



# 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 Third Sunday of Easter ❖ April 14, 2024 ❖

An Easter Reflection –

# How Do We Be Faithful?

When we hear the word fidelity we think of someone being faithful, loyal or trustworthy. Fidelity speaks of a commitment to one's promises, actions, duties and obligations. In our scripture for this Sunday, there is a strong and deep emphasis on fidelity, particularly God's fidelity to each of us.

The depth of God's fidelity is underlined once again in the Acts of the Apostles. Peter and John have healed a paralyzed man and as Peter stands before the crowd who witnessed this miracle, he reminds them of God's fidelity. Throughout their history God has shown through their patriarchs and the prophets the unending commitment to our journey, proclaims Peter. He also repeats to them that the greatest sign of this faithfulness is God's loving servant Jesus.

**LET YOUR  
FAITH  
BE BIGGER  
THAN YOUR  
FEARS**

In St. Luke's Gospel, it is the Risen Jesus who appears to the fear-paralyzed disciples and points out God's loyalty by proving to them that he is not a ghost. God's fidelity grounded in Jesus is real and alive. There is however no instant conversion as happened with Thomas last Sunday in this upper room. Sometimes, even though God's faithfulness is constant, it takes a while for us to get beyond our fears and misgivings and become faithful followers.

This is what St. John writes about in his letter to us, our second reading. Our fidelity to God is challenged, at times daily, by the sin that surrounds our lives. The cynicism and negativity of sin easily drags us down, sometimes to hopelessness. It is very difficult when our world is wrapped in such contradiction to God's commandments, for us to respond to others and to God's love.

When trapped in darkness, it is hard to embrace that God chooses and is committed to breaking bread with us every day. There is nothing ghost-like about God's desire through the Risen Lord to lead us to repentance. Jesus reparation for our sins, has opened the doors of our fears, so that we can truly be witnesses of God's forgiveness.

The questions each of us might ask ourselves are: "How do we respond to God's remarkable fidelity? How do we make alive our faith in our own acts of fidelity to God? How do we keep from being paralyzed by the sin of the world and witness the miracle of God's mercy?"

-Fr. Michael

► Acts 3:13-15,17-19 ~ Peter's Discourse on Jesus' Resurrection

► John 2:1-5a ~ Keeping the Commandments

► Luke 24:35-48 ~ Jesus Appears to the Eleven

**Adults:** What questions about Jesus still arise in the midst of your faith?

**Kids:** What question would you like to ask someone about Jesus' appearance to the Apostles?

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS, AND INTENTIONS  
FOR APRIL 14 - APRIL 21, 2024**

Mon	15	Easter weekday	7:00am	Roman and Olive Schafka (by Daughter)
Tue	16	Easter Weekday	7:00am	Jerry Sauter (by Maryann and Chuck Trotta)
Wed	17	Easter Weekday	7:00am	Tim Kersey (by Plisga and Rutkowski Families)
Thu	18	Easter Weekday	6:30pm	Jean Stelma (30 day)
Fri	19	Easter Weekday	7:00am	Robert Krzywicki (by Family)
Sat	20	Easter Weekday	4:00pm	Josephine Pagnotti (by Pagnotti Family)
Sun	21	Fouth Sunday of Easter	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	For the Intentions of the Parishioners Kenneth Francis Sr. (By Steve and Jeannie Starinsky) Carol Mehalenko (by Jim and Joan Gnall Sr)
<b>VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS</b>				
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Sophie Dulny (by Daughter, Beverly)		
Blessed Virgin Mary		Helen Champi (by Nativity of Our Lord Women's Society)		
Saint Joseph		Henry Ostrowski (by Carol and Nakaya)		

- 15 Monday**  
-First Holy Communion Rehearsal, 6:00pm In Church
- 16 Tuesday**  
-Soup and Spirituality, 5:00pm  
-Pastoral Council, 7:00pm
- 17 Wednesday**  
- Pastoral Council Food Bank, 5-7  
-Picnic Meeting, 7:00pm
- 18 Thursday**  
- Women's Society Meeting
- 19 Friday**  
-Confirmation Sponsor Gathering, 5:00-8:30
- 20 Saturday**  
-Confirmation Sponsor Gathering, 10am-2pm
- 22 Monday**  
-First Holy Communion Rehearsal, 6pm
- 28 Sunday**  
-Women's Society Spring Tea, 2pm-5pm

**FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP**

For the period ending April 9: TOTAL \$6,936.50; Sunday \$4,920.00 (\$849.00 OL) Loose Sunday Offering: \$257.00; Other Envelopes \$1,277.50 (\$145.00 OL); Care of Priests \$482.00 (\$20.00OL)  
 Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity!  
 This Week's Second Collection is for the Care and Education of Priests.

