

# 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 8, 2020

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Olivia Morrison



Nicholas Minicucci

James McNaught

Katherine Roman

Logan Rutkowski

Priscilla Schmidt

Nicholas Sierra

Benen Sullivan

Kateri Sullivan

Emma Vreeland

Nicholas Wheaton

William Malcolm

# Confirmation 2020

*MASS Intentions*

Time	Mass Intention	Mass Requested By
<b>Saturday</b> November 7th		
12:10PM	<b>Mary Beth Lombardi</b>	Bill & Liz Pollinger
5:00PM	<b>Paul, Carin &amp; Peter Cantilina</b>	Fred & Pat Shaver
<b>Sunday</b> November 8th		
8:00 Mass	<b>Deceased Members of Rosary Society</b>	Rosary Society
10:15 Mass	<b>Albert &amp; Ester Vierheilig</b> <i>(59th Wedding Anniversary)</i>	The Vierheilig & Holst Families
12:00 Mass	<b>Vinda Feully</b>	The Donnelly Family
Monday, Nov. 9th 12:10PM	<b>Gregory Dembowski</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Griffin
Tuesday, Nov. 10th 12:10PM	<b>Thomas Feely</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Griffin
Wednesday, Nov. 11th 12:10PM	<b>Pamela Singer</b>	Mr. & Mrs. J. Griffin
Thursday, Nov. 12th 12:10PM	<b>John &amp; Susie Klybus</b>	The Klybus Family
Friday, Nov. 13th 12:10PM	<b>Kevin Jones</b>	Bill & Liz Pollinger
<b>Saturday</b> November 14th		
12:10PM	<b>Deceased Members of the Molloy Family</b>	Theresa McLaughlan
5:00PM	<b>Thomas McLaughlan</b>	McLaughlan Family
<b>Sunday</b> November 15th		
8:00 Mass	<b>Al Barcavage</b>	Ray & Barbara Cantwell
10:15 Mass	<b>Ernie Carradori</b>	The Carradori Family
12:00 Mass	<b>Robert &amp; Kathleen Scavone</b>	The Scavone 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**

PHOTOS OF EXISTING GARAGE

COLOR OPTIONS  
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE COLOR

OPTION #1 - SAVANNAH BEIGE

OPTION #2 - CHARCOAL GRAY

OPTION #3 - MERLOT RED

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GARAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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**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

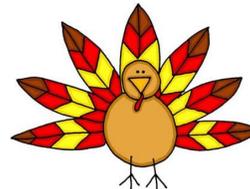
*Please remember the sick who have asked for our prayer*

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

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*Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased*

**Vittoro Mollica, Carlo DeMaria, Pat Birrer, Mary Beth Lombardi, Kevin Jones, Hilary Griffin, Brian Locking, Patricia Jordano, Patricia Hench,**



**Feathers for Food**

Reminder — **TODAY** 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.**

*A Word  
from the  
Pastor*



## Why is Confirmation important? What effect does it have on me?

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. Through Confirmation, our personal relationship with Christ is strengthened. We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

The Holy Spirit bestows seven gifts—wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord—to assist us in our mission and witness. The impact of these gifts accompanies us in the various stages of our spiritual development.

As the confirmed, we walk with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom enables us to see the world from God's viewpoint, which can help us come to grasp the purpose and plan of God. It grants us the long-range view of history, examining the present in the light of the past and the mystery of the future. It saves us from the illusion that the spirit of the times is our only guide. The Spirit's gift of knowledge directs us to a contemplation, or thoughtful reflection, of the mystery of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as well as of the mysteries of the Catholic faith. We are drawn to meditative prayer, where we allow God to lead us while we rest patiently in the divine presence.

The gift of understanding stimulates us to work on knowing ourselves as part of our growth in knowing God. It is what St. Augustine meant when he prayed, "That I may know You, may I know myself." When the Spirit pours fortitude or courage into our hearts, we can trust that we will be prepared to stand up for Christ and the Gospel when challenged. As the gift of counsel or right judgment grows in us, we can sense the quiet teaching that the Spirit gives us about our moral lives and the training of our consciences.



