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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM (*Vigil*)

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Holydays: 7:00 PM (*Vigil*) & 9:00 AM

Weekdays: Monday: 8:30 AM – *Novena before Mass*

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 AM

*Morning Prayer (before Mass): Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 AM*

First Friday: 8:30 AM on the first Friday of each month

*Adoration, after Mass until 10:00 AM*

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30 PM, or by appointment.

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 Noon. (Not during Lent) Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation class before the celebration. This class is offered on the third Wednesday of each month. Call the Parish Office for required pre-registration.

## RCIA

Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Office for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which begins in September, and runs through the following Easter season.

## MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating this Sacrament must contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance. All couples planning marriage must attend Pre-Cana classes or Engaged Encounter.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND AGED

We are anxious to assist anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us due to illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office to make those arrangements.

## HOLY ORDERS

If God is calling you to become a priest, deacon or religious, please call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at 732.562.1900, ext. 1700.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM  
The office will be closed on Fridays.

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time † November 1, 2020

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b> Vito & Anna Stallone by Vita Maria Guida
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Poor Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Martin de Porres, Religious</b> Lilian Cardin by daughter, Barbara
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b> Hulda Smith by David Nachman
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov. 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Ernestina Hadman by The Hadman Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov. 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Purgatorial Society</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Marie Bayerlein by Margaret Green
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Christine Romanelli by Joe & Marie Barracato
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Alice Mosure Robert & Theresa Dowling

### Candle Offerings

*The Sanctuary candle is offered in loving memory of Marguerite & Charles Finn by Ann Finn. The candle before the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered in loving memory of Michael Rainsford by his wife, Mary Frances.*

*The flowers before the Blessed Virgin Mary are offered In Thanksgiving by Fred & Theresa Del Santo.*

The collection amount for the weekend of Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> was \$8,183 and All Souls was \$1,285. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!



### Daily Readings Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

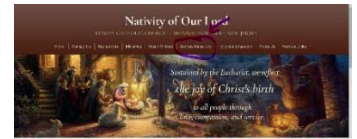
#### All Saints

**Sunday-** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
**Monday** - Any readings from no. 668 or from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016  
**Tuesday** - Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24  
**Wednesday** - Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33  
**Thursday** - Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10  
**First Friday** - Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8  
**First Saturday** - Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Nativity of our Lord now offers **online giving**. Our location of the Online Giving is located to a more visible spot on our homepage. Church donations can be made through the link on our website. Thank you for the continue support of the parish!!!



**Live Streaming Mass:** Every Sunday at 10:00am will be lived streamed. **To access the Mass, you can go directly to our website**



**(nativitymonroe.org) and click on the Sunday Live Mass link on the top of the page.** Parishioners may still continue to access live and archived Masses through our Facebook page (Nativity of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church).

### Attention Parishioners

We are happy to let you know that as our Sunday masses continue to increase in attendance we have added an 8:00 AM Mass. We hope this will provide an opportunity for more parishioners to attend Mass. Perhaps some of you who are going to the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday evening or the Sunday Mass at 10:00AM and would like to come to the 8:00AM. This would allow people to attend a Mass of their choice. Looking forward to seeing some new faces in the future.



## A MESSAGE FROM DEACON JOHN SHELTON

Dear Parish Family,

Today we honor our saints whom we admire and look to as examples of our faith. We may focus on one or a couple of saints that stand out to us perhaps because there is something about their lives or person that we can especially relate to. Others of us may pray to a saint because they are the patron of something dear to us, or in hopes they can intercede with the Lord on our behalf with a special need we have.

The reality of saints, and something we often forget, is that each of them was a normal human being just like we are. They did not have or lead perfect lives, as we might like to think. They had their moments of doubt, anger, frustration and yes even sinful behavior. Yet they managed to overcome these negatives in their lives. All of us have the same issues in our lives and we too are 'sinners working to become saints'. What they did succeed in doing was becoming better than they once were and isn't that what we are all trying to do?

The important message for us is that if we look at all those whom we as models of Christian faith, none of them had pure or perfect lives – they were all imperfect humans.

