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Nativity of Our Lord Duryea

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Masses: Daily, M-T-W-F 7:00am Thursday 6:30pm • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm • Sunday- 8 & 11am, & 7pm

Confession: Daily, M-T-W-F~6:40-6:55am; Thur. - 6:10-6:25pm • Sat. 3:15-3:45pm, & anytime upon request.



❖ March 9, 2025 ❖

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ❖

A Lenten Reflection- **A Path to Hope**

Are you a hopeful person? Doesn't seem like much of a Lenten question, does it? Shouldn't I be asking: Are you a forgiving person? Are you a person who sacrifices for others? Are you a prayerful person? They seem like the questions that we ought to ask ourselves as Lent begins, don't they?

Pope Francis, who is in our prayers, invites us during this Jubilee Year of Hope to become *Pilgrims of Hope*. Alice Camille, in her Lenten pamphlet, says in her introduction, "Let's take this pilgrimage together. Let's encourage fresh hope and rediscover old hope we may have replaced. Because our world could clearly use some good news!" Hopefully, the scriptures we listen and respond to throughout Lent give us some hope each week on our Lenten journey.



This First Sunday, the Word of God calls us to consider how we show reverence to God and others. Each reading invites us to a deeper respect of all we are given. In Deuteronomy the people are preparing to enter the Promised Land after 40 years of traveling from Egypt. It is Moses' final sermon. He reminds them of the "signs and wonders" that have accompanied their pilgrimage. He wants them to see that within their wanderings, with all their maltreatments, fears and complaints, God never abandoned them. God sets before them a beginning, a new starting point. What ought to be their response?

For St. Paul, as he argues with the Roman community, reverence has to come from the heart. Their confession of faith grows through their openness and willingness to bring Christ into the world and their actions. But it is not just actions, for the sake of actions. It is actions that eliminate distinctions. Sound, just actions ought to remind them that the chosen people are "everyone who call on the name of the Lord."

Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert. St. Luke reminds us that Jesus' baptismal call, like our own, is to renounce Satan and all his works. The desert is a place for Jesus to have a space which enables him to begin to understand the things that are imperceptible and seek the preparation he wants from the Father.

Amazingly, there is nothing cosmic or powerful in Jesus' handling of the devil. There are no angels in St. Luke's version to lift him up. In simple holy words, Jesus announces that his food is from God alone. God's love is where his loyalty is grounded and in God's commandments he finds the truth.

Each Lent is a new starting point. It is a time to examine the distinctions we hold about others, both individually and as a community, and then remove from our hearts the biased ways we treat one another. Similar to Jesus, we must

find a desert - a space to be in service and gratitude to God. We, too, must seek the courage to trust the path on which God leads us and to take on hope, even in the midst of the seduction of evil in our world.

Questions for reflection based on this Sunday's readings:

- ▶ Deuteronomy 26 : 4-10 ~ The Lenten fast, like the Exodus, leads to land flowing with milk and honey. ▶ Romans 10: 8-13 ~ "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble".
- ▶ Luke 4: 1-13 ~ The fast can be a sign that we live on more than bread.

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, what or who sustains me in hope through periods of trial?

Fr. Michael

LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS

MARCH 10-16, 2025

| Mon | 10 | Lenten Weekday | 7:00am 5:30-7pm | William Lavelle (30-day Mass) Confessions – <i>The Light is on for You</i> |
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| Tue | 11 | Lenten Weekday | 7:00am | Dolores Rafferty (by John & Nancy Rafferty) |
| Wed | 12 | Lenten Weekday | 7:00am | Dan Hanley (by Valerie Olszewski & Linda Depretis) |
| Thu | 13 | Lenten Weekday | 6:30pm | Richard Olechna (by Leonard & Linda Olechna) |
| Fri | 14 | Lenten Weekday | 7:00am 1:00pm 6:15pm 7:00pm | Swenton Family & Michael Matiko (by Carol Matiko) Stations of the Cross Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross and Benediction |
| Sat | 15 | Lenten Weekday | 4:00pm | Regina Bernard (by Pat & Carla & Christa Murman) |
| Sun | 16 | Second Sunday of Lent | 8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm | Ann & Elmer Cislo (by Stan & Alice Cislo) The Intentions of The Parishioners Lillian Witkowski (by Jean Hoover) |
| VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS | | | | |
| Sacred Heart of Jesus | | Danny Tighe (by Lois Balchune) | | |
| Blessed Virgin Mary | | William & Regina Bernard (by Pat and Christa Murman) | | |
| Saint Joseph | | Jamie Yachna (by Mom) | | |

Upcoming events...

