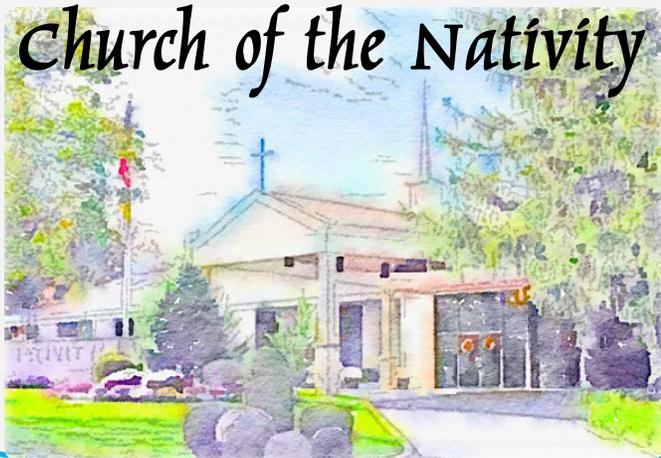


Church of the Nativity



Mass Schedule

LIVE on Facebook & our website
Sunday: 10:15am

Daily Mass - Monday-Saturday 7:30am

Check our website for information
and updates at nativitynj.org

A Stewardship Parish

May 17, 2020

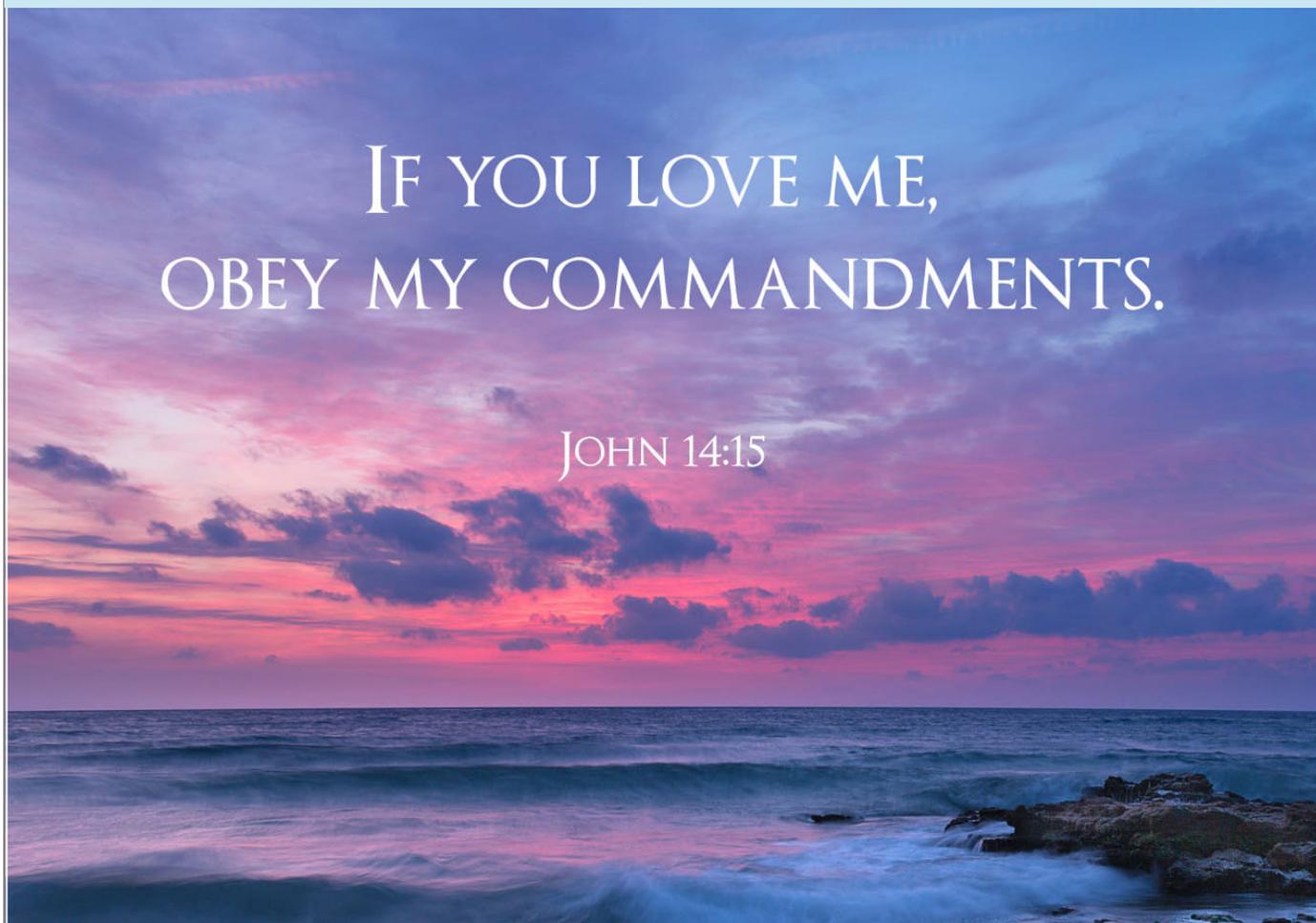
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Sixth Sunday of Easter 2020

