

Church of the Nativity



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Confession available at 4:15pm

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

Daily Mass in the Church
Monday-Saturday, 12:10pm

Sunday 10:15am and 12:10pm Daily Masses
are LIVE on Facebook & our website

A Stewardship Parish

November 1, 2020

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Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Remembering All Saints & All Souls

Eternal Rest grant unto them (him/her),
O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them (him/her).
May they (he/she) rest in peace. Amen.



MASS Intentions

Time	Mass Intention	Mass Requested By
Saturday	October 31st	
12:10PM	Ruth Kavanagh-Long	The Donaghy Family
5:00PM	Sr. Eleanor Dobson	Stan & Claire Laikowski
Sunday	November 1st	Feast of ALL SAINTS
8:00 Mass	Jack Komsa	Phil & Karen Fracassini
10:15 Mass	Wojciech Zak	Maria Gierlak & Agata Nowak
12:00 Mass	Grace Kelly	Christine Principe
Monday, Nov. 2nd	November 2nd	Feast of ALL SOULS
12:10PM	All The Departed Faithful	People of the Parish
Tuesday, Nov. 3rd	Rose Michaels	Mr. & Mrs. Griffin
12:10PM		
Wednesday Nov. 4th	For the protection of babies in their wombs and their Families	Mr. & Mrs. J. Griffin
12:10PM		
Thursday, Nov. 5th	Ages Stokkeby	Gail Okoniewski
12:10PM		
Friday, Nov. 6th	Pasquale DiFinizio <i>(11th Anniversary Dies Natalis)</i>	Joseph & Anna Caldiero
12:10PM	Patrick Caldiero <i>(36th Anniversary Dies Natalis)</i>	
Saturday	November 7th	
12:10PM	Mary Beth Lombardi	Bill & Liz Pollinger
5:00PM	Paul, Carin & Peter Cantilina	Fred & Pat Shaver
Sunday	November 8th	
8:00 Mass	Deceased Members of Rosary Society	Rosary Society
10:15 Mass	Albert & Ester Vierheilig <i>(59th Wedding Anniversary)</i>	The Vierheilig & Holst Familes
12:00 Mass	Vinda Feully	The Donnelly Family

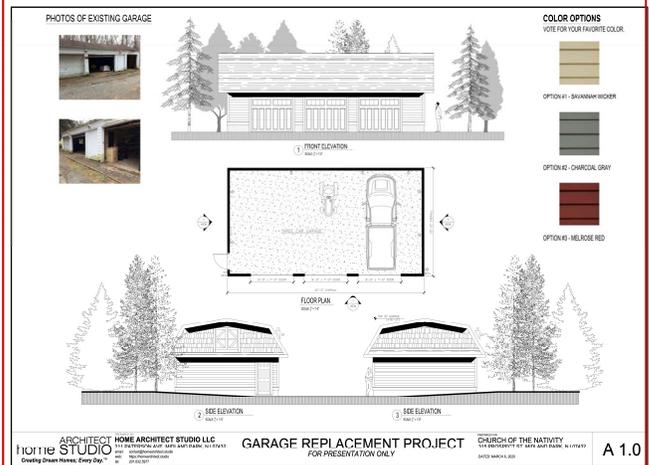


Pray the Rosary LIVE every Friday at 3:00PM on our website and Facebook.

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

Call the rectory and speak with Fr. Jason

The maintenance garage plans were submitted to the town



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

Thanks to everyone who donated food last week!



Please remember the sick who have asked for our prayer

Terry DeSimone, Begonia Ceron, Joseph Rigolio, Pat Keller, Pattie Hill, Marion LaFemmina,

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased

Vittoro Mollica, Carlo DeMaria, Pat Birrer, Mary Beth Lombardi, Kevin Jones,

*A Word
from the
Pastor*



All Saints' Day, Halloween and All Souls' Day: What's the difference?

Let's start with Halloween. We all know trick-or-treaters ask for candy door-to-door in costumes ranging from adorable to frightening, but the holiday does not have roots in either candy or costumes.

Long ago in Ireland and Britain, Christians would come together on All Hallows Eve to ask for God's blessing and protection from the evil in the world. The source of the modern celebrations stemmed from the donning of saintly and evil spirit costumes to act out the battle between good and evil.

