

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**

September 6, 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.

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.

LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

Mass is at 9:00AM

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 September 5th		
12:10PM	Carol Hart	Rev. John Ginty
5:00PM	Paul Cantilina	The Ramge Family
Sunday September 6th		
8:00 Mass	Deceased Members of Rosary Society	Rosary Society
10:15 Mass	Camile Munsch	Marty Munch
12:00 Mass	Grace Exarchou	Tom & Ruth Major
Monday, Sept. 7th 9:00AM	Labour Day Luis Heriberto Bolaños	Rev. John Ginty
Tuesday, Sept. 8th 12:10PM	Mary Okoniewski	Gail Okoniewski
Wednesday, Sept. 9th 12:10PM	Brian Flynn <i>(Living Intention)</i>	Diane Flynn
Thursday, Sept. 10th 12:10PM	Camille Munsch	Marty Munsch
Friday, Sept. 11th 12:10PM	James Griffin <i>(Living Intention)</i>	Maryanne Griffin
Saturday September 12th		
12:10PM	Marge Fearon	Dom & Annette Sblendoro
5:00PM	Tony Kahwaty	Vincent & Paula Mollica
Sunday September 13th		
8:00 Mass	Pearl Komsa	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Salvador Gadoy <i>(33rd Ann. Dies Natalis)</i>	Gadoy Family
12:00 Mass	Robert Scavone	Scarvone Family



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

LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2020



Mass is at 9:00AM

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



Please don't forget about these



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

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased

Hilary Griffin, Patricia Jordano, Patricia Hench, Monika Boguszewski, Christine Fiaschi, Kenneth Neumann, Jr., Nicole Van Lenten, Michael Melnyk, Pat Sullivan,

*A Word
from the
Pastor*



On Labor Day, teach your kids about the dignity of work

Labor Day is the last hurrah of summer, a day for barbecues and, for many kids, their last taste of freedom before school starts up again. But, Labor Day is so much more! Perhaps it's fitting that it comes as school is ramping up, because school is the labor of children. It also comes as some parents' jobs move from a slower summer pace to a fuller schedule. Labor Day is also the celebration of the fruits of our labors, our various contributions to society.

Our Catholic faith has a long tradition of teaching about labor...and Labor Day is the perfect time to share it with your kids! Here's some background, plus some activities to try.
Church Teaching about the Dignity of Work



Here's a super-quick summary of Church teaching about work:

Work is good. Way back in the Book of Genesis, God charges the man and woman to "cultivate and care for" creation (Gen 2:15). "Cultivating the earth means not abandoning it to itself; exercising dominion over it means taking care of it, as a wise king cares for his people and a shepherd his sheep," says the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Work is good because 1) it reflects our creation in the image of God; it is a way for us to be creative, just as God is creative; 2) when work is directed toward some good goal, it is a

way of serving God; 3) it provides people with what they need for a good life and increases the common good, especially for the poor.

Sin makes work hard. When Adam and Eve turned away from God, seeking absolute dominion over all things without God, they broke God's original intention for work, making it toil. That doesn't change God's original plan for work; it can still be used for good. But sin all too often interferes with that plan, causing us to experience work as oppressive drudgery.

Work isn't everything. God gave us a day to rest (the Sabbath, which we observe on Sunday) as a way of keeping things in perspective: our work shouldn't define our life; our relationships should, starting with our relationship with God.

Work must respect the dignity of the worker. Starting with the papal encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (on capital and labor) in 1891, the Church began teaching more explicitly about work. A major theme of Pope Leo XIII's ground-breaking encyclical was the simple idea that workers are first and foremost human beings—and work must respect human dignity. "Any form of materialism or economic tenet that tries to reduce the worker to being a mere instrument of production, a simple *labour force* with an exclusively material value, would end up hopelessly distorting the essence of work and stripping it of its most noble and basic human finality," says the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Work ought to contribute to the good of society. Besides respecting the dignity of workers, work ought to serve the common good, the Church says.

Work can be a form of prayer. "Human work, directed to charity as its final goal, becomes an occasion for contemplation; it becomes devout prayer. . ." (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* #266. This attitude toward work has been developed and nurtured over the centuries in monasteries, where work is an integral part of the daily routine. Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection's *The Practice of the Presence of God* and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux's "Little Way" are just two of many examples of methods that elevate even menial work to God.