**You're Invited to a Spring Social hosted by the Nativity of Our Lord Women's Society**

Our Parish Women's Society invites parishioners to a Spring Social on

**Sunday April 28, 2024, from 2:00-5:00pm in the Holy Rosary School Auditorium.**

Our Spring Social will feature beautifully decorated spring themed tables, a chance to win a theme basket, and a light lunch menu, appetizers, and desserts.

*If anyone is interested in donating a theme basket for the Social, the Society would appreciate it!  
 Please contact Michelle Piontek at 570 498-9442 for information or if you need a basket pick up!*

We hope that you can join us for an afternoon of great food and fellowship!

**Menu:** Arcaro and Genell's of Old Forge

- **Appetizers:** Red pizza, white pizza, and cheese steak stromboli
- **Meal:** fresh fruit tray, with chunk cheese and crackers, fresh vegetable tray with dip, cheese tortellini summer pasta with broccoli and sundried tomatoes, garlic, grated cheese tossed in olive oil. Assorted wraps (ham, turkey, chicken salad and tuna)Also, an Antipasto salad with Italian meats and cheese.
- **Desserts:** Assorted cookies and pastries (by Minooka Bakery)

Cost is \$25.00 per person and reservations need to be made by April 21,2024.

Please fill out the form below and return it with payment to the rectory via the collection basket, by mail or in person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Nativity Parish Women's Society. Reply with payment by April 21,2024.

**FAITH FORMATION NOTES:** Classes will take place this week, for grades 1-5, according to the usual schedule. Next Weekend, April 21, both Morning and Evening Classes.

**FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS** will take place on Monday's at 6:00pm, beginning on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PICNIC 2024 MEETING** There will be a meeting of all those interested in helping at this year's Summer Picnic on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. All are welcome and invited to attend as we continue preparations for this event.

**FOOD PANTRY COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Parish Pastoral Council monthly food pantry volunteer opportunity will be Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7 PM, at CEO Weinberg Food Bank, 185 Research Drive, Pittston. Call the rectory at 570-457-3502 for further information or to volunteer.

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING** There will be a meeting of our parish Women's Society this week, on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES:** To support Holy Rosary School. Sales on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 8am-10am.

**PIGGIE MAKING THIS WEEK**

-Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 am -Potato/Cheese prep-Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, - 10 am - Mash and ball potatoes -Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> - 9am - Pierogi Making .

*\*No Experience Necessary -new help always appreciated!!!  
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**IN THE COMMUNITY:**

**Catholic Choral Society Spring Concerts to Celebrate Society's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season**

