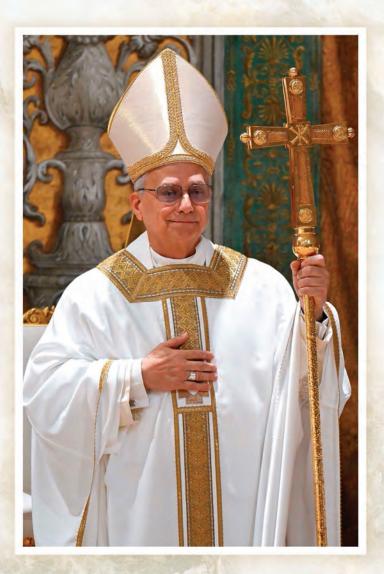
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Nativity of Our Lord Monroe Township, New Jersey

5th Sunday of Easter - May 18, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday May 19th

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Carlotta and Margaret Pernice by Mary

Englert

Tuesday May 20th

Easter Weekday; St. Bernardine of

Siena, Priest

8:30 a.m. Harry Dowling by Dowling Family

Wednesday May 21st

Easter Weekday; St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions,

8:30 a.m. Martyrs

People of the Parish

Thursday May 22nd

Easter Weekday; St. Rita of Cascia,

Religious

8:30 a.m. Estelle Mazzola by Patti & Bob

Nemeth

Friday May 23rd

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Ann Pecoraro by Daughter Margo

Saturday May 24th

Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. The Abatiello & The Toscano Families

by Annette & Tommy

Sunday May 25th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Judith Apgar by Sheryl Nawoj &

Family

9:00 a.m. John Brady & Edward Enes Sr. by

Emely Cook

11:00 a.m. Anita Dobrovich by Debbie & Kevin

Carrico

The Collections for the Weekend of

May 11 - \$ 16,533

Development of the People - \$2,139

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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.

CANDLE OFFERING

Sanctuary: James Nicoletti by Lynn Nicoletti **BVM:** Helen Cerrachio by Donna Maguire

St Joseph: Peter Marino by Jane & Deacon Bob Gatto

St. Jude: Marilyn Finneran by Patrick Finneran

FLOWER OFFERING

BVM: May Hogerhuis by Chris, Joan & Rosemary



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a,

34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday; Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus' love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

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

"After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news in that city they returned... to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, 'It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.' They appointed elders for them in each church, and with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith."

The book of Acts offers us a glimpse of the early church, its growth, the missionary journeys of Paul and his companions. Cities and towns not familiar to us today readily accepted their teaching, under the influence of the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit is calling believers today to go, teach and make disciples but we are slow to respond.

We lament the loss of family and friends who have given up the faith. We allow non-Christian practices to dominate the scene as far as morality and lifestyles are concerned. The sad thing is not what has led others away, but that we have not been the Paul and Barnabas for them. Who needs to be strengthened in my circle of friends? Who is waiting to be invited to come or return to our flock? I know someone... Speak up. Speak out.



A Prayer for the Pope

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V/ Let us pray for the Pope. R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies. V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant. R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed. Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...

*Taken for EWTN

	Parish Calendar			
May 18 (Sun)	· ·			
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			
<i>(")</i>	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study- Hall 9:00 am-11:30am & 7pm-9pm			
May 25 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to11:30am Cl#1 & 11			
May 26 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR			
	Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed			
May 27 (Tue)	Bereavement Ministry 6:00pm-7:30pm RR			
	Prayer Shawl 1:30pm Hall			
May 28 (Wed)	Baptismal Prep 7:00 pm RR			
May 29 (Thu)	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church			
	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study- Hall 9:00 am-11:30am & 7pm-9pm			
May 31 (Sat)	SYG 2:00 pm Hall			
Jun 1 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to11:30am Cl#1 & 11			
Jun 2 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR			
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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.

<u>Homebound Ministries</u> - 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 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



Today's reading from the book of Revelation makes a promise full of hope and joy: Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away. The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

This is good news for all believers. We know that Jesus is Emanuel – God with us – the one who dwelt with us in the flesh and who continues to be with us in the Church. We believe He continues to renew the world through the Church. Good news, indeed! Hope is a precious thing. Consider sharing with someone who needs it, the story of God who offers us hope through membership in the Catholic Church. 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.

