

Church of the Nativity

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

A Stewardship Parish

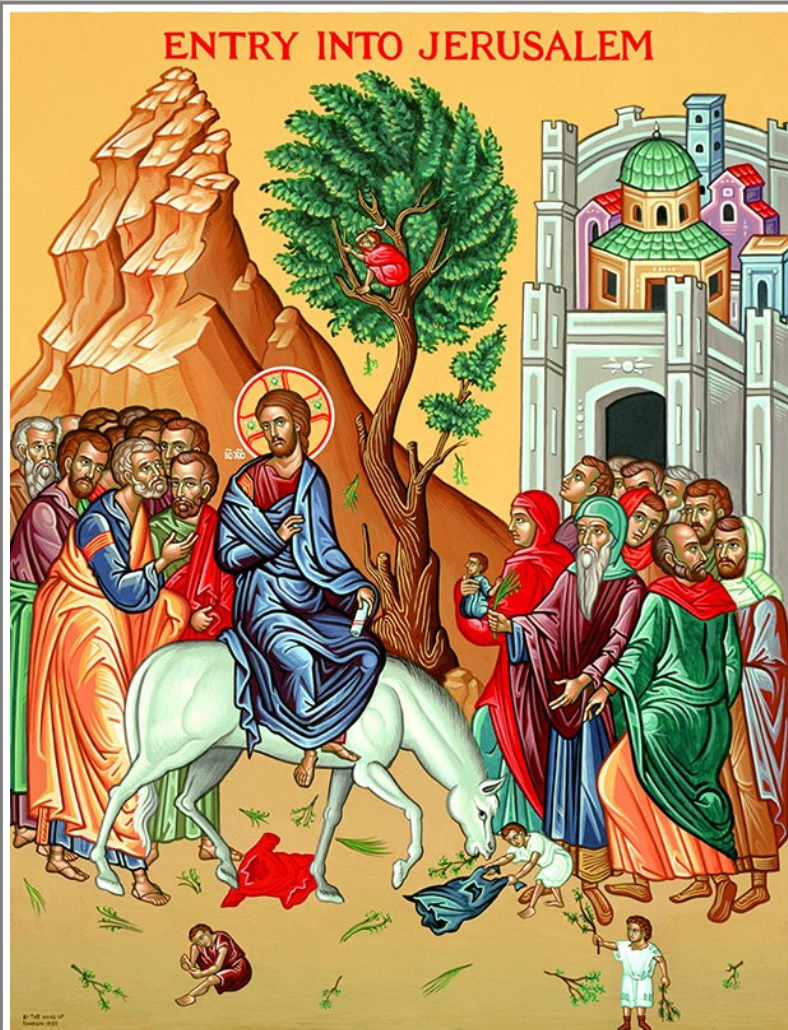
April 5, 2020

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Palm Sunday

Hosanna!

**Watch us ALL HOLY WEEK
On Facebook LIVE**

MASS Intentions

This Week At Nativity

Week of April 5th



Holy Week

LIVE ON FACEBOOK

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2020
Live Streamed Mass: 10:15am

Holy Thursday

Live Streamed
Morning Prayer 8:30
Mass of our Lord's Supper at 7:30pm

Good Friday

Live Streamed
Morning Prayer 8:30
Stations of the Cross at 10:30am
Passion of the Lord at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 8:30
Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday

Live Streamed Mass: 10:15am

Time	Mass Intention	Mass Requested By
Saturday	April 4th	
12:10PM	Bachhuber Family (Living Intention)	Tom & Kate Fitzpatrick
5:00PM	Stanley & Anne Laikowski	Stan & Claire Laikowski
Sunday	April 5th Palm Sunday	
8:00 Mass	Pearl Komsa	Philip & Kern Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Marie Lipluma Donald Murray	John & Anne Krawthein Brancatello Family
12:00 Mass	Kathleen Farago	Fred & Pat Shaver
Monday, April 6th 12:10PM	Jody McCambridge	Shaun & Vic
Tuesday, April 7th 12:10PM	Valentina Vento	Jett Family
Wednesday April 8th 12:10PM	Phyllis M. Nicastro	Nativity Staff
Thursday, April 9 Holy Thursday		
8:30AM	Morning Prayer	No Intention
7:30PM	Mass of Lord's Supper	
Friday, April 10th Good Friday		
8:30AM	Morning Prayer	No Intention
3:00PM	Passion of the Lord	
Saturday	April 11th Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil
8:30AM	Morning Prayer	
7:30PM	Kathryn Rhodes	Maryann Szczesny Karen Nighingdale
Sunday	April 12th Easter Sunday	
8:00 Mass	Deceased Members of Priestner Family	Ed & Jean Priestner
	Philip & Elizabeth Scaglione	Salge & Scaglione Families
10:15 Mass	Peter & Irma Cantilina (62nd Wedding Anniversary)	Family
12:00 Mass	Robert & Kathleen Scavone	Scavone Family

Please remember in your prayers the sick
who have asked for our prayer
Pat Birrer, Andrew Ferrone, Terry DeSimone,

Please remember in your prayers
the recently deceased

Richard Smith, Joseph Catanese,
Angolina Mastrovita,

"Beneath Thy Protection"
(*Sub tuum praesidium*) is a Christian hymn.
It is the oldest preserved surviving hymn
to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In this time let's pray together

Sub tuum praesidium
confugimus,

Sancta Dei Genetrix.