IF YOU LOVE ME,
OBEY MY COMMANDMENTS.

JOHN 14:15



MASS Intentions

During this time of pandemic all weekday Masses are at 7:30am and Sunday Mass is at 10:15am

Time	Mass Intention	Mass Requested By
Saturday	May 16th	
12:10PM	Loretta Allain	Roger & Family
5:00PM	Martin Walsh	Donaghy Family
	Nancy McNamara DiPietro	Joan Gross
Sunday	May 17th	
8:00 Mass	John J. Oates	Louise Oates
10:15 Mass	Anne Parente	Fran & Tia Patterson
12:00 Mass	Caitlin Serra	Karen Brancatello
Monday, May 18th 12:10PM	Rosemary Donaghue	Family
Tuesday, May 19th 12:10PM	Feliciana Manuel Evangelista	Jema Delfin
Wednesday, May 20th 12:10PM	John Gannon	Kieran Cummings
Thursday, May 21st 12:10PM	<i>Feast of the Ascension</i> Clement Scalo	Elisa Musco
Friday, May 22nd 12:10PM	Michael DeMarco, Sr.	Nativity Parish
Saturday	May 23rd	
12:10PM	John Schmid	Michael & Evelyn Petteruti
5:00PM	Martin Walsh	Siobhan Donaghy
	Gloria Bruno	Michael & Evelyn Petteruti
Sunday	May 24th	
8:00 Mass	Phil Fracassini	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Sue Steccato	Fran & Tia Patterson
12:00 Mass	Bishop Charles J. McDonnell	Fr. George & Fr. Jason



MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

- Barbara DeSantis & Teresa DeSantis
By: John & Alice DeSantis*
- Mary Ellen Brosnan & Josephine Antonucci
By: Tom and Elin Antonucci*
- Ida Angelucci and Elvira Bockino
By: Diana Bockino*
- Winefred Dunning & Mary Stella Kennedy
By: Tom and Brigit Kennedy*
- Bridget Ferolano and Eleanor Romano
By: John and Diane Romano*
- Cecilia G Paton and Marcie Mc Garr
By: Marcella Mc Garr*
- Maria Cristina Rovetto
By: Tony and Phyllis Veli*
- Margaret Yolman and Carolyn Taylor
By: John Yolman*
- Lillian Torrone & Joan Torrone
By: Donald Torrone*
- Mary Mollica & Rita Kahwaty
By: Vincent & Paula Mollica*
- Jane F. Matthews & Marie V. Matthews
By: Gerald Matthews*
- Catherine Zwirek & Susan Kiernan
By: Miss Joan Zwirek*
- Elizabeth Scagleone & Mary Salge
By: John and Rhonda Salge*
- Marilyn Vanderhoven & Eleanor Palumbo
By: Annmarie Palumbo*
- Rosella Murgia & Grazia Murgia
Irene Monsu By: Louis Murgia*
- Anna Gibbs Burns &
Catherine McKeon Loughran
By: Catherine Loughran*
- Helen E. Hufnagel & Lydia Clare Smith
By: Gerard Hufnagel*
- Santa & Angela Bruno, Mary Mullady
By: Mullady Family*
- Helen Dwornik & Dorothy Hillman
By: Randy & Debbie Peters*
- Susan F. Robertiello & Althea Philips
By: Dr. & Mrs. John Gangale*

