

Church of the Nativity



A Stewardship Parish

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

Daily Mass in the Chapel
Monday-Friday, 12:10pm

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin or Website

September 1, 2019

315 Prospect Street ♦ Midland Park ♦ NJ ♦ 07432

Parish Website: www.nativitynj.org

Church Office: 201.444.6362 FAX 201.444.5056 Email office@nativitynj.org
Religious Education Office: 201.447.1776 Email religioused@nativitynj.org

Pastoral Staff

Rev. George Klybus, *Pastor*
Rev. Jason Mantich, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Mr. John Ginty, *Transitional Deacon*
Rev. Michael German, *Weekend Assistant*
Sr. Lois Marie Parente C.S.S.F., *Financial Affairs*
Ingrid Pineda, *Director of Lay Ministries*
Olivia Harrington, *Religious Ed. Coordinator*
Lorraine DeLuca, *Religious Ed. Assistant*
Kaye Zbonack, *Parish Secretary*
Jim Chiappini, *Organist*
Ciarán Sheehan, *Cantor*
Roberto Hurtado, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Pedro Herrera, *Maintenance Staff*
Russell Kamp & Tia Patterson, *Parish Trustees*

Religious Education

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9:00am-4:30pm
Classes: Grades K-6
Sunday-9:00am-10:00am, Thursday-3:30pm-4:30 pm
Grades 7-8
Sun- 9:00-10:00am

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 for the Week

Mass	Please Remember	Mass Requested By
Saturday August 31 5:00PM	Jane Mathews Clem Scalo	Canasta Buddies Barbara & Ray Cantwell
Sunday September 1st		
8:00 Mass	Deceased & Living Members Rosary Society	Rosary Society
10:15 Mass	Janet Carullo	Annalisa & Justin Gewirtz
12:00 Mass	Sam Comanto	Barbara & Hugh Gallagher
Monday Sept 2nd 9:00AM	Paula Ann Funaro	Phil Fracassini
Tuesday Sept 3rd 12:10PM	Louis DiFinizio	Anna & Joe Caldiero
Wednesday Sept 4th 12:10PM	Anne & Chris Torre	Daughter & Family
Thursday Sept 5th 12:10PM	Consuelo Quirama	Daughter
Friday Sept 6th 12:10PM	Camille Munsch	Marty Munsch
Saturday Sept 7th 5:00PM	Robert Smith Anna Homer	Rich & Donna Andrychewicz The Patterson Family
Sunday September 8th		
8:00 Mass	Rosemary Ferrando	MaryLou & Bob Balog
10:15 Mass	Franklyn V. Robbins, Jr.	Mary Gedney
12:00 Mass	Mary Okoniewski	Gail Okoniewski

This Week At Nativity

**WEEK OF
September 2nd**

Monday September 2	11:00AM OH - Nativity Prayer Chaplet Labor Day Mass - 9:00AM in the Church
Tuesday September 3	11:00AM MCG - Legion of Mary OH - St. Francis Clothes Drive
Wednesday September 4	
Thursday September 5	4:30 PM MCG - Rosary Society Meeting
Friday September 6	11:00AM CHA - Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday September 7	
Sunday September 8	1:30 PM MCG - Baptismal Class

Sanctuary Light Memorials
Week of September 2, 2019

The Sanctuary Light in the Church is burning in memory of

Joseph & Phyllis Pabin

By: Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gibney

Please remember in your prayers the sick who have asked for our prayer
Terry DeSimone, Pat Birrer, Margarita Hurtado, Anne Parente

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased

Judy Webster, Rev. Paul Offu, Louis & Marie Ciavolella, Frank Palmisano, Sr. Rev. Owen Lee, Lt. Charles Z. Walker, Peter Fonda, Phyllis Bieger, Fr. Timothy Horgan, William Joern

Thank you for your generous support

Weekly Offering
 August 24 & 25

Weekly Church Offering \$6,615
 Including On-Line Giving

PRAY WITH OUR HEARTS

**A Word
from the
Pastor**



**Pope writes to priests: "Thank you
for your service"**

Pope Francis has written to priests recalling the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, Patron Saint of parish priests around the world. It is a letter that expresses encouragement and closeness to "brother priests, who without making noise" leave everything to engage in the daily life of communities; those who work in the "trenches"; those who confront an endless variety of situations in your effort "to care for and accompany God's people." "I want to say a word to each of you, writes the Pope, who, often without fanfare and at personal cost, amid weariness, infirmity and sorrow, carry out your mission of service to God and to your people. Despite the hardships of the journey, you are writing the finest pages of the priestly life."



