



# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH, DURYEA

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Masses: Daily, M-F – 7:00 am • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00 pm • Sunday- 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm (No PM Easter Sunday)

Confession: Daily, M-F~6:40-6:55 am • Saturday- 3:15-3:45 pm, and anytime upon request.

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ✦ March 31, 2024

*An Easter Thank You and Reflection –*

### Who Will Roll Back the Stone?

As Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome are hurrying to the tomb “where he was laid” after the sabbath “very early when the sun had risen,” they wonder “who will roll back the stone?”

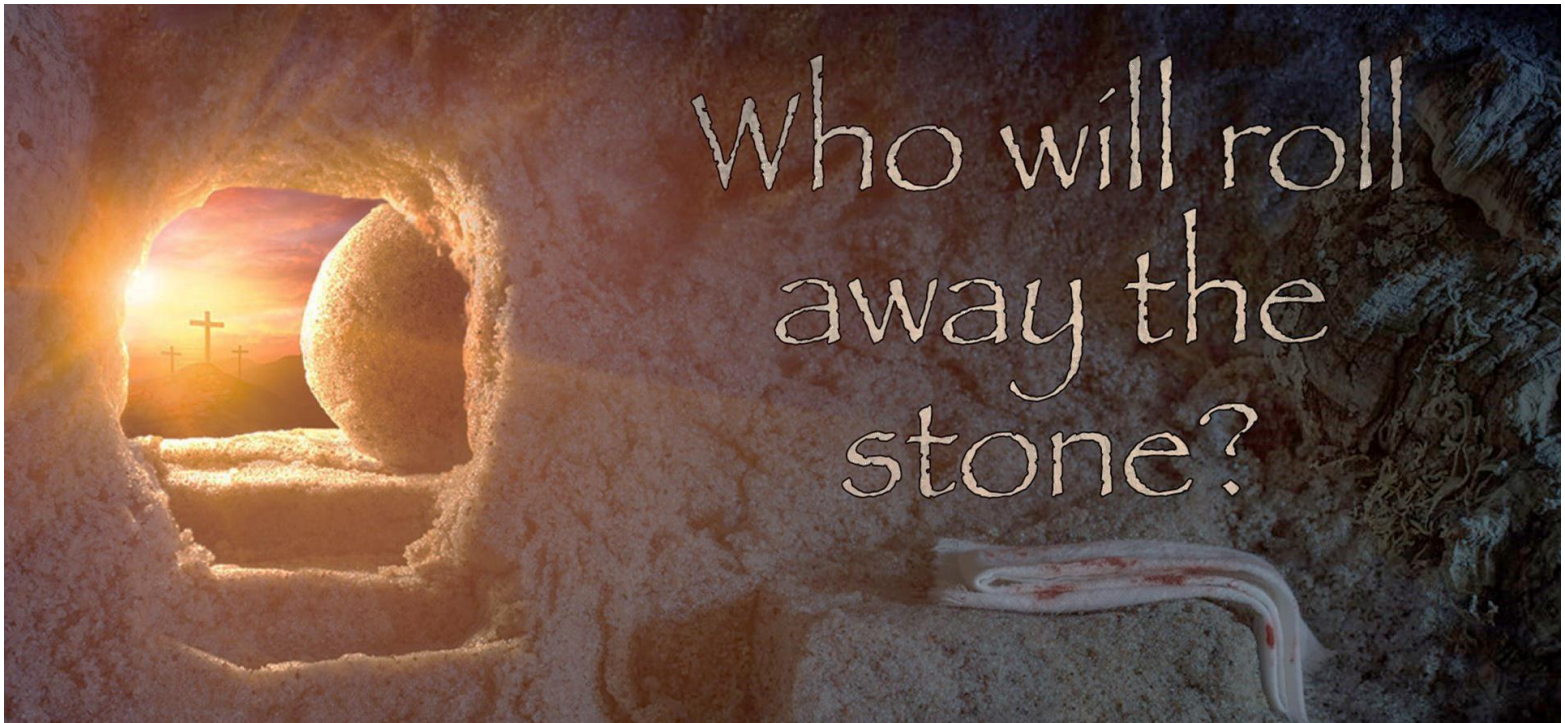
When I read St. Mark’s Gospel for the Easter Vigil and Sunday, I am reminded of a hymn I’ve enjoyed over the years, “Roll Away the Stone” written by Tom Conry. Each of its verses start with the words, “They have been saying…” Following this entrance, Conry proceeds to identify who “they” are. They are the skeptics, those who have given-up on Jesus’ Resurrection as a source of hope, peace and new life. They are the ones announcing, “all our plans are empty”, “no one will remember”, “no one hears the singing”, and “all of us are dying”.

