

# 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**

August 23, 2020

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CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY IS NOW OPEN

We Are OPEN—10 AM to 2PM DAILY

## Religious Education

**THIS SEMESTER, ARCHDIOCESAN REQUIREMENTS  
WE ARE GOING VIRTUAL!!**

### Religious Education Program for Grades 1-8:

Re-registration letters were mailed to all families presently enrolled. Re-registration may be done by mail. NEW registration will be taken at the Religious Education Office.  
Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9:00am-4:30pm.

### 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.

**Pray the Rosary with us  
LIVE each Friday at 3:00PM  
on our website and Facebook**

## 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> August 22nd		
12:10PM	<b>Holy Souls in Purgatory</b>	Mr. & Mrs. J. Griffin
5:00PM	<b>Paul Cantilina</b>	Mike & Karen Doherty
<b>Sunday</b> August 23rd		
8:00 Mass	<b>Janice Fracassini</b>	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	<b>Howard Peterman Thomas Johnston</b>	Patricia Keller Mary Johnston
12:00 Mass	<b>Stefan Redl</b>	Family
Monday, August 24th 12:10PM	<b>Anna Lozano</b>	Diana P.
Tuesday, August 25th 12:10PM		
Wednesday August 26th 12:10PM	<b>Harry Gordon</b> (54th Anniversary Dies Natalis)	Diane & Family
Thursday, August 27th 12:10PM	<b>Tyler Feeley</b>	The Stix Family
Friday, August 28th 12:10PM	<b>James Griffin</b> (Living Intention)	Maryanne Griffin
<b>Saturday</b> August 29th		
12:10PM	<b>Richard Mc Kiernan</b>	Pat Keller
5:00PM	<b>Paul Cantilina</b>	The Patterson Family
<b>Sunday</b> August 30th		
8:00 Mass		
10:15 Mass	<b>Bob Gilmartin</b>	Tom & Kate Fitzpatrick
12:00 Mass	<b>Alice Ugwuozor</b>	Nativity



**Pray the Rosary LIVE** every Friday at 3:00PM on our website and Facebook.

Join us and be one of our weekly **Rosary Prayer Warriors**

Call the rectory and speak with Fr. Jason

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*

**Christine Fiaschi, 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,**

*A Word  
from the  
Pastor*



## A Note from Rev. John Ginty...

Dear Members of the Parish Community of the Church of the Nativity: When I last wrote to you (in or around May), masses remained suspended and all normal parish life stood completely in limbo in the face of the public health problems owing to the emergence of the corona-virus ("Covid-19"). The priestly ordinations in the archdiocese took place on June 21, delayed from the original date of

May 23. Instead of the normal jam-packed cathedral, capable of seating more than 1,200 worshipers, only 50 people were present, including the cardinal, the ten ordinands, and the two guests allowed for each new priest, among a few others. Certainly, the beginning of my priesthood was unusual by any measure, as have been all of your lives during these last five months or so.

But the Lord works as He wills for the benefit of all. For the summer months, Cardinal Tobin assigned all of the new priests to the parishes where they had served as transitional deacons. It has been an immense gift for me to serve this parish community, the Church of the Nativity, as a priest, albeit for only two months. My term here concludes on August 30. My thoughts now are consistent with the brief note published previously in this bulletin: this parish community, so blessed with a steadfast spirit of service and love for the Lord, has been rich soil from which my nascent priesthood has drawn nourishment during a critical, early stage and of course, during my deaconate here. I thank all of you. I also again thank Fathers George and Father Jason for their patience, generosity and fraternal guidance.

Only seven (7) years ago, I could not have ever guessed that I would be writing to you in this reality and new life. Then, already 48 years old and working in my own small Ridgewood law office after having grown up in Glen Rock, attended college at Notre Dame, served in the U.S. submarine force for a little more than five years, studied business and law, worked in several financial firms, I was still searching for something else. Little by little, the Lord helped me to see that I was doing my own will and not His. I had yet to discover God's will for me: for my mission in life.

