

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**

October 18, 2020

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Religious Education Office: 201.447.1776 Email religioused@nativitynj.org

We are in need of a proper projector and screen
to make the Mass experience more
prayerful and more devout.

We cannot use books any longer due to the pandemic.

But you sing better with the words on the wall.

Donate Now!!

We need to purchase the proper equipment!

The pandemic may have given a punch
but we are resilient. **Your faith is stronger.**
Help us to help you have each and every Mass full of
music and singing!

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

**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
Saturday	October 17th	
12:10PM	Mary Beth Lombardi & Kevin Jones	Ralph & Mary Lombardi
5:00PM	Barbara DeSantis	Joe & Cathleen Daly
	Paul Cantilina	John DeSantis
Sunday	October 18th	
8:00 Mass	Janice Fracassini	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Vincenzo Veli	John & Rosalie Giudice
12:00 Mass	Dr. Camille Paglia	Michael & Jill Zitman & Stephen
Monday, Oct. 19th 12:10PM	Margaret Griffin	Mr. & Mrs. James Griffin
Tuesday, Oct. 20th 12:10PM	Barbara Korpics	Korpics Family
	Armando Torres (Birthday)	Cynthia Torres
Wednesday, Oct. 21st 12:10PM	Stephen Griffin	Mr. & Mrs. J. Griffin
Thursday, Oct. 22nd 12:10PM	Suzanne Bardzell	Family
Friday, Oct. 23rd 12:10PM	Patricia Hillman (10th Dies Natalis)	Bernard Hillman
Saturday	October 24th	
12:10PM	Theodore Thieben	Mr. & Mrs. Griffin
5:00PM	Don & Marion Rodda	Don & Eileen Rodda
Sunday	October 25th	
8:00 Mass	Phil Fracassini	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Rosalia Veli	John & Rosalie Giudice



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

PHOTOS OF EXISTING GARAGE

COLOR OPTIONS
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE COLOR

OPTION #1 - SANDBAR HICKORY

OPTION #2 - CHARCOAL GRAY

OPTION #3 - MELROSE RED

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GARAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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The maintenance garage plans were submitted and we are ready to go!

Let's pray together

We are looking for a friendly contractor that wants to help the parish!

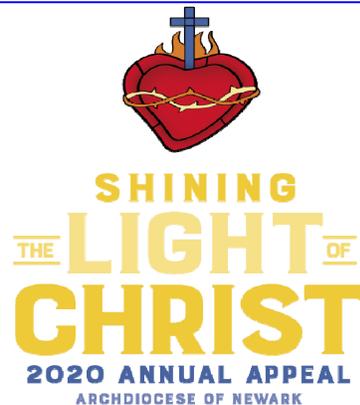
During this time of pandemic, Please... pray for each other. Check on your neighbors

Please remember the sick who have asked for our prayer

Pat Birrer, Terry DeSimone, Begonia Ceron, Joseph Rigolio, Pat Keller

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased

Mary Beth Lombardi, Kevin Jones, Margaret Tomanelli,



A Word
from the
Pastor



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7 - The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20 - The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9 - Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-43 - Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Background on the Gospel Reading

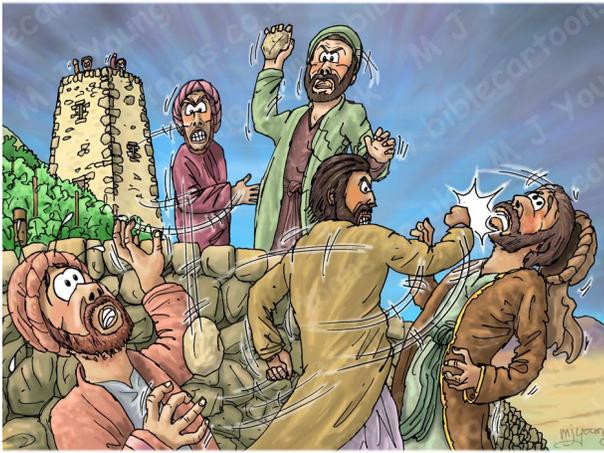
Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

