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Nativity of Our Lord 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 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OCTOBER 6, 2024



An Ordinary Reflection...

Serving Others Is Serving God

Our first reading for this Sunday begins with these words from God: *It is not good for the man to be alone.* The writer of the book of Genesis is not just talking about the male species. This divine statement wants us to know that none of us are very good at living our lives alone. Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, who I have quoted before, in her Bible Study book titled, Ponder, offers this beautiful reflection on this statement:

In our Genesis reading, God says, "It is not good for the man to be alone." This is important. Ultimately, it is not good, not healthy, for us to be alone, to be self-oriented, to consider ourselves overly independent. To live in deep connection to others, is not for the faint of heart – we humans are not easy when it comes to relationships! Yet to think we are independent is ultimately a lie.

Every relationship in our lives takes work – our relationship with God, our relationships with others, an even our relationship with ourselves. This week our Tuesday night group of *Soup and Spirituality* spent some time, after a delicious bowl of soup, considering how through each of these areas of relationship we come to understand the purpose of our lives.

Here is the starting point for any true, loving relationship with another, whether it be in marriage, in friendship, as a co-worker or in providing support for someone's pain or struggle. Every time we use our gifts, talents, resources and time to be "flesh of my flesh" with another, we enter into a different atmosphere of living. We aren't just doing a function; we are building a vocation.

Some of the Pharisees seem to have lost an openness to "building a vocation" in their lives. They seem to have become very settled, or maybe even enamored, with the function of being good, holy, religious men, and not aware that God's creative Spirit never stops producing. As they attempt to "test" Jesus and his disciples over-and-over again, their inflexibility unfortunately leads to a shutting down of the ongoing work of the Spirit in their lives.

Jesus wants us - his disciples for today, from our beginning to our end, to not fall into this trap. This is why in St. Mark's Gospel he once again brings a child into their midst. He wants to remind them of their own sacredness. He wants us to embrace and bless our relationships in the same childlike way that we seek our loved ones embracing and blessing.

All of us hopefully are given the opportunity every day to not only be good at functioning, but to also bring meaning and purpose into all of our relationships. It may be in marriage, or in the other relationships God offers us on any given day. It could be someone we happen to meet on our morning walk for the first time, or someone whose bedding we need to change every day. It could be a lifelong friend or companion, or the person who opens his or her heart and soul in confession to us. This is the service that all of us are consecrated to make happen. It is through this service to others, that we serve God.

-Fr. Michael



Questions of the Week based on this Sunday's Readings

- ▶ Genesis 2: 18-24~ Second Story of Creation, the Creation of Woman
 - ▶ Hebrews 2: 9-11 Jesus' Exaltation Through Abasement
- ▶ Mark 10: 2-16 ~ Question of Divorce and Jesus Blessing the Children

Adults: What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?

Kids: How do you feel when you hear the wonderful stories of God's love for you?

**LITURGICAL CALENDER, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS
FOR-OCTOBER 7-13, 2024**

Mon	7	Our Lady of the Rosary Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace	7:00am <i>All day</i> 6:45pm 7:00pm	Jack Farrell (<i>by Lyons family</i>) Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament <i>Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers</i> Evening Prayer, Benediction, Rosary and Candle-Light Procession
Tue	8	Weekday	7:00am	Rita Fischer (<i>by Joseph & Beverly McNulty</i>)
Wed	9	<i>St Denis, Bishop & Companion, Martyr St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>	7:00am	Joseph & Carol Ciaston (<i>by Family</i>)
Thu	10	Weekday	6:30pm	William Aruscavage (<i>by Martin & Denise Crolly</i>)
Fri	11	<i>St John XXIII, Pope</i>	7:00am	Eugene Giordano (<i>by John & Nancy Rafferty</i>)
Sat	12	Weekday	4:00pm	Agnes & Peter Olsheski (<i>by Son, Peter Olsheski</i>)
Sun	13	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Michael Matiko (<i>by Swenton & Matiko Families</i>) Jimmy (Cheech) Balchune (<i>by Gram</i>) For the Intentions of the Parishioners
VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS				
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Lucille Keck (<i>by Carol Rauh</i>)		
Blessed Virgin Mary		Helen & Al Kaporch (<i>by Beverly & Mary Ellen</i>)		
Saint Joseph		Father Charles W. Rokosz		

Upcoming events...

7 Monday - Our Lady of the Rosary Annual Day of Solemn Adoration,

-Evening Prayer, 7:00pm followed by Rosary, and Candlelight Procession

11 Friday

- 9am- Pierogi making - potato/cheese prep

12 Saturday

-10am- Mash and ball potatoes

13 Sunday

9am -Pierogi Making

-No religious education classes this week

14 Monday -Columbus Day- Office Closed

-Novena and Rosary, 6:30pm

19 Saturday

-Octoberfest Social, following 4:00pm Mass

20 Sunday

-Octoberfest Social, following 8:00 and 11:00 Mass

21 Monday

Novena and Rosary, 6:30pm

-Revelation Bible Study, 7:00pm

27 Sunday

-Cemetery Visitations

FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP

For the period ending October 1: TOTAL \$6,991.55; Sunday \$4,591.00 (\$1,130.00 OL) Loose Sunday Offering: \$450.00; Other Envelopes \$1,130.00 (\$99.00OL);

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Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!

