## Mass Schedule

#### Saturday: 5:00pm

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

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

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# -Church of the Nativity

#### 20, 2021 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### **Parish Membership**

Every family is encouraged to register. Forms are available in the church or at the Church Office. If you want to make any changes to your family information contact the Church Office.

Check our website for information at nativitynj.org

### Penance / Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:10pm in the church, or by appointment.

#### **Baptisms**

Baptism arrangements are made by contacting the Church Office before or after the birth of the baby. Baptismal catechesis is required of all first time parents.

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)**

Anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, or any adult Catholic who has not received all their Sacraments of Initiation and would like to receive these Sacraments, please contact the Church Office.

#### 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 hospital, please notify the Church Office.



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A Word from the Pastor



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First Reading: Job 38:1,8-11 - The Lord answers Job's complaints.

**Responsorial Psalm**: *Psalm 107:23-24,25-26,28-29,30-31* - A song of praise to God for rescue

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 - In Christ are a new creation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41 - Jesus calms the storm.

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring them in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

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#### Now, more than ever, Catholic fathers need to step up.

Welcome to Catholic Father's Day<sup>™</sup>. In the midst of growing confusion and chaos in the world, Catholic fathers can help their families, their parishes and the world find greater peace in Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Catholic Church. During 2021, the Year of St. Joseph, the Guardian of the Holy Family, Catholic families from around the country are gathering together for Eucharistic Processions to proclaim Jesus Christ, to honor St. Joseph and to strengthen Catholic fathers for their mission to be sacrificial leaders, protectors and providers for their families.

#### The Year of St. Joseph.

Since God the Father Almighty created the first man, He has called men to the heroic role of fatherhood, men who sacrifice themselves to lead, protect and provide for their wives and children. In recent times, the vision of heroic fatherhood has sometimes been lost. *Continued on Page 5.* 

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#### CHILDREN'S CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

June 20, 2021

#### THIS SEMESTER, ARCHDIOCESAN REQUIRMENTS WE ARE VIRTUAL!!

#### **Religious Education Program for Grades K-8**:

Re-registration letters will be mailed to all families presently enrolled. Re-registration may be done either by mail or in person. Beginning JULY 5, NEW registration will be taken at the Religious Education Office during office hours.

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 August 6, 2021. 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.

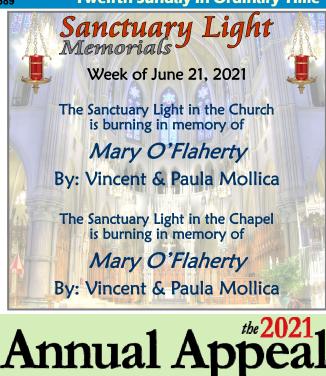
We are grateful to the catechists, assistants, students, and parents for all they have done to make this year meaningful to so many.

#### ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS AGE 18 AND OVER

The Church of the Nativity must ensure that children and youth who worship, study, or participate in activities sponsored by our parish can do so in the safest and most secure setting possible. As you are probably aware, the Archdiocese of Newark is requiring that all volunteers who participate with minors or can potentially be in contact with minors must undergo training related to prevention, identification, response and reporting sexual abuse.

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





# Catholic Stewardship in Action

#### Stewardship Challenge:

- Reflect on the gifts you have received from God and, through prayer and discernment, and make a decision on an appropriate gift of time, talent, and treasure.

- For a fixed period of time, make an offering of 10% of your net income to advance God's purposes (eg. 90 days, 6 months or a year).
- Give half this sum in support of your parish. (If you already do this or more, great please don't stop!)
- If there are any remaining funds, consider supporting worthwhile religious, educational, and charitable causes.
- If you currently do not support the <u>Annual Appeal</u>, prayerfully consider a gift of 1% of your net income in support of the programs and ministries of your local (diocesan) Church.

"Stewardship is what we do, with what we have, when we believe in God." *Cardinal Joseph Tobin* 

#### Next Sunday is 13th Sunday Ordinary Time June 27, 2021

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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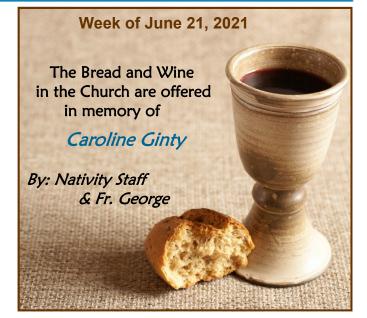
With the Catholic Church's celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, it is a great time to inspire Catholic men to their great and noble call to be Catholic fathers. Returning to the origins of "Father's Day", a day first celebrated to honor St. Joseph and Catholic fathers, 2021 will be the launch of an annual celebration of Catholic Fatherhood during June. All the faithful are invited to take part in these processions.

#### Powerful, peaceful, prayerful, passionate

The purpose of the Catholic Father's Day<sup>TM</sup> movement is to inspire Catholic men to their great and noble call as Catholic fathers by holding annual Eurchastic Processions in June each year. These family-friendly events call the faithful together to pray for and honor fathers.

There can be no denying that something is desperately wrong in the world. One key reason there is chaos and suffering is that men and women have lost sight of the God-given purpose of men to be sacrificial fathers, men who are protectors and providers for their families, who lead their families to God. This loss of the vision of heroic fatherhood is everywhere, in homes without fathers, in homes with distracted dads, in homes which don't acknowledge God and even those homes that are blessed to be Catholic.

The Catholic Father's Day movement has been founded by a large network of Catholic laymen from around the country. The idea is simple: gather Catholic fathers and their families together once a year in June to renew their commitment to the heroic call to be Catholic fathers and to give glory to God the Father, to proclaim their commitment to Jesus Christ through Eucharistic processions, to draw down the Holy Spirit to strengthen men in faith and to seek the intercession of St. Joseph, the patron saint of the Church, Fathers and Families. During 2021, the Year of St. Joseph, the Guardian of the Holy Family, Catholic men from around the country are gathering together in June 2021 for Eucharistic Processions to proclaim Jesus Christ, to honor St. Joseph and to strengthen Catholic fathers for their mission to be sacrificial leaders, protectors and providers for their families.



Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed a the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home." 19 March 1968 homily, Pope Saint Paul VI.



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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**

#### **Don't Blame God For Everything**

I am writing in response to a letter headlined 'God cannot be paying attention.' Why is it that people blame God whenever things go wrong, but when things are running smoothly, they ignore Him?

Why not put the blame for all evil on the devil where it belongs? He tempts and leads mankind to sin. Wars are the direct result of the sins of mankind. God gave us the gift of life. Each and every baby is a gift from God to be loved and nurtured, not to be aborted or abused. Abortion is the wrong choice. It is a sin that destroys a life.

The God most people know is an all good, all loving and all merciful God, all perfect and, as such, cannot do evil. He also gave all of us the gift of free-will to make our own decisions whether they are right or wrong. It's up to us to choose the path that leads to Heaven and Him.

Ruth Weber - Davenport Iowa



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