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Masses: Daily, M-F – 7:00am, streamed • Saturday (Vigil)- 4:00pm, streamed
Sunday- 8:00am, streamed; 11:00am and 7:00pm • Confession: M-F 6:30-6:45; Sat 3:15-3:45 and upon request.

✘ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✘ February 14, 2021 ✘



REGULATIONS FOR LENT 2021

"The season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social (Sacrosanctum Concilium, No. 5, 109). Pastors are obliged to avoid scheduling activities in the parishes which in any way could possibly detract from the external and social penance required by Lent." -Diocesan Statute No. 41

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 marks the **beginning of Lent**. The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 2, 2021, are days of fast and abstinence. (One full meal, two partial meals that do not equal the one full meal) Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. (No Meat)

All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent. Children, though not obliged, may follow this rule also, provided their parents or guardians approve, and their health is not at risk.

All Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal and two smaller meals unless dispensed or excused. Those not bound by this rule may certainly practice fasting. Children should act in obedience to their parents or guardians, and both children and adults over 60 should consider their particular health needs.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 7:00 am Mass – Ashes (No Res.) Livestreamed
- 9:00 am Mass -Ashes (Reservations Required)
- 12 Noon Liturgy of the Word – Ashes (No Res.)
- 4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word – Ashes (No Res.)
- 7:00 pm Mass – Ashes (No Res.)

Blessed ashes may also be taken in an envelope, a kerchief or napkin to those at home, in the hospital, or to a nursing home, and imposed using one of the following formulas:

**Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.**

~ or ~

Repent and Believe in the Gospel.

Questions for personal reflection based on this Sunday's Readings...

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Do I do as Jesus did in reaching out to the marginalized,
the outcast?

Am I quick to proclaim what God has done in my life?



LITURGICAL CALENDAR, DEVOTIONS AND INTENTIONS

FOR FEBRUARY 15-21, 2021

ATTENTION: The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended by Bishop Bambera for the overall well-being of the faithful. Masses will continue to be live streamed on Facebook during this time, as an aid to reflection on the prayers and scriptures of the Mass, not as a substitute. Mass can also be seen on CTV – Comcast Xfinity 12(non-HD), Service Electric 18, or on EWTN – Comcast Xfinity 1668, Dish Network 261.

Mo	15	Weekday	7:00am	Walter Zawrotny (by Wife, Carol and Family)
Tue	16	Weekday	7:00am	Lee Steigerwald (by Joyce Jones)
Wed	17	Ash Wednesday	7:00am 9:00am Noon 4:00pm 7:00pm	For the Intentions of Our Parishioners Maryann Chacko (by Nativity of Our Lord Parish Choir) <i>Liturgy of the Word w/Imposition of Ashes</i> <i>Liturgy of the Word w/Imposition of Ashes</i> Peter Ryczak (by the Family)
Thu	18	Thursday After Ash Wednesday	7:00am	Mary Ann VanLuvender (by Betty Rehoski and Karen Musloski)
Fri	19	Friday After Ash Wednesday	7:00am 7:00pm	Clare Altieri (by Staff of Nativity of Our Lord Parish) Stations of the Cross
Sat	20	Saturday After Ash Wednesday	4:00pm	Henry and Sophie Dulny (by Daughter, Beverly)
Sun	21	First Sunday of Lent	8:00am 11:00am 7:00pm	Michael Rostkowski (by Children) For the Intentions of Our Parishioners Claire Gromelski (by Theresa Bowman)
VOTIVE CANDLE OFFERINGS				
Sacred Heart of Jesus		Andrew Vitek (by Niece, Jacqueline Vitek)		
Blessed Virgin Mary		Helen Zuro (by Mary Ann Krenitsky)		
St. Joseph		Robert Glodzik (by Marty and Lois Hanczyk)		

FEBRUARY

15 MONDAY

-Presidents Day, Office Closed

17 ASH WEDNESDAY

-Pizza/Chowder Orders Due

20 SATURDAY

-Pierogi Prep...Mash/Ball potatoes

21 SUNDAY

-Pierogi Making, 9:00 am

26 FRIDAY

-Pizza/Chowder Pick-Up, 12 Noon-6:00 pm



~ FINANCES AND ONGOING STEWARDSHIP ~

For the period ending Feb 3: TOTAL \$6,900.61; Sunday \$4,843.61 (\$1,928.50 Online);
Other Envelopes \$1,968.00 (\$214.00 Online); Loose = \$89.00

For the period ending February 9: TOTAL \$5,292.00; Sunday \$3,564.00 (\$539.00 Online);
Other Envelopes \$1,703.00 (\$99.00 Online); Loose = \$25.00. Thank you!

