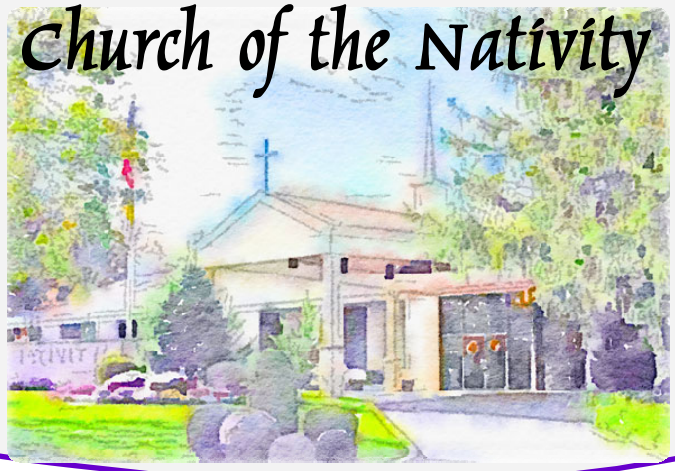
Church of the Nativity



A Stewardship Parish

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm
Confession available at 4:15pm

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

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

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin or Website

March 8, 2020

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The Second Sunday of Lent

Confession - Reconciliation
Saturdays 4:15 pm in the church, or by appointment.

Baptisms
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Saturday of the month at 12:30pm; and on the last Sunday of the month at 1:15pm. Arrangements are best made by contacting the Church Office before the birth of the baby. Baptismal catechesis instruction is required of all first time parents.

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

MASS Intentions

Time	Mass Intention	Mass Requested By
Saturday	March 7th	
12:10PM		
5:00PM	***Tom Fabish***	Fred & Pat Shaver
	Erminia Solari	Peter & Phyllis Solari
Sunday	March 8th	
8:00 Mass		
9:00AM	***Jack & Jay Esposito***	Family
10:15 Mass	***Maria Christina Rovetto***	Tony and Phyllis Veli
12:00 Mass		
Monday, March 9th 12:10PM	***Mary Smith***	Pat Keller
Tuesday, March 10th 12:10PM	***Josephine Salvano***	Marilyn Vanderhoven
Wednesday March 11th 12:10PM	**Mary Okoniewski**	Gail Okoniewski
Thursday, March 12th 12:10PM	***Josephine Fitzgerald***	Walter Fitzgerald
Friday, March 13th 12:10PM	***Harry & Margaret Lasher***	Ray & Marge Latterner
	John Vandervleit *(11th Anniversary)*	Joseph & Anna Caldiero
Saturday	March 14th	
12:10PM		
5:00PM	***Angelo Acampora*** *(5th Anniversary)*	Family
Sunday	March 15th	
8:00 Mass	***Bernard Nitch***	Sally DeStefano
10:15 Mass	***Deceased Members of the Vierheilig Family***	Family
12:00 Mass		

Please remember in your prayers the sick who have asked for our prayer

Pat Birrer, Terry DeSimone, Richard Smith, Anne Parente, Claire Sheehan, Andy Ferrone, Isabella Mueller, Elaine Marie

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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased

Tom Fabish, Frances Sbrocco, Clarice R. Dansen, Mary Higgins Clark, Al Melzl, Sonny Grosso, Violette Joachim, Pam Laughlin, Neil Peart, Norma Rispoli, Sue Staccato,

This Week At Nativity

Week of March 8th

Monday March 9	**11:00AM O'Connell Hall - Prayer Chaplet** **8:00PM Chapel - Rosary Gathering**
Tuesday March 10	**O'Connell Hall - Nativity Clothing Drive** **10:00AM McGrath - Legion of Mary Meeting** **7:30PM Church - Choir Practice**
Wednesday March 11	**1:00PM - McGrath Room - Scripture Meeting** **1:00PM - O'Connell Hall - Nativity Knits** **7:30PM - 8:00PM - NA**
Thursday March 12	**3:30PM - McGrath, School, Church - CCD**
Friday March 13	**11:00AM - Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration** **12:45 - Stations of the Cross (in Chapel)** **7:00PM - Stations of the Cross (Church)**
Saturday March 14	**12:10PM - Mass** **5PM—Mass**
Sunday March 15	**8AM - Mass** **10:15AM - Mass** **12noon - Mass**

Every Week in... Lent

Stations of the Cross

Friday Afternoons following the 12:10PM Mass in the Chapel

Friday Evenings at 7:00PM in the Church

Monday Night Rosary

Every Monday Evening at 8:00PM in the Chapel

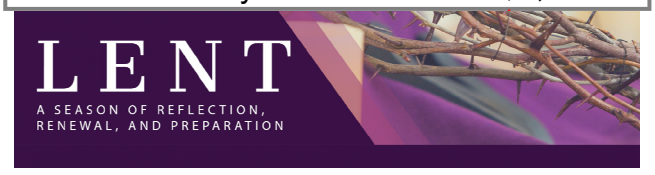
Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays at 11:00AM

Thank you for your generous support

Weekly Offering

Weekly Church Offering	$7,416
Ash Wednesday Poor Box	$1,337



A Word from the Pastor

Second Sunday of Lent

Lent focuses on two aspects of Christian life. First, we remember our Baptism and prepare those to be baptized. Second, we practice more intensely Christian penitential disciplines in order to live more faithfully the vows we made, or will make, at Baptism. In these two ways, Catholics prepare for the great Easter season when those who are not Christian are baptized and those who are already Christian renew their baptismal promises.

