



# 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-T-W-F~6:40-6:55 am; Thur. – 6:10-6:25 • Saturday- 3:15-3:45 pm, and anytime upon request.



THE THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NOVEMBER 3, 2024



An Ordinary Reflection...

## Saints, Souls, and The Shema

Somewhere in the vagueness of my mind, I remember one of the adults in my life reminding me that I should “take to heart these words,” which she or he had just spoken to me. I wasn't exactly sure what this meant. Yet, somehow, I knew that the point he or she was trying to make was very serious and I better pay attention.

Moses speaks to the people this Sunday in the Book of Deuteronomy and tells them at the end of our reading, “Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today.” He has just shared with them the *Shema* – a Jewish prayer, indeed, possibly the most known prayer of the Jewish people's liturgy. This word, which all who invoke it “take to heart” is simply two Hebraic letters which announce: “Hear, O Israel!” This announcement in prayer bears all the intensity and sincerity a holy person could possibly proclaim. With this declaration there flows a recognition that “The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.” It is in the depth of this profound awareness about our God, that we are able to love God “with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Jesus also invokes the *Shema* this Sunday when he is asked by a curious scribe, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus who is in the temple in Jerusalem at this point, responds to him by reminding him and all who surround them with the same command issued by Moses. It is only when we allow our God alone to be the genuine passion of all that we say and do, that we are living in our heart, soul and strength the first commandment. Jesus then combines

the *Shema* with a command from the Book of Leviticus, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” With this combination, Jesus continues the ongoing and distinct interpretation of all rabbis. Jesus is reminding us that if we live a full, singular love of God it will be apparent in the way that we love others.

When Jesus completes his response and the scribe affirms Jesus' proclamation, Jesus is impressed by this scribes understanding and he announces, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Immediate to this Sunday, we as a Church celebrated the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. As Jesus acknowledges the scribe's willingness “to ask the question” which points us toward sainthood, he is also inviting us to accept that this call to holiness is something which God desires for all of us.

Our becoming saints is wrapped up very much in our love of God and neighbor. If our deeds in life and love don't move us down the path to holiness, it may become quite easy to be lost and fearful about our journeys to the kingdom of God. We, too, are summoned to pray the *Shema* - to call upon our God to hear our desire to bring our hearts, souls and strengths closer to God and to give us the courage we want to become saints, not perfect, but truly holy. This is what we commemorate on All Souls Day – the realization of how our God's great love for us never ends, even as we enter into the afterlife of a holy existence.

-Fr. Michael



LITURGICAL CALENDER, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS FOR- NOVEMBER 4- 10, 2024				
Mon	4	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop	7:00am	Elizabeth Vilchoc (by Weller family)
Tue	5	Weekday	7:00am	Joseph & Bea Krysko (by Krysko family)
Wed	6	Weekday	7:00am	Joseph Polaski & Marcella Hanczyc (by sister, Eleanor O'Dell)
Thu	7	Weekday	7:00am	William Bernard (by Pat, Christa & Carla)
Fri	8	Weekday	7:00am	Stephen Chipolis (by Mother)
Sat	9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	4:00pm	Frank & Regina Callis (by daughter, Carol Callis)
Sun	10	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am	Walter F. Perhalla (by Theresa, Bill & Kristen Klimchak)
			11:00am	Melissa Boettger Ryan (by Mom & Dad)
			7:00pm	For the Intentions of the Parishioners
VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS				
Sacred Heart of Jesus		For all the Deceased Members of the Parish		
Blessed Virgin Mary		Special Intention (by Joan Hynoski & Dorice Oliveri)		
Saint Joseph		Andrew Murman (by Pat, Christa & Carla)		

Upcoming events...

**3 Sunday** - Daylight Savings Ends- Fall Back-  
**4 Monday**  
 -Revelation Bible Study, 6:00pm  
**5 Tuesday**  
 -Soup and Spirituality 5pm  
**6 Wednesday**  
 -Choir, 6:30pm  
**8 Friday**  
 - 9am - Potato/ Cheese Prep  
**9 Saturday**  
 -10 am Mash & Ball Potatoes  
**10 Sunday**  
 - 9 am Pierogi Making  
**27 Wednesday**  
 -Thanksgiving Family Mass 7:00pm  
**28 Thursday - Thanksgiving Office Closed**  
 -Mass 9:00am  
**29 Friday Office Closed**  
**DECEMBER**  
**1 Sunday - ADVENT BEGINS**

**FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP:** For the period ending October 29: TOTAL \$7,236.00; Sunday \$4,619.00 (\$879.00 OL); Loose Sunday Offering: \$290.00; Other Envelopes \$1,505.00 (\$94.00OL); Religious Education of our Students: \$822.00 (\$209.00 2nd Loose; \$50.00 OL)  
 AC donations to offset \$7,000 repair bill so far:: \$3,175.00 - THANK YOU!!  
**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: 2024 GOAL \$44,982.00 So Far: \$20,436.00 ... 45.43% to goal!**  
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**ROSARY RALLY**  
 11.16.2024  
 1:30pm  
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 There is no commandment greater than this

**Questions of the Week based on this Sunday's Readings**

- ▶ Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 ~ The Great Commandment
- ▶ Hebrews 7: 23-28 ~ Jesus, the Eternal High Priest
- ▶ Mark 12: 24b-34 ~ The Greatest Commandment

**Adults:** How can we apply the Greatest Commandments to our lives?  
**Kids:** How does loving your neighbor relate to loving God?