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

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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.

<u>Healing Ma</u>	<u>ss</u>
Name: (PLEASE PRINT)	
Phone# :	
I will attend mass only:	Respond by May 19
I will attend mass and lunch	_Respond by May 15



Confirmandi 2025

Shreya John Angappan *Justin Francis April* Gabriel Sebastian Artz Olivia Chiara Banker Max Bartholomew Budrewicz Caroline **Anne** Cerniglia Kenneth Columbanus Christensen Sheryl Cecilia Christhuraj Elena Maria Del Valle Anthony Michael DelPrete Ashley Chiara Deutchman Christiano **Anthony** Duarte Ruhitha Catherine Gajulapalli Cameron Sebastian Genito* Desmond Sebastian Gil Lucas Sebastian Gruszka* Evalina Martin Guzikowski Alex Alexader Jordan Victoria Juliana Latilla Daniella Rose Lisi Cara Gianna Lombardi Dyamara Anne Lopez Francesca Angelina Marchese Breylin Luigi Masters Leah Carolina Matias Katelyn Catherine Miguel Alexander Sebastian Momirovic* Nicholas Mark Nogueras Manuel Luke Perez* Alexander Michael Petersen* Sophia Joan Riker Gregory Michael Rosta Iohn Sebastian Rupinski Manuel Sebastian Soares Nicolas Sebastian Stofan* Clemens Bernard Ziobro*

*Holy Trinity Church





Fr. Dileepa Jayamaha OMI Mazenod College, 519/16, Jayanthi Mawatha, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka 2025.05.07

Dear Sandra Buttons,

Greetings from Mazenod College!

I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of everyone at Mazenod College, Anuradhapura, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of USD 140 towards the education of our students.

Your kindness and support mean a great deal to us. We will begin offering Holy Masses for the souls starting next Monday, and I have included the specific dates on which the Masses will be celebrated.

A sincere thank you dear Fr. Nalaka, Sandra, and the entire Nativity Parish community for your unwavering generosity. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your families in our daily Masses.

May God bless you abundantly for your compassionate heart and continued support.

With warm regards,

Fr. Dileepa Jayamaha OMI The Rector / Director





No.	Offering Masses for the Souls of	Requested by	Mass offering date
01	Julianna & Aleixo Cavallo	Jeanette Mendes	12th May, 2025
02	Jeanette Mendes	Judi Monahan	13 th May, 2025
03 Mary Lourdes Everson		Ann & Jim Mahamna	14 th May, 2025
04	Sylvia Velilla	Marilyn Segarra	15 th May, 2025
05	Thomas Kearns	Pat Ray	16 th May, 2025
06	Felisa Lipat	Connie Mendoza	17 th May, 2025
07	Hugh Tatham	Karl Tatham Family	19 th May, 2025
08	Thomas & Carole Tatham	Karl Tatham Family	20 th May, 2025
09	Lorraine Tatham	Karl Tatham Family	21st May, 2025
10	Charles Tatham	Karl Tatham Family	22 nd May, 2025
11	Chuck & Judy Pesce	Pay Ray	23 rd May, 2025
12	Prisco Ronqurillo	Lourdes Javier Rivero	24th May, 2025
13	For the repose of the souls of George Bonnett and Bonnett Family	Robert Kubic	26 th May, 2025
14	Virginia Gulielmone	Robert Kubic	27th May, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Retreat

When: August 22, 23, and 24

Where: Sisters of St. Joseph Center

for Spirituality Ocan Grove, NJ

Theme: Abiding in Love - The Tale

of Two Marys





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 June15th.





An Invitation to <u>Catholic Adults Seeking</u> Confirmation

If you are a baptized Catholic who has received First Communion but has not yet been Confirmed, we are happy to offer you the opportunity - after a suitable period of prayerful preparation and instruction - to receive Confirmation in the Fall of 2025. Before attending preparation sessions for Confirmation, an individual interview is required. If you have been thinking about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation (and have ALREADY received Baptism and Eucharist), please contact JoLynn Krempecki at jolynnkrempecki@msn.com or at 732-690-2610 by June 6, 2025. We thank you for allowing us to be on this JOURNEY with you!

"The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace... By the sacrament of Confirmation (the baptized) are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." CCC, 1285/LG, 11.

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