This week's Second Collection is for the Care and Education of Priests.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION



Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

Our parish will hold a Bible study~ Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come on Monday's at 7:00pm, beginning October 21. (We will move to 6:30PM in November) Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. We ask for a \$25.00 donation to help defray the cost of the materials. For more information or to register, please fill out the slip below or go to our Parish Web Page.

REVELATION: The Kingdom Yet to Come

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

**Take-Out Piggy Dinner
October 22, 4:30pm-6:30pm**

In the Parish Hall

Including:

2 Piggies, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
a Roll, and a Piece of Cake

for \$14.00

with Additional Piggies available for \$2.50 Each

Name _____

Phone _____

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_____ additional piggies at 2.50 ea. = \$ _____

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for my order.

Please return to the rectory by Wednesday, October 16.



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

*“Therefore what God has joined together;
no human being must separate ...
Let the children come to me ...
Then he embraced them
and blessed them ...”*

Gospel of Mark

COMMUNITY: *How a parish draws parishioners together in mutual support, activity, celebration and growth.*

Goal I: *We will develop community programs and ministries for both current and future parishioners.*

- 1. To bring together adults to dialogue with Ministry Team, to gather ideas and suggestions on future Adult and Family Faith Formation and Ministry programs**
- 2. To have the Ministry Team develop a Team for the continual implementation of the Order and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Goal II: *We will increase ministries to both youth and young adults to develop spiritual and social events, and celebrations which outreach to other youth and young adults.*

- 1. To form a Team of interested parents, young adults and staff guided by current leadership in youth ministry to assess and organize additional future liturgies and service involvement for youth and to establish future goals for ministry**
- 2. To have the Ministry Team and interested Young Adults dialogue with other Young Adults on their ideas and suggestions for future social, service and educational opportunities and ministries to be developed, to continue to support and build-up their existing service and leadership in our parish**

Goal III: *We will engage and gather various family structures to build-up our parish community, including youth, young adults, families and seniors.*

- 1. To have the Ministry Team and interested parishioners coordinate Community and Family gatherings on weekends on a monthly or quarterly basis**
- 2. To have Pastor, Ministry Team and interested parishioners develop a plan for a monthly social gathering of senior adults in the parish and community**
- 3. To have Ministry Team re-evaluate Lenten Road to Resurrection with other Deanery parishes**



Feast of the HOLY ROSARY

OCTOBER 7



Our Parish Annual Day of SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Our Parish's annual Day of Solemn Eucharistic Adoration here at Nativity of Our Lord is set for Monday, October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Patroness of our church building.

The Eucharist will be exposed after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule. Our Guest Speaker for Evening Prayer this year will be Father Ryan Glenn, pastor of Christ the King Parish, Archbald.



Someone must be at prayer in the church at all times during exposition, and all members of societies and ministers are expected to make every effort to spend some time with Our Lord in prayer and adoration on this day. All parishioners should make the effort, but even if you cannot do a holy hour, do a holy half-hour, or a quarter-hour, or sacrifice a little of whatever time is available in your busy lives. Do not wait to ask for God's assistance, thank Him now for what peace we have in our lives, and come to Him in prayer and petition veiled in this Great Sacrament of the Altar while "the wood is green," asking for continued security, peace, and blessings for you and your family.

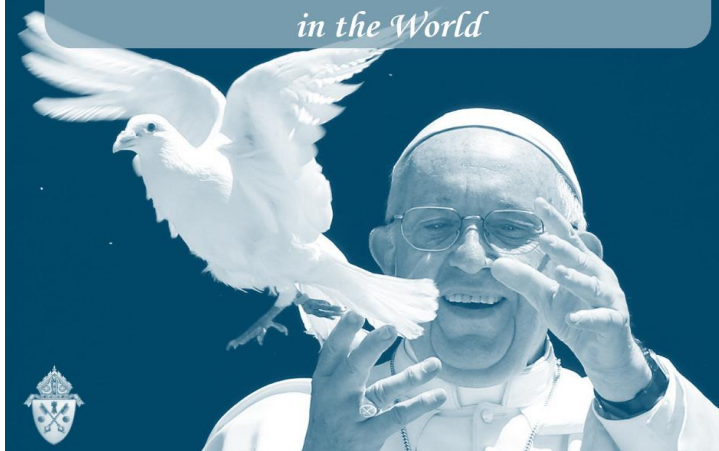
Our usual Monday Miraculous Medal Novena will move to 6:45pm this day, and our Monday rosary will be prayed following Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a candlelight procession.

