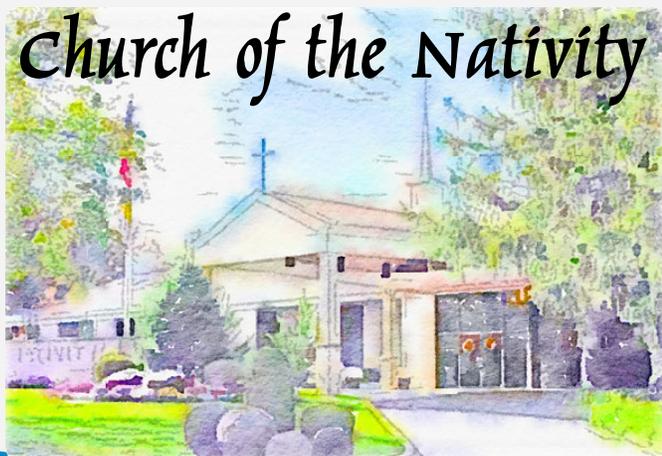


Church of the Nativity



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A Stewardship Parish

January 20, 2019

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00pm, Sunday: 8:00am, 10:15am, 12Noon
Daily: Monday-Friday, 12:10pm (Chapel)
Holy Days: Consult Bulletin

Pastoral Staff

Rev. George Klybus, *Pastor*,
Rev. Michael German, *Weekend Assistant*,
Rev. Mr. Jason Mantich, *Transitional Deacon*
Olivia Harrington, *Religious Ed. Coordinator*
Janet Nemeč, *Director of Lay Ministries*
Sr. Lois Marie Parente C.S.S.F., *Financial Affairs*

Lorraine DeLuca, *Religious Ed. Assistant*
Kaye Zbonack, *Parish Secretary*
Jim Chiappini, *Organist*
Ciarán Sheehan, *Cantor*
Roberto Hurtado, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Pedro Herrera, *Maintenance Staff*

Russell Kamp & Tia Patterson, *Parish Trustees*

Parish Membership

Every family in of our parish is encouraged to register. Forms are available in the church or at the Church Office. If you move or change your home address or email address, kindly notify the Church Office. If you want to add your cell phone to your family information contact the Church Office.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15 pm in the vesting sacristy in the lobby of the church, or by appointment in the Church Office.

Anointing

If anyone is ill, homebound, or in the hospital, please notify the Church Office.

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place at the 12 Noon Mass. Arrangements are made by contacting the Church Office before the birth of the baby. Baptismal catechesis is required of all parents. Please call the Church Office for details. A member of the Baptism Preparation Ministry will contact the parents prior to the Baptism.

Marriage

The Common Policy for Marriage for all Dioceses of the State of New Jersey require notification of marriage at least ONE YEAR in advance. Please contact one of the parish priests to set a date.

Religious Education

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9:00am-4:30pm
Classes: Grades K-6
Sunday-9:00am-10:00am, Thursday-3:30pm-4:30 pm
Grades 7-8
Sun- 9:00-10:15am
Home Classes (special scheduling)

Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)

Anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, or any adult Catholic who has not received all the Sacraments of Initiation and would like to receive these Sacraments, please contact the Church Office.

Our Parish
is
Accessible



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mass	Please Remember	Mass Requested By
Saturday January 19th 5:00 Mass	Katherine Rhodes	Maryann Szyzesny & Karen Nightingale
Sunday January 20th		
8:00 Mass	Susan Elizabeth Aponte	Josephine & George Thompson
10:15 Mass	Helen Markey	Markey Family
12:00 Mass	Ted Okoniewski	Gail Okoniewski
Monday January 21st 12:10PM	John Patrick House	Ambrose McGarry
Tuesday January 22nd 12:10PM	William Crowl	Andrew Nemece
Wednesday January 23rd 12:10PM	Gloria Davino	Marilyn Vanderhoven & Ann Palumbo
Thursday January 24th 12:10PM	John Patrick House	Fr. George & Nativity Staff
Friday January 25th 12:10PM	Marissa Walsh <i>Special Prayers for the living</i>	Marilyn Nagle
Saturday January 26th 5:00 Mass	Susie Klybus Catherine T. White	Kathleen & Joseph Daly Mary & Ralph Lombardi
Sunday January 27th		
8:00 Mass	Peter Pflaft	Anna & Joe Caldiero
10:15 Mass	Delores LaVacca	McLellan Family
12:00 Mass	Gaetano & Paula Scillieri	Phyllis & Tony Veli

The Church of the Nativity Prayer Chain is accepting prayer requests. Please call the rectory with your request.