Because we often fail to live out our baptismal call, we sin in ways that weaken our relationship with God, each other, and the world. Through our Lenten penance, we strive not only for inward conversion but also for outward reconciliation with the Church, those around us, and creation. Thus, we practice more intensely three penitential disciplines: prayer, fasting, and works of charity and love.

Prayer and Works of Charity

During Lent, Catholics participate more often in the Eucharist not only on Sunday but also on weekdays . We also celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and other liturgies, such as Evening Prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

To deepen our prayer life, we participate in works of service, including Stations of the Cross, personal daily prayer, Scripture & spiritual reading, alms-giving, self-denial, forgiveness of others, and increased care for those in need.

Fasting and Abstinence

We practice the traditional penitential discipline of fasting by denying or limiting ourselves of food. During Lent, Catholics age 18 or older, until the beginning of their 60th year, are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means eating only one full meatless meal per day. One may also eat two other meatless meals that are sufficient to maintain strength but together do not equal a full meal. One may also drink liquids, including milk and fruit juice, between meals. If your health or ability to work is affected, you are not obligated to fast. If possible, fast on other days of Lent as well.

IF YOU ARE READING THIS AT HOME...
THEN YOU MISSED THE

Pancake Breakfast

After the 8am and 10:15am Masses
Free - Come and Join us

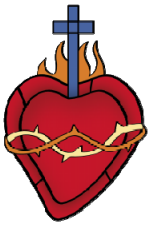
March 13 - Rev. Stanley Gomes
3rd Station Jesus Falls for the First Time

March 20 - Sr. Lois Parente
Led by our Grade 8 Youth

March 27 Rev. J.C. Merino - 2nd Station
Led by our Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

April 3 - Rev. Jason Mantich
Led by the Shepherds

Commitment Weekend **March 7-8, 2020**



SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
2020 ANNUAL APPEAL
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As members of the Catholic Church of Newark, we are united by a common mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ - to proclaim the Gospel, to pass on the faith to the next generation through the celebration of the sacraments, to care for the poor and vulnerable, and to form our future priests. The *2020 Annual Appeal* binds us more closely to this mission through our stewardship of God's many gifts. Your support of this year's Annual Appeal will have a direct impact on the lives of those served through the ministries and programs of this Archdiocese.

This weekend, March 7 and 8 is Commitment Weekend

Please give generously!

Help us to build a garage !

Will you prayerfully consider making a gift?

K-8 PROGRAM:
Sessions are back as scheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM
The candidates and their families will be sharing Chapter # 3 ***"The Word of God"*** with the followings objectives

- TO PROCLAIM that two of the ways God reveals his amazing plan for our lives are through the Bible and Mass on Sunday.
- TO EXPLAIN that Jesus is the greatest teacher who ever lived.
- TO TEACH that we gather at church with our family, friends, and all our parish family to worship God in the way that Jesus taught us to.

On Friday March 13th, the children preparing for First Communion will be leading the Stations of the Cross. Please join them as they pray and follow Jesus' meaningful stations of His final journey of love.

All families in the First Holy Communion program are asked to "Save the Date" for the Welcome Mass and Inscription on Sunday, March 15th at 12:00 noon.

Important First Communion Date :

Stations of the Cross—Friday, March 13, 2020 at 7:00PM
Inscription Mass—Sunday, March 15 at 12:00noon
Candle Mass— April 19 at 12:00noon

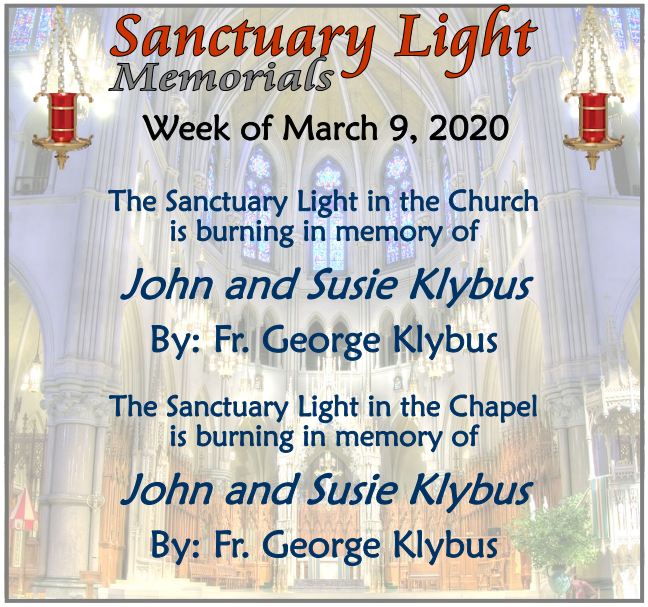
CONFIRMATION JOURNEY 2020:

"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)

Just a few reminders…

- Interviews are ongoing.
- Community Service forms are due on March 28th.
- Mandatory Confirmation Retreat: Saturday March 28th
- Sunday March 29th: Mass, Holy Hour, Penance Service and Lunch.
- 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.

