

Resurrection of the Lord † April 12, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	April 13th
8:30 a.m.	Richard Wolff by Rosemary Forte
Tuesday	April 14th
8:30 a.m.	Pascarella Family by Michele & Neva
Wednesday	April 15th
8:30 a.m.	Theresa Morelli by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Engelbrecht
Thursday	April 16th
8:30 a.m.	Edward J. Sr. & Elizabeth & Rodger J. Sr. & Jr. Donnelly by Kathleen Donnelly
Friday	April 17th
8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Saturday	April 18th
4:00 p.m.	The Czerwinski Family by Mary Ann Kosc
Sunday	April 19th
	Divine Mercy Sunday
7:30 a.m.	Nicholas C. Frasco by Nick & Annamarie Simon
9:00 a.m.	Judy Caron by Margaret Green
11:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Przonek, Szkutnik & Colletti Families by Their Loving Families

Candle & Flower Offerings

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in loving memory of Frank J. Passalaqua by sister, Josephine La Grego



The collection amounts will be printed when Masses resume. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!



If any parishioner requested a Mass for Tuesday, October 6, 2020 please contact the church office. Thank you.

2019 Tax Exempt Statements

Any parishioner who would like to request a copy of their tax exempt statement, please either call Laura McIntyre at 609-371-0499 ext. 15 or email tech@nativitymonroe.org. Please be sure to provide your name, envelope number and mailing address. All forms will be mailed within 5 days of your request.



Daily Readings Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;
Jn 20:1-9 or
Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass,
Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

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Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."



An updated directive was received from the Diocese on March 22nd regarding the celebration of the Eucharist, funerals, baptisms and weddings and other related matters.

(to read the complete press release please visit our website at www.nativitymonroe.org)

Governor Philip Murphy signed an executive order which places further restrictions on residents of New Jersey. These restrictions have further impact on the operation of our parishes, offices, cemeteries and social ministries in the Diocese of Metuchen.

Livestreaming of Masses/Stations– Given Governor Murphy’s executive order – only the resident clergy and one technician may be present for any live-streamed Mass/Prayer Service.

Diocesan Operations – the SJNPC will remain closed to all non-essential personnel until further notice. The second floor will remain open to SPUH staff. Limited diocesan staff will have access to the first floor on an as need basis in part to support the vital services being provided by SPUH and the Diocese. Department heads and Secretaries should be in contact with your staff. Please note the building will be closed to the public and the dining room will remained closed until further notice.

Parish and School Operations – all parish and school offices are to be closed and parishioners/parents are to be informed that the office is closed.

Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms – public funeral Masses, weddings, baptisms and other gatherings are now prohibited by the Governor’s executive order.

Funerals - while a public memorial can be scheduled for a later date, the burial of the dead will need to occur before that date – our cemeteries will remain open subject to some changes of hours due to staffing concerns. A committal service should take place outside in the cemetery or outside of Mausoleum with the priest and must be limited to 10 persons. The pastor/priest will celebrate a private Mass without a congregation on the day of burial, if no public memorial is scheduled and/or if the family requests it, and the priest will inform the family that he has or will do so.

Weddings – all weddings are to be postponed. If you have questions about a specific wedding, please contact me at 908-399-0643 and leave a message with your contact information.

Baptisms – all baptisms are to be postponed except in the case of emergency. A reminder ALL HOLY WATER IS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE CHURCH.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Our Churches will remain open for private prayer. The faithful are encouraged to engage social distancing practices and disinfectant wipes should be provided for the person to wipe down their space where they were praying.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Triduum and Easter – instructions for the celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday will be issued by Decree of the Bishop in the near future.

Parish Operations and Finances – guidelines and suggestions about parish operations and parish finances will be issued in the near future through the Vicariate for Temporal Affairs.

Planning – while none of us knows how long these restrictions will be in place, it is very likely that they will be in effect for some time. It appears a miracle is needed and needed quickly to get us back in Church for Holy Week. You may want to begin preparations for postponing First Holy Communion and other events that are scheduled for April and at least the first half of May. One practical consideration may be to cancel your Easter Flower orders. Palms, if already ordered, can be blessed at your private Palm Sunday Mass and distributed after our people return to Church.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your question may well be the question of another pastor as well. This is a fluid and ever evolving situation which will require clarification and direction.