Nostras deprecationes ne despicias
in necessitatibus nostris,
sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper,
Virgo gloriosa et benedicta



*A Word
from the
Pastor*



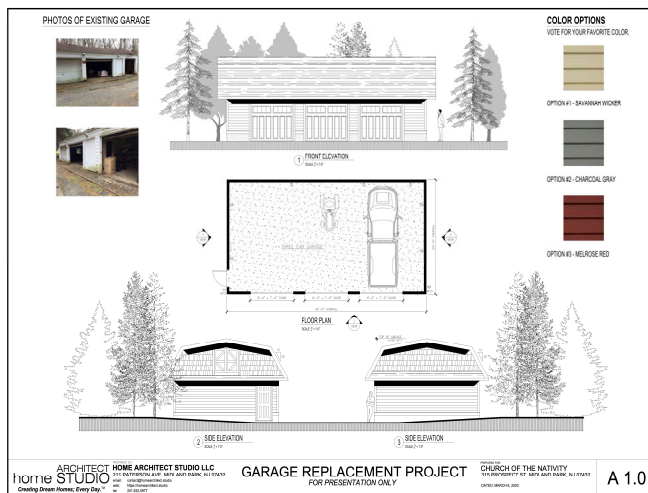
“Either give up Christ or give up your jobs.”

Constantine the Great was the first Christian Roman emperor. His father Constantius I, who succeeded Diocletian as emperor in AD 305, was a pagan with a soft heart for Christians. When he ascended the throne, he discovered that many Christians held important jobs in the government and in the court. So, he issued an executive order to all those Christians: “Either give up Christ or give up your jobs.” The great majority of Christians gave up their jobs rather than disowning Christ. Only a few cowards gave up their religion rather than lose their jobs. The emperor was pleased with the majority who showed the courage of their convictions and gave their jobs back to them saying: “If you will not be true to your God you will not be true to me either.” Today we join the Palm Sunday crowd in spirit to declare our loyalty to Christ and fidelity to His teachings by actively participating in the Palm Sunday liturgy. As we carry the palm leaves to our homes, we are declaring our choice to accept Jesus as the King and ruler of our lives and our families. Let us express our gratitude to Jesus for redeeming us by His suffering and death through our active participation in the Holy Week liturgy and our reconciliation with God and His Church by repenting of our sins and receiving God's pardon and forgiveness from Jesus through his Church.

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and Resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy also enables us to experience vicariously, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, “*Kali Anastasi*” (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the Resurrection. As we actively participate in the Holy Week liturgies.

vaticannews.va

At the Commitment Weekend we laid out the plans for a new maintenance garage



The Feast of **Palm Sunday**, commemorates Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the Resurrection of Lazarus, as these two feasts are linked. Today at church, we are given bay leaves and woven **palm** crosses, which are placed in baskets in front of the icon of the Lord. The **palms** are then distributed to the faithful.

In Ancient times, on Palm Sunday, palms were given to people in the shape of the moon, ships, donkeys, but the most common was the Cross.

In many places they were also given in the shape of a fish, as fish is seen as one of the earliest symbols of Christianity and the first Christians used the word “IXTHIS” (Ancient Greek word for fish).

Please give generously!

**Help us to build a garage!
The more you give to the
Annual Appeal**

**CATECHETICAL MINISTRY****APRIL 5, 2020****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K – 8**

Given the closure of public and parochial schools throughout New Jersey all Religious Education programs at Nativity are suspended until further notice.

Instructions for the CCD Program Online Approach were emailed to K-6 Students

Reminder: There are NO CCD SESSIONS scheduled for the following

Sunday Group – April 5 (Palm Sunday) and April 12 (Easter Sunday)

Thursday Group – April 9 (Holy Thursday) and April 16 (School Break)

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

Please review Chapters 1 to 5 with your child.

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY:

Just a few reminders...

ALL forms are overdue.

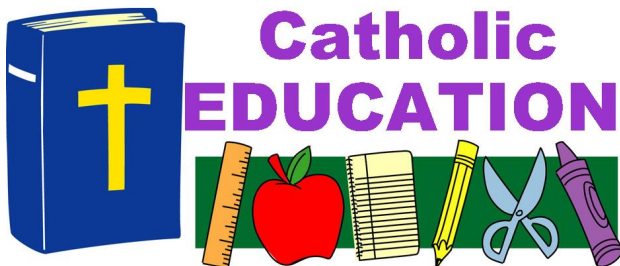
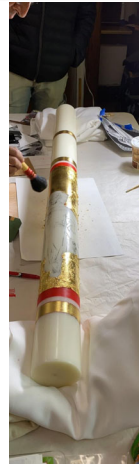
o There are still forms that have not been returned. Please give your immediate attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the CCD Office at 201-447-1776.