We also may think that because the church officially recognizes them that they are somehow closer to God than we are and perhaps that he holds them in great favor but in fact, you and I are just as close to Him! Each of us are his creations and all equal in his eyes.

The beatitudes heard in today's gospel are a roadmap on our path to personal holiness and entry into the kingdom of God. While they appear daunting, perhaps unreachable, they are not. No, we will not likely master all of them but that is not our goal. The saints did not master them either. Our purpose is to understand them and let them be a guide to our daily lives that we frequently use to assess our lives, our behavior and our motivations.

It is important that we take this time to celebrate and acknowledge the place the saints have in our faith and in our lives. Pray for them, pray to them and thank them for setting examples for us to follow, to help us reach our potential, so that we too may join them one day in the place that God has prepared for all of us.

In Peace,  
Deacon John

## FATHER ED'S HEALTH UPDATE

A message from Maureen (Father Ed's Sister)

As of last week my brother is now restricted to a hospital bed downstairs in the TV room. He has lost the use of both legs and cannot walk. He no longer has any movement from the waist down and has intermittent problems with the use of his left hand/arm. We are blessed to have a nurses' aide come Monday-Friday as well as his hospice nurse who comes 3 days a week. My brother is extremely tired and sleeps often. Thank you for all of your prayers and continue support.



On Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM, we will celebrate a Mass of Commemoration for the faithful departed of our parish. All those who have lost a loved one this past year are cordially invited to attend this liturgy. The members of our present Bereavement Group will place a "Loving Memorial Candle" and photo of their loved one around the altar. If you too, would like to place a candle in the sanctuary of the church for your loved one, we have some candles available. Cost is \$10.00. Kindly call Sr. Marie Colette at 609-371-0499 at extension 16 to request a candle.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### NOVEMBER

**Grades 3-7** - Remote monthly obligations will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Please check your paperwork to make sure you attend on the correct day.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Town Hall (in the church hall) will be held on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm with ministry leader of SYG. Please remember to wear face covering at all times while in the building.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – Reconciliation Retreat (Remote) – November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – 7:30pm. Please remember to pick up your bags **BEFORE** the retreat begins.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Lifenet – 6:00pm – 7:15pm (remote)

The parish Thanksgiving Food drive begins today.



Please remember to drop off your donation assigned to your child's grade downstairs in the church hall. Drop off deadline is November 13<sup>th</sup>.



**Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this time moment receive You

sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**MINISTRIES**

**St. Vincent DePaul** - 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, rent, 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.**



**Thanksgiving Food Collection**

The St. Vincent DePaul Society together with the Companions of Pauline will be preparing Thanksgiving Food Baskets for approximately 20 families this year. We will be collecting food and frozen turkeys for these baskets. Canned corn, canned green beans, stuffing mix and canned cranberry sauce would be very much appreciated. Food can be brought to church before weekend Masses or during office hours from now until November 18, 2020. We will be collecting frozen turkeys the weekend of November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Gift cards to supermarkets are also always welcome. More details to follow, as always, thank you for your generosity!

**Giving Tree:** This year our Parish is again providing Christmas Gifts to many needy families in our local area, our Diocese and in Jersey City as well as homebound senior citizens and nursing home residents through our giving tree program. If you are interested in adopting a family or a child for Christmas this year, please contact **Linda Schilling at LMS652@gmail.com or 609-203-2129** for more information.

**Respect Life** - The Gift of Years - By Joan Chittister

- "Joy" can be attained in our later years if we know how to adjust our emphasis on life. Gone are the deadlines, schedules, and stressful responsibilities. Retirement should be approached with eager anticipation, not dread. Make a conscious decision to live with Joy. Long life is part of God's will for us. Joy should be a part of our new-found freedom. Find the meaning of your new life. Pursue something new. Take pleasure in little things, as long as you feel the Joy.