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2020: At \$31,676.54 we are now at 79% of our goal of \$40,000.00 for this year's appeal.
Thank you for whatever you are able to do this time around.

THANK YOU to all who are continuing their care for our parish during this challenging time. Please continue to care for those less fortunate by donating to area food pantries and soup kitchens as you are able.

A FEW REMINDERS...

- Although the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended at this time, the obligation to pray, to worship God, and to live your Catholic Faith is not. Persevere in your faithfulness to Christ and his holy Catholic Church. Livestream Mass is provided for your reflection, and is of some comfort to those at home during this dilemma.
- We at Nativity follow a system for scheduling who is going to be in the church for each Mass based on the seating capacity of our church. We are blessed that so many parishioners want to be here, but seating is currently limited. If you wish to return to Mass regularly, or for a particular Mass, please simply email or call the rectory.
- **PLEASE NOTE: AS PARISHIONERS ARE VACCINATED, THEY MAY WISH TO RETURN TO CHURCH. WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU HOME!!!! PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE RECTORY TO LET US KNOW OF YOUR RETURN, AND WHAT MASS YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND.**
- **We may need to return to a rotation in the future as the number of faithful wishing to be present at Mass begins to outgrow spacing and occupancy regulations.**
- If you are sick in any way - please stay home. If a member of your family is sick, stay home. Take your temperature before coming and stay home if it is elevated - please follow all protocols with regard to masks, distancing, etc. - upon leaving, please exit the driveway return to your vehicle directly, to avoid crowding.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING

† HOLY LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK †

Do not let the pandemic and current protocols stop you from the faithful observation of Lent. With safety and obedience to health recommendations, do what you can to make this a season of renewal and reconciliation. We will pass from this world to the next with or without Covid-19, but our souls are eternal...let us safeguard our spiritual health as well.

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021 marks the beginning of Lent. Masses and services will be open to the public following COVID-19 safety protocols, including wearing face masks and physical distancing. The Mass will also be broadcast live on our Parish Facebook page. Due to the pandemic, Ash Wednesday will look different this year but the significance of the day will not change. Ashes can be distributed to the Catholic faithful as long as there is no direct contact.

From the two possible options for the distribution of ashes on February 17, we at Nativity of Our Lord will use the following method: Ashes will be sprinkled on top of the head. In much of the world (outside of English speaking countries), the normal way of distributing ashes is to sprinkle ashes on top of the head, with no contact, rather than imposing them on the forehead. Although this sprinkling may seem odd, consider where ashes usually fall each year, and think about the possible consequences of wiping ashes from your eye lashes, nose, or mask...

During distribution, both the minister and the recipient must be wearing masks. For this distribution method, the priest will say the prayer for blessing the ashes. He will sprinkle the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he will address all those present and only once say the call to repentance ("Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"). The minister will then take the ashes and sprinkle them on the head of each individual without saying anything.

Although not a Holy Day of Obligation, Ash Wednesday is traditionally a day of great importance to the faithful as they enter the Lenten season. The faithful are reminded that receiving ashes is not required. Each of us should recognize that our own internal disposition and intention to repent is the importance of Ash Wednesday and that the ashes are an external sign of that internal reality. Individuals who cannot receive ashes can still enter into Lent with a repentant heart.

A TIME OF SHARING - Operation Rice Bowl During Lent we are called upon to share our blessings with the poor and less fortunate in our midst and in the world. Set aside some of your blessings to help others--be it through the Church or other charitable agencies and organizations in our area. 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. **Local Food Pantries** Don't forget to support local food pantries and care agencies during Lent if you are able. There are many in need who could use non-perishables, and your donation of food or monetary gifts can help those who would otherwise go without.

A TIME OF PRAYER and REFLECTION - DAILY REFLECTION BOOKS Prayer and reflection are essential for a successful season of Lent. You are encouraged to make the most of personal prayer time at home or even during lunch or breaks at work. Daily Books are available in church and at the Rectory. Donations are accepted to help with expenses.

DAILY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

This schedule is provided for each household, each parishioner and visitor to our parish to review and take seriously. Lent is the Church's great retreat - and MORE is expected from each of us - our homes should be different, our habits should be adjusted. Beyond the bare minimum, our lives should reflect, internally and externally, the solemnity of the season - and reflection on our lives over all, our own Baptism - and how we are living up to our promises to reject Satan, sin, and live as people who truly believe in the words of the Faith we profess each week. Let us walk this road with Mary the Mother of God, in our prayer and good works. Let us walk this road with Christ, by taking up our cross daily, and following in His footsteps.

