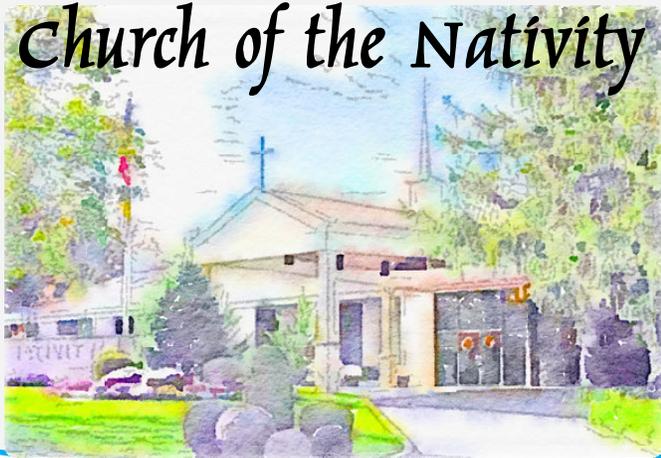


# Church of the Nativity



## 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 21, 2020—Father's Day

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Happy Father's Day

Direct your children onto the right path,  
and when they are older, they will not leave it.

PROVERBS 22:6

**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 20th		
12:10PM		
5:00PM	<b>Jack &amp; Sue Krener</b>	Stan & Claire Laikowski
<b>Sunday</b> June 21th		
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
Monday, June 22nd 12:10PM		
Tuesday, June 23rd 12:10PM		
Wednesday June 24th 12:10PM	<b>Jan Maslach</b>	Helena & Children
Thursday, June 25th 12:10PM		
Friday, June 26th 12:10PM		
<b>Saturday</b> June 27th		
12:10PM		
5:00PM	<b>Billy &amp; Carol Dobson</b>	Stan & Claire Laikowski
<b>Sunday</b> June 28th		
8:00 Mass	<b>Pearl Komsa</b>	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	<b>Ethel Finnerty</b>	Denis Bancroft
12:00 Mass		

**FATHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE**

*John Tuvone & Frank McSweeney  
By: Donald Turrone*

*Edward Major Sr. & Bernard Shork  
By: Thomas & Ruth Major*

*Benny Kubicki & Frank Wymbs  
By: Chris & Lorraine Wymbs*

*Ed Vanderhoven By: Marilyn Vanderhoven*

*Pat Di Finizio & Pat Caliero  
By: Mr. & Mrs. J. Caliero*

**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*

*Ralph Caserta & Ralph Musco  
By: Elisa Musco*

*Fred Schrader & Mr. & Mrs. George Shabet  
By: George & Barbara Shabet*

*George Angelucci By: Diana Bockino*

*Gioacchino Murgia & Lawrence Monsu & Lawrence Murgia  
By: Louis Murgia*

*Fred Schrader & Mr. & Mrs. George Shabet  
By: George & Barbara Shabet*

*Henry W. Peters  
By: Randolph & Deborah Peters*

**FATHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE**

*A Word  
from the  
Pastor*



## 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING - Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble,

they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

SECOND READING - Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.



GOSPEL - Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the house-tops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

My sisters and brothers in the Lord,

"Fear no one." — The words of Jesus from today's Gospel according to Saint Matthew are so strong! "Fear no one." We can only be free from fear and from fears if we truly believe in the Lord and live for everlasting life.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Jeremiah. He had lots of people trying to end his life and to make his life difficult if he lived. He tells us that even his friends had been working against him. Yet he knows that God is with him and that he need not fear. Of course, sometimes his enemies made his life difficult. So to have God with us is not magic and we can still encounter very difficult situations. But if our trust is in the Lord, we know that in the end, all shall be well. That end may be after our death! But the challenge is simply to cling to the Lord!

The second reading today is from the Letter to the Romans. This reading tells us that sin has entered the world through one man, Adam, but that through another man, Jesus the Christ, the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. The message is the same: sin and evil and bad things will not triumph in the long run. Rather, God will triumph and will vanquish all sin and evil. To cling to this promise of the Lord is the challenge of our spiritual life!

Today's Gospel is from the Gospel of Matthew. We return to the words of Jesus: "Fear no one." In today's world, we Christians are more and more likely to encounter problems. The values of Jesus, the teachings of Jesus and of the Church, are now being spurned in our world and called into question. If we cling to these teachings and words, we are accused of being people of hate and of promoting "hate speech." This condition in our world will most likely only increase. Christians are already the most persecuted group in the world.

We should not want to abandon our faith in order to avoid being reject, mocked, scorned and judged by others. Most of us want a simple and quiet life to live in peace. That simplicity and quietness may well be taken away from us today. The challenge for us is to hold fast to the words of Jesus: "Fear no one." That also means that we must cling to the teachings of the Lord Jesus without any fear or even without concern for what may happen to our lives.

