robert Bellarmine Parish), West Division and Barney Streets in Wilkes-Barre. Father Richard Cirba, Pastor, will preside for the service. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria. All are welcome!

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, Hughesstown, on Sunday, 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, or Rose Rava at 570-702-3543.



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