Please remember in your prayers the sick who have asked for our prayer
Ryan Moore, Jenna Passero

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased

Franklin Robbins, David Sullivan, Susan Elisabeth A., Robert Grillo, John Trent, Charles Gutowski, Gloria DaVino, Rita Marie Laraia, Rev. Michael Moran, Bernard Warkentin, John Gauger, Anne Finan, Anna Gackowski, Mary Bertani, John Patrick House, Irene Bazzini, Alfredo Baffa

This Week At Nativity

WEEK OF
January 21

Monday January 21	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Church Offices Closed
Tuesday January 22	11:00PM MG - Legion of Mary 1:00PM MG - Scripture Study 3:15PM MG - Knitting Lessons 7:30PM C - Choir Practice
Wednesday January 23	
Thursday January 24	3:30PM S - Thursday Religious Education
Friday January 25	11:00AM CHA - Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday January 26	Hospitality Weekend
Sunday January 27	Hospitality Weekend 9:00AM S - Sunday Religious Education 11:30AM CHA/S - Confirmation Class

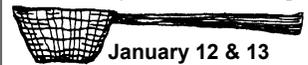
Sanctuary Light Memorials
Week of January 21, 2019

The Sanctuary Light in the Chapel is burning in honor of **The Mathews Family**

By **Jane Mathews**

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

Weekly Offering



January 12 & 13

Weekly Church Offering
Including On-Line Giving

\$8,586

CALL ON JESUS

*A Word
from the
Pastor*



'Wine is necessary for the feast.'

In an in-depth look at Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, Pope Francis pointed to several key moments in the scene that illuminate our understanding of Christ.

One of these key moments, he said, comes with Mary's observation that newlywed couple's resources have depleted, and that at a certain point "they have no wine."

"How is it possible to celebrate the wedding and have a party if you lack what the prophets indicated was a typical element of the messianic banquet?" the Pope asked.

While water is necessary to live, "wine expresses the abundance of the banquet and the joy of the feast," Francis said, noting that "a wedding feast lacking wine embarrasses the newlyweds - imagine finishing the wedding feast drinking tea? It would be an embarrassment!"

"Wine is necessary for the feast," he said, and pointed to how Jesus, in turning the water into wine, makes "an eloquent sign," because "he transforms the Law of Moses into the Gospel, bringer of joy."

Pope Francis spoke to the thousands of pilgrims present in St. Peter's Square for his general audience. He continued his ongoing catechesis on mercy, turning from Jesus' parables to his miracles.

However, before beginning his address, the Pope took a moment to greet a group of couples present celebrating 50 years of marriage.

"That's the good wine of the family!" he said of the couples, and told them that "yours is a witness that the newlyweds I'll greet after and the youth must learn. It's a beautiful witness. Thank you for your testimony!"

Francis then turned to the second chapter in the Gospel of John, which recounts the miracle that began Jesus' public ministry: turning water into wine at a wedding feast in Cana, upon the request of his mother.

This miracle, the Pope said, serves as "an 'entry point' in which are engraved the words and expressions that illuminate the entire mystery of Christ and open the hearts of the disciples to the faith."

In the expression that Jesus was "with his disciples," it's made clear that the ones Jesus has called to follow him are now bound together as a community and as a family, he said.

By initiating his public ministry at the wedding at Cana, Jesus both reveals himself as the bridegroom of the People of God who had been announced by the prophets, and also shows "the depth of the relationship which unites us to him: it's a New Covenant of love."

Francis said that the foundation of our faith is "an act of mercy with which Jesus has bound us to himself." The Christian life, then, "is a response to this love, it's the story of two lovers."

