

## A Stewardship Parish

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:15am, 12Noon

Daily Mass in the Chapel  
Monday-Friday, 12:10pm

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin or Website

February 24, 2019

315 Prospect Street ♦ Midland Park ♦ NJ ♦ 07432  
Parish Website: [www.nativitynj.org](http://www.nativitynj.org)

Church Office: 201.444.6362 FAX 201.444.5056 Email [office@nativitynj.org](mailto:office@nativitynj.org)  
Religious Education Office: 201.447.1776 Email [religioused@nativitynj.org](mailto:religioused@nativitynj.org)

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. George Klybus, *Pastor*

Rev. Michael German, *Weekend Assistant*

Rev. Mr. Jason Mantich, *Transitional Deacon*

Sr. Lois Marie Parente C.S.S.F., *Financial Affairs*

Janet Nemec, *Director of Lay Ministries*

Olivia Harrington, *Religious Ed. Coordinator*

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 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.

### 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.

### Anointing

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

Our Parish  
is  
Accessible



### 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- 9:00-10:00am

### 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.

*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week*

Mass	Please Remember	Mass Requested By
Saturday February 23rd 5:00 Mass	<b>Doug Ackerman</b>	Donna & Ritchie Andrychewicz
Sunday	February 24th	
8:00 Mass	<b>Norma &amp; Dan Bardzell</b> <i>Special Intention for the Living</i>	Annette & Dominic Sblendorio
10:15 Mass	<b>Patrick Mullen</b>	Gene & Ann Marie Parker
12:00 Mass	<b>George Sellitto &amp; Frank Stampane, Sr.</b>	Vlacancich Family
Monday February 25th 12:10PM	<b>Richard Parrea</b>	Susan Hartmann
Tuesday February 26th 12:10PM	<b>Maria Robles</b>	Anna & Joe Caldiero
Wednesday February 27th 12:10PM	<b>Anthony J. Gianni, Jr.</b> <b>Jadwiga Chitko</b>	Mrs. Joyce Anton
Thursday February 28th 12:10PM	<b>Emma Woodziak</b>	Susan Hartmann
Friday March 1st 12:10PM	<b>Anne &amp; August Torre</b>	Mrs. Joyce Anton
Saturday March 2nd 5:00 Mass	<b>Susie Klybus</b>	Paula & Vincent Mollica
Sunday	March 3rd	
8:00 Mass	<b>Franklyn V. Robbins, Jr.</b>	Mary Gedney
10:15 Mass	<b>Rosalia Veli</b>	John & Rosalie Giudice
12:00 Mass	<b>Carmelo &amp; Gianbatista Orlando</b>	Maria Incandela

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  
**Terry DeSimone, Camille Caminiti**  
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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased

**Anna Gackowski, John Patrick House, Irene Bazzini, Alfredo Baffa, Donald A. Valich, Catherine Bush, Joseph Pahlow, Tony Mendez, Virginia Nielsen, Maureen Oates, Paula Graham, Kathleen O'Shea, Kathy Leichtamer, Chip Garrow, Anthony Medici, Jr., Manolo Louro, Joseph Cannaliat, David Powers**

# This Week At Nativity

## WEEK OF February 25

Monday February 25	11:00AM OH - Nativity Prayer Chaplet 8:00PM CHA - Monday Evening Rosary
Tuesday February 26	11:00PM MG - Legion of Mary 1:00PM MG - Scripture Study 7:30PM C - Choir Practice
Wednesday February 27	
Thursday February 28	3:30PM S - Thursday Religious Education 7:00PM KH - YES We Can Cook
Friday March 1	11:00AM CHA - Eucharistic Adoration After 12:10 Mass in Chapel/MG Shepherds Meeting & Lunch
Saturday March 2	
Sunday March 3	<b>Following the 8:00 &amp; 10:15 Masses</b> <b>KH - Parish Pancake Breakfast</b> 9:00AM S - Sunday Religious Education 10:15AM C - Family Mass/CYO Mass 11:30AM CHA/S - Confirmation Class

## Sanctuary Light Memorials

Week of February 25, 2019

The Sanctuary Light in the Chapel is burning in memory of

**Joseph & Phyllis Pabin**

By Ed & Lorraine Gibney

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

## Weekly Offering

February 16 & 17

**Weekly Church Offering \$7,780**

Including On-Line Giving

2nd Collection Archdiocesan Assessment \$1,021

**FORGIVE AND YOU WILL BE FORGIVEN**

**A LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**  
FROM CARDINAL JOSEPH W. TOBIN, C.Ss.R., ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The revelations of clergy sexual abuse of minors throughout this past year have provoked feelings of shock, anger, shame, and deep sorrow throughout our Catholic community. Victims, their families, and the faithful are rightfully outraged over the abuses perpetrated against minors. Additionally, the failure of Church leadership to immediately remove suspected abusers from ministry is particularly reprehensible.

