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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 3, 2017

PLEASE PRAY FOR TEXAS and LOUISIANA!

We know all too well the damage caused by floods. The news, papers, and social media have been showing the devastation caused by Harvey and its aftermath. As we have experienced here in the Wyoming Valley on numerous occasions, and as recently as 2011, floods do not end with the waters receding. Rather, the end of the high water marks the beginning of trying to put lives back together. This rebuilding is not measured in days or weeks, rather, it is measured months and years – and beyond. On the weekend of September 9th and 10th, 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 will be holding a collection of non-perishable items on September 16th. Items can be dropped off that day. More details will follow in next week’s bulletin. 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.

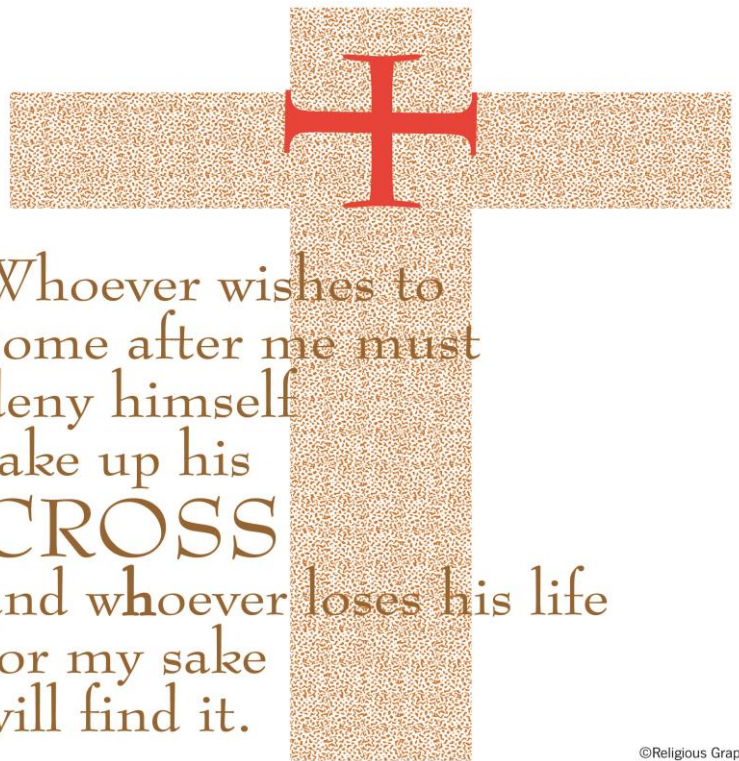
Questions for personal reflection based on this Sunday's Readings...

Come, Follow Me

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
(Matthew 16:24)

In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?



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✠ Education Information ✠

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

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4-10, 2017

Mon	4	9:00am	Catherine Wollner <i>(by Children and Grandchildren)</i>
Tue	5	7:00am	John R. Blanchard <i>(by Family)</i>
Wed	6	7:00am	Denis Picard <i>(by Aunt Betty Gnall and Children)</i>
Thu	7	7:00am	Geralyn Ratuszny <i>(30-Day—by Family)</i>
Fri	8	7:00am	Jeff Branäs <i>(30-Day—by Family)</i>
Sat	9	4:00pm	John and Lucille Mikolaczyk <i>(by Son, Dale)</i>
Sunday	10	8:00am	Alex and Louise Pesta <i>(by Raymond and Deborah Pesta)</i>
		11:00am	Peter & Elizabeth Namatka and dec'd members of Namatka Family <i>(by Joseph Namatka and Family)</i>
		7:00pm	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS			
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Paul Butrymowicz <i>(by Mercedes Butrymowicz)</i>	
Blessed Virgin Mary		Lena Branäs <i>(by Madeline Branäs)</i>	
St. Joseph		John Freas <i>(by Wife, Diane)</i>	

Other Activities/Events
This Week:

Monday – Labor Day

Thursday ~

Gift Certificates (HRC Hall)

FATHER



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~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS for the weekend of August 26-27, 2017

\$3,931.75 Sunday; \$1,573 Secondary; \$643.20 Loose

Online Giving: \$205 Sunday; \$91 Secondary

LOAVES AND FISHES September: Coffee

Donations can be dropped off in the blue bin in the vestibule.



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?



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 to be purchased

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.



LABOR DAY - Mass at 9:00 a.m. A Mass for the Blessing of Human Labor will be offered on Monday at 9:00 a.m. Please note: this is our usual holiday schedule, and replaces the 7:00 a.m. Mass that day. The Parish **office** will be **closed** on Monday in observance of the holiday.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
CCD NEWS - CCD classes for the upcoming school year begin next week on September 10, at 9:45-10:45 am.

1. **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION** forms are still available in the vestibule of the church. Any child from our parish, or with the permission of their pastor of another parish, in grades K to 8th, who is not enrolled in a Catholic grade school can enroll by completing the form after reviewing the other materials. Then return just the form and fee to the rectory, or through the collection basket. All checks to be made payable to *Nativity of Our Lord Parish*.
2. All **RETURNING STUDENTS** should have received their forms in the mail this week. If you do not receive one, please contact the rectory at 570-457-3502.
3. All registration forms and fees are due on or before September 10th, the first day of class. Just as in all other school environments, since the forms contain student information and emergency contact information, it is best to have all information **BEFORE** leaving the student to enjoy their first day of classes.

GIFT CERTIFICATES The gift certificates that support Holy Rosary School and our other Diocesan schools will be available to purchase this Thursday in Holy Rosary Church Hall from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION 2017 NEWS Forms and fees are due for the retreat that will take place **NEXT SUNDAY**. Please drop them off at the rectory this week!!!! Retreat will take place Next Sunday, September 10th. 12:15-4:00PM Please be on time for Mass at the Cathedral.

Parishioners are asked to pray for these young members of our church as they make their preparations for Confirmation, which will take place on October 10.



NEIGHBORING EVENTS...

TRIDUUM AND FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER



THE FEAST of St. Joseph the Worker will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, with a Solemn Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315 in Laflin, with Bishop John M. Dougherty, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton, serving as Celebrant and Homilist. Concelebrants will be the local Oblate Fathers. St. Joseph's bread will be blessed and distributed following the Mass as a "symbol of the fruit of our labor". Everyone is invited to attend.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN AT ST. LUCY'S PRAYER GARDEN

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the fourth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 55 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

Event: National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
 When: Saturday, September 9, at 11:00 a.m.
 Where: St. Lucy's Catholic Church, 949 Scranton St., Scranton
 More Info: Call Pennsylvanians for Human Life at 570-343-5099, email: email@prolifescranton.org
 Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.



ANNUAL MUSICIANS' MASS

A Mass of Thanksgiving for all liturgical musicians will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, 315 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. This liturgy is a wonderful opportunity for choir members, choir directors, cantors, organists, pianists, and instrumentalists to offer praise and thanks to God for their musical talent as they begin a new season of music ministry. The singing at the liturgy will be embellished with the Diocesan Festival Choir, the Cathedral organ and instrumentalists. All are cordially invited to attend. A light reception sponsored by the Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, please contact David Baloga at the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158.

41st Annual ROSARY RALLY

Sun., September 24 - St. John the Evangelist Church
 35 William Street in Pittston
 Procession begins at 2:00 p.m. with Mass at 3:20 p.m. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
 Come! Prayer on this 100th Anniversary Year of Our Lady of Fatima!





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