Please remember the sick who have asked for our prayer
Sr., Pat Birrer, Terry DeSimone, Begonia Ceron

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased
Tom Vanacore, Michael DeMarco, Thomas Johnston, Andrew Ferrone, Margaret Zeman, Richard Cavalier, Anne Robbins, Anthony Panariello, Edward Sequeira, Amelia Tallon, Nick Gismond, Anthony Fortunato, Helen Gruber,

A Word
from the
Pastor



If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Michael Pakaluk - catholicthings.org - August 2018

St. John Paul II had the penchant, not really surprising in someone of great holiness and intellectual stature, of articulating the foundations for matters that actually came before him in time.

Many of his encyclicals are like this. His first, *Redemptor hominis* (1979) explains the anthropological foundations for the Second Vatican Council, which took place almost two decades prior. His *Evangelium vitae* (1995) reaches even further back, setting out the basis for the Church's longstanding resistance to the "culture of death." That struggle was not some momentary "rigidity" in the face of the sexual revolution. Rather, as John Paul II could see, better than anyone, the "culture of death" sprang from ideologies of class, race, and self-invention, which are the offspring of late 19th century materialism.

Similarly, his charter of a free society, *Centesimus annus* (1991), was arguably more fundamental than the first modern social encyclical, *Rerum novarum* (1891), precisely through its intention to be thoroughly faithful to that preceding document. Likewise, *Fides et ratio* (1998), "Faith and Reason," proved to be more fundamental than Leo XIII's *Aeterni patris* (1879) on the recovery of Thomism, not because JP II disparaged Thomism, but rather by his re-affirming the spirit of St. Thomas.

In fact, all of the creative power of John Paul II's teaching seems to have been the fruit of his deliberate intention, reflected in the name he took, of making himself a servant of his predecessors and of the tradition. A wise steward in the Kingdom of God will inevitably bring forth something new if he aims above all to illumine the old.

When *Veritatis splendor* (*VS*) was published in 1993, the most astute commentators received it as the most foundational of all of John Paul II's teachings. But foundational for what? Looked at superficially, the encyclical identified, refuted, and ruled out certain ideas that had dominated academic moral theology: "proportionalism," the "fundamental option," and a mistaken view of conscience as personal autonomy.

As these misguided views were mainly used by dissenting moral theologians to articulate their dissent from *Humanae vitae*, it was easy for these dissenters to look upon *VS* simply as a power play. After all, these dissenters never could make sense of *Love and Responsibility* or *Theology of the Body*. In their view, the popes had lost the reasonable debate – which they identified with the debate within prestigious circles in academic moral theology, narrowly defined. *VS*, then, was just the invocation of arbitrary papal power to put an end to that debate.

But Russell Hittinger correctly saw in the moment that *VS* went much deeper: it was an effort, he said, to provide a foundation of the Catholic intellectual tradition itself. That tradition was in tatters, first of all in moral theology, which had found no way back to the tradition after it had, understandably but perhaps intemperately, jettisoned textbook casuistry.

But it was also in tatters in Catholic universities generally, with their hyper-specialization and hyper-professionalism, in the habits of educated laypersons, and in the formation of clerics. Admittedly, what we call the "Catholic intellectual tradition" includes a basic philosophy of nature and a metaphysics also, but it comes to each person in the first instance, and sets up an intellectual and cultural household within his heart, as an answer to the question of how to live.

That is the genius in John Paul's beginning in *VS* with the exchange between Jesus and the "rich young man" who asks, "what must I do to attain eternal life?"

