**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAY**

Our Annual **DAY OF SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** here at Nativity of Our Lord Parish is set for this Monday, October 16. 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.

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 sincere 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 for a tragedy to look for and accept God’s love, 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.

Please join us for the closing celebration of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. Father Scott Sterowski, the Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross (formerly Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary) in Scranton will be our guest Celebrant and Homilist.

**Reflection on SERVICE**

- What Bishop Bambera said:
  “Parish social ministry responds to human needs, whatever and wherever they may be, whether with parishioners or other members of the community, whether the need be hunger, housing, illness, loneliness, employment, fair wages, physical disabilities or ecological sustainability.

- What you said in the survey:
  - Make an effort to involve people in different types of ministries.
  - Homeless outreach.
  - Hospice or social concerns ministry.

- Our Goal:
  Create awareness of needs for justice and mercy. Identify needs, form volunteers, provide spiritual growth.

**Questions for personal reflection based on this Sunday’s Readings…**

**Dealing with Injustice**

Jesus said, “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

(Matthew 21:43)

How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?

What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?
**Sustaining Our Church**
**Building Our Future**

**PARISH CAMPAIGN PLEDGES**
(as of October 12, 2017)

As you know, it has been over one year since our Parish Building Campaign began. We are at roughly 48% of our goal of $500,000.00, with an average pledge of around $715.00, given by roughly 386 households/families, bringing our total thus far to $241,927.80. Some have chosen to give all at once, others have spread payments over the three-year period, making some payments as low as $15.00 a month over time. Please consider making your gift today!

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Other Activities/Events
This Week:
Sunday –
CCD Morning Classes, 9:45 am
Autumn Social, 2:00 pm, SHH

Monday – Adoration 7am – 7pm
Men’s Society, following evening prayer

Wednesday –
BBQ pick-up, 4:00-6:00 pm, SHH
Senior Choir, 6:30pm

Thursday –
Gift Certificates, 8:00-10:00 am (HRCH)
Women’s Society Meeting, 6:30 pm (Rectory)

~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS for the weekend of October 7-8, 2017
$3,704.75 Sunday; $1,093.00 Secondary; $634.40 Loose
Online Giving: $235.00 Sunday; $134.00 Secondary; $10.00 Cemetery

LOAVES AND FISHES October: Hot Chocolate Mix

PARISH CAMPAIGN - EXTERIOR PROJECT-- Please consider making your gift today! Thank you to those parishioners who have responded so far to the next phase of work here at Nativity. PLEASE READ THE REPORT FOUND IN THE RAFFLE MAILING ENVELOPE. It explains point by point where we have been and where we are headed.

FALL “CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS” RAFFLE TICKETS are available in the church entrance. Please support this fundraiser as best you can.

CONSECRATION OF EVERY PARISH IN EACH DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

During the weekend Masses of October 14 and 15, 2017 each of the parishes of each of the dioceses of Pennsylvania will pray the Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima. The tone of the weekend will be one of consecrating the local Church to the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima in this anniversary year.

BRIEF STORY OF FATIMA: The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children (“The Three Seers”) near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. Appearing to the children, the Blessed Virgin told them that She had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child. Coming at a time when civilization was torn asunder by war and bloody violence, she promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. In the last apparition to the three, an event known as the “Miracle of the Sun” was witnessed by over 70,000 onlookers.

Our Lady of Fatima explained to the children that war is a punishment for sin and warned that God would further castigate the world for its disobedience to His Will by means of war, hunger and the persecution of the Church, the Holy Father and the Catholic Faithful. God’s Mother prophesied that Russia would be God’s chosen “instrument of chastisement,” spreading the “errors” of atheism and materialism across the earth, instigating wars, annihilating nations and persecuting the Faithful everywhere.

In all Her appearances at Fatima, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. She also asked that the Faithful practice a new devotion of reparation on the first Saturday of five consecutive months (“The Five First Saturdays”)

To learn more about the apparitions of Mary at Fatima, please check out these following online articles: https://www.eztn.com/fatima/our-lady.asp, https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint.php?n=485, or follow their links on our parish Web page: www.nativityduryea.org
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—We welcome to the Church Carley Viola Davies who was baptized last Sunday. Now that she has received her new life in Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism, may our Lord fill her with many graces and blessings all through her Christian life. We offer our parish congratulations and prayerful best wishes to her and her family on this happy occasion!

This Weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend
Thank you to those who have already joined us as we “Walk Together in the Light of Christ” by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each gift truly matters. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend—Annual Appeal pledge envelopes will be distributed at all of our Masses. Everyone at Mass will be asked to complete the pledge form, whether or not they have made a pledge or intend to pledge. You are also invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside pledge form and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Peter’s Cathedral in Scranton on Sunday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. Your intention will be remembered at this Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Prayer intentions are welcome whether or not you make a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you!

Eucharistic Day: Monday, October 16. Please see front cover for details. All Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Servers, and members of the Men’s and Women’s Societies should make every effort to spend time in church at prayer this day.

Baby Bottle Project Once again this year, Nativity of Our Lord Parish is cooperating with the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life’s “BABY BOTTLE PROJECT.” The donation will be used to promote respect for life, to educate the public and to help women choose life during crisis pregnancies or heal after an abortion. The bottles can be picked up in the vestibule after Mass this weekend and filled with pocket change, cash or a check and return them to the church by the weekend of October 29.

There will be a Men’s Society Meeting on Monday evening following Evening Prayer and Benediction.

There will be a Women’s Society Meeting on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

Gift Certificates will be available this Thursday in Holy Rosary Church Hall from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Cemetery Notes As the growing season concludes, and we make our way to the cemetery to “winterize” the graves of our loved ones, please remember that: 1) water will be shut off in both Holy Rosary and Saint Joseph’s Cemeteries soon to prevent damage to pipes; 2) please take waste with you; 3) please DO NOT THROW ANYTHING over the Flood Wall, into the river which is in bad enough shape the way it is, or along the path of the Flood Protection area. Thank you.

Neighboring Events...

Autumn Roast Beef Dinner hosted by the Little Sisters of the Poor today (Sunday) from 12 to 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Avenue in Scranton. All proceeds will be used to update electronic management systems to provide continuous and integrated quality care for the residents of Holy Family Residence. The dinner, which will be catered courtesy of Stirna’s Restaurant, includes roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, rolls and butter, assorted pies and beverages. Takeouts will be available. Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for children 10 and younger. There will also be a bake sale which includes the Sisters’ famous homemade scones and an assortment of other baked goods.

The Passion of Jesus Christ, Preached Retreat, for men and women, directed by Brother André Mathieu, CP, of St. Ann’s Basilica, Scranton, October 20-22, at St. Gabriel’s Passionist Retreat Center, 631 Griffin Pond Road in Clarks Summit. Comfortable Silence during retreat. Begins on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. (registration at 7:00 p.m.) and ends after the noon meal on Sunday (no meals are served Friday evening). Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal reflection, prayer, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and liturgy. A deposit is required. For more information, please call the Retreat Office at 570-586-4957 or email kporter@epix.net.

The Office for Parish Life will hold a Worship Convocation for Liturgical Ministers on Saturday, October 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Swartz Center for Spiritual Life at Marywood University in Scranton. This day will be a gathering of prayer, reflection and formation for priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, liturgical coordinators, liturgy committees, music directors, cantors, choir members, ministers of hospitality, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and anyone else who loves the sacred liturgy. The day includes Mass with Bishop Bambera, a keynote presentation by Dr. Elaine Rendler, author of several books on liturgical ministry and editor and columnist for the liturgical music resource Today’s Liturgy, as well as breakout sessions and exhibits. The fee of $35 includes lunch. Visit www.dioceseofscranton.org to register by Monday, October 23. For more information, please contact David Baloga, Director for Worship, at 570-207-2213, ext.1158 or at David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org.

Autumn Fling Bingo -- St. Ignatius Parish Autumn Fling Bingo hosted by Mary’s Ministry will be held on Sunday, November 5, in Conlan Hall. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and games begin at 1:15 p.m. Prizes include assorted gift items for all age groups – perfect for holiday giving. Ticket donation is $25 ($20 if paid by October 31) includes twenty games 3 cards each game and door prizes. Extra cards, specials, raffle prizes, 50/50 drawing, food and beverages may be purchased. Details at www.stignatiuspa.org or call the rectory at 570-288-6446 for assistance.
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