On this Easter morning, even though the church is beautiful with flowers, families join together in celebration, and as Jesus’ empty tomb fills us with joy and freedom, we cannot help but wonder “who will roll back the stone” as we consider so much pain throughout our world. It is very easy for us to become “they.”

Yet, we are an Easter People. We may not know how the stones of our lives and world can be removed, but we do hold on to “He has been raised.” Jesus has done many amazing things, including finding the way to lovingly “roll away the stone.”

This Easter we know as a parish that because of the Risen Lord all things are possible. Each of us has opened our hearts in the best ways that we can to continue building our parish and taking away the stones of hatred, anger, prejudice, and fear. Thank you for helping so many women, men, and children “roll back the stone.” Thank you for all the ways that we show that God is here now, power does not rule the world, our strength is not gone and none of us are dead! Happy and Blessed Easter!

*-Fr. Michael*



► Acts 10:34a, 37-43 ~ Peter’s discourse ► Colossians 3: 1-4 ~ Mystical death and resurrection

► John 20: 1-9 ~ Peter and the disciples at the tomb

Adults: What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

Kids: What bad habit would you like to “clear out” during the hopeful time this Easter season?

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS AND INTENTIONS  
FOR MARCH 31-APRIL 7, 2024**

Mon	1	Monday within the Octave of Easter	6:30 pm	Kevin and Richard Klink (by Dolores Klink and Family)
Tue	2	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	7:00am	Louis Slovina (by the Lyons Family)
Wed	3	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	7:00am	Geraldine Judge (30 day)
Thu	4	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	6:30pm	Eleanor Molewski (by Carla Reck and Alex Divirgilis)
Fri	5	Friday within the Octave of Easter	7:00am 9:00am	Ann Berkoski (by Sherry Starzec) Susan Rupp (by Rupp Family)
Sat	6	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	4:00pm	Stanley Turowski (by his Wife)
Sun	7	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy	8:00am 11:00am 2:00pm 7:00pm	For the Intentions of the Parishioners Louis Slonina (by Michalene Lyons) <b>Holy Hour/Exposition and Adoration, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> Alicia Rutkoski (by Plisga and Rutkowski Families)
<b>VOTIVE CANDLES OFFERINGS</b>				
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Eleanor Moleski (by Carla peck and Alex Devirgilis)		
Blessed Virgin Mary		Julia and Julian Olszewski (by Grandson Peter Olsheski)		
Saint Joseph		Eileen Tobin (by Christina Kozak and Family)		

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**1 Monday - OFFICE CLOSED****2 Tuesday**

-Soup and Spirituality, 5:00pm

**3 Wednesday**

-Eucharistic Service, Crossin Towers

**7 Sunday of Divine Mercy**

-Holy Hour and Chaplet, beginning at 2:00pm

**9 Tuesday**

-Soup and Spirituality, 5:00, Rectory

-Men's Society, 6:30 in the Hall

**15 Monday**-First Holy Communion Rehearsal,  
6:00pm In Church**16 Tuesday**

-Soup and Spirituality, 5:00pm

**18 Thursday**

- Women's Society Meeting

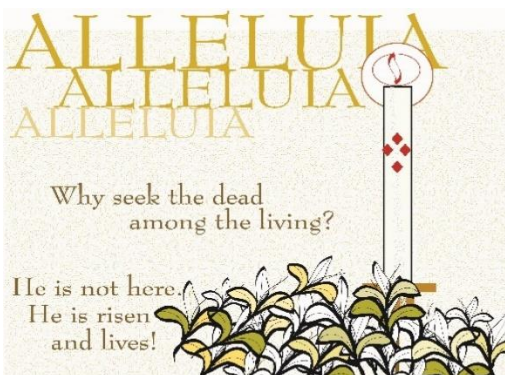
**22 Monday**-First Holy Communion Rehearsal,  
6:00pm In Church**28 Sunday**