The gift of piety or reverence is an act of respect for the Father who created us, for Jesus who saved us, and for the Spirit who is sanctifying us. We learn reverence for God and people from our parents and others who train us in virtue. The Spirit fills us with this gift at liturgy, which is a masterful school of reverence, as well as through popular devotions and piety.

Finally, the gift of fear of the Lord or wonder and awe in God's presence can infuse honesty into our relationship with God, a frankness that places us in awe before the majesty of God. Yet the gift also imparts an attitude of grateful wonder that God loves us and that we can share in his life.

When we are responsive to the grace of Confirmation and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, we begin to bear the fruits of the Spirit. The tradition of the Church names twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity (cf. CCC, no. 1832; Gal 5:22).



**CHILDREN'S  
CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**

**November 8, 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 be presented with the second theme for Sacramental Reconciliation with their families. CHAPTER # 2 "The-Best-Version-Of-Yourself", with the following objectives: to demonstrate that we are always happier when we follow the Ten Commandments; to explain that God is always willing to give us another chance and a fresh start through Reconciliation and to teach that God wants us to become great decision makers.

**CONFIRMATION 2020 - A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

We would like to express our thanks:  
To the newly confirmed and to all who brought them to this moment their parents, sponsors, friends, group leaders, parish staff, Bishop Michael Saporito and of course the Lord, Who guides us in all we do.  
To the dedicated Sacramental Preparation Team: Mr. Glen Monturi, Mrs. Amy Schmidt and Mrs. Deirdre James Wheaton  
Our amazing guest speakers: Mrs. Betty Ann Agresta, Hon. James DeLuca, Mr. Glen Monturi, Mrs. Beth Szydlak, Mr. Dennis Bancroft, Mr. Roger Hughes, and. Rev. Jason Mantich.  
To the Religious Education Staff and volunteers for their efforts to make this day beautiful for our parish  
To the greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, to the Nativity Music ministry under the direction of Jim Chiappini; for their assistance in making this Liturgy so beautiful.

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



**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](http://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.



From the Rosary Society...

The Community Thrift Store is open for business and is accepting clothing and their usual fare.

Their hours are limited: Drop offs are Mondays only, 10 AM to 12 Noon. Shopping is Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM. They will be closed Wednesday and Friday.

**Please affix #18 to any donation**

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



## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

Sunday, November 8, 2020 **First Reading**  
*Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8*

Our souls are thirsting for God.

### Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

(shorter form: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

God will raise all those who have died.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the



Week of November 9, 2020

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

*John & Susie Klybus*

*By: Fr. George  
& Anna Brancatella*



bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man.

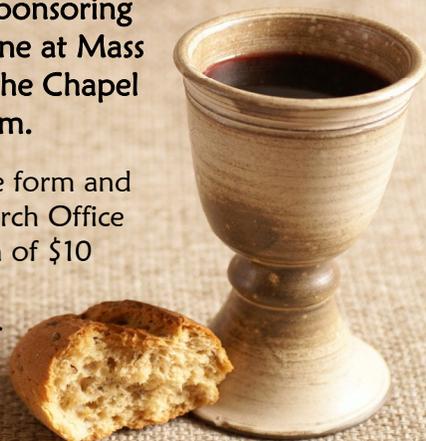


When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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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

### Lest We Forget

There was an interesting B.C. cartoon in the newspaper on May 5th. Two little men were talking - one said 'Show me an animal that eats its young' and the other man says 'and I'll show you an endangered species.' Think about it! We have allowed over 62 million babies to be murdered. We have lost approximately one third of our younger generation because of abortion. Why do you think there is a shortage of nurses, teachers, etc.?

Also, a May 5th article about a Holocaust survivor had some wonderful quotes by Mr. Steve Goebel from St. Ambrose University. He stated "...that human life is sacred. We remember the horrible suffering inflicted upon Holocaust victims...their families...to work for justice and to respect one another as children of God."



## 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)

Then why do we ignore the plight of the unborn? They suffer when they are aborted. Their mothers suffer anguish mentally, emotionally and physically. Our justice system does not show respect for these little ones. And yes, they, too, are children of God.

Abortion is a horrible holocaust - an on-going holocaust - one we need to put to an end. People say we should never forget the Holocaust. I say that we already have since it is happening every day. It's a Holocaust of the Little Innocents. We have forgotten our little ones.

Ruth Weber - Davenport Iowa

