

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

October 20, 2019

315 Prospect Street ♦ Midland Park ♦ NJ ♦ 07432

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Pastoral Staff

Rev. George Klybus, *Pastor*

Rev. Jason Mantich, *Parochial Vicar*

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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*

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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 Oct 19th 5:00PM	Dona Marion Rodda	Eileen & Don Rodda
	Norma Baker	Anne Pucciarelli
Sunday October 20th		
8:00 Mass	Robert P. O'Callahan James K. Sullivan	Marlene Nardone
	Barbara Korpics	Family
10:15 Mass	Vincenzo Veli	John & Rosalie Veli
12:00 Mass	Judith Webster	Fr. George
	Arlene Conlon	Andrew Gargano
Monday Oct 21st 12:10PM	Alice Ugwuozor	Michael & Evelyn Petteruti
Tuesday Oct 22nd 12:10PM	Suzanna Bardzell 4th Anniversary	Family
Wednesday Oct 23rd 12:10PM	Romanus Agu	Nativity Staff
Thursday Oct 24th 12:10PM	Carol Ann Frazza	Nativity Staff
Friday Oct 25th 12:10PM	Mary Drabiak & Roberta Choate	Family
Saturday Oct 26th 5:00PM	Charlotte Reynolds	Jackie & Tom Lynch
Sunday October 27th		
8:00 Mass	Rosella Murgia	Barbara & Chuck Mainenti
10:15 Mass	Salvatore Rovetto	Phyllis & Tony Veli
12:00 Mass	Jane Mathews	Joseph & Michelle Miscioscia

This Week At Nativity

**WEEK OF
October 21st**

Monday Oct 21	11:00AM OH - Nativity Prayer Chaplet 7:00PM MCG - Protecting God's Children Class 8:00PM - CHA Rosary Gathering
Tuesday Oct 22	11:00AM MCG - Legion of Mary 7:30PM CHU - Choir Practice
Wednesday Oct 23	1:00PM MCG - Scripture Meeting
Thursday Oct 24	
Friday Oct 25	11:00AM CHA - Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday Oct 26	OH - Saint Francis Closet Big Collection Day
Sunday Oct 27	9:00AM - CCD Classes

Sanctuary Light Memorials
Week of October 21, 2019

The Sanctuary Light in the Church is burning in celebration of
Phyllis & Tony Veli
50th Wedding Anniversary
By: Phyllis & Tony

The Sanctuary Light in the Chapel is burning in celebration of the
Gillespie Family
By: Audrey Gillespie

Please remember in your prayers the sick who have asked for our prayer
Terry DeSimone, Munir Azar, Debbie Diamantis, Andrew Ferrone

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased
Miguel Angel Martin, Rick Ocasek, Cokie Roberts, Paul Scillia, Jacques Chirac, Romaus Agu, Arlene Conlon, Margarita Hurtado, William DeLorenzo, Linda McGuire

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

Weekly Offering
 Oct 12 & 13

Weekly Church Offering \$6,257
Including On-Line Giving

*A Word
from the
Pastor*



*"The faith we profess is part of who we are and can't be hidden away."
(Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et spes)*



5 Steps for Being More Courageous at Work:

The more we are able to profess our faith, the easier it will be to carry out the actions of that faith. So here are five thoughts on how to overcome our fear of what others may think of us, be more courageous and go about setting a good example:

1. Show me that in the policy manual. I have heard many times that expressing our Catholic faith in the workplace is probably "against company policy." Have you actually seen a written policy addressing making the Sign of the Cross and praying at meals, praying quietly at your desk, going to Mass at lunch or wearing ashes on your forehead on Ash Wednesday? Let me challenge all of us to consider the possibility that much of our fear may be based on a false perception of possible persecution and not reality. Therefore, let's use our right to live our lives as faithfully as we possibly can. In doing so, we will not only find work more enjoyable, but we will inspire others to do the same.

2. Witness through personal example and be a light for Christ. Think about our own faith journeys, how we got to where we are, how we live it day by day with something new to look forward to when we head into work. Think about the example that we could set for others and the Christ-inspired joy we can radiate to those around us. Letting others see Jesus Christ at work in us is a powerful form of witness that will attract others who want what we have in our lives. We are always being observed by someone. Will our actions inspire them or disappoint them?

"You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:13-14, 16) Let's think about our actions and how they can inspire others to live as faithfully as we are attempting to do. Be careful, however, as we do not want our actions to be of a selfish nature. Love as Jesus teaches and others will follow.

3. Start the conversation with a little sharing of our own. Transparency invites transparency. We can't expect someone to open up to us unless we are willing to do the same. Our faith journey is a blessing, meant to be shared. The witness we give may have a profound influence on someone. As we read in (1 Peter 3:15-16): "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame." While we may be eager to share our faith with others, we are warned here to do so with care and with gentle love.

4. Reality Check: Pursuing heaven vs. being popular. Heaven is our ultimate destination and not this place called Earth. Will our critics help us get to heaven? Will they stand up for us during tough times? No, they will pull us into a secular way of life which has little room for God and where materialism and popularity are the fashionable idols of the day. Francis Fernandez wrote that overcoming human respect is part of the virtue of fortitude. He describes the challenges a Christian may endure as, "...rumors and calumnies, mockery, discrimination at work, the loss of economic opportunities or superficial friendships. In these uncomfortable circumstances it may be tempting to take the easy way out and 'give in.' By such means we could avoid rejection, misunderstanding and ridicule. We could become concerned at the thought of losing friends, of 'closing doors' which we will later be unable to re-open. This is the temptation to be influenced by human respect, hiding one's true identity and forsaking our commitment to live as disciples of Christ." Doing what is right is not always easy, but in the long run it is clearly the most beneficial. Why would we not choose heaven?