Let us be ready to walk with the Lord to suffering and death, rejoicing that we are found worthy to suffer for clinging to the words and the teachings of the Lord Jesus.

Your brother in the Lord,

*Abbot Philip - Monastery of Christ in the Desert*



**CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**

**June 21, 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:**

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.

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the next time you log on to shop!

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 June 21, 2020

The Sanctuary Light in the Chapel  
is burning in memory of

**Clement Scalo**

By: Elisa Musco

The Sanctuary Light in the Church  
is burning in memory of

**Mary & Nancy McNamara**

By: Fred & Pat Shaver



**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY IS NOW OPEN**  
11:00AM TO 1:00PM DAILY!





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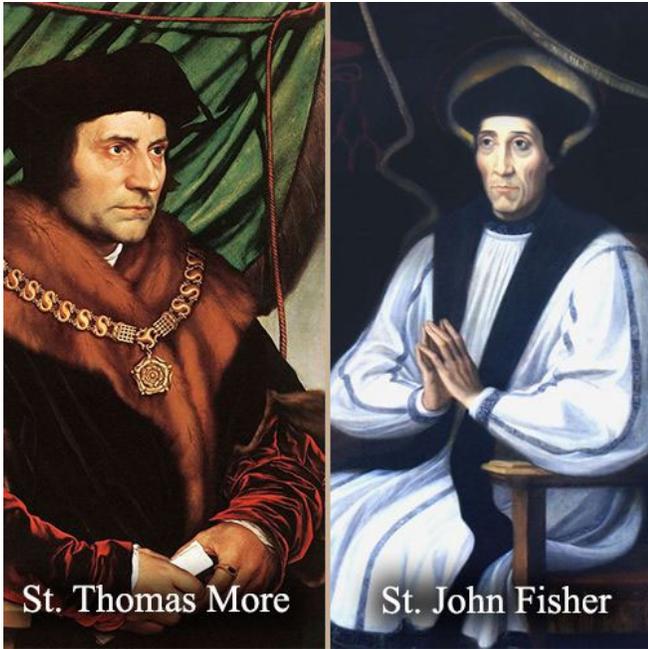


The Church of the Nativity Prayer Chain is accepting prayer requests. Please call the rectory with your request.



**Religious Freedom Week**

Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join us in promoting religious freedom For the Good of All.



St. Thomas More

St. John Fisher

All people desire to know their Creator. All people have a natural impulse to seek the good and to live in accordance with that good. All people can flourish when they pursue the truth about God and respond to the truth. Religious freedom means that all people have the space to flourish. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations.

**Pray** that people of all faiths would be free to worship without fear of attacks and harassment.

**Reflect**

Houses of worship provide spaces for people to step back, often with fellow believers, and pray. The disturbing rise in attacks on these places is an attack on religious freedom. Gunmen in churches, synagogues, and mosques terrorize faith communities. In Europe and North America, churches have been desecrated. Priests all over the world have been killed, even while celebrating liturgies. The problem is not limited to attacks on Christians. Over 50 people were murdered in two mosques in New Zealand, while there have been several attacks on synagogues here in the U.S. in recent years. Mosques and synagogues have been vandalized, while there has been a rise in attacks on Jews and Muslims who are simply going about their daily life. These kinds of attacks are assaults on the image of God and cannot be tolerated.

*Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek/](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek/)*

**Week of June 21, 2020**

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

*John & Susie Klybus*

*By: Fr. George & Anna Brancatella*



*Please remember the sick who have asked for our prayer*

**Pat Birrer, Terry DeSimone, Begonia Ceron, Jim Firehock, Ann Robbins, Joseph Rigolio**

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*Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased*

**Antonio Fundaro, 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**

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!

Jolie Kurz, Coordinator  
Nativity Community Garden  
(201-715-4409) [jolie104@optonline.net](mailto:jolie104@optonline.net)



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

#### Good News...Bad News!

The good news is that the tide is turning and many pro-abortionists are very concerned about numerous trends. Abortionists are retiring, dying and quitting. Young doctors are far less inclined to follow their footsteps. Abortion mills are closing and staffs are quitting. Planned Parenthood is being exposed for its obsession with money and disregard for women's well-being and is facing a number of lawsuits that highlight these facts.

Moreover, our youth is far more scientifically aware; is increasingly pro-life and ready to witness on social media, amongst friends and family and at the nation's capital at the annual pro-life march. Ultrasound machines show the child sucking his or her thumb and renders the humanity of the child in the womb beyond any doubt. So, disingenuous ➤



### 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)

terminology such as "choice" "women's reproductive rights" "blobs of tissue" etc. no longer deceives and distorts the real nature of abortion.

The bad news is that many who claim to be Christian have been silent for the past 47 years. Good intentions are great, but good intentions do not help the young mother destined for a life of deep regret and the death of an innocent and voiceless child. The holocaust must end and we all must play our part.

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>