

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**

November 15, 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.

**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 November 14th		
12:10PM	Deceased Members of the Molloy Family	Theresa McLaughlan
5:00PM	Thomas McLaughlan <i>(4th Ann. Dies Natalis)</i>	McLaughlan Family
Sunday November 15th		
8:00 Mass	Al Barcavage	Ray & Barbara Cantwell
10:15 Mass	Ernie Carradori	The Carradori Family
12:00 Mass	Robert & Kathleen Scavone	The Scavone Family
Monday, Nov. 16th 12:10PM	In gratitude for safety and healing	Diana Pallikaropoulos
Tuesday, Nov. 17th 12:10PM	Claire Kirnan	Pat Blaycock
Wednesday, Nov. 18th 12:10PM	Kai Moller	Mr. & Mrs. J. Griffin
Thursday, Nov. 19th 12:10PM	Joseph DiBlasi	Mr. & Mrs. J. Griffin
Friday, Nov. 20th 12:10PM	Kevin Jones & Mary Beth Lombardi	Hugh & Barbara Gallagher
Saturday November 21st		
12:10PM	Agnes Long <i>(Living Intention)</i>	The Donaghy Family
5:00PM	Mary Mollica	Vincent & Paula Mollica
Sunday November 22nd		
8:00 Mass	Patrick Mullery	Michael, Jill & Stephen Zitman
10:15 Mass	Donald C. Rick	The Pesce Family
12:00 Mass	Kenneth Neumann, Jr.	The Neumann & Brennan Families



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 - SAUVANAH WOOD

OPTION #2 - CHARCOAL GRAY

OPTION #3 - MELROSE RED

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GARAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
FOR PRESENTATION ONLY

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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



Feathers for Food
All food donations due back by **TODAY, November 15th.**

Thank you to all of our parishioners for helping feed our brothers and sisters!

Thanksgiving Food Drive
for our friends at the York Street Project.

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

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

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

A Word
from the
Pastor



3 Ways Technology Enables the Mission of the Church

Technology is a resource the church must wisely steward to accomplish the Great Commission. As we move forward with Nativity's *Projector and Technology Project*, we look forward to better communication and discipleship in Nativity's mission.

The technological-ification of the church is a huge issue, and every congregation and every pastor needs to take advantage of technology in order to enable the church's mission.

I believe technology is a resource that we can use for God's glory. Here's three ways technology enables the church's mission.

1. Technology Enables Communication

Through Facebook and Twitter or through a church blog, I can easily communicate directly with the people in my congregation, throughout the day and week.

For example, I have a full-time job with LifeWay, so I am able to pastor a church by preaching, meeting with the staff, and leading a small group in my home.

That's all I can physically do. But I can pastor my church all throughout the week through social media and digital technology.

Technology enables the congregation easily to have direct communication with me, and I can have communication with them on a broader and a clearer scale.

Ongoing communication through technology helps the mission of the church. In fact, as I told Leadership Journal only half-jokingly, pastors who aren't on Twitter need to repent.

2. Technology Enables Community

Technology allows a greater sense of community that doesn't demand proximity. Proximity isn't required for community.

For example, you can sit next to each other week after week and never talk. But through technology, people in our church are praying for each other thanks to our church Facebook page.

Sometimes they already know each other, but at other times they meet one another through Facebook.

Social media is where younger generations are interacting. It's the new marketplace. It may be unnatural for past generations, but it is how community for younger people is now started and developed.

Through social media, a new attendee can connect to other church members before he or she ever has a chance to meet at a church gathering or a small group.

Of course, true community requires feet and faces and not just electrons and avatars. But those electrons and avatars can be tools to bring people into closer community with feet and faces.

This is a big shift in how we interact, but we have to use it if we want to enable community for the sake of the mission of the church.

3. Technology Enables Discipleship

Our church has an app where people can actually access the sermon outline, and people use their phones or iPads to follow along and take notes. Technology enables members and attendees to enhance their discipleship experience at church.

During certain series, we have encouraged our people to tweet questions in the middle of services, and we try to answer them.

All of these are tools to enhance discipleship. Technology, though, is not the goal. The goal is to enable the church's mission to make disciples of all people groups.

Find the Benefits of Technology

There are unintended side effects of technology that are both de-personalizing and dehumanizing. But there are some wonderful benefits of technology that enable the mission of the church.

Use technology in your church to enable communication, community and discipleship.

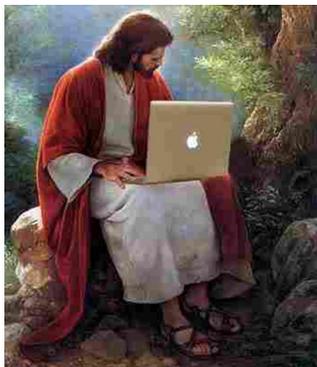
Ed Stetzer - November 2020 - christianitytoday.com



Donate Now!!

