

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**

August 2, 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
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
Monday, August 3rd 12:10PM	Paul Cantilina	Denise & Donna Ragno
Tuesday, August 4th 12:10PM	Margaret Fearon	Pat Keller
Wednesday August 5th 12:10PM		
Thursday, August 6th 12:10PM	Andrew Ferrone	Nativity Shepherds
Friday, August 7th 12:10PM		
Saturday	August 8th	
12:10PM		
5:00PM	Anne O'Hamlon Ann Parente	Margaret & Family Michael & Evelyn Petteruti
Sunday	August 9th	
8:00 Mass	Phil Fracassini	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Bob Stubbs	Fletcher & Diana Hock
12:00 Mass	Kyra Kolpin	Mom



Newly ordained Rev. John Ginty is assigned to Nativity for the summer. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 21st. Later this month we will have some inspiring words on his vocation to the priesthood

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



Please don't forget about these



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.,**

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—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:1-3. The prophet, living among the Jewish exiles in Babylon, utters words of consolation for the despairing exiles. Here he tells them that Yahweh is inviting them to a banquet which he freely gives them. Yahweh alone can provide for their real needs; they are foolish to look elsewhere for consolation or help. If they

cooperate he will fulfill the promise he had made to David, the promise of a future Messiah.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:35, 37-39. St. Paul concludes this chapter with a hymn in praise of God's love for us: "with God on our side," he says, "who can be against us?" Then come today's verses, which are rhetorical questions, showing that there is no power in heaven or on earth that can take away or lessen God's love for us as manifested in Christ, his Incarnate Son.

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 14:13-21. This miracle was an act of kindness and loving thoughtfulness

on the part of Christ. He saw the people's need - it was late for them to return to their homes and they had had nothing to eat all day - and He worked a miracle to provide for this need. The miracle also helped to convince the people of Galilee - the news spread around quickly - that He was the expected Messiah, but especially it prepared the way for the an-



nouncement of the greatest miracle of all - the miracle of the Eucharist. As St. John tells us Jesus referred to this miracle the next day in order to introduce His promise of the heavenly bread which He would give them and which was to be His own body and blood, under the form of bread and wine. The bread He miraculously multiplied that day to supply the bodily needs of the Galilean multitude was but a foreshadowing of that heavenly food which He was about to give as spiritual nourishment to the millions who would become His followers down through the centuries until the end of time.

The Galileans were grateful to Him for providing so kindly and so thoughtfully for their needs. How much more grateful should we not be for the miracle by means of which He has left us Himself to be our daily spiritual food? We are grateful, of course, to our loving Lord who not only handed up His Body to His enemies to be crucified for us, but through His divine power, arranged that His glorified body, triumphant over death, should remain with us, His Church, forever under the Eucharistic species.

Though invisible to mortal eyes, He is as truly present on our altars as He was that day in Galilee, when He miraculously fed the multitude. He is present under the form of bread and wine — so that we can partake of Him as spiritual nourishment during our earthly life. Could love go any further? He Himself said: "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15 :13). Yes, once a man has given his life he has given his all; there is nothing more he can give. But Christ was more than man. He was God as well, and, therefore, He was able not only to lay down His human life for us, but was able and willing to remain with us after death under the Eucharistic species: to be our strength and nourishment until we join Him in the promised land of heaven.

When we compare our own unworthiness with this, almost incredible, love and thoughtfulness of Christ for us, all we can do is simply to say: "Lord, you know I am not worthy to receive you, but you say you want to come into my poor and untidy home, please make me less unworthy, forgive all my past sins and offenses, and give me the grace and strength to be better in the future."

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

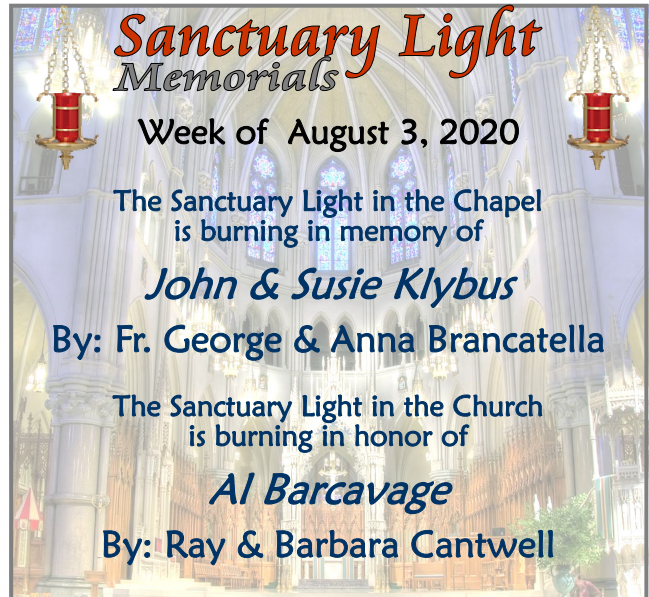
Please call us 201-447-1776 if you need special arrangements to pick up your banner materials.

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.



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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

Week of August 3, 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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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 with a Clear Conscience

Since Roe v. Wade in 1973, it has possibly never been more important to support pro-life politicians as it is at the present time. The pro-life movement has recently gained considerable momentum. There has been numerous pro-life initiatives in Congress, such as the suspension of the dangerous RU-486 abortion drug, the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act, putting an end to taxpayer support of Planned Parenthood, protecting babies who survive abortions and granting a woman's right to view her ultrasound prior to having an abortion.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Our loyalty to Jesus Christ should be stronger than our loyalty to any political party. Life is the most precious gift that God gives us and so a politician's position on abortion is the most important issue and outweighs all others.

Please vote with a clear conscience for LIFE and having done so, trust the Lord to bring about the victory for a Culture of Life!



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

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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**.