Sponsor Forms and certifications were mailed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – SUMMER OPTION

Children attend 10 days, Monday – Friday, 9:00AM – 12:30PM and **must** attend Advent and Lent sessions and Sunday masses during the school year for continued Religious Education. The program will run from Monday August 10 to Friday August 21, 2020. Registration forms were mailed and also they are available at the Religious Education Office and i-desk

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

**Paschal Candle Memorial**

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. Memorialize the Paschal Candle in the name of a loved one, in thanksgiving, to honor a special birthday or anniversary or other occasion in your family?

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:

The **Legion of Mary** is a lay apostolate group devoted to Our Blessed Mother. and devote yourself to Mother Mary.



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





Palms in Early Christianity

In pre-Christian times the palm was regarded as a symbol of victory (Aulus Gellius, "Noct. Att.", III, vi). It was adopted by the early Christians, and became a symbol of the victory of the faithful over the enemies of the soul.

The palm, says Origen (*Commentary on John X.18*), is the symbol of victory in that war waged by the spirit against the flesh. In this ~~sense~~ sense it was especially applicable to martyrs, the victors *par excellence* over the spiritual foes of mankind; hence the frequent occurrence in the Acts of the martyrs of such expressions as "he received the palm of martyrdom."

On 10 April 1688 it was decided by the Congregation of Rites that the palm when found depicted on catacomb tombs was to be regarded as a proof that a martyr had been interred there. Subsequently this opinion was acknowledged by Mabillon, Murator, Benedict XIV and others to be untenable; further investigation showed that the palm was represented not only on tombs of the post-persecution era, but even on pagan tombs.

The general significance of the palm on early Christian monuments is slightly modified according to its association with other symbols (e.g., with the monogram of Christ, the Fish, the Good Shepherd). On some later monuments the palm was represented merely as an ornament separating two scenes.

Week of April 6, 2020

The Bread and Wine
in the Church are offered
in memory of

Maribelle Francis Tomed

By:
Nancy Forsberg



Nativity has expanded its Daily Mass Schedule

**We now have Mass every
morning at 7:30m
on our Facebook page**

Nativity is now part of...

amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

Look for Nativity
the next time you log on to shop!

Easter Flower Collection

Laura Patterson

Frank J Moore

Robert & Kathleen Scavone

Ryan Daniel Peters

Deceased Members of the
Walter & Judith Fitzgerald

Marilyn Jane Nichols



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.



(Please check one)

- ☐ Church Bread & Wine
☐ Chapel Bread & Wine

Week starting, Monday _____

Your Name _____

Phone _____

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

Pro Life Corner

Canadian physicians : "We are being bullied to participate in Medical Assistance in Dying"

Montréal, March 9, 2020 – The Physicians' Alliance against Euthanasia has received reports that unwilling physicians are being pressured and bullied to participate in Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD): euphemism for euthanasia and assisted suicide. Fearing reprisals, physicians have asked that no information that could identify them be disclosed.

The pressure has been intense for many physicians, especially amongst palliative specialists, some leaving their profession even before this latest development. Descriptions were made of toxic practice environments and fear of discipline by medical regulators.

"The anxiety, fear, and sadness surrounding my work bled into my family life, and I ultimately felt that I could not manage practicing palliative care at this stage of my life." (Former palliative care physician, March 2020). Over the last months there has been a change in certain hospital MAiD policies. To force objecting physicians to facilitate MAiD, or to have to refuse — and face contrived allegations of "obstructing access."

The reports we are hearing from distressed physicians describe deliberate disruption of arrangements that were previously working.



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 _____

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

On March 23rd, Governor Murphy joined several other Democratic Governors and halted all elective procedures, but carved out an explicit exception for the performance of abortions. This action is not surprising since Governor Murphy is using \$20 Million of our tax dollars this year to subsidize Planned Parenthood, a private, non-profit organization who financially supports him and his party at election time.

NJRTL issued a Press Release calling on the Governor to reverse this decision. Now, Governor Murphy needs to hear from you!

Please contact Governor Murphy and tell him he needs to reverse this decision. Tell him that abortion is an elective procedure and valuable resources and supplies should instead be utilized for urgent health care needs that will actually help save human lives. We thank LifeNews for covering this issue and have included their article below which contains more information about Governor Murphy's Executive Order. How to contact the Governor: Twitter: @GovMurphy Contact Governor Murphy by phone: 609 292 6000 By email: <https://www.nj.gov/governor/contact/>