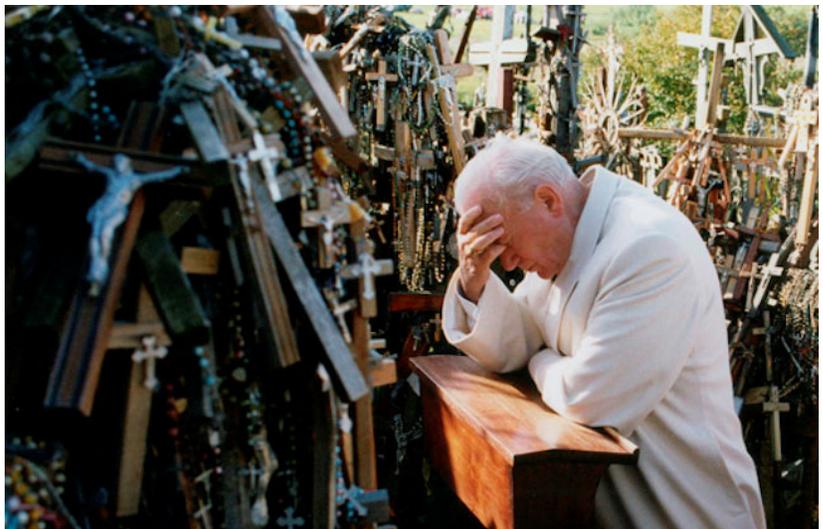
VS is merely John Paul's "effort" to give a foundation for this tradition, not in the sense that he tried but failed, but in the sense that he did what he could, and did it very well, and now it is up to us whether it fails.

VS needs to be studied, internalized, and assimilated, so that it works through our actions in the manner of yeast (Jesus's favorite figure for influence that is free). Some of us who were alive then would joke that John Paul II produced more "charters" for this or that, and foundational reflections, than anyone could reasonably assimilate. Maybe the time for that assimilation is now.

So many of the ideas refuted by *VS* are again in circulation, even at high levels in the Church. The idea of the "fundamental option," for instance, is the idea that all that counts is someone's decisive act of turning toward God, and that his conforming to the ethical law in particular actions is either only incidentally important or not important at all.

Against this, *VS* taught that the option for God "is always brought into play through conscious and free decisions. Precisely for this reason, it is revoked when man engages his freedom in conscious decisions to the contrary, with regard to morally grave matter." [The saint's emphasis]

Indeed, everything is at stake. Not for nothing was *VS* dated August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration.



St. John Paul II prays on the Hill of Crosses in Šiauliai, Lithuania, September 7, 1993



CATECHETICAL MINISTRY
MAY 17, 2020
Religious Education Program for
Grades K-8:

Re-registration letters will be mailed to all families presently enrolled. Re-registration may be done by mail. NEW registration will be taken at the Religious Education Office once the social distancing measures have been lifted

To complete registration for our Parish Catechetical Program, a family:

- Must be registered members of the parish
- Present a certificate of Baptism for the child/ren and
- Registration fee

To ensure that we make adequate provision for all planning to attend in the summer or fall, we ask that ALL NEW REGISTRATION be completed by July 31st, 2020. Please relay this information to prospective new registrants who might not receive this bulletin, especially those planning to enroll first graders who have not been in our kindergarten this year. Thank you!

For our Junior High Students (Gr. 7 – 8) Service Project Forms are due back at the beginning of next school year.

FIRST COMMUNION

Banner kits will be available for pick up at the Religious Education Office main doors.

Monday May 18th – From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wednesday May 20th – From 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Please call us 201-447-1776 if you need special arrangements.

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY:

The Confirmation journey the parish youth started back in the fall will continue as soon as all the restrictions are lifted.

Just a few reminders... ALL forms are overdue. 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.

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



Sanctuary Light Memorials
Week of May 17, 2020

The Sanctuary Light in the Chapel is burning in memory of
John & Susie Klybus
By: Fr. George & Anna Brancatella

The Sanctuary Light in the Church is burning in memory of
Richard Smith
By: Ray & Barbara Cantwell



Paschal Candle Memorial

Deceased Members of the Casertal Musco Family
By: Elisa Musco

Rosella Murgia
By: Louis Murgia

Deceased Members of the Bruno & Mullady Families
By: Francesca Mullady

James Kevin Sullivan
By: Marlene Nardone

Members of the Gallagher Family
By: Hugh Gallagher

John J. Oates
By: Louise Oates

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.

This year's Paschal Candle will be used all year long for funerals and baptisms.

Your Name _____

Phone _____

This offering is in memory/honor of:

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



From the Sacred Heart of Jesus

My dear child, I am preparing a place for you in Heaven. Before you can be with me, you must follow my instructions:

Love me with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your strength.

Open your heart and let me fill you with my spirit of love, peace, joy and truth.

Allow me to be the king of your life.

