

# Church of the Nativity



A Stewardship Parish

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 5:00pm**

Confession available at 4:15pm

**Sunday: 8:00am, 10:15am, 12:00pm**

**Daily Mass in the Church**

**Monday-Saturday, 12:10pm**

**Sunday 10:15am and 12:10pm Daily Masses are LIVE on Facebook & our website**

July 19, 2020

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**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY IS NOW OPEN**

**We Are OPEN—10 AM to 2PM DAILY**

### Religious Education

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9:00am-4:30pm.

Classes: Grades K-6:

Sundays: 9:00am-10:00am; Thursday-3:30pm-4:30 pm

Grades 7-8:

Sun- 9:00-10:00am; Monday 6:30-8:00pm (School)

Another 7 & 8th grade meet on weekdays in homes.

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

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

### Parish Membership

Every family in of our parish is encouraged to register. Forms are available in the church or at the Church Office. If you move or change your home address or email address, kindly notify the Church Office. If you want to add your cell phone to your family information contact the Church Office.

### Penance/Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15 pm in the vesting sacristy in the lobby of the church, or by appointment in the Church Office.

### Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place at the 12 Noon Mass. Arrangements are made by contacting the Church Office before the birth of the baby. Baptismal catechesis is required of all parents. Please call the Church Office for details. A member of the Baptism Preparation Ministry will contact the parents prior to the Baptism.

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

Our Parish  
is  
Accessible



*MASS Intentions*

Time	Mass Intention	Mass Requested By
<b>Saturday</b> July 18th		
12:10PM		
5:00PM	<b>Arnold Rhodes</b>	Maryann Szczceny & Karen Nightingdale
<b>Sunday</b> July 19th		
8:00 Mass	<b>George &amp; Barbara Shabet</b> (64th Wedding Anniversary)	Shabet Family
10:15 Mass	<b>Roger Keller</b>	Keller Family
12:00 Mass	<b>Carmen Hernandez</b>	Nativity Family
Monday, July 20th 12:10PM	<b>Richard A. Smith</b>	Pope John XXIII Nativity Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, July 21st 12:10PM		
Wednesday, July 22nd 12:10PM		
Thursday, July 23rd 12:10PM	<b>Ronald Dominach</b>	Hugh & Barbara Gallagher
Friday, July 24th 12:10PM	<b>Al Pyott</b>	Hugh & Barbara Gallagher
<b>Saturday</b> July 25th		
12:10PM		
5:00PM	<b>John &amp; Susie Klybus</b>	Klybus Family
<b>Sunday</b> July 26th		
8:00 Mass	<b>Janice Fracassini</b>	Philip & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	<b>Richard Smith</b>	Fran & Tia Patterson
12:00 Mass	<b>Paul Cantilina</b>	Ralph & Mary Lombardi



We are grateful to Cardinal Tobin for assigning the newly ordained Rev. John Ginty to Nativity for the summer. He was ordained to the priesthood June 21st.

Please welcome him back.

This summer, while you are in these seats...



Please don't forget about these



Summer is days and weeks filled with great weather, no school and fun vacations. We ask that you continue to remember Nativity throughout the summer months with your prayers and contributions. Please consider using our **On-Line Giving Program**. This is especially convenient for the summer months when activities and vacations keep us so busy and away from home.

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

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

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*Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased*

**Nicole Van Lenten, Michael Melnyk, Pat Sullivan, John Mooney, Paul Cantilina, Jim Firehock, Antonio Fundaro, Lena Padovano, Ethel Finnerty, Mark Woitscheck, Tom Vanacore, Michael DeMarco, Sr., Thomas Johnston, Andrew Ferrone**

*A Word  
from the  
Pastor*



## Sunday Readings—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** - *Wisdom 12:13,16-19*: God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

**Responsorial Psalm** - *Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16*: A prayer to God for mercy.

**Second Reading** - *Romans 8:26-27*: The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

**Gospel Reading** - *Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)*

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

**Background on the Gospel Reading** - In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.



The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Family Connection** - Taken together, the parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



**CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**

**July 19, 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.

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 July 20, 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 honor of  
**Paul Cantilina**  
 By: Ray & Barbara Cantwell



**SHINING  
 THE LIGHT OF  
 CHRIST**  
 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK



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



## What Does Romans 8:26 Mean?

### Verse Thoughts

As children of God we have been born from above and have a new human spirit – our new life in Christ. Before we were born again we had a spirit that was dead in trespasses and sins but when we accepted Christ as our Saviour we were given a new life in Christ - a new, free human spirit, which is able to commune with His Holy Spirit - Who is enabled to guide us into all truth. This is why as children of God we should live our life in spirit and in truth so that we may enjoy 'Spirit to spirit' fellowship with the Lord, day by day.

A life that is lived in spirit and truth is a life that is led by the Holy Spirit of God, Who came to indwell our hearts and guide our lives the moment we were born from above –and He speaks to us quietly through our enlivened human spirit. The Holy Spirit knows the thoughts of our heart and the deep yearnings within our soul and He reaches out to us through our spirit. He longs to lead and guide us into all truth and He is grieved if we choose to live our life according to our old fleshly nature, which was severed at the cross – for when we live our life in spirit and truth He takes the deep cravings of our heart – cravings that we ourselves do not understand and He intercedes for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

Sometimes the deepest desires of our hearts are hidden within our being. Sometimes we ourselves do not even understand what our secret hopes, and hidden hurts are - but they become a thirst in our soul – a thirst that we cannot quench ourselves. But the Spirit joins with us to help in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, and so He Himself intercedes for us with unspoken groaning.

He takes the deepest prayers within our hearts and beautifies them and perfects them and answers them in the way that is best – this is why our hearts should be always open to say – Thy will not mine be done.

### My Prayer

Abba, Father – thank You for Your indwelling Holy Spirit, Who knows my heart better than I know myself. Take the inner yearnings of my heart and beautify them I pray, so that I may live my life in a way that glorifies You, in Jesus name I pray, AMEN.

[dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com](http://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com)

Week of July 20, 2020

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

*John & Susie Klybus*

By: *Fr. George &  
Anna Brancatella*



The Church is  
**OPEN**

**10:00AM to 2:00PM**  
For Personal Prayer and Reflection  
Confession is Always Available

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the next time you log on to shop!

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  
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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

### Voting

Edmund Burke once said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Unfortunately, evil in America has triumphed in recent years. Since Roe v. Wade, 4,000 children have been routinely deprived of the fundamental right to life each and every day.

Meanwhile, millions of Americans stand idly by, too busy to vote or too disenfranchised to care. While both of these are real concerns, disinterest or apathy should not prevent us from answering the needs of the community, particularly the most defenseless in our society. Please register to vote now because the November election provides an opportunity to make a stand on behalf of the innocent unborn child.



## 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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### REPORTING ABUSE: AN UPDATE

Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Newark has formalized a process of reporting sexual abuse allegations, in accordance with the USCCB *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Essential Norms* and a Memorandum of Understanding between the state prosecutors' offices and the NJ Dioceses. A year ago, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter, *Vos estis lux mundi*, (*You are the light of the world*) that strengthened and formalized the process for holding bishops accountable. As part of the implementation of the letter here in the United States, a platform was created by an independent, third party providing a secure, confidential, and professional way to report allegations against living bishops. This service is in place to gather and relay reports of sexual misconduct involving bishops of the United States, and reports of their intentional interference in a sexual abuse investigation. Individuals may make a report online at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling toll free (800) 276-1562. If you wish to report any other kind of misconduct by a bishop—or sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or layperson working for the Church—please contact the Archdiocese of Newark at (201) 407-3256. To make a report involving a bishop that pertains to sexual abuse or related misconduct, visit [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or call (800) 276-1562.