2013 was the key year. Some important events happened in rapid succession. In June: a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In July: accompanying the youth of my parish (Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood) to the World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Standing up for the priesthood there at a vocational meeting attended by over 100,000 and there compelled by the Spirit to see that I was available for this mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, or at least called to place myself at the disposal of the Church to determine if this was the right path for me. In September of 2013: I attended a meeting in Italy of (mostly young) men who had similarly "stood up" for the possibility of the priesthood. Surprisingly, expecting to be sent from there to a far away seminary, anywhere in the world, from Italy I was sent to the Archdiocese of Newark for formation. And now, seven years later, I write this brief recollection to you. As of September 1st, I am assigned to the Church of the Holy Family in Nutley.

I can testify to you that God is faithful, and that He, in His love and mercy, has a great plan for all of you, not matter your age, state in life, or current situation. All of us have a special mission in this life, in the world, in the Church, no one greater than the other. Together, with our particular gifts, we each form and contribute to the mystical Body of Christ. As Saint Paul says, God created each of us for the purpose of being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ so that we may reflect his love and truth to the others we meet. Nourished by the Word of God and the sacraments, we are helped by the Lord, in the Church, to find Jesus Christ and the Good News for us: He conquered sin and death for us and brings to us, today, the Kingdom of God and Heaven that we may experience even today, trusting in Him. Please keep me in your prayers every once in a while, as I will certainly always pray for all of you at Nativity Parish.

Rev. John Ginty





**CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**

**August 23, 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**

**September 26, 2020 at 10:00AM and 1:00PM**

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 August 24, 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

**Joyce Anton**

By: Diane Nahas



**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.



*Fun facts you might not have known.*

**1. All Catholics are expected to perform some act of penance every Friday and the US Bishops recommend abstaining from meat.** Turns out that didn't go out with Vatican II.

**2. Beaver doesn't count as meat.** Not because we don't know they're mammals. Theories differ as to why, but the consensus seems to be that beaver tail is plenty penitential enough. So eat up!



**3. You don't have to fast (or abstain) on Solemnities.**

Even in Lent, if the Solemnity of St. Joseph falls on a Friday, grab a plate of bacon and chow

down. Feast days

don't have the same weight, though, so stick with the fish sticks on the Feast of the Chair of Peter. Makes you want to pay a little more attention to the liturgical year, doesn't it?

**4. You can only get indulgences for yourself or for people who are dead.** No fair racking them up for anyone else, not even your favorite neighborhood hobo.

**5. You genuflect on your right knee in church, not your left.** The left knee is for people, the right knee for God. So ladies, if your good Catholic boyfriend goes down on his right knee when he proposes, accuse him of idolatry and storm off. Or something like that.

**6. Four of the 35 Doctors of the Church are women.**

If you're not impressed, think about this: zero of the United States' 43 presidents have been women. And once you consider that the most recent Doctor of the Church was a 19th-century nun—you know, back when



Teresa of Avila/P. Lawrence Low, O.P.-CC

most colleges wouldn't even admit women — it becomes harder to play that "the Catholic Church hates women" card.

**7. All the liturgical vestments have a meaning.** That's why the chasuble, which symbolizes love, goes over the stole, which symbolizes authority. "Over all these, put on love." (Colossians 3:14)

**8. All the Church requires of you is .65% of your life.** Do the math: if you go to Mass every time you have to, that comes out to about 57 hours a year in the US. So all you give God is .65%? You can do better than that.

(8 More Interesting Items in a few weeks)

**Week of August 24, 2020**

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

*Maribelle Franas Lometry*

*By: Nancy E. Forsberg*



**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

#### Fundamental Right and Elections

As the election draws near, we are hearing more and more about health care, education, the war on terrorism, and other important topics. All of these are, to be sure, very important. However, the most important topic is the one that few people (particularly politicians) want to talk about: abortion.

One might ask, "But how is abortion more important than quality education?" Easy. A child cannot receive a quality education once he/she is aborted. It is certainly a noble goal to ensure that every child receives a quality education, but when one-third of children die before they reach kindergarten, we have failed in providing them with a quality education.

The same is true for other issues. Certainly children should have access to proper health care, but why is health care important? Health care is important because we value human life and seek to protect it from harm. Abortion, conversely, says the purpose of health care is to destroy life, not to nurture it.

In short, every humanitarian goal (and there are many of them) rests on the premise of the value and protection of human 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

Week starting, Monday \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

This offering is in memory / honor of:  
(Please circle one)

#### 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.