**Pre Cana** - In light of COVID-19 restrictions, our sessions will be canceled this year. However, the Diocese will be running a combined, virtual session of Pre Cana and the required "God's Plan" session, on the same date, **Saturday, November 14, 2020.** Couples interested in our session will have a great alternative.

**Grave Blanket Sales**



**Orders and payment due no later than November 8<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be picked up on November 28<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> outside in the front of**

**church – right side as you face the church. Your name will be attached to your blanket.**

It's time for our annual Grave Blanket Sale. This year our beautifully decorated grave blankets will be designed by Pops Farm Market. Proceeds from the sale will promote the work of their ministries. Please clip out the form below and leave in office in envelope labeled "**Grave Blanket**". Make checks out to "*Nativity of Our Lord*." Thank you for your support!



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- 2nd Lt Jenny Anselmo Forbes - US Army Intelligence*
- Major John Aiken, US Army*
- Capt. Daniel Taubensat*
- MSG Geoffrey Marshall - US Army*
- John Pisapia – US Navy*
- Nicholas Palmer. US Army*
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**Christmas Wreath Sale**

**Orders and payment due no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>. Orders can be picked up on December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> outside in the front of the church – right side as you face the church.** Your name will be attached to your wreath.

It's time for our annual Christmas wreath sale designed this year by Pops Farm Market. The wreaths are 24 inch with a Christmas Red bow. Pick-up will on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> **ONLY**. Parishioners who cannot make the pick-up dates must call Linda Fernicola at 609-439-8947 to schedule special arrangements. Please clip out the form below and leave in church office. Make checks out to "Nativity of Our Lord". Thank you for your support! Questions – call Linda Fernicola @ 609-439-8947.



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**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**All Saints Day**

*"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11*

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

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**11/4 – Sacred Soundings – Life in Communion with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Saints: Sister Marie Pauline Demek, SCC.** The Book of Wisdom speaks of passing into holy souls and making them “friends of God and prophets.” (Wis. 7:27) This symbol will be explored using a variety of Church documents, theological writings, and creative ideas. Everyone enjoys hearing about the saints and the beloved of God! Recent saints canonized and recognized by the Church include a variety of people. This presentation hopes to introduce the audience to some new “friends of God and prophets.”

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**2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal  
Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action**

Thank you to all who have so generously given to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal! Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support initiatives, services and the spiritual needs of all, among them, the work of Catholic Charities and the needs of those impacted by COVID-19. Through prayer and reflection, please consider a sacrificial gift to this year’s appeal and give to the best of your means. With many people impacted by COVID-19, it is important to bring people the opportunity to grow closer to Christ and see the work of God in their midst. All funds raised through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal are used to support the ministries and programs of the Diocese of Metuchen. There is still an opportunity to participate by responding to the most recent mailing or by making an online pledge at <https://diometuchen.org/ways-to-give>.

**All Souls Day Prayer**

Merciful Father,

On this day, we are called to remember those who have died, particularly those who have died in the past year, and pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving Creator. As Your Son taught us to call the stranger neighbor, our fallen are many—

Names we will never know,  
Voices we have never heard,  
In lands we may never visit,  
Yet brothers and sisters all.  
And so we pray.

For victims of war, caught in the crossfires of conflicts we could not quell,  
for soldiers and civilians,  
adults and children, we pray ...  
*Grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

For those migrants who have died seeking a haven where they hoped to find safety and opportunity for themselves and for their families, we pray ...  
*Grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

For victims of hunger, denied their share in the bounty you have placed before us, we pray ...  
*Grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

For victims of AIDS, Malaria, Ebola, Covid 19 and other infectious diseases,  
who died before adequate care could reach them, we pray ...  
*Grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

For those refugees seeking asylum from war,  
who died in a land that was not their home, we pray ...  
*Grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

For victims of emergencies and calamities everywhere,  
who died amid chaos and confusion, we pray ...  
*Grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

Lord, as you command, we reach out to the fallen. We call on you on behalf of those we could not reach this year. You raised your son from the dead that all may share in his joyful resurrection. In Jesus' name, we pray ...

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,  
Et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace.*

Amen

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