



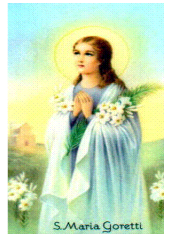
Saint Maria Goretti Church

Reverend James J. Walsh, J.C.L. - Pastor

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30PM **Sunday:** 8:30AM and 11:00AM **Weekdays:** 8:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 6:30PM VIGIL 8:00AM and 5:00PM

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who visit our faith community. We hope you have received a warm greeting as you entered our church today for worship. Carry our blessings home with you and be a light to your family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Elementary school children attend Religious Education Classes on Sunday morning 9:30-10:45AM from Sept. thru April.

RCIA:

(The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which individuals are brought into full participation in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or becoming a Catholic should call the Parish Office at 570-655-8956.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are scheduled by appointment. Please call the Parish Office at 570-655-8956.

ST. MARIA GORETTI NOVENA

Every Wednesday following the 8:00AM Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY:

A Holy Hour with Benediction, Exposition and prayers is held the First Friday of every month 8:00AM - 9:00AM.

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION:

Every Saturday 3:30PM-4:00PM or anytime by request or appointment. Please do not hesitate to approach Father Walsh at any time concerning your desire for confession.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Parish Office and tell us when a loved one is in the hospital. We want to visit the sick regardless of where they are and administer the Lord's anointing prayers for wellness. Please let us know when you know someone who is ill.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM & Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM to 2:00PM.

ROSARY

The Fatima Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are recited each Friday morning in the Chapel after Mass (except on the First Friday of each month) and before each Funeral Mass. We invite men and women to join us in these beautiful acts of charity.

Holy Redeemer High School
159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd.,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701
GRADES: 9TH THRU 12TH
Telephone # 570-829-2424

Good Shepherd Academy
316 North Maple Ave
Kingston, PA 18704
GRADES K THRU 8TH
Telephone #
570-718-4724

St. Nicholas - St. Mary Elementary
242 South Washington St
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
Telephone # 570-823-9433

Wyoming Area Catholic
1690 Wyoming Ave.
Exeter, Pa. 18643
GRADES: K THRU 8TH
Telephone # -
570-654-7982

Holy Rosary
125 Stephenson St..
Duryea, Pa. 18642
GRADES: K THRU 8TH
Telephone # - 570-457-2553

October 22, 2017 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S NOTES

1. TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY: FIRST READING: The Lord calls Cyrus as king to lead his people. Together they will subdue nations and kings will fall in their presence. They will defeat Babylon. Through the actions of Cyrus, people will know he is the Lord's chosen and that the Lord is God. There are no other gods for people to worship who will protect and safeguard them as the Lord does. **SECOND READING:** Our second readings on the next five Sundays before the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe, are taken from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, the earliest of his letters. Today's reading is Paul's greeting to the Church at Thessalonica. The triad of Faith, Hope and Love appears in the thanksgiving. The hope that Paul preaches is the hope Christians have of sharing in Christ's Resurrection when He comes again in glory. In the interim, Paul encourages the Thessalonians, and we who live in hope today, to continue in their work of faith, living and spreading the Gospel in the Holy Spirit. **GOSPEL:** The Pharisees, angered by Jesus' teaching in the previous parables, go off and plot against Jesus. They crave to trap Him in His own teaching to discount His authority. Unwilling to approach Jesus themselves, the Pharisees send their disciples to ask Him about the legality of paying tax to Caesar. Jesus calls the bluff of the hypocrites by simply asking to see the Roman coin and having them identify the image on the coin. What is obvious to many, but not the Pharisees and their disciples, Jesus teaches: Caesar's is Caesar's and God's is God's.

2. ALL SOULS' DAY: This annual *day of remembrance* for all our beloved dead will once again be celebrated Thursday, November 2nd. The liturgy will be celebrated in the church at 8:00AM. At 5:00PM it will be celebrated again, prefaced with the entrance *luminarium procession*. Candles in memory of all parishioners who have passed away since last year's November 2nd, 2016, to the present, will be carried to the sanctuary, where their name will be read, as the candle is placed in a special place near the stand containing memorial envelopes for *the November month of all souls*. Letters of invitation have been mailed to the families of those who have passed. And, October 29TH's bulletin will contain an insert with these names of our deceased. Special "All Souls Envelopes" can be found in your packets (EXTRA are available in the racks between the two sets of wooden entrance doors). Those returned will be placed in the special depository which will rest near the tabernacle for the month of November; and the names on them will be remembered at the 9 novena masses celebrated for their intention during the month.

