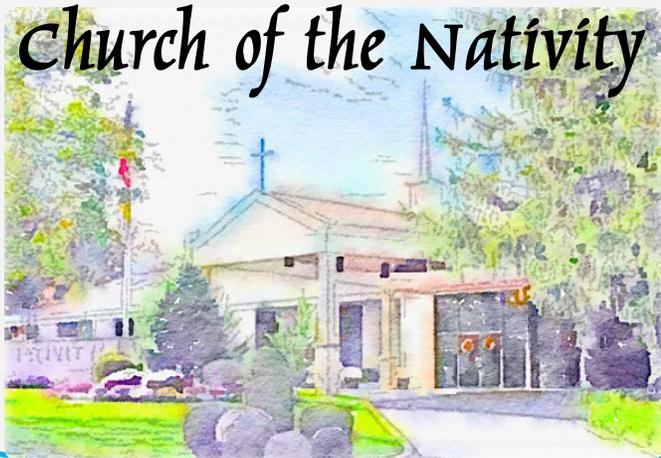


# Church of the Nativity



## 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](http://nativitynj.org)

A Stewardship Parish

June 14, 2020

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*The Solemnity of Corpus Christi 2020*

SOLEMNITY OF  
THE MOST  
HOLY BODY AND  
BLOOD OF CHRIST

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"FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD,  
AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK."

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*MASS Intentions*

During this pandemic all weekday Masses are at 7:30am and Sunday Mass is at 10:15am LIVE on our website and Facebook

Time	Mass Intention	Mass Requested By
<b>Saturday</b> June 13th		
12:10PM	<b>Al Melzl</b>	Audrey Kolpin
5:00PM	<b>Nancy McNamara DePietro</b>	Joan Gross
<b>Sunday</b> June 14th		
8:00 Mass	<b>Clement Scalo</b>	Ralph & Kathie Caserta
10:15 Mass	<b>John &amp; Pearl Komsa</b>	Fran & Tia Patterson
12:00 Mass	<b>Robert Scavone</b>	Scavone Family
Monday, June 15th 12:10PM	<b>Lena Padovano</b>	Nativity
Tuesday, June 16th 12:10PM		
Wednesday, June 17th 12:10PM		
Thursday, June 18th 12:10PM		
Friday, June 19th 12:10PM	<b>Mary McNamara</b> <b>Edwin Vanderhoven</b>	The McNamara Family Marilyn Vanderhoven
<b>Saturday</b> June 20th		
12:10PM		
5:00PM	<b>Jack &amp; Sue Krener</b>	Stan & Claire Laikowski
<b>Sunday</b> June 21st		
8:00 Mass	<b>Philip Scaglione</b>	Salge & Scaglione Families
10:15 Mass	<b>Salvatore Rovetto</b>	Tony & Phyllis Veli
12:00 Mass	<b>Peter Marks, Sr.</b>	Carmen Marks



**FATHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE**

- Basil Roger Brosnan & Harry Antonucci*  
By: Thomas & Elin Antonucci
- Robert Patterson & Matt Garrity*  
By: The Patterson Family
- Philip Scaglione & Edward Salge*  
By: John & Rhonda Salge
- Lee Jacobs & Robert Perry*  
By: Ruth Jacobs
- John Yolman & Robert P. Taylor*  
By: John Yolman
- John A. Patron & Kevin McHugh*  
By: Marcella McGarr
- David Dunning & Thomas Kennedy*  
By: Thomas & Bridget Kennedy
- Joseph Ferlano & Paul Romano*  
By: John & Diane Romano
- Thomas Kiernan & Edmund Zwirek*  
By: Joan Zwirek
- Salvatore Rovetto*  
By: Phyllis Veli (Daughter)
- John F. Rhatigan & Francis Tobin*  
By: Frank & Patrice Tobin
- Thomas Johnston & Leonard Cali*  
By: Mary Johnston
- Frank J. Moore & Raymond J. McNulty*  
By: Lorraine Moore
- Salvatore Bruno & Mickey Mullady*  
By: Brian & Francesca Mullady
- John A. Hufnagel & John S. Unferdorfer*  
By: Gerard & Carol Hufnagel
- William Korpics & Edward T. Eggleston*  
By: David Korpics
- Stanley Laikowski & Jerome Dobson*  
By: Claire & Stanley Laikowski
- Francis Patterson*  
By: Robert Patterson
- Joseph Cleary*  
By: Hildegard Cleary

*Please remember the sick who have asked for our prayer*  
**Pat Birrer, Terry DeSimone, Begonia Ceron**  
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*Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased*  
**Lena Padovano, Ethel Finnerty, Mark Woitscheck, Tom Vanacore, Michael DeMarco, Sr., Thomas Johnston, Andrew Ferrone, Margaret Zeman, Richard Cavalier, Anne Robbins, Anthony Panariello, Edward Sequeira**

*A Word  
from the  
Pastor*



## The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Every Memorial Day weekend, my good friend Lynee takes her mother Vera to visit cemeteries. They cover three counties! It being May, her husband Jim, a farmer, gets a pass. Vera's son Brian, the local sheriff, also opts out, calling it "The Death Tour." I was happy to go along this year. I am amazed at the number of cemeteries in my own county that I have never seen, and I find reading the family names and looking around at the vista from each cemetery rather fascinating.

