



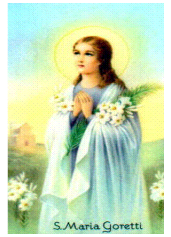
Saint Maria Goretti Church

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

November 5th, 2017 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR'S NOTES

1. THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY: FIRST READING: The Lord's word as spoken through the prophet Malachi offer a stern warning to the priests who have turned from the way of the Lord. The commandment the prophet delivers to them is to listen to the Lord. Should the priests not do that, they will face the Lord's curse. People follow their leaders and this was the case with the people who chose to follow the priests and stray from the God who created them. The Lord gives the priests another chance to come back to the covenant so their people will do the same. **SECOND READING:** The Thessalonians have truly received the word of God, not just as human word, Paul tells them. When Paul and his coworkers preached the Gospel to the Thessalonians, they did so with kindness and gentleness, not only communicating the Word, but sharing themselves as well. The community at Thessalonica endeared themselves to the ministers of the Gospel, supporting the missionaries even when their work was labor intensive. **GOSPEL:** The Scribes and the Pharisees have cast themselves as hypocrites in Jesus' eyes. Jesus now speaks to the crowds and His disciples instructing them to do as they say, but not as they do. Everything the Scribes and Pharisees love: honor, passing off their hard work on others and public adoration is not the way of life in Jesus. At the conclusion of the Gospel, Jesus summarizes the life of his follower consistent with everything he has taught to this point. Christ is the one Master, the greatest is the servant, and humility leads to exaltation. How different from the life of the Pharisees!

2. PASTA DINNER SIGN-UP SHEETS: Please consider offering your *time and talent* by signing up to help at this parish's second such dinner of the year. As we all know that without our yearly fund raising endeavors St. Maria Goretti would NOT remain solvent. Only one week remains until next Sunday's much loved, famous Pasta Dinner.

3. STANDARD TIME HAS RETURNED: Yes we gained an hour of sleep; but lost an hour of daylight. The days have become shorter; and will continue to become until December 25th, when the trend goes the other direction sun-wise, with the birth of the SON of God.

4. FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA: Thursday of this week (November 9th) is the celebration of this feast. St. John Lateran is one of the four major basilicas in Rome, with St. Peter's, St. Mary Major and St. Paul outside the Walls. It is unique among the four since it (not St. Peter's) is the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome, the pope. "Lateran" was the name of a Roman family whose lands were seized for the Church by the Emperor Constantine, and which then became the site of a great basilica dedicated in honor of John the Baptist. For centuries, the Old Lateran palace was the residence of the popes. It was only when the popes returned from the Avignon Exile in the 14th century that they took up residence at the Vatican. The basilica now has a triple dedication in honor of St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, and our Lord. Across the front of the basilica is a Latin inscription that says, "This is the mother and head of all churches in the whole world." It is a reminder that the dedication of this one church is celebrated by the universal Church.

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-outs)

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

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 parish GOAL is once again this year \$45,000.00. Please consider a pledged-gift to this year's appeal. As of last week we are only up to 49% of this goal.

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. By 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. QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time." Leonard Bernstein

November 5th, 2017 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of Oct 28-29, 2017

Sacrificial Offering \$5903.50
Non-parish contributions 492.00

CRAFT SHOW & SPECIALTY BASKETS

We will once again feature the Specialty Basket Raffle which will be chanced off at the end of our **Craft Show** which is being held 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.

ST. MARIA GORETTI PASTA DINNER NEXT SUNDAY

Five tickets have been mailed to each parishioner 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.

GENERATIONS SING XVI CONCERT NOVEMBER 12TH AT 7:30PM

The Catholic Coral Society will present the 16th Generation Sing Concert on Sunday, November 12th at 7:30PM at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. As in past years, this year's celebration concert strives to celebrate both ecumenical diversity and multigenerational singers. The Catholic Choral Society, marking its 69th season, is composed of more than 50 members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties. The CCS hosts 5 singing groups of all ages from public and private schools throughout Luzerne & Lackawanna Counties. There is no admission charge. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information about concerts or membership, call 570-575-1040 or see www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH PRESENTS: PARISH MISSION--NOV. 13, 14, & 15TH

"All who love Jesus are invited." Back by popular demand, Fr. Sy Peterka, CM will lead us on a Biblical Journey into the Person of Jesus Christ. The mission will start at 6:30PM each night at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Rd., Scott Twp, Pa 18447. Come one day or all three. For further information call 570-254-9502.



Don't leave your cell phone at home or in the car. Bring it with you to Mass. Next Sunday is "Text to Give" Weekend throughout the Diocese. Parishioners who haven't made a pledge or a gift - or who wish to increase their gift - will be able to do so by texting Appeal on their cell phones.