Again, Bishop is most grateful for your leadership and for the creativity that many of you are expressing in finding new ways to reach out to your parishioners and the faithful throughout the diocese. The Bishop considers the Diocese blessed because of your commitment and leadership in building up the Kingdom of God, even in such difficult and challenging times. You may be the only sign of hope for our people in these sad times as you bring them to our Lord and Savior!



HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them 'they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him.' So, Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.... Then the other disciple went in, and he saw and believed. For they did not understand the Scriptures that he had to rise from the dead."

We can search for the Lord as did Mary of Magdalena. We can run as did Peter and John, and find linen cloths and an empty tomb. Our search continues. We can reflect on our favorite post resurrection stories as recorded in the scriptures and share our belief and Easter joy.

More importantly, we need to look into our own hearts, renew our Easter faith and discover the presence of the Risen Lord in our hearts for the kingdom is near and is within you. May we mirror the joy of the first witnesses of the Risen Lord, as we live Easter every day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



CATECHIST
WANTED!
Looking for more catechists & assistants for the 2020-2021 religious education alternative model program. If interested please email reoa@nativitymonroe.org.

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Sgt. Cody Bonicky - Army

Jason Dunsavage - US Coastguard

2nd Lt Jenny Anselmo Forbes - US Army Intelligence

Major John Aiken, US Army

Sgt. Trevor Dulemba - US Army

Capt. Daniel Taubensat

MSG Geoffrey Marshall - US Army

John Pisapia - US Navy

Ryan Shelton, Capt. - US Army

Nicholas Palmer. US Army

Col. William Thomas Baden - Air Force

Lt. Christopher J. Freeland - US Navy

1st Lt. Steven Snyder - Air Force

Daniel Knowles - Coast Guard

Justin Joseph Laguna - Air Force Reserves

Michael Ernst - Air Force Reserves

Lt. Yvonne Zirrith - US Navy

Capt. Bradley James Tobasco - Air Force

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Diaz - Air Force

We would like to pray for family members of those in our parish who are in the military. Please submit on names to admin@nativitymonroe.org.

POPES MONTHLY REFLECTION

In our world and our Church, many of our brothers and sisters struggle with addictions. Indeed, almost half of Americans report having a family member or close friend who has struggled with drug addiction, and one in seven report suffering from substance addictions themselves. Today, the internet also provides an avenue for addictive behavior, including to internet use itself, to electronic devices, and to pornography. The latter is especially prevalent and known to have devastating effects on personal relationships. Which family has not experienced something of addiction's difficulties?

Whatever factors push a person toward addiction, as a result relationships are sure to suffer: one's relationship with God, with family, with friends. Addiction can be a tremendously isolating experience. As a Church, as persons bound together to one another through our common love of God, we recognize and pray that individuals struggling with addiction not only have their needs met through appropriate professional help, but also that their relationships with God and others be strengthened and healed.

We celebrate in our Christian faith that Jesus has set us free from sin and death; such is Jesus' greatest victory and His gift to us. In Baptism each of us is made a sharer in this mystery and is washed clean of sin and illumined with the light of God's grace. Yet, we struggle to live according to the "glorious freedom of the children of God" (Rm 8:21), and this gift typically becomes actualized only progressively in our lives. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer from addiction, that they may be both helped and accompanied by healing relationships along the road of recovery, in order to enjoy in authentic depth their dignity as God's image.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and world-wide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us. O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Nativity of Our Lord Knights of Columbus #14658

3rd Annual Memorial Golf Outing
Monday July 13, 2020
at: Rossmoor Golf Course
1 Forsgate Drive Monroe, NJ 08831
Putting green and Driving Range
This outing is open to all

Cost: \$140 per Golfer, this includes Registration and Continental Breakfast at 8 am, Golf at 9 am, frankfurter with drinks at the turn and a buffet Lunch to follow with beer, wine & beverages.

Lunch Guests only: **\$50.**

Prizes: Closet to the Pin and Longest Drive, etc... both men & women.

**You do not need a foursome to play
The format will be a scramble event
Tricky Tray**

For additional information please contact:
Tony Cardello: 917-282-6818 or pepperhouse1@aol.com

Benefits Charities such as: Make-A-Wish, Life Choices Research Center, Wounded Warrior Project, St. Vincent DePaul, American Lung Assoc., Nativity of Our Lord, etc...

Please fill out the form below, place it in an envelope marked "KOC" and drop it off in the KOC mailbox located in the parish office. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus #14658.

Deadline: July 6th

Golfer Registration

First _____ Last _____

Phone _____ Check # _____

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Our next trip to Atlantic City is **canceled** to the Tropicana Casino.