According to dictionary.com, the word "Halloween" is a "direct derivation of All Saints Day" with "All Hallows" in Old English meaning "the feast of the saints."

"Halloween" has also been translated to "Eve of All Hallows," which was a holy day celebrating the day before All Saints Day, that Reverend Richard Donohoe, the vicar of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Birmingham, described as "a celebration of the communion of saints, those people we believe are in heaven, through good works and God's grace." All Saints' Day is celebrated the first day of November while All Souls' Day is celebrated November 2.

All Saints' Day is a day Catholics offer prayers to those in purgatory. Reverend Donohoe said, "All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are related, but they are two separate celebrations. On All Saints' Day there's a call to live as saints, to remind us how we're supposed to live. On All Souls' Day, we're talking about all souls and asking God's mercy for them.

"We're talking about those people who have died before us, and their process of getting to heaven, through Christ ... It has its roots all the way back to the fourth century." It is on this day that the Book of the Dead is opened to allow parishioners to write the names of relatives to be remembered.

Reverend Donohoe described that the book is "placed near the altar" and "That's done all through November. It's an All Souls' tradition..."

All Souls' Day is a commemoration of the faithfully departed and is observed primarily in the Catholic Church. Its origins date back to European folklore related to customs of veneration practiced worldwide through evens like the Mexican Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) or the Chinese Ghost Festival. To remember the departed, many cultures prepare meals for the souls of the dead, light candles or leave

flowers on relatives' graves and some anoint tombstones with holy water or pour milk over them.

All Souls' day is celebrated November second and if that day happens to fall on a Sunday, the Mass is of All Souls and Morning and Evening Prayer (Lauds and Vespers) for the Dead can be said while people participate.

Each celebration touches on cultural beliefs about the spirit world, honoring the dead and feasts, so when you celebrate Halloween this year remember to prepare for All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day as well.

All Saints' Day: This is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.



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CHILDREN'S CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

November 1, 2020

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are happy to announce that our classes are off to a wonderful start, thanks to the most generous efforts of our volunteer staff of catechists and parents. We are all happy to be able to share our faith with the young children of Nativity.

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.

This week the young children in our parish will begin to prepare for Sacramental Reconciliation with their families. CHAPTER # 1 "You Are Blessed", with the followings objectives: to demonstrate that we are blessed; to explain that First Reconciliation is one of many great moment in our journey with God and to teach how to be grateful and how to share our blessings with others.

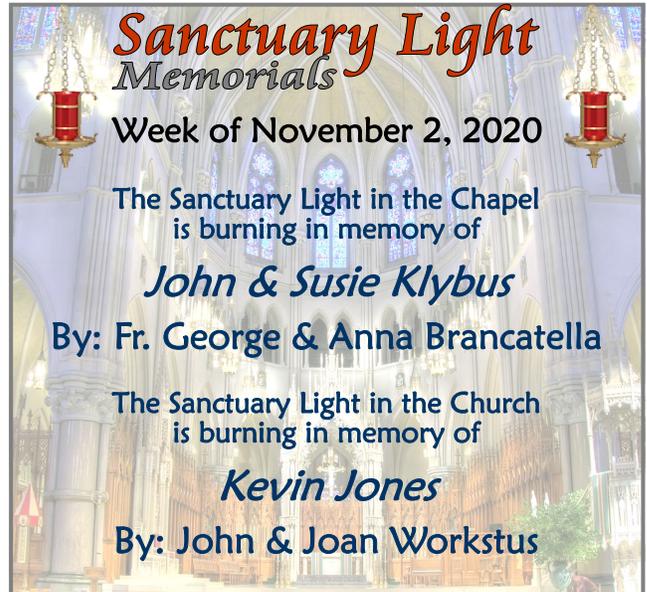
CONFIRMATION JOURNEY 2020

Rehearsal will be tomorrow Monday November 2nd at 7:30PM at the Church. Rehearsal will start promptly. Everyone must be on time. Sponsors are also asked to attend. If this is not possible, a parent should accompany the candidates for the practice. In the event the candidate cannot be present at the rehearsal, the Sponsor (if present) or parents must attend.