*In service to the faith community of
St. Maria Goretti Parish*

DEACON MIKE IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

Among the many gifts we are given are the gifts of TIME and TALENT--have you ever considered sharing these gifts with your parish family?

We always welcome liturgical ministers in our parish--your gift of time (only 1 hour every couple of weeks) would be a tremendous asset to our Liturgical Worship. Your parish also seeks to reach out to those in need and constantly seeks to assess and improve our efforts to remain the strong, active, faith-sharing family that we are. We always welcome new ideas (a social justice committee? A new outreach ministry?) Or perhaps you might just like to meet on a regular basis with friends or neighboring parishes to enrich your prayer or enrich our knowledge of your faith?

STEP 1 - THINK ABOUT IT!

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

The Virtues of Christian Discipleship - November 11, 9AM-3PM at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pittston

The workshop will be presented by Dr. Bernard Prusak who will explore the formation of conscience, the virtues--the excellence of character--internal to Christian morality and the principles and implications of Catholic social teaching. Cost for registration is \$30, payable to the Diocese of Scranton. For more information, contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213, ext 1157.

ATTENTION: C.C.D. STUDENTS

The schedule for November and December:

November: 19th (11AM 5th grade class mass)
December: 3rd
10th (Sacrament of Penance during class time)
17th (11:00 AM Liturgy involves the 4th grade class)
9th, 21st, 22nd Practice for Christmas Pageant at 6 PM

The Harvest Tea earned \$4,114.00 to be used to benefit the Msgr. Philip A. Gray Merit Awards which are awarded annually to graduating seniors to assist them in furthering their education. The following hostesses are responsible for the success of this event. They are: Pag Basta, Rosemary Grebeck, Sandy McAndrew, Ann Marie Durako, Cheryl Reginski, Debbie Barna, Lorraine Rodeghiero, Bernadine Burnett, Jean Bohack, M. M. Langdon, Marhy Wolfe, Sue Shovlin, Mary Ann Kosik, Sue Sopkie, Emilie Deiter, Tiziana Mazarella, Noreen Phillips, Mara Vitali, Ida Rossi, Mary Rossi, Annette Razvillas, Annette Smith, Judy Vanderpool, Sharon Thole Haverlak, Bridget Shea Thole, Annette Alba, Carol Yozviak, & Dorothy Shea Yazurlo. Fr. James Paisley contributed to the success by his great entertainment. We also had many donations. In addition to these funds, there is an envelope in our packets in the Spring to further aid this cause. Please save the date for next year's tea:

OCTOBER 10, 2018

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, November 11, 2017

4:30pm Altar Servers
Andrew Phillips
Joseph Andrews
Jason Isely
Cantor
Joelle DeLuca
Sacristan
Pat Fisher
Lector 1
Maddie Lewis
Lector 2
Tina Fisher
Ministers of Communion
Celine Capriotti
JoAnne Stella
Paul Shovlin

Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:30am Altar Servers
Ann Bellucci
Mia Bellucci
Darren Tomeo
Cantor
Megan Grebeck
Sacristan
Mark Smith
Lector 1
Maria O'Boyle
Lector 2
Robin R.-Kutney
Ministers of Communion
Deacon Mike
Noelle Imbrogno
Jim O'Meara
11:00am Altar Servers
Jacob Patterson
David Abbey
Ava Corcoran
Cantor
Vanessa Pinto
Sacristan
Jeff Baran
Lector 1
Christine Abbey
Lector 2
Jocelyn Kosik
Ministers of Communion
Nelson Pinto
Mary Ann Dougherty
Lucille Harrison



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



RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 6, 2017

8:00am Special Intention

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

8:00am Tony Pinto by Nelson & Michelle Pinto

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

8:00am James Brice by William Brice

Thursday, November 9, 2017

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am Joseph Melman, Jr.

by Mom, Dad & Brothers

Friday, November 10, 2017

*Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary*

8:00am All Souls Day Novena Intentions

Saturday, November 11, 2017

4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:30am All Souls Day Novena Intentions

11:00am Ruth & Frank Thomas

by Andrew & Michelle Kosik



Sanctuary Candles

for the week of November 12, 2017

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Samuel Collura, Jr. by Family

Helen Ann Sarnowski by Chris & John Baran,



Altar Candles for the Month of November

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, Gary

by Julie

Helen Ann Sarnowski

by Henry & Lorraine Rodeghiero



The name of Frank Borzell, who died on November 28, 2016, was inadvertently not included with the names of our other deceased family members who were listed for All Souls' Day Mass. Please pray for his soul and all the souls of our Faithful Departed parish family members.