PAIN

The papal letter opens with a look at the abuse scandal: "In these years, we have become more attentive to the cry, often silent and suppressed, of our brothers and sisters who were victims of the abuse of power, the abuse of conscience and sexual abuse on the part of ordained ministers." But, it would be unfair not to express our gratitude to all those priests who faithfully and generously spend their lives in the service of others." "Countless priests make of their lives a work of mercy in areas or situations that are often hostile, isolated or ignored, even at the risk of their lives." The Pope thanked them "for their courageous and constant example" and writes that "in these times of turbulence, shame and pain, you demonstrate that you have joyfully put your lives on the line for the sake of the Gospel".

GRATITUDE

The second key word is "gratitude". Pope Francis recalls that "vocation, more than our choice, is a response to a free call from the Lord".

Pope Francis also thanks his brother priests "for their fidelity to their commitments".

Thank you for the times when, with great emotion, you embraced sinners, healed wounds... Nothing is more necessary than this: accessibility, closeness, readiness to draw near to the flesh of our suffering brothers and sisters."

But the Pope also thanks and invites priests to give thanks "for the holiness of the faithful people of God", expressed "in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile."

ENCOURAGEMENT

The third word is "encouragement". The Pope wants to encourage priests: "The mission to which we are called does not exempt us from suffering, pain and even misunderstanding. Rather, it requires us to face them squarely and to accept them, so that the Lord can transform them and conform us more closely to himself."

PRAISE

The last word proposed in the letter is "praise". It is impossible to speak of gratitude and encouragement without contemplating Mary who "teaches us the praise capable of lifting our gaze to the future and restoring hope to the present." "Because "to look at Mary is to go back to believing in the revolutionary power of tenderness and affection".

"Brothers - these are the final words of the letter - once again, I continually give thanks for you... May we allow our gratitude to awaken praise and renewed enthusiasm for our ministry of anointing our brothers and sisters with hope. May we be men whose lives bear witness to the compassion and mercy that Jesus alone can bestow on us."

By Sergio Centofanti-vaticannews.va

**Senior Friends of the
Shepherds**



Windcreek Casino

Formally The Sands
Bethlehem, PA

September 5, 2019

**Bus leaves Nativity Church Parking Lot
at**

9:00AM

\$28 per person

Receive \$25 in tokens

Contact Diana Bockino

201 445-2814

St. Lukes Senior Lucans

Hot Breakfast

Thursday September 12, 2019 at 9:00AM

St. Lukes Parish Hall

Ho Ho Kus

Please call Jo Thompson 201-445-8446

The **Legion of Mary** is a prayer group devoted to Our Blessed Mother. We meet on Tuesdays at 10:15AM in the McGrath Room. Please consider joining this ministry and devote yourself to Mother Mary.



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





CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

ATTENTION NEWCOMERS!

We are accepting registration of new students for K-8 in the Center during office hours. A certificate of Baptism and a registration fee are required. Please call the center (201-447-1776) **before** coming to register.

Requirements for registration are:

- Member of the Church of the Nativity
- Baptismal Certificate
- Registration Fee

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8 Classes will begin September 12th (Thursday session) and September 15th, (Sunday session) for all grade levels. Information packets were sent. Only those children whose registration is completed in advance will be admitted to the first class. **There will be no registration on the first day of class.**

GRADE 2: A reminder to parents... to enroll in the second grade First Penance and First Communion programs, **it is mandatory for a child to have completed grade 1 of formal catechesis.** Thank you!

YOU ARE NEEDED!

If YOU are interested in sharing the Good News with the young people of our parish please contact the CCD Office @ 201-447-1776. Preparation sessions will be provided. A special "thank-you" to those who have responded to our need for Catechists.

GOOD NEWS FOR LITTLE ONES IS BACK!

IS SOMEONE UNDER 5 IN YOUR FAMILY? If you have a small child under the age of 5, you'll be happy to know that during the 10:15 AM Mass, beginning September 22nd, we will resume our Religion readiness program for those ages 2 to 5, entitled "Good News for Little Ones". This Program is supervised by Olivia Harrington our Religious Ed. Coordinator and staffed by trained catechists and volunteers. This program will be located in the Upper Room of the Church.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

As we prepare our way through the final days of summer, the shorter days remind us that school is near. We will celebrate the beginning of a New Year of Religious Education on Saturday September 14th, at the 4:00 PM outdoor Mass. On this day we will meet, recognize, and bless the catechists of our parish who respond to the call of Jesus to "go...and make disciples of all nations..."(Mt. 28:19).