In an effort to do what is right and just, we are publishing the names of diocesan clergy credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors in the Archdiocese of Newark. This list of names is the result of an extensive review of Archdiocesan records dating back to 1940. All names were previously reported to law enforcement agencies.

The Archdiocese of Newark has a zero-tolerance policy for any type of mistreatment or misconduct involving children and young adults. No member of the clergy with a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor remains in ministry.

It is our sincerest hope that this disclosure will help bring healing to those whose lives have been so deeply violated. We also pray that this can serve as an initial step in our efforts to help restore your trust in the leadership of the Catholic Church. I wish to express my genuine sorrow to the victims and their families who were so profoundly betrayed. On behalf of our Church, I beg your forgiveness. You have my solemn promise of prayers and support as you continue on your healing journey.

As a sign of our commitment and support, a new *Independent Victim Compensation Program* has been established. This program will allow those sexually abused as minors by clergy to seek compensation in a compassionate, expeditious and transparent manner. While no degree of financial compensation can adequately address the suffering endured, we want this to be a genuine expression of our remorse and our desire to comfort and compensate those victimized by this abuse.

The disclosure of this list of names is not an endpoint in our process. Rather, it is an expression of our commitment to protecting our children, and a new level of transparency in the way we report and respond to allegations of abuse. We must protect our children, first, foremost, and always.

Significant progress has been made to ensure that children are safe in today's Church. Since 2002, we have implemented Safe Environment programs and measures that have positively impacted how we create and support safe environments throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Moving forward, vigilance must be maintained. We all must be committed to protecting our children, the most vulnerable members of our community. As such, I urge anyone aware of suspected sexual misconduct by any cleric, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese to report it immediately to law enforcement and to the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 201-407-3256.

While these are difficult times for all of us, prayer is critical to maintaining our faith. Let us place our anger, shame, sorrow and disappointment at the feet of Our Lord, asking for the healing that only His grace can provide. We pray that we may be a source of strength and compassion for the victims of abuse and their families. We also pray for all members of the Catholic community who suffer from these tragic wounds in the Body of Christ. And we offer encouragement and fraternal support to the many faithful priests who are so deeply hurt by the failings of their brothers.

I pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, but also the Mother of Holy Hope, may heal our hearts and light our way so that we will see the Church rise again renewed.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

**Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop of Newark - February 13, 2019**

**WANTED**  
**Your**  
**Old**  
**Palm**



We are collecting old palm to burn for our ashes for Ash Wednesday

**Please bring all your old palm to Church by this Sunday February 24th**

There is a collection basket in the Narthex

*do  
good*

**Luke 6:27-38**



### CATECHETICAL MINISTRY – February 24, 2019

**K-8 PROGRAM:** Just a reminder... Classes will resume:  
**Sunday Sessions: today February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday Sessions: February 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**

The candidates and their families will be sharing Chapter # 2 “**The Greatest Event on Earth**”, with the followings objectives:  
 • TO PROCLAIM that the Mass is the most amazing event on earth. • TO EXPLAIN that spending time with God fills us with grace so that we can live holy lives. • TO TEACH that learning to listen to God’s voice is one of life’s greatest lessons.

All families in the First Holy Communion program are asked to “Save the Date” for the Welcome Mass and Inscription on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

### **CONFIRMATION JOURNEY 2019:**

Just a few reminders...

- Interviews with our Pastor, Fr. George, will be scheduled shortly.
- Sessions resume today February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Service forms are due on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Mandatory Confirmation Retreat: Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>
- There are still forms that have not been returned. Please give your immediate attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Religious Education Office at 201-447-1776.

### **GOOD NEWS FOR LITTLE ONES PROGRAM**

This program for children **2 ½ to 5 years of age** will help them come to know the Good News of God’s Love and the concern for them. A staff of trained catechists and volunteers is currently presenting it. GOOD NEWS FOR LITTLE ONES is open during the 10:15 AM Mass on Sundays in the upper room of the Church. We invite parents to bring their children to this program as they attend Mass.

**Children who attend Kindergarten should remain with their parents in the Church. For children under 2 ½ years of age, we ask that you make use of the cry room. Thank you!**

### **The Community Thrift Shop**

The Rosary Society would like to send a special thank you to the Parishioners of Nativity for all their donations to the Thrift Shop. Because of your most generous contributions, we earned over \$747 for the last quarter ending in December. With the monies earned thru 2018, we were able to donate to Nativity a Christmas gift of \$1,000. We also donated to The Nurturing Place, the Daughters of Mary, and other charities. If anyone is interested in donating to the Community Thrift Shop, a list of acceptable items and dates for drop off can be found in the Narthex of the Church.

