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Nativity of Our Lord
Monroe Township, New Jersey

4th Sunday of Easter – May 11, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday May 12th

Easter Weekday; St. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

8:30 a.m.

Justine and Joseph Russo by Georgena and John Russo

Tuesday May 13th

Easter Weekday; Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 a.m.

Nicholas Profaci by Wilson and Marie Gonzalez

Wednesday May 14th

St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30 a.m.

Anthony Falletta by Jean Falletta and Family

Thursday May 15th

Easter Weekday; St. Isidore

8:30 a.m.

Anthony Mustillo by The Mustillo Family

Friday May 16th

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m.

Michael, Lucy and Peter DeCarlo by John and Angela Pezzullo

Saturday May 17th

Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m.

Sean Dougherty by Anne Cheryl Dougherty

Sunday May 18th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m.

Richard Esch by Geraldine Siano

9:00 a.m.

Frank Svoboda by JoAnn Svoboda

11:00 a.m.

Eileen and William DeMillio by Jim and Raquel DeMillio

CANDLE OFFERING

Sanctuary: Tommaso & Rosalia Tassiello by Margherita & Joe Caccavo

BVM: Lorraine Bond by Patricia Pentangelo

St Joseph: John Cagnoni by Joseph and Theresa Atanasio

Padre Pio: John Orlando by Irene Orlando



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



Remembering in Prayer

Kindly contact the office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, having surgery or in need of pastoral care. We would like to remember them in our prayers and care for their spiritual needs.

The Collections for the Weekend of

May 4 - \$14,469

Mother’s Day - \$3,033

Catholic Relief - \$2,275

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Spiritual 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 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.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

“Jesus said: ‘My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand’ “All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread.”

Traditionally, the fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday, as the gospel always focuses on Jesus who shepherds us, leading us to eternal life. He has instructed us, stating that ‘eternal life is this, to know the Father and the Son whom He has sent.’ That knowledge is not something reserved for the head, but a knowledge which flows from the heart as well. We are told only eighteen inches separate the head from the heart.

As I live the Easter season, I wish to pursue this life, that Jesus by His dying and rising gained for me. As the word of God continues to spread today, I am called to bring this message to others. ‘Do I hear His voice speaking to me today?’

‘Jesus lives.’



SPRING CLEANING CLOTHING DRIVE

Join the Filipino-American Society of Nativity Church on **Saturday, May 17, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**. We'll be gathering at the Nativity Church Parking Lot for a **Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive**.

Your generous donations will benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center in Camden, NJ. It's the perfect opportunity to declutter your wardrobe and make a positive impact in our community.

Simply drop off the clothes you no longer need and we'll take care of the rest.



Parish Calendar

May 11 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to 11:30am Cl#1 & 11
May 12 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
May 13 (Tue)	Bereavement Ministry 6:00pm-7:30pm RR
	Prayer Shawl- 1:30pm Hall
May 14 (Wed)	St. VdeP Mtg. 9:00AM -10:00AM Cl#11
	W.O.N. Meeting 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Hall
May 15 (Thu)	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church
	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study- Hall 9:00 am-11:30am & 7pm-9pm
May 17 (Sat)	Fil-Am Spring Clothing Drive 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Church Parking
May 18 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to 11:30am Cl#1 & 11
May 19 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
May 20 (Tue)	Bereavement Ministry 6:00pm-7:30pm RR
	Healing Mass 11:00 am Church
	Healing Mass Luncheon 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm Hall
May 21 (Wed)	Calendar Meeting 11:30am - 1:30pm Hall
May 22 (Thu)	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church
	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study- Hall 9:00 am-11:30am & 7pm-9pm
May 25 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to 11:30am Cl#1 & 11
May 26 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
	Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed

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 aid with your everyday needs such as food, utility assistance, or agency referrals. Please dial the parish number 609-371-0499, then press 4, and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. All calls are handled in strict confidence.

Homebound Ministries - Eucharist Ministers bring communion to the homes of those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or other circumstances. Please call **Marge Nadolny** at **609-409-6164** or email **margen21@comcast.net**.

Helping Hands: We help parishioners with small household tasks such as changing smoke detector batteries, lightbulbs, opening & closing vents, etc. If you need assistance, please call Esther Wolff at 732-521-6019 for more information.



Initiation Ministry



Jesus said: My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. This is the promise given to the Baptized who truly do follow the Good Shepherd. But there are so many lost sheep out there! So many who don't know about this Shepherd or His promise. Tell them. Invite them to Church – and to seek membership to the flock. For information about Initiation Ministry contact **JoLynn Krempecki, jolynnkrempecki@msn.com** or **732-690-2610**.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are selling Calendars after all Masses in the Resurrection room on the following dates: the weekends of **May 17th and 18th, and May 24th and 25th**.

Each Calendar costs **\$20.00**, and you can win between \$75.00 and \$300.00 each day during June, July, and August, that's 91 chances.