On Sunday November 8th at the 12:00 pm mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Bishop Michael A. Saporito, Regional Bishop for Bergen County – Archdiocese of Newark will be the celebrant.

Please continue to keep our young people in your prayers.

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



Week of November 2, 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

Kevin Jones

By: John & Joan Workstus

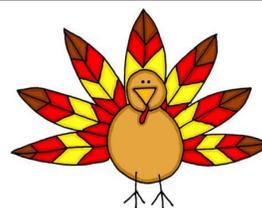
PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

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.



Feathers for Food

Reminder — the weekend of **Nov 7 & 8** please pick a Food "turkey feather" for our Thanksgiving Food Drive for our friends at the York Street Project.

Just grab a "turkey feather" and return the food product on it.

These foods will be given to the families at the York Street Project for Thanksgiving Dinners at home.

All food donations need to be back by next weekend, November 14th & 15th.

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



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All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.

In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time.

The Catholic practice celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the USA, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic.

In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Díe de los Inocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.

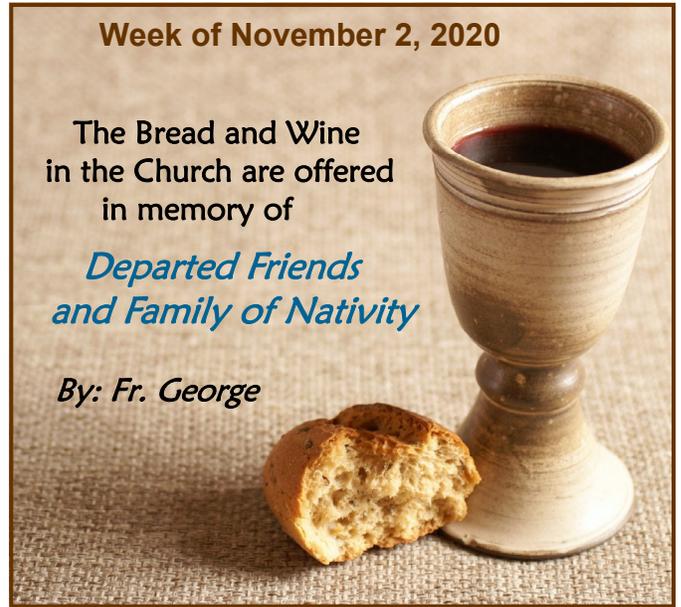
In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Week of November 2, 2020

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

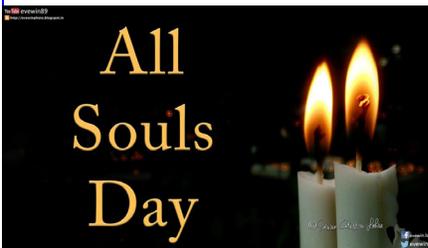
*Departed Friends
and Family of Nativity*

By: Fr. George



All Souls Day: Is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and other denominations of Christianity. The Anglican church is the largest protestant church to celebrate the holy day. Most protestant denominations do not recognize the holiday and disagree with the theology behind it.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go.



All
Souls
Day

Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary

reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."

Additional references are found in Zechariah, Sirach, and the Gospel of Matthew. Jewish tradition also reinforces this belief as well as the tradition and teaching of the Church, which has been affirmed throughout history.

Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

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

Our Little Victims Are Americans

Years ago, the Nazi regime in Germany committed terrible atrocities in the concentration camps, killing six million Jews and non-Jews.

Today in Africa there are terrible atrocities going on in Darfur by the leaders in Sudan, and over 70,000 people have been reported dead so far. And in 1994 a 'blood bath' in Rwanda. We are appalled by the genocides of the past and present in other countries. What about the terrible atrocities going on in abortion clinics? Why can't we wake up to the genocide of our unborn here in the United States? Our own government is guilty of the slaughter of over 62 million babies since Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion in 1973. We should hang our heads in shame! These 'victims' are helpless innocents and this 'slaughter' is far greater than all other atrocities combined and the little 'victims' are Americans.

If only we could surround the little unborn babies with our love and compassion and put an end to abortion, what a better world this would be.



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.