10 Monday

-Faith Sharing, 1:00, Pastor's Residence

11 Tuesday

- Soup and Spirituality 5:30-7pm

-13 Thursday- Grief Support meeting@ 4:45pm**-14 Friday**

-Lenten Food Sale Pick-up, 3:00pm-6:00pm

-HOT POTATO PANCAKE SALE,

3:00pm until sold out

-Stations of the Cross, 1:00pm and 7:00pm

-Adoration 6:15pm

-18 Tuesday

- Soup and Spirituality 5:30-7pm

20 Thursday

-Women's Society Meeting, 6:30pm

A P R I L

4 Friday

-Lenten Dinner, 4:30-8:00pm

FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP: For the period ending March 4: SUNDAY TOTAL \$10,128.25;

Sunday \$6,986.00 (\$2,054.00 OL); Other Envelopes \$2,402.00 (\$261.00 OL); Loose \$237.00;

Care of Priests - \$503.00 (255.25 Loose; \$5.00 OL)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: 2024 GOAL \$44,982.00 So Far: \$46,646.00 ... 103.70 %!**Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!****DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS** are available in church. We ask for a donation if possible, to help with expenses, if you are able.**DAILY MASS:** M-T-W & F, 7:00 a.m.; Thursdays, 6:30pm**CONFESSIONS** "The Light Is On For You" 5:30-7:00 p.m. Mondays here at Nativity and throughout the Diocese of Scranton**ROAD TO RESURRECTION** in the Greater Pittston Deanery on Wednesdays of Lent according to the following schedule:

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| Wed, Mar 12th at 7:00pm | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupont |
| Wed, Mar 19th at 7:00pm | Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Laflin |
| Wed, March 26th at 7:00pm | St. Maria Goretti, Laflin |
| Wed, Apr 2nd at 7:00pm | Corpus Christi Parish at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Exeter |
| Wed, Apr 9th at 7:00pm | Nativity of Our Lord Parish at Holy Rosary Church, Duryea |

PARISH MISSION/RETREAT March 25, 26 and 27. Save the dates for these three days of prayer opportunities including faith sharing, presentations, Adoration, fellowship, and evening Masses with guest homilist Fr. Ryan Glenn. More details to follow in future bulletins.**ADORATION of the MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT** each Friday from 6:15pm until Stations at 7:00pm. Spend quiet time with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Pour out your troubles, give thanks for your blessings, and adore our Eucharistic Redeemer even present body, blood, soul and divinity – for us. Benediction will take place following the 7:00pm Stations each week.**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Meditate on the final hours of Christ's Passion as we make the Way of the Cross. Students will attend at 1:00pm each Friday (with the HRS community) and at 7:00pm for this devotion.**LENTEN RICE BOWL** The customary RICE BOWL appeal is being made throughout our country during Lent. Rice Bowl containers and other information may be found on the tables at the doors of our churches. Envelopes are also included in your sets for your convenience.



Dine-In
Or
Take Out



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

LENTEN FRIDAY DINNER

Friday, April 4th 4:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

————— *Featuring* —————

BAKED HADDOCK, SMASHED POTATOES & COLESLAW---\$15.00

MACARONI AND CHEESE & STEWED TOMATOES---\$12.00

KIDS MEAL: MACARONI & CHEESE WITH APPLESAUCE---\$8.00

SIDE PORTION OF MAC & CHEESE AVAILABLE---\$5.00

NAME: _____ PHONE : _____

Please Circle One: Take-Out Eat-In

___ FISH DINNER
\$15.00

___ KIDS MAC & CHEESE
\$8.00

___ MAC & CHEESE DINNER
\$12.00

___ SIDE OF MAC & CHEESE
\$5.00

Checks made payable to NOOL Parish

Total Enclosed: _____

Take-Out & Eat-in Reservations due by Sun, March 30th




The same LORD is LORD of all. Everyone who calls upon the name of the LORD will be saved.

W SEASON OF LENT

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, no evil shall befall you, for to his angels he has given command about you that they guard you in all your ways.

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“Get Up and Pray”

Luke 22:46

Join us in praying for vocations on Holy Thursday, April 17th!

1. Assemble a group to visit the Altar of Repose in as many churches as you can
2. Look for the "Add Yours" sticker on @Scrantonvoc stories Thursday night
3. Share photos using the sticker & tell us which priests and/or seminarians you're praying for!



LAST CALL

March 14th PRE-Order Food Sale

Pick Up 3:00-6:00pm in the Church Hall

I would like...

Dozen frozen pierogi (\$10.00 per dozen, limit 2)

Quart(s) of Haluski (\$8.00 per Quart)

Tray(s) of Unbaked Pizza (\$15.00 per tray)

Red Clam Chowder:
\$11.00 Qt _____ \$6.00 Small _____

Seafood Bisque:
\$15.00 Qt _____ \$8.00 Small _____

Potato Pancake Batter
(\$16.00 per Quart, makes 15-18 Pancakes)

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Orders are due by MONDAY, March 10th

....A L S O same day March 14....