All donations should have #18 marked on the bags.



**Friday, March 1st**  
 after the 12:10 Mass in the Chapel  
**Lunch is in the McGrath Room**  
**The Luncheon is \$6.00**

Please RSVP by February 22th  
[nativityshepherds@yahoo.com](mailto:nativityshepherds@yahoo.com)

**Don’t forget your “Paper Products” for the Love Fund!**

***Please continue to pray for Jenna & Ryan***

**As of last Saturday, both Jenna and Ryan are now back home in Midland Park. God is good! Let us offer Him our prayers of thanksgiving for hearing our prayers.**

**Please continue to pray for Jenna and Ryan on their recovery journey.**

**Also remember in your prayers the other students injured and the soul of Michael and his family.**

**HOPE  
AND HEALING**



## Sight and Sound Theater Live Stage Production of "Jesus"

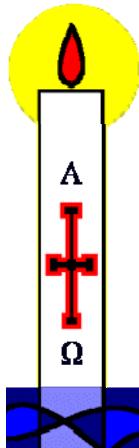
The play tells the story of the life of Jesus on earth as portrayed in the four Gospels

**Thursday, May 9, 2019**  
**Bus leaves Presentation Church at 8:30am**  
**Return to Presentation Church about 8:30pm**

First stop at Shady Maple Farms PA for a Dutch smorgasbord  
Some time for shopping in their gift shop and bakery

Check out the flyers on the literature rack

For information and reservations, please email  
JrGodSquad1@aol.com or call Rose at 201-820-8327



## Paschal Candle Memorial

Would you like to memorialize the Paschal Candle in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, to honor a special birthday or anniversary or occasion in your family? Donations are now being accepted towards this year's Paschal Candle which will be blessed and lit at the Easter Vigil and lit all year long for funerals and baptisms.

What a special way to remember someone you love!

To donate an offering for the Paschal Candle in memory of a loved one, please complete the form and return it to the Rectory with your contribution of \$50.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This offering is in memory/honor of:

### Getting Ready!

Artists have made some progress on our very special 2019

Paschal Candle!

*To donate an offering for the Paschal Candle in memory of a loved one, see the form on the bottom of this page*



Ash Wednesday, March 6th, marks the beginning of Lent this year, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when we are called to deepen our spiritual lives. In addition to the practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, why not challenge ourselves this year, and go beyond the usual, and try something right here at Nativity this Lent. Just attending one of these Lenten activities could improve our spiritual well-being and help us to become more mindful of how God is working in our lives. Lent is a great time to take stock of your spiritual life and to grow in it.

### Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings at 7:00PM  
in the Church

### Monday Night Rosary

Monday Evenings at 8:00PM  
in the Chapel

### Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays at 11:00AM  
in the Chapel

### Lenten Penance Service

Saturday, April 6th 12:30PM  
in the Church



## KEEP CALM AND BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!

For more information about becoming an Altar Server...  
contact Fr. George at [fr.george@nativitynj.org](mailto:fr.george@nativitynj.org)  
or email

Mary Berlinger-Carlton at [tumster330@gmail.com](mailto:tumster330@gmail.com)



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays 11:00AM-12:00PM  
In the Chapel

Mark Your Calendars for the...

*Nativity*

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE



## Saturday, March 16th

Stay tuned for more details!

The committee is in need of donations of  
assembled theme baskets  
(Italian, game night, movie, etc.)

Please consider donating  
a complete basket or an item for a basket.

You can donate as an individual,  
with a group of friends or as a ministry.

Please contact the Church Office  
for more information about baskets  
201 444-6362 [office@nativitynj.org](mailto:office@nativitynj.org)

To be part of this committee, please contact  
Russ Kamp  
[kamprussell@gmail.com](mailto:kamprussell@gmail.com)



## 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

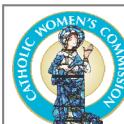
Week starting, Monday \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Please circle one)

This offering is in memory/honor of:



### Alive In Christ... Finding Our True Identity

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Seton Hall University 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mass 4:00 pm celebrated by

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

For more information, call 973-497-4545

email [catholicwomen@rcan.org](mailto:catholicwomen@rcan.org)



### Be Not Afraid

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Seton Hall University 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mass 4:00 pm celebrated by

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

For more information <https://rcanmenscommission.org/site/>