3. ST. MARK'S BELL FROM THE STEEPLE OF THIS FORMER PARISH CHURCH: The Bell has been restored and once again rests in its *special place of honor*, on the pedestal which was created, so it would be rightfully displayed. A *Service of Rededication* is scheduled to follow the November 1's All Saints' Holy Day 5:00 Liturgy *in front of the bell's location*. All are invited to be present. I do not expect it to be lengthy. It is my hope to have the bell rung ceremoniously at that time. This will require a few able-bodied individuals. *See the following announcement to understand the reason.*

4. INFORMATION ON SAINT MARK'S BELL AND ABOUT THE BELL ITSELF: It was crafted by McShane Bell foundry, Baltimore, Md. In 1903. (The Co. is still in existence). Engraved on the bell is: "I AM CALLED THE SWEET TONED BELL OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL". (An interesting fact: the bell arrived back home to its place-of-honor 6 days after the annual Feast of the 3 archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael). The bell weighs about 1200 lbs. The bell was cast as a G# (on the music scale). The brass is "genuine bell brass", 80% copper, 20% tin. The yoke and clapper weigh about 400 lbs. The stand weighs about 200 lbs. Printed on the front of the bell are the 6 Sponsors. They are: Miss M. G. Durkin, Mr. M.A. Wynne, Miss B.L. Clarke, Miss K.C. Mulderig, Miss E.R. Gannon and Mr. W.A. Conlon. Any surviving members of these original sponsors may contact the Pastor regarding the ceremony of re-dedication.

5. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES/FUND RAISERS FOR 2017:

A. PASTA DINNER Sunday, November 12th, Noon to 5:00PM (eat-in); Noon to 4:00PM (take-out).

B. CRAFT SHOW: Saturday, November 18th: & Sunday, November 19th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00PM each day.

E. ADVENT/CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE": Week-end of November 25/26. The tree with tags-for-gifts will again be placed in the vestibule for parishioners to take & return with gifts for local children in need.

6. DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: I hope you will give it prayerful, reflective and generous consideration. Our parish GOAL is once again this year \$45,000.00. I ask the parishioners to please be mindful that you may pledge your gift, which then can be paid over a series of months, which may mean you would be able to afford more than you are able at *this very time*. Please consider a pledged-gift to this year's appeal.

7. ADVENT CANDLES MEMORIALIZATION: In the past, parishioners have been interested in memorializing loved ones by underwriting the cost of these four (4) candles which circle our Advent wreath. I cannot recall who they have been. But I am offering the same this year: either to the previous person(s), or any parishioner on a first come basis. Please contact the office.

8. VISITING PRIESTS COVERAGE THIS WEEKEND: The pastor will be away Oct, 20 to the 27th. The celebrants for this weekend are the following: Saturday, Oct. 21, at 4:30 is retired Msgr. William Ward; and Sun., Oct 22nd for 8:30 & 11:00AM is retired Fr. James McGahagan. Fr. McGahagan will celebrate the 8:00AM each weekday this week, as well.

9. THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: "The world is divided into people who do things – and people who get credit." –
Dwight Morrow, American statesman.

October 22, 2017 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of Oct 14-15, 2017

Sacrificial Offering \$ **6,013.50**

Non-Parish Contributions \$ **27.00**

HARVEST TEA



Our annual Harvest Tea was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7:00PM in the Banquet Center. The money raised, at this Tea is used for the Msgr. Philip Gray Merit Awards which is scholarship money given to our High School Seniors. Thank you to all who participated and contributed. A great time was had by all.

CRAFT SHOW & SPECIALTY BASKETS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

We will once again feature the Specialty Basket Raffle which will be chanced off at the end of our **Craft Show** which is being hold **on November 18th & 19th**. We are soliciting area businesses, along with parishioners, for donations of Gift Cards/Certificates to area restaurants, supermarkets, movie theaters, or stores like hardware stores, toy stores, car washes, bath & beauty stores, holiday items, etc. We need donations of NEW ITEMS which can be included in the baskets. Each basket will have a value of at least \$150 so we do need a lot of donations. Tickets for the Specialty Baskets will be sold during our Pasta Dinner on November 12th, after all our Masses on that day and during the Craft Show the following weekend.

CASH CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST 2017

Maureen Conlon	Lucille Houston	
Josepha Phillips	Mary Kay Della	Henry
Adriana Rinaldi	Aftewicz	
Gary Swiontek	Mary Ann Cartegna	
John McGowan		

CASH CLUB WINNER FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Christine Falzone	Stan-	Joseph Sharkey
ley Grebeck	Paul	Carol Answini
Benderavich		

ST. MARIA GORETTI PASTA DINNER

Five tickets have been mailed to each parishioner this week for our Fall Pasta Dinner which is being held on November 12th. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we count on the profit to continue with our daily upkeep of these beautiful parish properties. There is always something to do to maintain such a large area as this. Please try to buy as many tickets as you can and also consider volunteering for this huge undertaking of putting on such a large event.



Shaping the next generation of the faithful through a Catholic education in our schools and parishes is an essential mission of the Diocese of Scranton. Last year, nearly 5,000 elementary, middle and high school students benefitted from the academic programs and spiritual guidance offered by our Catholic Schools. More than 17,000 children received religious education in parish-based programs, instilling in them an intimate knowledge of the faith and the love of God, and fostering a desire to serve one another.