HOT Potato Pancake Sale

No Pre-order for Pancakes - Serving HOT - 3:00pm until sold out 3 for \$5.00

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

LIVE MUSIC BY JOEL KANKIEWICZ



Thursday,
April 3rd
7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
42 Redwood Drive - Lafin

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION: Sunday, March 9th, Morning classes 9:45-10:45am 1st-6th grades.

BAKERS NEEDED! We are in need of homemade baked goods for our Homemade Lenten Food Take-Out Sale on Friday March 14th. Brownies, cupcakes, squares, cookies, or cakes are welcome and appreciated. Just drop off your delicacies at the church hall on Friday morning prior to the bake sale or Thursday at the rectory. Please indicate if your pastry contains nuts! If you have any questions, you may contact Debbie at 570- 947-6271. Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP PROJECT Anyone interested in participating in the Keep PA Beautiful clean-up project are asked to sign up by contacting the rectory by March 11 so that supplies can be ordered. Clean Up date is Saturday, April 5, 9:00am until noon with rain date April 12. All parishioners are welcome. Confirmation students needing service hours are also invited. Anyone under 17 will need an accompanying adult.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP We invite any members of the community who may have experienced a loss to consider our upcoming session, **Thursday, March 13th at 4:45 pm.** The gatherings are open to all faiths, both parishioners and non-parishioners. If you or someone you know is experiencing grief, please come and find support in a compassionate, understanding environment. To reserve your spot, please call the rectory at 570-457-3502. We look forward to being a source of comfort and strength during this time of healing.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Diocese of Scranton Safe Environment Coordinator

Duties and Responsibilities: This position will work in collaboration with Diocesan officials, and with representatives from all Diocesan parishes, schools and other Diocesan institutions to ensure compliance with established diocesan policies and practices, especially the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Specifically, the Safe Environment Coordinator will be responsible for the ongoing development and implementation of a system to monitor State Police Criminal Record Checks, Child Abuse History Clearances, and FBI finger printing for employees and volunteers within the Diocese of Scranton. In addition, in keeping with the Diocese of Scranton’s commitment to ensure safe environments for all children, this position will promote and build upon established educational and training programs for adults and children which are designed to assist in recognizing and responding effectively with the issue of child sexual abuse. The comprehensive job description is posted on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org. Interested applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and complete resume with a minimum of three (3) references by March 24, 2025 to:

James R. Burke, Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources
 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA. 18503
 Or email Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org

IN THE COMMUNITY:

ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH will begin on Monday, March 10th, at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laflin, with Masses daily at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. This year's Novena will be preached by Oblate Father Larry Toschi, O.S.J., internationally recognized theologian on St. Joseph. Masses will be preceded by confessions and the rosary, concluding with novena devotions. The Novena concludes on the Feast of St. Joseph, Wednesday, March 19th, with a solemn Noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera.

AT ST. JOSEPH MARELLO, PITTSTON ● BIG PRIZE BINGO: Sunday, March 30, with doors opening at 12:30pm; games beginning at 2pm. Prizes include home goods, outdoor items, purses and several CASH PRIZES. Tickets for this bingo will cost \$25 when purchased in advance or \$30 if purchased at the door (if tickets are still available). For tickets or more info, please call the Parish Office at 570-654-6902.

AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ● LENTEN FOODS Each Friday in Lent as well as Good Friday (March 7 through April 18). This year, they will be selling Potato Pancakes and your choice of take-and-heat Red Pizza or White Pizza with Broccoli. Pickup will be from 3:30 to 6:00 PM each Friday in the Msgr. Bendik Pastoral Center (entrance on Church Street). Please call St. John’s at 570-654-0053 by Thursday of each week to place your orders.

NAZARETH GROUP MEETING - The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth invite all young women (grades 9 – 12) to join us on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 11:00AM – 4:30PM. Come and learn more about the Faith, make wholesome friendships, and grow more in love with Jesus through prayer and hearing inspirational talks. To RSVP by April 3, or for more information, please call Sister Angela in Tunkhannock at 570-836-2737 or Sister Clare in Williamsport at 570-745-3334. Calling times are Mon-Thurs & Sat - 9am-11:30am; 1pm-4:30pm; 7pm-8:15pm. Please join us!



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SATURDAY, April 5, 2025
 DOORS OPEN AT 10:30AM
BINGO FROM 12:30PM TO 3:30PM
 Pre-sales - \$25; \$30 at the door
 Includes 20 games of BINGO
 (extra games may be purchased)



Food & Beverages will be available for purchase.
 Raffle Baskets and Bake Sale

Space is limited!

BAKE SALE

For tickets contact St. Maria Goretti Parish
 Office at 570-655-8956
 Monday thru Friday 9:00AM - 2:00PM



Basket & 50/50 Raffles



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