-Women's Society Spring Tea

**29 Monday**-First Holy Communion Rehearsal,  
6:00pm In Church

### Easter Sunday Evening Prayer today at 6:00pm

*Evening Prayer is a brief service of hymns, psalms and sacred scripture – a way to continue the prayer and blessings of this day into the evening hours with members of the community and bask in the beauty of this day.*



*The Intention of our Holy Father,  
Pope Francis, for April 2024*

### For the role of Women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

### FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP

**For the period ending March 26: TOTAL \$ 8,442.50; Sunday \$5,149.00 (\$1,074.00 OL) Loose Sunday Offering: \$660.50; Other Envelopes \$2,633.00 (\$122.00 OL) Thank You, and may God bless your wonderful generosity! Next Week's Second Collection is for the Care and Education of Priests.**

*He Is Risen! Happy Easter!*

*We are glad you are here!!!*

Nativity welcomes all of those here for Easter, those visiting from other places, both near and far. If you are a visitor to our church and want to become a member, or if you are visiting family and just want to be kept up-to-date on things going on at Nativity of Our Lord, we would be happy to add you to our e-mail list. Weekly e-mails contain our Sunday Bulletin, and announcements about upcoming events, food sales, picnic info, and more!!

Please fill out the brief form below, call us at 570-457-3502, or go online at [www.nativityduryea.org](http://www.nativityduryea.org) to let us know your preference.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send me information on becoming a parishioner.
- I am a parishioner elsewhere, but please add me to the weekly e-mail list



**FAITH FORMATION** No Classes Easter Sunday. Classes will continue next week for all students, at the usual times.

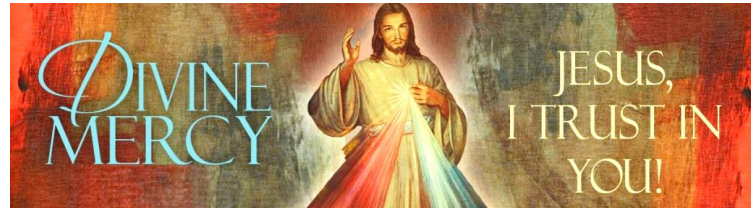
**GIFT CERTIFICATES** To support Holy Rosary School Sales will resume on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am-10am.

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. Visits to the homebound will take place, and calls made for scheduling in the usual manner.

**IN THE COMMUNITY**

**DESIGNER PURSE BINGO**, St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin, Pa. Saturday, April 13- Doors open at 11:00am. Bingo from 1:00-4:00pm. \$30 -includes \$5 Food Stand Voucher and 20 games of Bingo (extra games may be purchased) Food and Beverages will be available for purchase, basket raffle and bake sale. For tickets contact the parish office at 570-655-8965 Monday -Friday 9:00am -2:00pm.

**PASTA DINNER** The Sons of Italy Gloria Lodge 815 of Old Forge is sponsoring a Scholarship Fund Raiser Pasta Dinner, Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 11am to 3pm. It is Take-outs Only/Drive-Thru Service, Walk-ins Welcome. At the Felittese Grounds, 3rd St Old Forge. \$15 Includes Penne Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Roll & Dessert. Pre-orders for Sauce \$8/qt. or 2/qts \$15, Meatballs & Sauce \$12/qt. Call 570-498-0178 or 570-448-5878



**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

*Cathedrals and parishes throughout the country are encouraged to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation for offenses against life, marriage, and religious liberty. USCCB, 2013*

**OUR PARISH OBSERVANCE** In answer to this call, Nativity of Our Lord Parish will gather for prayer, adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm**. The Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00pm, and the service should conclude by around 3:30pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. As part of the devotional practices, parishioners are reminded that Confessions are heard Daily from 6:30-6:50am, and on Saturday from 3:15 - 3:50pm, and that reception of Holy Communion can take place at any of our weekend Masses.



**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.*

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