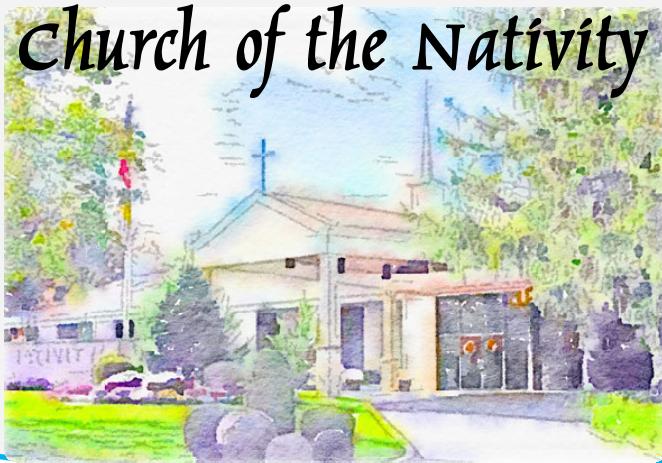


Church of the Nativity



A Stewardship Parish

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Confession available at 4:15pm

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

Daily Mass in the Church

Monday-Saturday, 12:10pm

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

July 26, 2020

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Religious Education Office: 201.447.1776 Email religioused@nativitynj.org



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 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
Saturday	July 25th	
12:10PM	Susie Klybus	The Klybus Family
5:00PM	John & Susie Klybus	The Klybus Family
Sunday	July 26th	
8:00 Mass	Janice Fracassini	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Richard Smith	Fran & Tia Patterson
12:00 Mass	Paul Cantilina	Ralph & Mary Lombardi
Monday, July 27th 12:10PM	Paul Cantilina	Bridget & Gene Rагno
Tuesday, July 28th 12:10PM	Ryan Cassidy	Diana P.
Wednesday July 29th 12:10PM		
Thursday, July 30th 12:10PM	Andrew Ferrone	Pope John XXIII Nativity Knights of Columbus
Friday, July 24th 12:10PM		
Saturday	August 1st	
12:10PM		
5:00PM	George Campbell	Jim & Deirdre Gallenagh
Sunday	August 2nd	
8:00 Mass	Kelly Kenny	Fran & Tia Patterson
10:15 Mass	George Cutrone	Diane Cutrone
12:00 Mass	Mary E. Keverleber (85th Birthday)	Kathy Marsden & Family

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

**Kenneth Neumann, Jr. 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
Margaret Zeman, Richard Cavalier,**



Newly ordained
Rev. John Ginty is
assigned to Nativity for
the summer.

He was ordained to the
priesthood on June 21st.

We are grateful to
Cardinal Tobin that Rev.
John spends some time
with us.

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.

*A Word
from the
Pastor*



Sunday Readings—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **first reading** is taken from the first Book of Kings 3:5, 7-12. God gives Solomon a choice of gifts. Solomon asks God for "an understanding mind," so that he could always do what was just and best for his subjects. God rewards him with the gift of wisdom making him the wisest man that ever lived.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:28-30. The theme of this reading concerns the graciousness and mercy of God at work in calling men to himself, justifying them, and glorifying them as well. The point of the reading is the eternal mystery of the ineffable love of God for man, even before man existed. — *A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin



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The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 13:44-52. The lesson of these two parables is as true for us today, as it was for those Palestinians to whom Christ spoke. All Christians are called on to imitate the two wise men, and surrender all their earthly possessions if necessary in order to gain eternal life. Does this "giving all" mean that we are all expected to abandon the world and take on the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience? There are many who do just this. But it is not the only way, nor the normal way, to purchase the eternal treasure. Heaven is within the reach of all, who follow the ordinary vocations of life and partake

of this world's joys and pleasures *within the framework of God's commandments*, but never lose sight of the goal toward which they are moving.

Keeping within the framework of God's commandments is the difficulty. We need not have a vow of obedience, but we must obey all legitimate authority. We may possess the goods of this world, but only such goods as we lawfully and justly acquire. Nor may we withhold all of these from a fellow man who is in need. We do not have to take a vow of chastity, but yet we must be chaste, we must use the gifts and the pleasure of sex only within the limits set down by God's wise laws.

All of this is not easy for human nature. But we are not relying on weak human nature, we have within our reach in the Church all the spiritual and supernatural aids we need. Our twentieth century, it is true, is so engrossed in chasing after the earthly comforts and pleasures of the body, and so devoid of any spiritual or other-worldly outlook, that even those who know and believe that there is an eternity after death, find it hard to allow their faith and convictions to govern and direct their daily actions. Yet, the evil example of others will never justify our wrong-doing. The commandments of God are still binding, even though they are openly and flagrantly violated by individuals and whole nations today.

Remember this: we shall not be asked at the judgment, "What did your neighbor do?", but "what did you do?" If we lose the pearl of great price in the eternity of happiness God has offered to us—it will not be the fault of others. The fault will be ours and ours only. We refused to pay the price. We did not think it worth the "paltry all" which we possessed in this life.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



**CATECHETICAL MINISTRY****July 26, 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

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 27, 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



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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.

Week of July 27, 2020

The Bread and Wine
in the Chapel are offered
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John & Susie Klybus

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**The Church is
OPEN**

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

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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!

Jolie Kurz, Coordinator
Nativity Community Garden
(201-715-4409) 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

The Courage to Speak and to Act Against Abortion

The mother's womb should be the very safest place for a child. Tragically, it has become the most dangerous location- more dangerous than any battlefield or terrorist target. In some cities, about 40 percent of pregnancies end in abortion.

To defend these innocent children and to speak and act on their behalf takes courage. Perhaps family and friends may not like our pro-life stance. We all know people who have had an abortion so perhaps we do not want to offend a relative or loved one. It's too easy to make excuses or calculations, which often results in paralyzed inaction and apathy.

We are always told of reasons why we cannot speak up against abortion. If the priest speaks in Church, some will try to argue it's too political; if we speak in the political arena, it's too religious. If we speak in the media, we are told it's too disturbing; in our schools and colleges, it's too disruptive. In business it's too 'controversial, in the family it's too divisive, and in social settings, it's too impolite or politically incorrect.

So, if abortion is plainly wrong and inhumane (which it most definitely is), how do we do what is right and where do we go to say so? The unambiguous answer is that we must stop looking for a risk-free place to fight abortion, and have the courage to speak up in all these arenas!



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 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 or call (800) 276-1562.