"Once for all beloved children, the surest, easiest, shortest way is by the Eucharist. It is so easy to approach the holy table, and there we taste the joys of Paradise."

-St. Pius X, Pope

Monday, October 7, 2024

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in the World



ANNOUNCEMENT: Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is calling upon all Catholics to fast and pray for peace on Monday, October 7, 2024.

"Brothers and sisters, we begin anew our synodal path with an eye toward the world, since the Christian community is always at the service of humanity in order to announce the joy of the Gospel," Pope Francis said. "In such a dramatic time in our history, when the winds of war and the flames of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations, there is a need for this message."

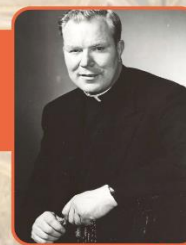
Our Parish Eucharistic Day affords us an excellent opportunity to accept the Holy Father's invitation on behalf of peace in the world.

ROSARY RALLY



11.16.2024
1:30pm

Cathedral of St. Peter
315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton PA

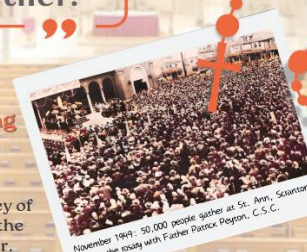


75 Years ago, Father Patrick Peyton held the first U.S. Rosary Rally in Scranton, PA. 50,000 people gathered here!

"The family that prays together, stays together."

- Rosary
- Book signing
- Movie screening
- Adoration
- Confessions

Let's continue the legacy of Fr. Peyton and renew the spirit of family prayer.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classes continue: October 6, **Grades 1-6**, 9:45am -10:45.
Grades 7-8, 5:15-6:45pm.

NO CLASSES Next Week, October 13.

MONDAYS WITH MARY This Week’s Novena Prayers will take place at 6:40pm, with Rosary following Evening Prayer.

GIFT CERTIFICATES/VOUCHERS For Catholic Education: the next sale dates will be Thursdays, Oct. 10,17,24th, from 8am-10am in the Church Hall. For more information, stop in during sale hours. Anyone may participate.

CEO FOOD PANTRY COMM. SERVICE Our next Parish monthly food panty volunteer opportunity will be on Wednesday Oct. 9th, 5-7pm at the CEO Food Pantry located at 185 Research Dr. Pittston.

PARISH SPCA COLLECTION organized by our parish Women’s Society. We are collecting pet supplies for the SPCA during the month of October. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please place items in the receptacle in the Church vestibule. If you have any questions, please call or see Michelle Piontek or Beverly Dulny.

IN THE COMMUNITY

AT PRINCE OF PEACE, OLD FORGE ● A CHARISMATIC AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH, MINOOKA ● ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT ROSARY NOVENA: Beginning on Saturday, October 5th and continuing every evening until Sunday, October 13th. For more information, contact the Divine Mercy parish at (570) 344-1724 or email: nkatchur@divinemercyparish.us

HEALING MASS sponsored by the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal will be held at St Mary’s Church, 123 West Grace St. Old Forge. Oct. 15th at 7:00pm. Music will be provided by members of the Diocesan Charismatic music ministry. Father August Riccardi, pastor, is the Diocesan Spiritual Moderator for the Scranton Diocesan Charismatic Renewal. All are invited, especially those who need prayers for healing whether it be physical, spiritual, or emotional.

TAKE OUT PASTA DINNER to benefit the HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION - Monday, October 21, 4:30-6:30. Pick up at Amadeo’s Restaurant, 4001 Birney Ave., Moosic. Dinner includes Amadeo’s Famous Pasta, Meatballs, Bread, Salad, & Dessert. \$17.00 Per Person. Call HRS at 570-457-2553. No orders or payments accepted the day of pick up. Questions to Colleen, 570-406-5141.

AT SACRED HEART OF JESUS, DUPONT ● A FALL THEOLOGY SERIES will be held in their School of Religion, 219 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, for adult learners on Wednesdays Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6 from 6 - 7 p.m. All are invited to attend this free series.

AT HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL ● OPEN HOUSE: Sunday Oct27th from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Discover ans enriching, supportive, faith filled environment where academic excellenace and serrvent leadership are persued daily. Talk to parents, students, faculty, and couches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family.Holy Redeemer High School 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd. Wilkes Barre. 570-829-2424.

AT ST. JOHN’S, PITTSTON ● ORGAN CONCERT FOR ALL HALLOWS EVE Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 PM, all are invited to 35 William Street in Pittston. Parish organist and music director Michael Sowa will present this program featuring organ music that is both powerful and peaceful for the upcoming celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, with a little bit of Halloween mischief, just for fun! During the concert, we will hear readings about death and life and the celebrations of these days. A free-will offering will be accepted.



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Name _____

Number of People Attending _____

Following what Mass?
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