



# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH, DURYEA

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Masses: Daily, M-T-W-F 7:00 am Thursday 6:30 pm • 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.

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**



**May 12, 2024**



**Mother's Day**

*An Easter Reflection -*

## Like a Mother Hen

Sending forth a child has to be one of the hardest things that a parent must do. This is especially true for a mother. Whether it be to pre-school or a university, whether it be into a life-long commitment or a week at a summer camp, there is always some fear about letting go. A mother-child relationship whose nourishing begins in a womb, touches upon the same significant bond that Jesus longs for us with the Holy Father in this Sunday's Gospel.

John's Gospel this Sunday is a portion of what is often called Jesus' "high priestly prayer." In this prayer Jesus consecrates his own body and blood in preparation to his sacrificing his life for all of us. This consecration is Jesus' blessing of that unique significance of his life as God's Word made flesh and his deep love in God which he gives to his disciples. Like a mother, he carries his disciples in the womb of faithfulness and intimate love.

Jesus shares the same fears that anyone in the role of a mother has in their hearts. There is no possibility of taking a disciple, or a child, out of the world. What Jesus wants for all of his "little children" is to know that he too belongs to the world in which we all are a part, and that he will always protect us from the "evil one," no matter what form that evil may take.

The strengths that a mother, or a disciple, discovers is grounded in a deep truth that we discover in our "mothering." Our call is to send people into the world who have remained in God's love, even as darkness attempted to overpower the brightness of love which we seek to shine all through the world. This is the real strength of every other, to choose to love in every situation, even when it involves willing sacrifice, unyielding commitment and fearless challenge.

As we all know, motherhood is not for the faint of heart. At another time in the gospels, Jesus invokes another image of what being a mother is all about (Luke 13:34). He speaks of his desire "to gather your children together just as a hen gathers her young under her wings." Whenever a danger would strike a mother hen, for example a fire, she gathered all her brood under her wings seeking to protect them and willing to sacrifice her own life. This is how Jesus guards his flock.

A mother teaches her children with great intensity and powerful example. Her love for one another as God loves, embodies her commitment to love no matter what the situation. Here is the ministry we are all called to if we choose to be Jesus' disciples. This is what we honor in all our mothers this day - their choosing to love even as the fires of doubt and fear fall down from the sky, their remaining in God's love now and forever.

*-Fr. Michael*



*"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had, and dealing with fears you didn't know existed"*

*-Linda Wooten,  
A Mother's Thoughts*

### Questions of the Week

► Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 ~ Stephen's Martyrdom

► 1 John 4: 11-16 ~ Blessed are those who follow the Lamb

► John 17: 11b-19 ~ Prayer for all Believers

**Adults:** What are some of the most important things to ask God?

**Kids:** What are some of the most important things to ask God?

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS  
FOR MAY 12- MAY 19, 2024

Day	Date	Feast/Event	Time	Intention
Mon	13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	7:00am	Rosemary Kundrat (by family)
Tue	14	ST. MATTHIAS APOSTLE	7:00am	Annette Symosh (by Michele and Barry Long)
Wed	15	<i>St. Isidore</i>	7:00 am	Andrew and Regina Dalton (by Andrea and Andrew Lentowski)
Thu	16	Easter Weekday	6:30pm	Victoria Eskra (by George O' Hop)
Fri	17	Easter Weekday	7:00am	Zavrotny and Kupcho Families (by Carol Zavrotny and Family)
Sat	18	<i>St. John I, Pope, and Martyr</i>	4:00pm	Michael and Irene Rostkowski (by Children)
Sun	19	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	8:00am	William Aruscavage (by Golushka family)
			11:00am	Confirmation Mass
			7:00pm	Theresa Orkwis and David Patterson (by Bernice Patterson)
<b>VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS</b>				
		Sacred Heart of Jesus		Agnes and Peter Olsheski (by son, Peter Olsheski)
		Blessed Virgin Mary		Rosamary And Bob Kundrat (by Beverly Dulny)
		Saint Joseph		Henry Dulny (by Beverly Dulny)

*Upcoming Items....*

- 13 Monday**  
-Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:30  
(make-up on Tuesday at 6:30)
- 15 Wednesday**  
-Choir Rehearsal, 6:00pm
- 16 Thursday**  
-Women's Society Meeting, 6:30pm  
- FOOD PREP Core, Clean, Steam Cabbage & Clean and Chop Onions 9:30am
- 17 Friday**  
-Make Juice/Steam&Clean Cabbage 9:30am
- 18 Saturday**  
-Ball, Roll and Bake Piggies 9:00am
- 19 PENTECOST SUNDAY**
- 25 Friday**  
- OFFICE CLOSED
- 27 Monday MEMORIAL DAY**  
- Masses at our cemeteries, weather permitting, 9 am HRC and 10am SJC  
-OFFICE CLOSED
- 28-Tuesday**  
-Core, Clean, steam Cabbage 9:00am

**FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP**

For the period ending May 7: TOTAL \$8,879.00; Sunday \$6,120.00 (\$1,928.00 OL) Loose Sunday Offering: \$591.00; Other Envelopes \$1,627.00 (\$284.00 OL) Care and Education of Priests \$541.00 (\$20.00 OL)  
Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!