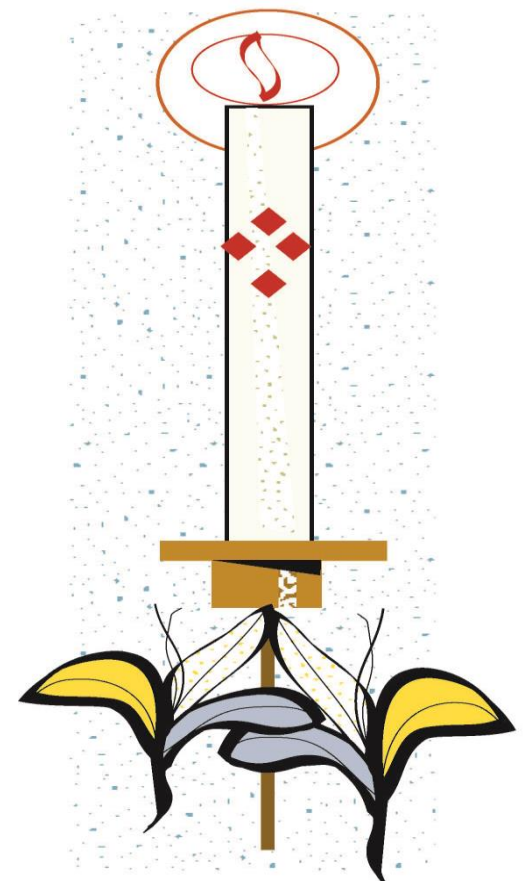
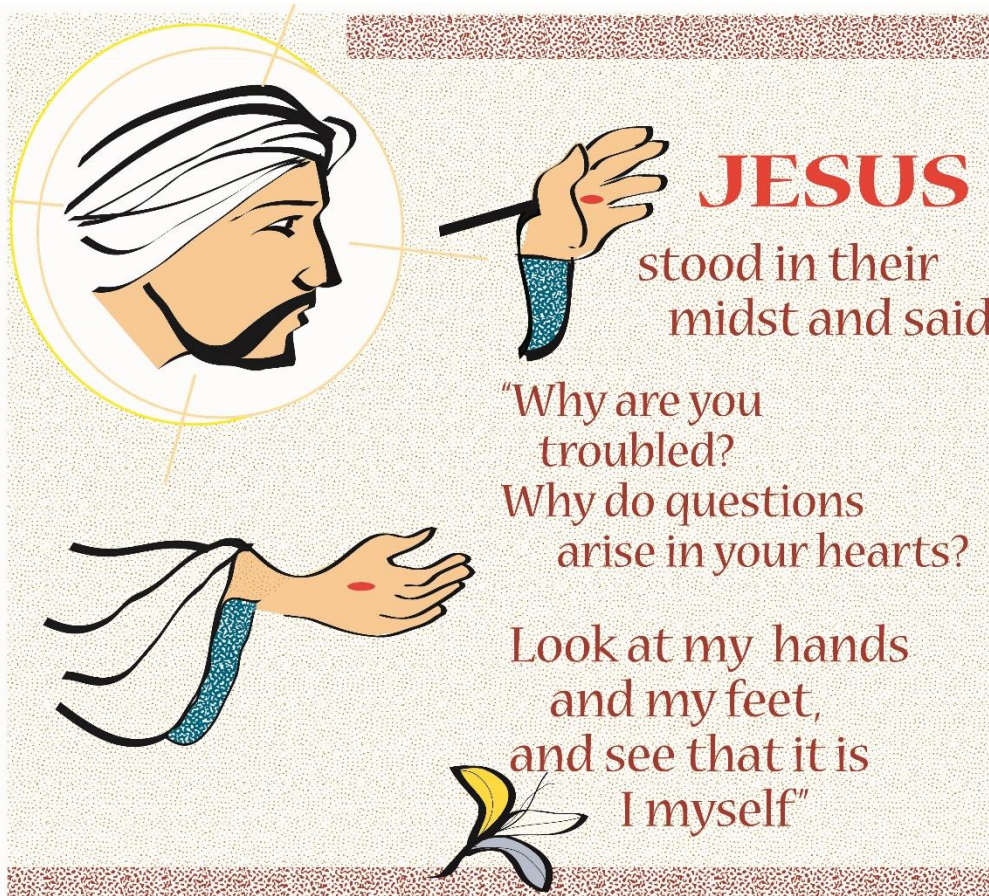
on Friday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Mary Mother of God Parish at Holy The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the choral group will be presented Rosary Church at 316 William Street in Scranton and on Sunday evening , May 19 at 7:00 PM at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola at 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, PA.

On Friday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Rosary Church, the Choral Society will host The Forest City Regional High School Chamber Singers directed by District 9 PMEA President Alison Yuravich. On Sunday evening, May 19, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church , the Choral Society will host the Good Shepherd Academy Junior High Choir of Kingston under the direction of Thomas Hanlon.

The Catholic Choral Society, marking its 75<sup>th</sup> season, is comprised of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties. Tickets: Adults \$10.00 – Seniors and students \$8.00 –Singers and ages 12 and under free.

**THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS IN OUR TIMES**

Dr. Larry Chapp will speak at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave., Dupont, on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30PM. His topic is "The Universal Call to Holiness in Our Times". Dr. Chapp received his doctorate in theology from Fordham University. He taught theology at DeSales University and co-founded the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm. He is a renowned author of many articles with the National Catholic Register and Catholic World Report, among other critically acclaimed periodicals. He is also author of many books, YouTube and podcast host, and chief author for the blog, Gaudiumetspes22.com. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served; please join us. All are welcome.





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