Make humility the foundation of your temple; decorate your walls with virtues.

Praise me and thank me for all that I do for you.

Acknowledge me all the time.

See me in my creation, see me in everyone and rejoice. Accept me in others; remember my presence in them.

Come into my presence with reverence, bring an offering of thanksgiving, enter my courts with praise.

Remember your nothingness, acknowledge your sins and accept me as your Savior.

Delight in my presence, do my will joyfully.



**“IF YOU LOVE ME,
YOU WILL KEEP MY
COMMANDMENTS.”**

JESUS



Open your ears to my word; open your eyes to my greatness.

See through my spirit.

Open your mouth to praise me. Use your tongue to bless; bless me and bless your brothers.

Allow your hands to be my hands, your feet to be my feet, your mind to be my mind. Let your heart be my heart, my place of rest, my heaven.

Invite me often to be with you, welcome me without fear.

Open your physical

and spiritual wounds to my healing.

Pray for the conversion of sinners. Pray for others.

Unite yourself to me and become an instrument of reparation for your sins and the sins of others.

Unite yourself strongly to my mystical body the church, to my heart: the holy Eucharist the blood and life of your soul, to my soul: the Holy Spirit.

Be generous as I am generous; imitate my holiness and my perfection.

Pray from the heart, pray to my mother and she will shine the light of our grace on you.

Make your life an act of praise and thanksgiving. Let me be your praise, your love and your adoration.

Be my docile instrument of peace, love, joy, mercy, and healing.

I am all yours... Be all mine...

Author: Joseph of Jesus and Mary

Week of May 17, 2020

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

John & Susie Klybus

*By: Fr. George &
Anna Brancatella*



*Easter Flower
Collection*

In Memory of...

Laura Patterson

Frank J Moore

Robert & Kathleen Scavone

Ryan Daniel Peters

Deceased Members of the Walter &
Judith Fitzgerald

Marilyn Jane Nichols



**5 Inspiring Quotes for Mothers
{Taken from Catholic Saints}**

1. When you feel like the little things you do don't matter

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” — *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*

2. When you can't seem to stop worrying over every single thing in your family's life

“Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.” — *Saint Pio of Petrelcina*

3. When you feel like there is no time at all to pray ... even for a minute

“For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” — *Saint Therese of Lisieux*

4. When you are unsure of what tomorrow will bring, especially in terms of material provisions

“God's Providence is in all things, it's always present.” — *Saint Gianna Beretta Molla*

5. When you feel like you are struggling every day to “keep it together”

“Love our Lady. And she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle.” — *Saint Josemaria Escriva*

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

Three Strikes & They're Out!

Throwing Abortion Advocates a Curveball with the Facts

Abortion should be allowed in the case of fetal deformity.

STRIKE 1: The doctor's diagnosis is often incorrect. Amniocentesis is the most common invasive medical procedure, usually performed after the 15th week of pregnancy on unborn babies whose mothers have abnormal alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) blood tests, whose families have a history of birth defects, or who are more than 35 years old. Amniocentesis carries a risk of miscarriage of about 1 in 100. Ironically, researchers say that at age 35 the risk of a woman carrying a fetus with a chromosomal abnormality is roughly caused by the test. **This means that amniocentesis kills as many healthy babies as it detects with abnormalities.** Additionally, since amniocentesis results take 2 weeks, 90% of the babies aborted because of the amniocentesis results showing possible defects (such as down syndrome) are 17-28 weeks (4-7 months) old.



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)

A baby can survive outside the womb at 24 weeks.

STRIKE 2: Who among us is perfect? Not one of us; we all have at least 4 very defective genes and several dozen others which are not perfect. When we abort handicapped children, we rob the world of precious human beings who have love to share. **Handicapped children also provide us with the opportunity to be more patient, loving and compassionate; they turn us into better people.**

STRIKE 3: Society is schizophrenic about the handicapped. Consider this: If a handicap is found before birth, the acceptable solution is to kill the child. **If the child makes it out of the womb, we give them a parking space closest to the store.**

The mission of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is to promote the Catholic Church's teaching on the respect, care and protection of human life from conception to natural death. Their office serves as a liaison to clergy, religious and laity in order to assist in affirming the dignity of life and provide support to people in need.
<https://www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/respect-life>