Another key point in the passage is when Mary, after informing Jesus that the newlywed couple had run out of wine, tells the servants to "do whatever he tells you."

Pope Francis said "it's curious" that these are the last words spoken by Mary in the Gospels, and that as such "they are her legacy which she presents to all of us. This is the legacy that she has left us and it's beautiful!"

He noted how Mary's expression is similar to another -- "What the Lord has said, we will do!" - which was used by the people of Israel when they received the covenant with God on Mount Sinai.

In the wedding at Cana, a New Covenant is "truly stipulated" and the servants of the Lord, who are "the entire Church," are entrusted with a new mission, the Pope explained.

This mission, following Mary's directive to "Do whatever he tells you," means serving the Lord by listening to his Word and putting it into practice, Francis continued, adding that "it's the simple but essential recommendation of the Mother of Jesus and it's the program of the Christian life."

Jesus began his public works at Cana, revealing his glory to his disciples and cementing their belief in him, the Pope observed. Given these facts, "the wedding of Cana is much more than a simple story about Jesus' first miracle."

"Like a treasure chest, (Jesus) guards the secret of his person and the

purpose for his coming," Pope Francis said, explaining that it is through this wedding that Jesus binds his disciples to himself "with a new and definitive covenant."

Francis closed his address by noting how Cana marks the place where Jesus' disciples become his family and "the faith of the Church is born," adding that "we are all invited to that wedding, because the new wine will never be lacking!"

Catholic Online (<https://www.catholic.org>)

Please remember the poor
box this month as there are
some needs that have been
expressed to us.
If you are a furloughed
federal worker and need
assistance please
see Fr. George.



K-8 PROGRAM: Just a reminder... There will be **NO CLASSES** due to the Public Schools' Winter Break
 Sunday Group: Feb. 17th.
 Classes will resume Feb. 24th.
 Thursday Group: Feb. 21st.
 Classes will resume Feb. 28th.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM: Congratulations to the children of our parish who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We pray that they and their families will always be peacemakers in their homes, in the church and in the world.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM: The First Communion of the children in our parish is an event of great joy for our whole community! We all share the joyful anticipation of the families whose children will soon begin their preparation to receive Jesus in Communion for the first time.

There will be many opportunities for the parish community members to take part in special ways in the First Communion preparation. But, all of us have a mission to support the children and families in their spiritual journey by offering them the witness of our faith and prayer. In the weeks to come we will let you know how you can welcome the children and their families and help them sense the joy of belonging to our community.

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY 2019:

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Act 2:42)

Today, at our 10:15 A. M. Liturgy, our parish will welcome 49 teenagers into the Confirmation Journey. We ask your prayerful support for these young people of our parish community as they seek to deepen their relationship with the Lord at this most meaningful time in their lives.

Reminder to all candidates... First Session will take place today Sunday January 21st from 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 PM. All candidates are to meet in the Chapel. Please check your schedules.

SUMMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children attend 10 days, Monday – Friday, 9:00AM – 12:30PM and **must** attend Advent and Lent sessions, Masses during the school year for continued Religious Education. The program will run from Monday August 12 to Friday August 23, 2018. Registration forms will be mailed shortly and also they will be available at the Religious Education Office.

Our reason for this option is to provide the best quality religious education at the most convenient time for the majority of our families.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Fridays 11:00AM-12:00PM
 In the Chapel



No Meetings
 January & February
Next Meeting
Friday,
March 1, 2019

HOPE
 AND HEALING

Please continue to pray for Jenna & Ryan during these weeks, as we unite ourselves in the healing of our friends.

Prayer for Healing

Think, O God, of our friends who are ill,
 whom we now commend to
 Your compassionate regard.
 Comfort them upon their sickbed,
 and ease their suffering.
 You Lord are the greatest physician.
 You heal, You protect, You care,
 You love, You are kind,
 We therefore pray that
 You bless our friends with
 Your loving care, renew their strength,
 and heal what ails them in
 Your loving name. Thank You, Lord.



Meals That Heal Ministry

To be part of this new exciting ministry and get your name on the list, you can email

Rosie Marquez
joselina_marquez@yahoo.com

Be sure to include your name, cell phone, email and the # of people volunteering with you and their names. You can also help with a donation for supplies for the Ministry. If you have a connection with a food market, we are looking for short dated foods suitable for freezing to assist with our food needs.