All proceeds support various charities.

We appreciate your support. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

Nativity of Our Lord Church
invites all men to its Annual Retreat!

Theme: **HOPE** Date: **July 18th - 20th**

Location: **San Alfonso Retreat House**

755 Ocean Avenue

Long Branch, NJ 07740

More details to follow!



PENTECOST CELEBRATION

All are invited to an International Potluck Pentecost Celebration on **Saturday June 7, 2025 in Fr. Congdon Hall at 5:00 pm**.

We are asking you to bring a dish from your culture or a family favorite to share. Items may either be homemade or purchased. Please bring all hot food in a disposable 9 x 13 pan with an index card with your name and description of the dish.

Fill out the form below and put in the box in the narthex marked "Pentecost". There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex listing the different categories of food. Write your name and the dish you are bringing in the appropriate category by **June 1**. Any questions please contact **Donna Maguire** at **732-690-2019** or **Lucy Bertrand** at **732-404-7244**.

PENTECOST POTLUCK INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

THE DISH I AM BRINGING:

RETURN BY JUNE 1, 2025.



Nativity of Our Lord

Council No. 14658, Monroe Twp., NJ

6th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Monday, July 14th, 2025

At: Rossmoor Golf Course

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Cost: **\$150** Per Golfer, this includes coffee and Bagels at 8 AM, Golf 9 AM

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Dinner Guests only: **\$50**

Prizes: Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive, etc.

You do not need a foursome to play.

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Tony Cardello: (917) 282-6818 or pepperhouse@aol.com

Benefits Charities Such as: Hospital, Life Choices Research Center, Wounded Project, St. Vincent DePaul, American Lung Association, Send a Hero Home, etc.



First Communicants 2025

Abuid Campbell, Mia

Abuid Campbell, Valeria

Adams, Blake

Allen, Sara

Balson, Donovan

Benigno, Dominick

Bird, Avery

Bloomfield, Bryce

Byrne, Carissa

Christhuraj, Meryl

D'Argenio, George

Manfre, Joseph

Marek, Leila

McConvey, Olivia

McDaniel, Leonard

Metz, Alexis

Nagy, Dante

O'Donnell, Dominic

Rathnasekara, Dulithi

Rosario, Cameron

Roth, Emma

Rothey, Juliana

Sellitto, Santino

Stalter, Michael

Steadman, Emma

Tay, Anthony

Thomason, Emmie

Torre, Sydney

Walsh, Scarlett

Wood, Emma



Healing Mass at the Nativity

The Companions of Pauline will host a **Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 11:00 AM.** Everyone is invited to attend and everyone will be anointed. The Companions will serve a light lunch immediately following mass. If

you plan to attend, please fill out the form below. Also, please indicate on the form if you will be attending the light lunch. Please leave the form in the Narthex box no later than **Thursday, May 15 for lunch, by Monday May 19 for mass only.**

Questions? Please call **Carol** at **609-642-6381.**

Healing Mass

Name: (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Phone# : _____

I will attend mass only: _____ Respond by May 19

I will attend mass and lunch _____ Respond by May 15





*Mothers hold our hands for a little while...
but they hold our hearts forever!*



All-loving God,
we give you thanks for
mothers young and old.
We pray for all mothers of
every kind. Those who
have loved us and helped
shape us with
motherly care and
compassion.
We remember mothers,
grandmothers and
great-grandmothers
who are no longer with us,
but whose love
is in our memory forever.
Amen



*Community Service Opportunity
for Nativity's Youth, Ages 12 -18!*

Community Dinner in Partnership with

St. Peters in Freehold, NJ

Friday, June 27, 2025, 4:30 – 7:30

St. Peters hosts a community dinner for those in need twice monthly. On Friday, June 27, Nativity will partner with St. Peters and host the dinner. Volunteers, ages 12–18, are needed with serving the dinner and cleaning up. This is a great opportunity for community service credits for National Honors Society or for those making their Confirmation in Spring 2026.... If interested, please register using the below QR Code. Questions can be sent to CRLCESQ@gmail.com. RSVP by June 15th.



Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Feminine Genius Brunch

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Come join us for a Jubilee Celebration of Women and discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing. Guest speaker, Lisa Cotter's, topic will be "Reveal the Gift". The morning includes fellowship, music, hot brunch, prayer and reflection. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information and/or to register please visit www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity or call 732-562-1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

Jubilee 2025!

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a pilgrimage to the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 20** in celebration of Jubilee 2025. Please join Bishop Checchio and hundreds of other parishioners this fall as we travel to Washington, DC, to celebrate the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of Our Lord.

Also, for those who are unable to travel to Washington, DC, for the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please know that Bishop Checchio, in accordance with the directives of the Holy See, has designated the following sites as sacred places in the Diocese of Metuchen where the faithful may obtain a Jubilee indulgence:

- **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen**
- **Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan**
- **National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington**
- **National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick**

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