5. Be consistent and lead an Integrated Catholic Life. Do we take our faith with us to work, meals with friends, the kid's soccer games and neighborhood swim meets? Or, do we only practice our Catholic faith at Mass on Sunday? It is easy to conform to secular expectations, but difficult to publicly show our love of Jesus, live out the Beatitudes, evangelize and lead a fully integrated life.

I have always found inspiration on this topic from the wisdom of Pope St. John Paul II's apostolic exhortation, *Christifideles Laici*:

"The fundamental objective of the formation of the lay faithful is an ever-clearer discovery of one's vocation and the ever-greater willingness to live it so as to fulfill one's mission... The lay faithful, in fact, are called by God so that they, led by the spirit of the Gospel, might contribute to the sanctification of the world, as from within like leaven, by fulfilling their own particular duties. Thus, especially in this way of life, resplendent in faith, hope, and charity they manifest Christ to others."

We can't do this alone and we must pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In my own experience, this is a daily work in progress and it is never easy. But, we should all recognize that there are people looking at us to see our example. They want to learn from and be inspired by our courage, if we are only willing to take a stand for Christ.

I know this is difficult, but a sacrifice on our part is required. The sacrifice is simply to love Christ more than we love the opinions of those around us. Let's pray for one another and continue to ask Jesus for strength and the discernment to know and follow his will.

Tomorrow is a new day. Will we have the courage to be a light for Christ to those around us?

By Jim Berlucchi | November 2018

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



HOPE



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish Catechetical Program: Gr. K-6:

Just a reminder...

There will be **NO SESSIONS** on Thursday

October 31st and November 8th

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Sunday November 3rd, 2019 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 JOURNEY 2020:

Just a reminder... First session is today Sunday, October 20th after the 10:15 Mass

ATTENTION PRE-K MOMS

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, we offer 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.

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 neighboring parishes throughout Bergen County.

Please register online only visiting www.virtus.org.

Next workshop at Nativity is scheduled for:

Monday October 21, 2019 at the McGrath Room at 7:00 PM

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

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**

FR. EMMA AGU

cordially invites you to join him to
CELEBRATE MEMORIAL MASS FOR HIS DAD



**Church of
Our Lady of the Visitation on
Friday, October 25 at 7:00PM
234 N. Farview Ave., Paramus**

One Day Archdiocesan Pilgrimage

Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

In collaboration with St. Paul Church and St. Elizabeth Church

Saturday, October 26, 2019

7am — 9pm

Cost: No charge

LIMITED SEATING

First come, first serve

Includes: Lunch and Transportation



SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

Bus departs from St. Elizabeth's Church
Parking Lot in Wyckoff NJ at 7am

10:30am: Arrival (Cafeteria and Gift Shop will be open)

11:30am-1:00pm: Sacrament of Penance
(Memorial Hall—Lower Level—
Adjacent to the Crypt Church)

11:30am: Carillon Concert (Outdoors)

12:30pm: Organ Concert (Upper Church)

1:30pm: Procession of Parish Banners
Welcome by Shrine Staff

2:00pm: The Luminous Mysteries
of the Rosary

3:00pm: Mass with Cardinal Joseph W.
Tobin (Celebrant and Homilist)

5:30pm: Departure

RESERVE YOUR SEAT!

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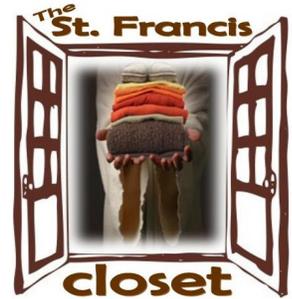
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Saint Elizabeth Church,
Wyckoff NJ



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE

St Francis Closet



Right now, we are looking for gently-used fall and winter clothing to be distributed to programs who serve men, women and children in need.

In addition due to the recent fire at Straight and Narrow (drug rehab facility run by Catholic Charities) we would like to ask for special items:

- Men's boxer shorts (New)
- Women's larger size panties (New)
- Girls sports bras size 5-14
- Large womens bras
- Men and Women sports socks
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers
- infant clothing size 0-2 yrs
- sippy cups
- Razors (men and women)
- hair brushes, combs
- wash cloths

Alcohol free items include: baby wipes, soaps, lotions, hand cream, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, dental mouthwash, shaving creams, deodorants

The BIG collection date is Saturday, October 26th
9:00am-1:00pm

The collection will be held in O'Connell Hall.

First Annual Town Hall on Life issues!

St. Paul Parish is excited to invite you – and those in your parish or organization This event will take place **Tuesday, October 29, 2019 @ 7:30pm in the St. Paul Academy Cafeteria** (187 Wyckoff Ave, Ramsey). Our featured guest is **New Jersey State Senator Gerald Cardinale** who is a defender of care of life issues in word and action.

Our dynamic and interactive event will cover current and pressing life issues facing our communities that need our awareness and involvement. Our planned agenda has been designed to cover a variety of topics, including but not limited to:

- How the NJ legislature works
- Current & Pressing Issues: Abortion, Physician assisted suicide, Proposed legislation, Homelessness, gun control, recreational drug use, immigration and more
- Audience Q&A/ Clergy Response

RSVP required as seating is limited.

RSVP: stpaultownhall@gmail.com

Academy of St. Paul - 187 Wyckoff Avenue Ramsey, NJ, 07446



Next Meeting

Friday, November 8th
after the 12:10 Mass

(Mass is in the Chapel)

The Luncheon is \$6.00

RSVP due by October 4th

nativityshepherds@yahoo.com

Don't forget your "All Packaged and Canned Soup" for the Love Fund!

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:

SAVE the DATE

Wedding Anniversary Mass and Dinner



November 16, 2019

Come together to celebrate the beauty of marriage.



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:



There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time