Vera has an intricate and intractable system. At each stop there were graves that received both flowers and prayers—and others, only prayers. Still others, only a walk-by. We were near the grave of a very distant connection when I noticed this poem on a tombstone near it:

### A Farmer's Prayer

Lord, bless the land you've given me,  
And may I always know  
As I tend each crop and creature  
You're the One who helps them grow.  
Grant me strength and wisdom  
Please protect me from harm,  
And thank you  
For your gracious gift—  
The blessing of a farm.



Looking at the encircling, cultivated land, with a thrice-steepled church standing straight west of us, I thought that the poem had found the perfect setting. Here was a man who had loved the land, had lived on the land and was now given back to the land. And here was his acknowledgment that all of this had been done in the Lord. God had given the land into his care; God had blessed the work of his hands; and, now, with his mortal remains beneath the land, the farmer is himself the seed that has been planted, rising into new life.

Corpus Christi is a medieval feast, coming at a time when little was known of the ancient church. Does it really make sense to celebrate a feast of the Eucharist, when the Eucharist itself is the cause and the core of our celebration every week? And if one were to choose a single day to ponder the mystery, wouldn't that be Holy Thursday?

But from the beginning, with its processions out the doors of the church and into the countryside, Corpus Christi has had another sensibility. We concentrate upon the Eucharistic elements themselves: the bread and the wine, which become the very presence of Christ in our midst. There is a right reasoning at work here.

We believe that in the Incarnation God the Son took every element of human life into himself. As the fathers of the church put it, there was no part of our humanity, save the stain of sin, that had not been made into an expression of God. And so, while at Christmas we profess that God has lowered self to become a man, at the Ascension we rejoice that our humanity has been lifted up into the Godhead.

In every Eucharist, we celebrate this marriage of heaven and of earth. We are divinized, body and soul, as we consume "the Bread of Angels." Catholic and Orthodox forms of worship are quite deliberately sensual, physical. We employ colors, candles, flowers, vestments, incense, water, oil, wine and bread, postures and gestures, which, taken together, suggest the sanctification of the cosmos, the lifting up of earth into heaven. And all Christians receive Communion hearing that they are receiving the "body" of Christ, not merely his spirit.

So there is something profoundly right about walking into nature, into the fields, on this Solemnity of Corpus Christi. In doing so, we say to the land, to the streams, to the woods and animals: "You, too, have been taken up into Christ. You, too, have been lifted up, which is why we must never treat you as instruments at our disposal but must reverence you tenderly, as co-heirs to the glory of Christ."

God came among us as a man of flesh and blood. God remains among us in the form of wheat bread and fruit of the wine. In the mystery of the Eucharist, God claims our humanity as his own. In the same mystery, God sinks deep into the sinews of the earth, making all of nature the very tabernacle of his presence.

In Jesus the Christ, God has entered our humanity and has raised flesh and blood, our physical burdens and our sensual delights, into the heights of heaven. And, in his memory, the church celebrates the meal that he left us and reverences her Eucharistic Lord, seeded now in the form of bread and wine, word and community. We do this until he comes again, to reveal an environment, nay a cosmos, transformed into his glory.



**CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**

**June 14, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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**

Please call us 201-447-1776 if you need special arrangements to pick up your banner materials.

**CONFIRMATION JOURNEY**

With great joy we restarted 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.

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.



**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**  
 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL  
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The Church of the Nativity Prayer Chain is accepting prayer requests. Please call the rectory with your request.



**The Story Behind the Feast of Corpus Christi**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.

**The Story**

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today (see photo).



This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion. After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena. Inspired by the miracle, Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, *Pange Lingua*, *Tantum Ergo*, *Panis Angelicus*, and *O Salutaris Hostia* are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Getfed.com Jun 14, 2017 By Gretchen Filz

**Week of June 14, 2020**

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

*John & Susie Klybus*

**By: Fr. George & Anna Brancatella**



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Hello Nativity Parishioners, Happy Spring! I know that the current circumstances are not the best, but I hope you and your family are feeling well and looking forward to better days. One way to feel better is to get outside for some fresh air and also to help those in need. I am inviting you to join us in the Nativity Community Garden this season.

Even if you do not have a green thumb or any previous gardening experience, come learn with us, get some exercise, and feel good about helping others. Last year, as a very small group, we successfully grew tomatoes, peppers, string beans, zucchini, eggplant and herbs, and donated over a dozen bags of produce to the local Love Fund.

Families, partners, or individuals are welcome, and the garden makes working and meeting easy for natural social distancing. Since there is no early scheduled Parish Spring Clean-Up this year, we are preparing the garden for the season.

If you are interesting in joining us, or have a way to help us with plants, mulch,... contact Fr. George, or feel free to contact me directly. Stay safe and be well! We'd love you to join us!

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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

#### Can we change people's minds?

Some people (including many Catholics) feel like it is futile to continue to have a debate over the issue of abortion because people feel too strongly about it and have already made up their minds as to what they think.

*This is wrong.*

People throughout history *have* changed their minds on vital social issues. When the United States was new, there was no suffrage or equal rights for women and racial minorities. Almost universally in the United States today, the general populace recognizes that this was wrong and that women and non-whites are entitled to their basic rights as human beings, and the law recognizes it too.

It took many years and decades of intense struggle involving emotions just as fierce if not more fierce than those surrounding the *Pro-Life Movement* in the 21st century.



### 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:  
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But victories for freedom were won and people certainly did change their minds. That is how change happens. Education is vital so that more people understand the struggle to protect innocent life in the womb and then stand ready to defend the rights of all living people, including the unborn.

Change *can* happen, and change *will* happen, providing we do our part to work tirelessly to advocate change for a freer, better world where the weak and vulnerable are protected and not exploited and/or victimized.

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>