ASSUMPTION OF MARY—Monday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Because the feast falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation – rather, it is a holy day of OPPORTUNITY. The Church, to ease the burden of the faithful in the modern world, does not “make” us go to Mass on the Assumption this year, rather, she “invites” us to honor our Queen and Mother out of love by attending as we are able. Masses will be celebrated at at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Blessing of Flowers and Produce
Since ancient times, vegetables, fruits and flowers have been blessed on this day. During the Masses, we will continue the traditional blessing of flowers, vegetables, herbs and other produce. Please place the items on the table at the Shrine of our Blessed Mother. We thank God for the harvest that is now beginning to come in. May Our Lady, the first of Christ’s harvest, who was assumed body and soul into His Kingdom, prepare places for us.

For your reflection…
An Unsettling Truth
Jesus said, “Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!”
(Luke12:51)

When has your taking a strong stand on a moral issue created division rather than healing in the short term?
Is it important to do the right thing even if others are angry as a result? Why or why not?

Religious Education (CCD) and Sacramental Formation
Judy Lambert, Coordinator
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Take-Out Beef/Pork BBQ Dinner

Featuring a choice of 2 sandwiches, a bag of chips and a piece of homemade cake at a cost of $10 per dinner. All dinners must be pre-ordered by calling the rectory. Orders can be picked up at Sacred Heart Hall on August 24 between 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Name ___________________________________________ Phone __________________________

Number of Dinners ______________________________

Please indicate choice of sandwiches (select 2 per dinner)
Beef _______ Pork _______

Please reply to the Rectory by Sunday, August 14 (TODAY!).
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM--We welcome to the Church Ainsley Elizabeth Lear and Cameron Joseph Osmolia who were baptized last Sunday, August 7. Now that they have received their new life in Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism, may Our Lord fill them with many graces and blessings all through their Christian life. We offer our parish congratulations and prayerful best wishes to them and their families on this happy occasion!

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Walter and Shirley Perhalla on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary celebrated last Sunday. We wish them continued good health, many joys and graces in the years ahead.

WITH PARISH SYMPATHY--Our prayers are requested for Paul Hunter whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, August 8. May the Risen Lord embrace him in His eternal love and peace, and give His comfort and consolation to his family and friends. Our parish sympathy is extended to them in their loss.

MEN’S SOCIETY MEETING Tuesday, August 16, at 6:30 PM in the Convent. New members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

WOMEN’S SOCIETY MEETING Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Convent. New members always welcome! Come join us!

KNOW A MARRIAGE THAT NEEDS HELP? Throw them a lifeline and tell them about Retrouvaille, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage, that need help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins August 26-28 at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

FROM OUR NEIGHBORS . . .

ST. MARY’S VILLA Evening/Weekend PERSONAL CARE HOME OPEN HOUSE
One Pioneer Place, Elmhurst Twp., PA
Thursday, August 11
3:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 13
7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
We’ll make sure your loved one receives great care, delicious meals and stays social! We have a compassionate team with a lot of fun activities planned for the winter months ahead!
Questions? Call 570-795-2810

Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish Will Offer LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY
This study has ten sessions, incorporating an Introductory Session and nine Lessons. We will meet on Tuesdays, September 6-13-20-27 and October 4-11-18 with both a morning (8:30-10:00 a.m.) and evening (7:00-8:30 p.m.) session. We will have to combine two of the lessons in order to complete the study before the Annual St. Jude Novena. The Study Set includes the Study Guide by Catherine Upchurch and a commentary, Women in the Old Testament, by Irene Nowell (Liturgical Press). If interested, please call the parish office at 570-654-0263 or email at olepitston@gmail.com. Books will be available for pickup in the sacristy or parish office.

PAINT PITTSTON PINK MEDITATION AND READING GARDEN at the Pittston Memorial Library--Through this sale, you can choose which 501c3 charity you would like your donation to benefit. Bricks and plaques will be delineated as such with the addition of an engraved ribbon for Paint Pittston Pink or a small book for the Pittston Memorial Library.
For more information, contact Barb at 570-407-0780 or Barb6438@yahoo.com or the Pittston Memorial Library at 570-654-9565.

BUS PILGRIMAGE ON FEAST OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
The bus pilgrimage will leave for the Divine Mercy Shrine at 7:00 a.m. from St. Maria Goretti Parish parking lot, Laffin Road in Laffin. Estimated time of arrival at the Shrine is 11:00 a.m. All events will be at the Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine.
The itinerary includes:
Talk on St. Faustina, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, Rosary for Life, Holy Mass, 3:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction and Veneration of Relic of St. Faustina, 4:45 Departure from the Shrine.
The cost is $65 per person which will include complimentary breakfast items and water, bus trip, entrance Shrine fee, a full-course meal at Bogies Restaurant in Great Barrington, MA, and the bus driver’s tip. Arrival at St. Maria Goretti Church will be 11:00 p.m. For reservations, please call Cathy Mack, Coordinator and Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy Cenacle Leader at 570-654-6063.

LOOK FORWARD TO:

1. NEW STUDENT registration packets will be available in the vestibule of the church the weekend of August 20-21. 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, through the collection basket, or mail to Judy Lambert, 29 Jenkins St., Duryea. All checks to be made payable to Nativity of Our Lord Parish.

2. ALL RETURNING STUDENTS will receive their forms in the mail by the beginning of September. If you do not receive one, please contact the rectory at 570-457-3502.

3. All registration forms and fees are due on September 11.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING As announced, we will begin training of new Extraordinary Ministers beginning on August 23rd at 6:30pm and continuing on August 30th and Sept. 6th. These sessions will take place in the Convent. If you have any concerns or questions, please call the rectory.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED/HELPED WITH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL--A sincere thank you to all who helped make last week’s Vacation Bible School such a success! To the young people who attended, the older students who assisted, and the adult volunteers from Duryea, Avoca and Dupont – we are grateful. As a joint parish activity, Father Polendak, Father Petro and Father Sladicka join together in saying how pleased they are in the outcome of all the planning and preparation. It was truly a week spent with Our Lady, St. Catherine, and with the Angels.

CCD NEWS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS: CCD classes for the upcoming school year begin on September 11 at 10:00 a.m. (more info to follow).

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