WHAT: Worship Convocation for Liturgical Ministers

Where: Marywood University, Scranton

Swartz Center for Spiritual Life

When: Saturday, October 28

8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Day-long event includes Mass with Bishop Bambera and keynote speaker, Dr. Elaine Rendler, a nationally recognized musician, teacher, composer, pastoral liturgist, speaker, and author of *In the Midst of the Assembly* and *Is the Day*, as well as the writer of weekly columns and music suggestions in *Today's Liturgy* for than 30 years. There will be breakout sessions for various liturgical ministries. Registration is \$35, includes lunch. To register visit www.dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-2213.

2017 National Vocations Awareness Week Generous Single Life in Christ

The Church recognized that some people, for various reasons, are not called or cannot live in vocations such as marriage or consecrated life. Nonetheless, the Catechism says :they can contribute greatly to the good of the human family” (#2231). “Some live their situation in the spirit of the Beatitudes, serving God and neighbor in exemplary fashion.” (CCC 1658).

ONE DAY CONFERENCE

You are invited to attend a Saturday morning conference on *C. K. Chesterton* titled, “*Evangelization, New and Old*”. It will be held on Saturday, October 28th from 9:00AM until Noon at the Oblates of St. Joseph, 1880 Route 315, Pittston. Cost is \$15 and includes refreshments. Our distinguished speaker is EWTN personality, Dale Ahlquist, President of the American Chesterton Society.

WHAT: Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Where: St. Andrew Parish, 318 Parrish St. Wilkes-Barre

When: Sunday, October 22nd from Noon to 4:00PM Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. For more info call 570-823-1948 or 570-822-8330.

ATTENTION; C.C.D. STUDENTS

The schedule for October and November classes is listed below.

October: 22nd
29th (11AM 6th grade class mass)
November: 5th
19th (11AM 5th grade class mass)

#GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is a movement which celebrates and supports giving back to charities and non-profits.

This year Diocesan Catholic Schools will participate in #Giving Tuesday with a campaign beginning in October and ending on the official #Giving Tuesday, November 28th.

At each one of our 20 schools, there is a gift opportunity for a unique project the school would like to have funded. For more information, or to make a gift to a specific school, please visit:

<https://www.crowdrisecom/DOSCatholicSchoolsGivingTuesday2017>

CARE & CONCERNS FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable food is much needed at the Food Pantry. Please drop off items in our foyer prior to Mass.

IN LOVING MEMORY

*John Baran
Eileen Hoban Clancy
Anthony N. Colonna
Elizabeth Colonna
James L. Conlon, Jr.
James A. Dougherty
Robert Faber
Mary & Martin Gallagher Family
Walter & Celestine Gottlieb
James J. Giamas
Stanley Harenza
Helen Marykwas
Leonard & Gen McHale
Mario Malvizzi
Chester & Mary Pietras
Mr. & Mrs. William Shea
Michael P. Yazurlo*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE Saturday, October 28, 2017

4:30pm Altar Servers
Katie Ann Costa
Morgan Costa
Andrew Phillips
Cantor
Joelle DeLuca
Sacristan
Darlene Augustine
Lector 1
Tina Fisher
Lector 2
Bianca Mazzarella
Ministers of Communion
Deacon Mike
Dolores Elias
Darlene Augustine

Sunday, October 29, 2017

8:30am Altar Servers
Megan Purcell
Marin Purcell
Merideth Purcell
Cantor
Joe Sharkey
Sacristan
Jeff Baran
Lector 1
Holly Daveski
Lector 2
Joe Paciotti
Ministers of Communion
John Gibbon
Mary Beth Mullen
Jeff Baran

11:00am Altar Servers
Emily Kane
Ryan Kane
Sophie Styczen
Cantor
Vanessa Pinto
Sacristan
Pat DeCinti
Lector 1
Chris Baron
Lector 2
Nelson Pinto
Ministers of Communion
Pat DeCinti
Lucille Harrison
Frank Magdalinski



**ST. MARIA GORETTI
&
ST. MARK
PRAY FOR US!**



RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 23, 2017

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00am Mrs. Mary Lou McNulty
by Carol, Dennis & Brandon McNulty

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00am Betty Colonna by Tony & Lou Ann Colonna
Wednesday, October 25, 2017

8:00am Frank Borzell by Wife
Thursday, October 26, 2017

8:00am Deceased Members of the Groves Family
by Rita Groves
Friday, October 27, 2017

8:00am A. J. Vacca by Christine Luongo, Friend
Saturday, October 28, 2017

4:30pm James Conlon by Family
Sunday, October 29, 2017

8:30am People of the Parish

11:00am Robert Dominick
by Lola & Tullio Gelsomini

Altar Candles

for the month of October 2017

IN LOVING MEMORY OF;



**Father Roy McAndrew, C.P. by Helen & Joe
McAndrew**

Charles & Helen Cavelle by Family

Pauline & Ray Verdine by Family

**Father Edward Masakowski & Nephew, Glenn by
Julie**

Sanctuary Candles

for the week of October 29, 2017

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



Helen Cavelle by Family

Helen Ann Sarnowski by C.C.D. Teachers



Please pray for our recently deceased
parish family member:

Helen Ann Sarnowski

May her soul and all the souls
of the Faithful Departed rest in peace.