Our parish continues to pray for the 23 teenagers of the Nativity Confirmation Journey 2020. 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.



The **Legion of Mary** is a lay apostolate group devoted to Our Blessed Mother. Meeting Tuesdays at 10:00AM in the McGrath Room.
Please consider joining this ministry

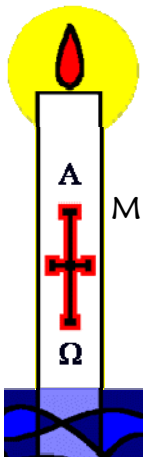
The Church of the Nativity Prayer Chain is accepting prayer requests. Please call the rectory with your request.

Week of March 9, 2020

The Bread and Wine in the Chapel are offered in honor of

Al Melzl

By:
Fred & Pat Shaver



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:

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Lenten Regulations 2020

WHO? Abstinence: Ages 14 and over Fasting: Ages 18 - 59
The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-

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People ask...What are the benefits of going to Mass?
When we celebrate the Mass, we repeat the Last Supper, as Jesus commanded us to do. In doing this, we remember and re-present his great act of love for us on the Cross — taking our sins upon himself so that we, if we follow his commandments, can live with him forever in heaven.

Nativity's
Lenten Penance Service

March 18th, 2020 - 7:00pm

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Lenten Penance Service
Guardian Angel Church - Allendale

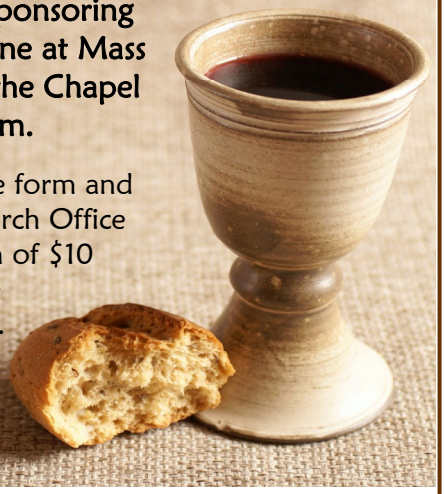
April 4th, 2020 - 12:00PM

The Gospel Challenge

There are many pertinent stories and examples in the Bible that we can learn from. When we are tempted to doubt God, His love and His plan for us, we can look to Abraham the father of faith. He didn't waver in his faith and received God's abundant promises. When we choose to believe, regardless of how we feel or how trying situations seem, the result is peace and hope instead of distress and despair.

You can have a loved one fondly remembered by sponsoring the Bread and Wine at Mass in the Church or the Chapel in memory of them.

Please complete the form and return it to the Church Office with your donation of $10 for a Bread & Wine offering for a week.



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- ❑ Church Bread & Wine
- ❑ Chapel Bread & Wine

Week starting, Monday_____

Your Name_____

Phone_____

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

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Pro Life Corner

As we continue to bring the pro-life aspect to the season to Lent. We imbue our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with a very intentional pro-life meaning. For the next few weeks of Lent we will share with you some suggestions:

4-If you are a man and you get a woman pregnant, stand by her. Be responsible and don't leave her on her own. Support her. For all of us, let's encourage a culture of men who are responsible and unselfish.

5-Don't judge women who have had an abortion. God's mercy and understanding are perfect. Pope Francis emphasized this during the Year of Mercy by extending the sacramental power to forgive abortions to all priests, a power which he has extended indefinitely. Instead of judging, support ministries like Project Rachel that assist women who have chosen abortion and regret it.

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
- or to honor a special birthday or anniversary or occasion in your family

The Sanctuary Light offering, in either the Church or Chapel, is available 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.

(Please check one)

- ❑ Church Sanctuary Light
- ❑ Chapel Sanctuary Light

Week starting, Monday_____

Your Name_____

Phone_____

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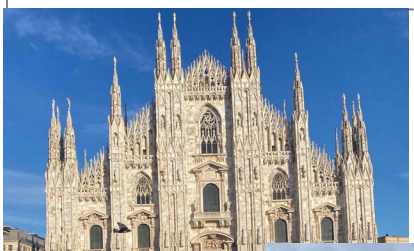

Our parishioners on the road…

Milan and Rome in February