"There is a saying among us which goes...
'tell me how you pray, and I will tell you how you live; tell me how you live and I will tell you how you pray. Because showing me how you pray, I will learn to find the God for Whom you live, and showing me how you live, I will learn to believe in the God to Whom you pray.'

For our life speaks of prayer and prayer speaks of our life; praying is something learned, just as we learn to walk, to speak, to listen. The school of prayer is the school of life and in the school of life we progress in the school of prayer."



Pope Francis Homily at Venustiano Carranza stadium, Morelia, Mexico, Feb. 16. 2016

MEN IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

COME + SEE

St. Andrew's College Seminary
 571 Centre Street South Orange, NJ
 RSVP info@newarkpriest.com 973-313-6190

5pm
 Mass • Dinner
 Discussion
 PARENTS WELCOME!

COME + SEE

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Newark  Priest

The **Legion of Mary** is a prayer group for world peace. We meet on Tuesdays at 11:00AM in the McGrath Room. Please consider joining this ministry and devote yourself to Our Blessed Mother.



FREE Nativity Knits FREE KNITTING LESSONS

Anyone 8 years old and Up
 You can come with your Mom, Dad or Grandparent!
 You can come by yourself!
 Or just your Mom, Dad, Grandparent, or any Adult can come!

Tuesdays in the McGrath Room 3:15-4:15PM
January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

We will supply the yarn.
 Please bring size 10 knitting needles (9" length is best).
 You can pick them up at Jo-Ann's or Michael's

Please complete the form below and drop it off at the church office or email to: Nancy DalCortivo at Nan1810@aol.com

NAME _____ PHONE _____

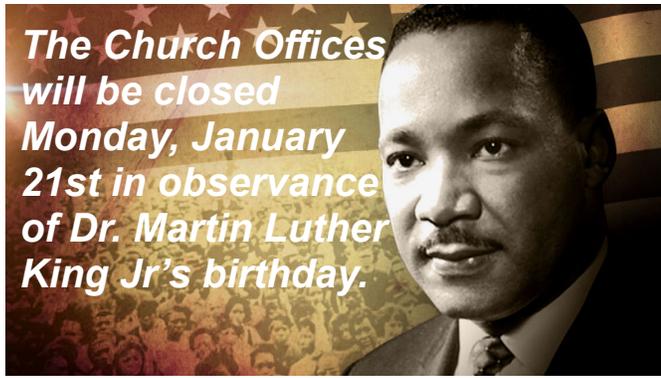
PARENT NAME (if a child) _____

EMAIL _____

Please complete this permission slip below if the participant is a child

I give my permission for my child, _____
 to participate in Nativity Knits Knitting Lessons

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



KEEP CALM AND BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!

For more information about becoming an Altar Server, contact Fr. George at fr.george@nativitynj.org or email Mary Berlinger-Carlton at tumster330@gmail.com

Wedding Anniversary Mass
 The Archdiocese is honoring those who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2019. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

**April 28th, 2019 3:00PM...
 50 years married
 (registration due April 19th)**

**June 2nd, 2019 3:00PM...
 5 & 25 years married
 (registration due May 24th)**

Call the Rectory to register, 201.444.6362

Sanctuary Light Memorials

Would you like the Sanctuary Light to burn in either the Church or the Chapel...

- in memory of a loved one
- in thanksgiving
- to honor a special birthday or anniversary or occasion in your family

To donate an offering for the Sanctuary Light in either the Church or Chapel for one week in memory/honor of a loved one, please complete the form and return it to the Church Office with your contribution of \$10 per week. You can also visit the Church Office in person.

(Please check one)
 Church Sanctuary Light Chapel Sanctuary Light

Week starting, Monday _____

Your Name _____

Phone _____

(Please circle one)
 This offering is in memory/honor of:

Pray the Rosary at Nativity

**Monday Evening Rosary
 Mondays 8:00PM in the Chapel**

**Weekdays
 following the 12:10 Mass in the Chapel
 All are Welcome!**