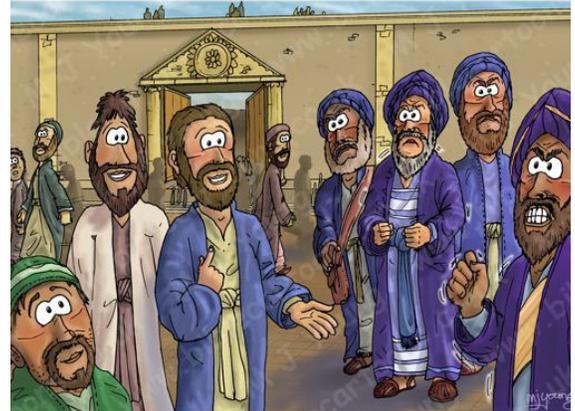
In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon *Isaiah 5:1-7*, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.



This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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CHILDREN'S CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

October 18, 2020

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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.

Parish Catechetical Program: Gr. K-6:

Just a reminder...

There will be NO SESSIONS on Thursday October 31st and November 7th

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Sunday November 1st, 2020 at the 10:15 AM Mass. Please join us, as CCD students honor them with a "Parade of Saints".

FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM:

For those who missed the orientation meeting for preparation of First Penance, please call the Religious Education Office @ 201-447-1776. Reminder: All children who intend to prepare for First Holy Communion must also be prepared for First Penance.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2021:

Just a reminder... Next session is Sunday, November 15th after the 10:15 Mass.

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 October 26, 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 memory of

George & Josephine Thompson

By: Dom & Annette Sblendoro

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:

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.



Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary



On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to

pray the Rosary throughout Europe. The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition.

Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate.

In 1883's Pope Leo XI echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (the "Sub Tuum Praesidium"), when he wrote, "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary."

"This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven," Pope Leo continued, "has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies." Foremost among such "attacks" was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history.

Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance to defend Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks on October 7, 1571.

Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces.

Pope Pius V understood the significance of the day's victory, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary.

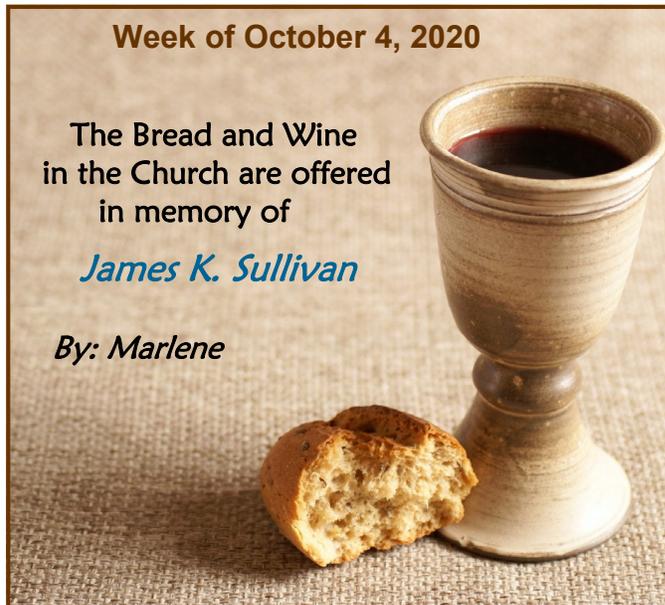
"Turkish victory at Lepanto would have been a catastrophe of the first magnitude for Christendom," wrote military historian John F. Guilmartin, Jr., "and Europe would have followed a historical trajectory strikingly different from that which obtained."

Week of October 4, 2020

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

James K. Sullivan

By: Marlene



The Church is OPEN

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

Nativity is now part of...

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 Look for Nativity 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
 (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 Elections and Voting

Would you like to save a child's life? On Election Day you will be given that chance. The candidates running for office have starkly different positions on the most fundamental issue: abortion.

Babies will live and die based on how you vote. The children are counting on you. Please do not let them down.

Las Elecciones y el Voto

Le gustaría salvar la vida de un niño? En el día de las Elecciones usted va a tener esa oportunidad. Los candidatos que se presentan para los puestos electivos tienen posiciones muy diferentes con respecto a una de las cuestiones más fundamentales: el aborto.

Hay bebés que van a vivir o morir según como usted vote. Los niños cuentan con usted, Por favor no les falle.



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 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.