MINISTRIES

St. Vincent De Paul Society: If you are experiencing financial hardship due to a temporary loss of employment, illness, or disability, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to provide assistance for your everyday needs such as food, utility assistance, or agency referrals. Please dial the parish number 609-371-0499, then press 8, and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. **All calls are handled in strict confidence.**

Food Pantry: After all you have given, just be your usual generous selves. We thank you. Please remember, to kindly drop off food donations directly at the Monroe Senior Center at the reception desk, Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:40pm. May we continue to serve our brothers and sisters for the sake of Christ.

Prayer Shawl: Our next meeting will be postponed till further notice. Join us as we create shawls for the sick and homebound members of the parish (and beyond!) New members are always welcome. Questions? Call Liz Coulston at 732-561-4139.

Fair Trade: Postponed till further notice. Fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate is available in Fr Congdon Hall during the week. Call Maryanne Sheerin at 609-937-4963 with any questions or requests. Thank you for your continued support of fair trade.

Caring Meals: The Caring Meals group delivers soup year-round to our homebound parishioners and provides short-term help to parishioners who are recuperating from an illness or hospital stay with deliveries of home-cooked meals. If you like to cook or know of someone who could benefit from either of these two services, please call Maryanne Sheerin at 609-937-4963.

Helping Hands: Do you need a helping hand with minor tasks around the house? There are parishioners who are willing to help in these situations. Please contact Esther Wolff by phone at 732-521-6019.

Rosary Group: Please join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:50 a.m. to recite the Holy Rosary **in our church**. Please respect this space since the Eucharist is present in the tabernacle. **Postponed till further notice.**



ONE HOPE WINE TASTING EVENT

Please join us in Father Congdon Hall on **Sunday, May 17th at 2:00pm**, as One Hope Wines brings the taste of Napa Valley to Nativity of Our Lord! As part of our wine tasting, we will be fundraising for a good cause. All proceeds from purchases made that day will be donated to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Foundation for Esophageal Cancer Research. For more information and to register for this free event, call or email Susan Beers at 732-547-3038 or at sbeers@comcast.net. **Space is limited and deadline for registering is 5/3.**

NAMING AND MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Updated as of April 12, 2020

During our Parish's renovation, we will be offering a few opportunities for our parishioners to purchase a liturgical item for memorial. A brochure has been sent to each family with all the details. We will be updating the sold list on our website and Facebook page. Please call the office with any questions. Thank you for all your continued support.

Naming Opportunity	Price		Price
NARTHEX		STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Star of Bethlehem Stained Glass Window	\$100,000	1. Jesus is condemned to death	\$5,000
WINDOWS: above main entrance doors (3)		2. Jesus carries His cross	SOLD
Left Etched Glass Pane- Angel	\$25,000	3. Jesus falls the first time	\$5,000
Center Etched Glass Pane- Welcoming Sign	\$25,000	4. Jesus meets His Mother Mary	SOLD
Right Etched Glass Pane- Angel	\$25,000	5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross	SOLD
Etched Doors: main entrance (2)	\$15,000 each	6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus	SOLD
SANCTUARY		7. Jesus falls for the second time	SOLD
Reredos	\$50,000	8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem	\$5,000
Altar	SOLD	9. Jesus falls for the third time	\$5,000
Presider's Chair	\$10,000	10. Jesus is stripped of His clothes	SOLD
Ambo	SOLD	11. Jesus is Nailed to the cross	SOLD
Baptismal Font	SOLD	12. Jesus dies on the cross	SOLD
Altar Candles (2)	2 SOLD	13. Jesus is taken down from the cross	SOLD
Cantor's Lectern	\$5,000	14. Jesus is placed in the tomb	SOLD
SEATING AND PEWS		LITURGICAL ITEMS	
Choir Seating (30) \$1,000 each	27 SOLD	Ambry	SOLD
STAINED GLASS - JOYFUL MYSTERIES		Holy Water Fonts (2) \$3,000 each	2 SOLD
The Annunciation	SOLD		
The Visitation	\$10,000		
The Nativity of Our Lord	SOLD		
The Presentation	\$10,000		
Finding Jesus in the Temple	\$10,000		
STAINED GLASS—GLORIOUS MYSTERIES			
The Resurrection of Jesus	\$10,000		
The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven	SOLD		
The Holy Spirit comes upon Mary and the Apostles	SOLD		
The Assumption of Mary	SOLD		
Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth	SOLD		