We need 5 new parishioners to serve on the Pastoral Council. Their role is to develop and review the Mission flowing from the Gospel and develop a Parish Pastoral Plan that is ongoing. They recommend policies, procedures and programs after consultation with parishioners and staff. They review and evaluate goals and recommendations in light of their value and efficiency. The following is the Nomination Form:



I nominate the following person(s) to serve on Our Pastoral Council. (You are welcome to self-nominate.)

Name: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

- They are active, registered, baptized, members of the parish
  - They are at least 18 years old
  - They participate in the on-going life of the parish
- Please offer some reasons for your choice(s) are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I have spoken to them about this nomination (Required)

Your signature (optional)

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**MOTHERS' DAY CARNATION SALE** Will take place after all Masses this weekend.

**CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL** will take place on Monday, May 13, at 6:30 in church, with a make-up rehearsal on Tuesday May 14th, also at 6:30.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES:** To support Holy Rosary School. Sales on\* **Wednesday May 15th.** From 8-10am.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** - Wednesday May 15, at 6:00 in the Loft.

**PICNIC ITEMS**

- **THE FLEA MARKET IS COMING!!!!** - But, **Please**, hold all treasures until after June 10<sup>th</sup>. Drop-offs to the school auditorium will be scheduled following the end of the school year. Volunteers welcome to help organize the many treasures.
- **PICNIC STAND GIVING** This year, we will place the tags on the vestibule doors the weekend of May 18/19. Items can be returned at your earliest convenience. We are currently looking for **new** items to fill the following stands:
  - Variety Stand - *Small appliances, household items, kitchen gadgets, things to make life easier*
  - Kid's Buckets - *Organized by the Women's Society*
  - Gift Cards Galore - *Any gift cards are welcome. \$25.00 value requested*
  - Sports and Games - *puzzles, pool games, lawn games, sports equipment, online game gift cards, board games*
  - Yard and Garden - *LED Garden Lights, plants, Seeds, furniture, etc.*
  - *(Any prizes ordered online can be delivered directly to the rectory if that is convenient for you: 127 Stephenson Street, Duryea. Please let us know if we should be expecting a package.)*
- **BEAUTIFUL BASKETS** Consider donation of a theme basket to fill out our Beautiful Basket Stand - perhaps a backyard bar-b-que basket, a bike, Yankee Candles, who knows!?!

**IN THE COMMUNITY:**

**Catholic Choral Society Spring Concerts** on Friday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Mary Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church at 316 William Street in Scranton, and on Sunday evening, May 19 at 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola at 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, PA. Tickets: Adults \$10.00 - Seniors and students \$8.00 - Singers and ages 12 and under free.

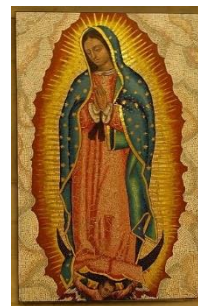
**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** Women from around the Diocese of Scranton gather on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Marywood University for the Annual Refresh Your Faith Catholic Women's Conference. The day includes Mass with Bishop Bambera, continental breakfast, Catholic Marketplace, 3 Keynote speakers, rosary, Eucharistic adoration, music and lunch. Register for only \$55, students \$20. Just added: Special programming Friday night, June 7 - with accommodations at Marywood University. For more information or to register go to [www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com)

**FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH MARELLO** The Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph, Route 315, Laflin, will celebrate the feast day of their Founder, St. Joseph Marello, on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, with Masses in their chapel at 8:00 am, 12 Noon & 7:00pm. A light reception will follow the evening Mass. A three-day preparation of Masses will precede the Feast Day from May 27-29 with Masses at 8:00 am & 12 Noon. St. Joseph Marello (1844-1895) founded the Oblate Order in 1878 in Asti, Italy & has been serving in the Diocese of Scranton since 1929. For more information, call the office at (570) 654-7542.

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST FLEA MARKET:** At 35 Williams Street, will be holding its annual Flea Market in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (Seton Auditorium) On Thurs. May 23, and Fri May 24 from 5-8pm and Sat May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-12noon (bag sale). Refreshments will be available for purchase on Thursday and Friday only. The entrance is on Church Street in Pittson with parking available.

**MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

We are pleased to announce that this Missionary Image will be available for Veneration in our area according to the following schedule from May 10 -16, 2024:



St. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Plymouth - May 12 (Sunday) 8:30 am Divine Liturgy; 9:45 am Talk; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Prayer & Veneration of the Image

Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas - May 14 (Tuesday) 1:00 - 5:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Veneration of the Image

Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, North Street, Wilkes-Barre - May 16 (Thursday) 9:30 am Meet & Process with the Image to Planned Parenthood, 101 Main Street, to Pray for the Life of Unborn Children

Holy Spirit Parish - St. Mary Church, Mocanaqua - May 16 (Thursday) 1:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Veneration of the Image; 6:00 pm Holy Mass; 7:00 pm Talk; 7:15-8:30 pm Veneration of the Image.

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 + baptizing them  
 in the NAME of the FATHER  
 and of the SON and of  
 the HOLY SPIRIT

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