In the years since Pope Leo XIII wrote *Rerum Novarum*, other popes have continued to develop the Church's teaching about the dignity of work. The encyclicals deal with issues of safe work environments, protecting the rights of workers, fair wages, making sure that everyone has access to gainful work that pays enough to secure a decent quality of life. You can check out a good summary of these papal encyclicals on work at the Catholic Labor Network website.

Besides the formal teaching of the Church about work, we also have the example of the life of Jesus, who spent most of his life as a simple worker. Work and workers are also a prominent theme in his teaching—just think of how many of his parables have to do with work!

And then there are the lives of the saints. Joseph is honored May 1 as St. Joseph the Worker. He's one of the patron saints of work and workers. And Dorothy Day began her ministry to put the Church's social teaching on the dignity of work and the rights of workers into action; the movement she co-founded with Peter Maurin, the Catholic Worker, directly advocated for the rights of workers.



CHILDREN'S CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

September 6, 2020

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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.

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 **September 20, 2020**. Please relay this information to prospective new registrants, especially those planning to enroll first graders who have not been in our kindergarten this year.

For our Junior High Students (Gr. 7 – 8) Service Project Forms are due back at the beginning of the school year.

FIRST COMMUNION 2020 - **September 26; 10AM & 1PM**

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

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY 2020

With great joy we restarted the Confirmation Journey. We ask your prayerful support for these young people of our parish community as they seek to deepen their relationship with the Lord at this most meaningful time in their lives.

Just a few reminders... **ALL forms are overdue**. Please give your immediate attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the CCD Office at 201-447-1776.

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. The Archdiocese of Newark requires 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.

The **Legion of Mary** is a lay apostolate group devoted to Our Blessed Mother. Let us humbly pray with the Virgin Mary.



Sanctuary Light Memorials

Week of Sept. 6, 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

Stanley & Wanda Brodecki

By: Steve & Monica Abramopaulos

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 neighboring parishes throughout Bergen County.

Please register online only visiting www.virtus.org.

Next workshops at Nativity are scheduled for:

Friday, September 11 @ 9:30 AM at the McGrath Room

Monday, October 12 @ 7:00 at the McGrath Room

Thursday November 19 @ 7:00 at the McGrath Room

Face masks and social distancing regulations
will be enforced.



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



Meals That Heal Continues their Service to the Needy

We started up again with Meals That Heal last month, albeit with some changes from what we are used to doing; now serving outdoors with all food individually wrapped. We are currently only going to the one location – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Passaic, and needless to say the people we serve could not be happier or more appreciative that we are back.



Sunday, August 23rd the head of the Outreach Ministry at OLM, Grace, told me how fortunate they are to have us doing this. For years they had wanted to feed the less fortunate in the area but they themselves didn't have the means to do it, so the fact that we are there to help them to accomplish this has truly been a "gift from God". On a personal note I can't thank



you enough for the support you have given our ministry as well as our fellow parishioners for the time, donations, and baked goods that they have contributed, which has made it what it is today and what it will continue to be. I must admit that when the virus put a halt to everything it was somewhat disappointing not to be able to provide the help that we were accustomed to doing.



However I have no doubt that in time we will be back bigger and stronger than before!
My sincerest thanks to all, Nick Paladino

Week of September 6, 2020

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

*Stanley
& Wanda Brodecki*

By: *Steve & Monica
Abramopoulos*



**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

Keep Your Eyes Fixed on God

We are becoming more and more mired in our own sins. What horrible thing are we going to come up with next?

We don't need another country to invade us to destroy us. We are destroying ourselves from within. In 1973, our (Supreme Court) judges over-stepped their power and made abortion legal. Since then, 62,000,000 babies have been killed by abortion in the USA.

There are scientists harvesting babies' body parts to use for stem-cell research but two wrongs don't make a right. Read the Bible passage of Isaiah, chapter 5, verse 20: 'Woe to those who call evil good and good evil...!'

There are other ways available for this research - moral ways. They can use newborns' placentas and umbilical cords and maybe even the skin and stem cells of adults. Some scientists want to clone human beings! Power, money and prestige have become their god. It is called greed.

Our judges, scientists and politicians are playing at being God. Sound familiar?



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.