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS AGE 18 AND OVER

The Church of the Nativity must ensure that children and youth who worship, study or participate in activities sponsored by our parish can do so in the safest and most secure setting possible. As you are probably aware, the Archdiocese of Newark is requiring that all volunteers who participate with minors or can potentially be in contact with minors must undergo training related to prevention, identification, response and reporting sexual abuse.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

All NEW parish volunteers – in any capacity – must attend this training workshop and have a criminal background check done. Workshops are being offered at Nativity and throughout Bergen County. Please register online visiting www.virtus.org
Next workshops at Nativity are scheduled for the following Mondays at the McGrath Room at 7:00 PM
September 9, 2019
October 21, 2019

Also, you may attend a workshop at our neighboring parishes if their dates are better for your schedule.

Be Part of the Team

Parish

PICNIC

Saturday

September 14 2019

Mass at 4:00 PM Picnic to follow

Rain date:

Sunday, September 15th after 12:00 Noon
Mass

This year, why not consider being part of this impressive team of volunteers. There are so many different tasks, you are sure to find a job that will suit you.

Please contact Ingrid Pineda at
ipineda@nativitynj.org

*The Parish Picnic
has become one of the parish's
biggest community events...
it won't be the same
without you!*



As summer slowly slips in the sunset and fall sneaks up on us, it is time to think.....

ROSARY SOCIETY!

Please mark your calendars for the following dates: 1) Thursday Sept 5th, at 7:00PM, we will have our regular meeting in the McGrath Room, 2) Sunday, Sept 1st & October 6th at 8:00AM, & we will celebrate our Mass for our ill and deceased members.

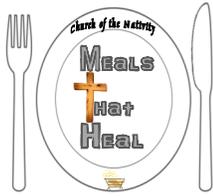
How about considering...

Meals That Heal Ministry

To be part of this new exciting ministry and get your name on the list, you can email

Anne Marie Stix amcgbs@optonline.net

Be sure to include your name, cell phone, email and the number of people volunteering with you and their names.



You can also help with a donation for supplies for the Ministry. If you have a connection with a food market, we are looking for short dated foods suitable for

freezing to assist with our food needs.



Monthly Mini Drive

**Next Collection Date:
Tuesday, September 3rd**

If the door is locked, then you can leave your donations near the front door.

Please do not drop off donations on any other day.

Please do not leave donations in the McGrath Room or at Kennedy Hall.

Thank you again for your participation in this vital Nativity outreach ministry.

If you have any questions, or are interested in joining this wonderful team, please contact Tia Patterson tiapatterson@me.com.

HELLO

Join our Team of Greeters!

Come to Mass 15 minutes early and be part of the team who makes Nativity such a welcoming Parish. Come by yourself, with a spouse or greet as a family.

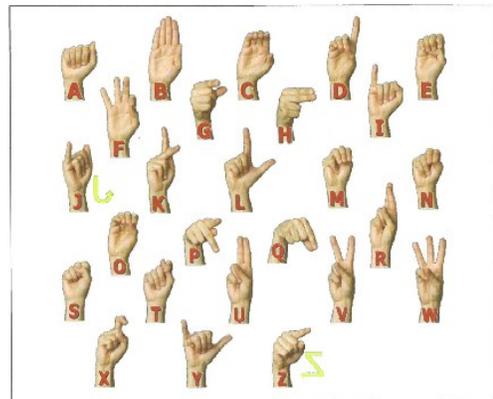
A rotational schedule assigns greeters to the Mass times of their choice about once every few weeks.

We are currently in need of Greeters for the 8:00, 10:15 and 12 Noon Masses

For more information contact Ingrid Pineda at the Church Office ipineda@nativitynj.org

INTRODUCING A NEW DEVELOPMENT AT ST. PAUL RC CHURCH

A SIGNED MASS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING 5 PM WEEKLY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7, 2019



You can remember a loved one by having the Bread and Wine at Mass in the Church or the Chapel offered in honor or 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 ^(Please circle one) memory/honor of:



Fr. George, Pastor
fr.george@nativitynj.org



Sr. Lois Marie Parente C.S.S.F.,
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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
- to honor a special birthday or anniversary or occasion in your family

To donate an offering for the Sanctuary Light in either the Church or Chapel 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. You can also visit the Church Office in person.

(Please check one)

Church Sanctuary Light Chapel Sanctuary Light

Week starting, Monday _____

Your Name _____

Phone _____

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Fridays 11:00AM-12:00PM
In the Chapel**

There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time