To help purchase the proper equipment!

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





**CHILDREN'S
CATECHETICAL MINISTRY**

November 15, 2020

**THIS SEMESTER, ARCHDIOCESAN REQUIRMENTS
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Religious Education Gr. K-6:

Just a reminder...
Please keep up with your work assigned online.

FIRST PENANCE PROGRAM:

This week the young children in our parish will be presented with Chapter # 3 "God Sent us Jesus to Save Us", with the followings objectives: to demonstrate that our story and Jesus' story are connected; to explain that God will go to unimaginable lengths to prove his love to us and to teach that Jesus invites us to share his happiness with us and we can share it with others.

Our First Gathering for First Reconciliation will take place on Sunday November 22nd, at 9:00 AM at the Church. With the help of their family, children will be given the chance to think about experiences they have had of showing they are sorry through their actions; to understand that being sorry for sin may require more than words. No matter what we have done to strain our relationship with God, he will forgive us if we are sorry. We ask the prayers of the parish community for these children and their families.



ADVENT SPECIAL!

FOR ALL HOMESCHOOLED CCD CHILDREN K – 6:

Advent is upon us... a time to celebrate and prepare for God's presence – once again.

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. Next workshops at Nativity are scheduled for:

Thursday November 19 @ 7:00 at the McGrath Room



From the Rosary Society...

The Rosary Society gathered to pray the rosary live online a couple weeks ago. It was fun and we hope they can continue to share the prayer.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

According to the tradition in the Eastern Church, when Mary was three years of age, Joachim and Anne took her to the Temple so that she might be consecrated to the service of the Lord. The legend says that they invited the young girls of the town to walk before her with lighted torches. As soon as they had reached the Temple, Mary, alone and unhesitatingly, went up the steps of the sanctuary where she was to remain, living in the contemplation of God and miraculously fed by the Archangel Gabriel, until the day she was espoused to Joseph, shortly before the Annunciation.

The theme of the feast is that Mary the Immaculate One, the Temple of the Living God, is offered to the Almighty in his holy house in Jerusalem. This day witnesses the bond between the Word and the Virgin predestined in eternity: this day is the fountainhead of all her privileges.

A more historical view is that the feast originates in Jerusalem in 543. In the Latin rite, it took many years for the feast to be widely accepted; it entered the Western calendar in 1585. Today, the feast celebrates the recognition of Mary as a temple in whom God dwells. In a very special way, the Blessed Virgin is herself a holy temple when she conceived the very Son of God in her immaculate womb, she became a true temple of the true God; when she cherished the word of God in her heart (see Luke 2:19, 51), loved Christ so ardently, and faithfully kept his word, the Son and the Father came to her and made their home with her, in accordance with the promise of the Lord (see John 14:23).

Pope Francis said that November 21 is the date upon which we celebrate Pro Orantibus Day marking the liturgical feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Temple.

The day is dedicated to those who belong to contemplative religious orders, and the Pope said It's a good opportunity to thank the Lord for the gift of so many people who, in monas-

Week of November 16, 2020

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

Kenneth Neumann, Jr.

*By: The Neumann
& Brennan Families*



teries and hermitages, dedicate themselves to God in prayer and silent work”.

“Let us give thanks to the Lord – he added for their testimonies of cloistered life and he urged the faithful to lend their spiritual and material support to these brothers and sisters of ours so that they can carry out their important mission”.

Richard Sontag: June 4th, 2020 (Salt and Light Media)



Almighty and ever living God,
Today we honor the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose hidden life brings light and warmth to the Church in every place. Her presentation in the temple at Jerusalem reveals her as a temple where God truly lives among us. May Mary's example give us the strength to radiate that light and warmth to the Church, and help us to be dwelling places of God's joyful presence on earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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

Saving Human Lives

This Article is in regard to a 1998 comic strip, B.C. Two little ants sitting on a rock by the ocean see the Statue of Liberty in the distance. One says, "That statue in the harbor-didn't it used to have a light?" The other one says, "Yes." The first one replies, "When did it go out?" Then the second one says, "1973."

The trial of Roe vs. Wade that made abortion legal was 1973. Not only did America's light go out but our heart and our conscience died that day also. We should hang our heads in shame for having allowed this atrocity to happen.

For a country to make legal the killing of our very own children - flesh and blood - is a country without morals, without pride, without conscience - a



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 _____

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country headed for its own destruction. We're not talking about saving whales, or eagles, or the spotted owls here. We're trying to save human lives. We as a nation have conditioned our minds with so-called "reasons" and "excuses" and "choices." They are just smoke screens to hide our sins behind. Let's call abortion what it really is -- murder -- a sin against God's Fifth Commandment. Our day of reckoning is coming.

Ruth Weber - Davenport Iowa