DAILY MASS: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. No reservations needed at this time, masks are required. Mass will continue to be live streamed for your reflection and prayer.

On SUNDAYS:**Evening Prayer and Benediction**

According to the desire of the Second Vatican Council, "Pastors of souls should see to it that the chief hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer), are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and the more solemn feasts. And the laity, too, are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 100). With that in mind, the Deacons of the Greater Pittston Deanery will continue gathering for evening prayer on the Sundays of Lent this year. Evening Prayer will take place at Our Lady of the Eucharist at 5:00pm. No reservations required, and vespers will be livestreamed on Facebook.

On MONDAYS:

CONFESSIONS "The Light Is On For You" 5:30-7:00 p.m. throughout the Diocese of Scranton (February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22)

ADORATION of the Most Blessed Sacrament each Lenten Monday from 5:30-6:30, concluding with Benediction.

**On WEDNESDAYS:****Road to Resurrection in the Greater Pittston Deanery**

In keeping with a long standing tradition for the Roman Catholic parishes of Greater Pittston, the **Road to Resurrection** continues on Wednesdays of Lent according to the following schedule with a modification because of our current pandemic. Rev. Paul McDonnell, OSJ, will have the 8:00 Mass each Wednesday morning of Lent with those gathered at Our Lady of the Eucharist parish which will be live streamed on their parish Facebook page. All are invited to make this Journey of faith and prayer and hear this series of homilies.

On FRIDAYS:

Stations of the Cross, with Adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 7:00pm. No reservations.



WITH PARISH SYMPATHY Our prayers are requested for Loretta Rook whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week. May our Lord embrace her in His eternal love and peace, and may Christ give His comfort and consolation to her family and friends. We offer our parish sympathy to them in their loss.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM We welcome to the Church Landon Alan Farrell and Rosalynn Snopkowski who were baptized recently. As they 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 lives. We offer our parish congratulations and prayerful best wishes to them and their families on this happy occasion!

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE Please call the rectory to let us know if you, or if someone you know, may be in a financial bind during this difficult time.

FROM HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL...
Holy Rosary School are selling Gertrude Hawk candy in time for Easter. Catalogs are available in the vestibule for interested persons. The money raised will be used for tuition assistance. They are also selling a calendar of prizes for the month of March. They are \$10.00, and are available in the vestibule.

BERNARDINE SISTERS GO LIVE! Do you remember the Bernardine Sisters? They remember you, and the years they served the people of Duryea, Old Forge, Moosic, Avoca, Dupont, and beyond, especially the 79 wonderful years they spent at Holy Rosary School! The Sisters would be honored if you join them on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, at 7:00 pm for a free LIVESTREAM EVENT. Join us for the event on YouTube—search, Bernardine Franciscan Sisters. To see what the Sisters are up to today, visit www.bfranciscan.org or call Sister Maria Bartos at 484-334-6815.

PRESIDENTS' Day - Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of Presidents' Day.

PAGACH, LENTIL SOUP AND BORSCH IN DUPONT
A "Take and Heat" Lenten Soup and Pagach Sale will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 215 Lackawanna Ave, Dupont. Traditional lentil soup and red borscht will be sold for \$10 per quart as well as potato and cheese pagach for \$20 per tray. All food will be made fresh, ready to heat and eat. Pagach will be par-baked and will include heating instructions. This is a pre-order sale only. Order forms can be found on the homepage of www.sacredheartdupont.com. Payment must accompany all orders and should be submitted to the Parish Office no later than February 28. All orders will be distributed on Friday, March 5, from the church hall between the hours of noon and 6 p.m.

PIZZA and CLAM CHOWDER

Pick Up on February 26th, 2021
12:00-6:00pm at Holy Rosary Hall

I would like...

___ tray(s) of unbaked pizza
(\$14.00 per tray)

___ quart(s) of Clam Chowder
(\$9.00 per Quart)

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Pre-order only.

Orders are due by Ash Wednesday, February 17th

PIEROGI and POTATO PANCAKE BATTER

Pick Up on March 12th, 2021
12:00-6:00pm at Holy Rosary Hall

I would like...

___ Dozen of frozen pierogi
(\$8.00 per dozen, limit 2)

___ quart(s) of Potato Pancake Batter
(\$14.00 per Quart)

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order.

Name _____

Phone _____

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Orders are due by Wednesday, March 3rd



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