DIocese of SCRANTON  
**YOUTH Living Hope RALLY**  
 1 PETER 1:1-12

SAVE THE DATE  
**SAT, NOV 23**  
**2:00 - 8:00PM**  
**HOLY REDEEMER HS**  
 159 S PENNSYLVANIA AVE, WILKES-BARRE, PA 18701

Viva Cristo Rey

Joe Melendrez, Chris Spilka, Bishop Bambara

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We have been blessed with a number of little members coming into the Church over the last few months! We welcome Lillian Theresa and Sofia Alycia Mancuso, Jamison Ryan Long, George Robert Feretti, Robert Santino Armilei, Avery Ann Twardowski, Savanna Ruth Featherman, and Luca Robert Gabello. We offer our parish congratulations and prayerful best wishes to them, and pray for health and blessings for them and their families!

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Any adult wanting to enter into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism during the 2025 Easter season or beyond – NOW IS THE TIME to make those initial

inquiries! Also, any adult who has been Baptized and is seeking to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation during the Easter season – NOW IS THE TIME to begin a conversation with Fr. Michael or Deacon André! Call 570-457-3502 and leave your name and contact info –

**WITH PARISH SYMPATHY:** Our prayers are requested for Tommy Wollner, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sat. October 26. May our Lord embrace Tommy in His eternal love and peace and give him comfort and consolation to his family and friends. We offer them our Parish sympathy.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** Morning Classes for Grades 1-6, from 9:45-10:45am. No evening classes.

**CEMETERY REMINDERS PLEASE – FOR YOUR SAFETY – USE EXTREME CAUTION IN BOTH CEMETERIES.** Stay on roads wherever possible. Visit only during daylight hours. Do not visit before dawn or at/after dusk. Please remember that all summer decorations are to be removed following All Soul's Day, and all Fall Decorations are to be removed following Thanksgiving. The water will be turned off. Seasonal decorations for Thanksgiving or Christmas are a beautiful tribute during the holidays but are not to be placed and left until spring. Remove them after the holidays as soon as the weather permits. Thank you to all for keeping the graves of your loved ones at our cemeteries so beautiful!

**GIFT CERTIFICATES/VOUCHERS: For Catholic Education:** the next sale date will be **Thursdays Nov.7, 14, 21st**, from 8am-10am in the Church Hall. There will be no sales the week of Thanksgiving. For more information, stop in during sale hours. Anyone may participate.

**NATIVITY WOMEN'S SOCIETY** would once again like to thank our Parishioners for supporting the recent collection for the SPCA. Your generosity is truly appreciated, as is your constant support for all our projects.

## IN THE COMMUNITY:

**AT SAINT JOSEPH MARELLO PARISH, PITTSTON ● ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR**, sponsored by their Altar and Rosary Society, on **Sat. Nov. 9th** from 10 am to 3 pm in their Parish Center. Those interested in participating can contact Pattie Gregorio, event chairperson, at [crafterpattiecf@gmail.com](mailto:crafterpattiecf@gmail.com) or by contacting the St. Joseph Marello Parish office at 570 654-6902 for an application.

**AT SCRANTON PREP ● Annual GALLERIA:** Featuring over 75 vendors. Open to the Public. Prep Xavier Center 1000 Wyoming Ave. Scranton. Sat. Nov. 9th-10 am-4 pm and Sun Nov 10th- 11am-3pm. \$5.00 admission fee. Children under 12 are free.

● **The Scholarship Entrance Exam** will be held on Saturday Dec 7th for eighth grade students interested in applying for fall term 2025. Students should register by applying online at [www.scrantonprep.org/preptest](http://www.scrantonprep.org/preptest). Please call 570-947-PREP Ext.1141 or email [admissions@scrantonprep.org](mailto:admissions@scrantonprep.org) with any questions.

**AT HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL ● MUSICAL: The Adams Family.** Friday Nov. 15 and Saturday 16 at 7:00pm. Adults \$10 Seniors \$9 and children \$8. All are welcome.

**AT ST. JOHN'S, PITTSTON ● CASH BINGO** with over \$4,000 in prizes on Saturday, November 16 from 12 Noon to 3 PM in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center. Doors open at 10 AM. Tickets are \$25 each and include 20 regular games (extra ones may be purchased). Special games are \$5 each. There will be raffles, a 50/50, door prizes, and food for purchase. Bring a new scratch-off lottery ticket at \$5 or more to receive entry into a special drawing! Tickets are available in the parish office by calling 570-654-0053, by Venmo (StJohnsPittston), or by PayPal (PayPal.me/StJohnsPittston).

**AT ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH: ● HOLIDAY GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR** Sat. & Sun. Nov. 23 & 24. 9am- 3pm. 25 + Vendors, food stands, bake sale and specially basket & Gift Raffle. Free Admission.

Hear, O Israel!  
The LORD our GOD is one!  
You shall  
LOVE the LORD  
with all your heart  
with all your soul  
with all your mind  
and with all your strength  
and you shall  
LOVE your NEIGHBOR  
as yourself

There is no commandment greater than these.



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