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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Holydays: 7:00 PM (Vigil) & 9:00 AM Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM

Morning Prayer Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00 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 after the 11:00 AM Mass. 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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Office for more information about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

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 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM. The office will be closed on Fridays.

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 6, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday July 7th Weekday

8:30 a.m. Isabella and Nicola Allegretta by Carmela and Allessandro Farinola

Tuesday July 8th Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mario and Mildred Ripatranzone by Wanda Ripatranzone

Wednesday July 9th

Weekday; St. Augustine Zhao Rong,

8:30 a.m. Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Bridget Ward by Kevin & Maria Rutter

Thursday July 10th Weekday

8:30 a.m. Christine Timchak by Joann Sauchelli

Friday July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot

8:30 a.m. Placido Tan by Tan Family

Saturday July 12th

Weekday

4:00 p.m. Judy Seifried by Her friends at RCC

Sunday July 13th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Marion and Deborah Daly by Daly

Family

9:00 a.m. Michael Abano by Abano Family

11:00 a.m. Arthur Plutzer by wife, Anne and family

The Collections for the Weekend of June 26 will be announced next week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

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

BVM: Mary & Joseph Gidaro by Joseph Gidaro **St. Joseph:** Mary & Joseph Gidaro by Joseph Gidaro



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26 **Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7 **Thursday**: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

""He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few..." LUKE 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

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

"At that time Jesus appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said, 'the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold I am sending you like lambs among wolves."

As I read the gospel passage, I realize that the seventy-two were not sufficient to complete the mission. It was only the beginning. We might think a missionary is one who joins a group and is sent to bring the good news of Jesus to another region or country. That is a limited understanding of the role of a catholic. Because of my baptism my name is added to the seventy-two, as I am commissioned to go on mission. Why? The harvest is ready but as long as I just sit on the sidelines and watch, I am allowing the wolves to devour the sheep. Are you ready to be recommissioned. Pope Saint John Paul II told us 'the mission of Christ the redeemer which He entrusted to His church is far from completion.'



Grief Education Series being offered:

The Journey of Life... Its Transitions and Challenges

The Bereavement Ministry is offering a seven-week grief education series that will focus on any and all loses with connections to the spiritual journey and a heavy accent on the spiritual approach. Losses may include job loss, estrangement, relocation, financial loss, empty nest syndrome, and more. Each session will include a short presentation, questions, scripture considerations, personal reflection and prayer in different forms.

These one-hour sessions will be presented by trained grief counselors and Nativity parishioners.

Sessions will be held on **consecutive Tuesday evenings** at 6:00 p.m. beginning on July 8. Come Journey with Us On the Road to Emmaus! (Luke 24:13-35).

For more information and to register contact: **MaryAnn Sullivan at 609-233-2768**. Space is limited. Registration required by Monday, July 7.

Parish Calendar			
Jul 6 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to11:30am Cl#1, 5&6		
Jul 7 (Mon)	K of C Meeting 6:15 pm Hall		
	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR		
Jul 8 (Tue)	Grief Education 6:00 pm RR		
Jul 10 (Thu)	Adult Faith Formation 9:30 am - 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Hall		
Jul 12 (Sat)	Initiation Ministry- Adult Confirmation Prep 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm TBD		
Jul 13 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to11:30am Cl#1, 5&6		
Jul 14 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR		
Jul 15 (Tue)	Grief Education 6:00 pm RR		
Jul 16 (Wed)	Baptism Prep 7:00 pm RR		
Jul 17 (Thu)	Hospitality Breakfast 9:00 am		
Jul 18 (Fri)	Men's Retreat		
Jul 19 (Sat)	Men's Retreat		
	Initiation Ministry- Adult Confirmation Prep 5:00 pm—6:30 pm TBD		
Jul 20 (Sun)	Men's Retreat		
	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 9:00 am to11:30am Cl#1, 5&6		
Jul 21 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR		
Jul 22 (Tue)	Grief Education 6:00 pm RR		
Jul 25 (Fri)	St. VdeP—Backpack Collection—Box at Narthex		
Jul 26 (Sat)	St. VdeP—Backpack Collection—Box at Narthex		
	Initiation Ministry- Adult Confirmation Prep 5:00 pm—6:30 pm TBD		

Initiation Ministry



At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs. He gave them instructions about where to go, how to go and what to do when they got there. He tells us the same thing. The message He gave them - and us - to share is: The Kingdom of God is at hand for you. Some won't accept the message. It doesn't matter. We are charged with a mission – to witness to Jesus – to the Kingdom of God in our midst. And to stick together while we're doing it. Great advice, but the whole thing takes a bit of courage. Let's go out and invite others in...For information about the Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) in this parish, contact JoLynn Krempecki at 732-690-2610 (jolynnkrempecki@msn.com).

St. Vincent DePaul

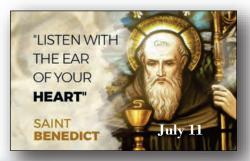
Food Pantry: Summer is here and children will be home from school. We need to restock our food pantry for increased demand. We would appreciate donations of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken and macaroni & cheese. Please leave your donations in the bin through the double doors on your left as you enter church. Thank you for your generosity.

Surviving Divorce

For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM beginning October 1 – November 19, 2025 at



the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. For more information or to register contact **Rachelle Hanna** at **rachelle.hanna@gmail.com**.







Knights of Columbus CALENDAR RAFFLE Winning Numbers

	Week of June 29
Sunday	562
Monday	514
Tuesday	874
Wednesday	647
Thursday	392
Friday	328
Saturday	173

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.



<u>Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding</u> <u>Anniversary Celebration</u>

You are cordially invited to celebrate your **25th**, **50th**, **50+ or 5th Wedding Anniversary** with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, **October 19**, **2025 at 3:00 PM**. The Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the **Family Life Office at 732-562-1543** or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 10, 2025.

Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations may be made online at https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration or calling 732-562-1543.

Mass Offerings with dates

Religious Order of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka

Name	Requested by	Date
Edward Harbeck	Lorraine & Don Cassano	June 23, 2025
Edward Harbeck	Kathleen, Jason & Nora Dean	June 24, 2025
MacKaylann Zeron	Carman Medina	June 25, 2025
Cindy Duntley	Carman Medina	June 26, 2025
Charles Batista	Carman Medina	June 27, 2025
Catherine Busceti	Elaine Fourman	June 28, 2025
Salvatore Gambino	Marilyn Callahan	June 30, 2025
Catherine Busceti	Annette Bruno	JuJy 1, 2025
Catherine Busceti	Bill & Cathy Lenahan	July 2, 2025
David O'Hanlon	Armstrong Family	July 3, 2025
Catherine Busceti	Marilyn Rohrbach	July 4, 2025
Arlene Giovinazzo	Marge Nardony	July 5, 2025
Bonnie B. Tummino	Rolland & Lorraine Jopling	July 7, 2025
Zeljka Hrornin	Dinka Hromin	July 8, 2025
Zeljka Hrornin	Albert, Ka ren, Stephanie & Ava Hromin	July 9, 2025

"Your kindness and support mean a great deal to us. We will begin offering Holy Masses for the souls and I have included the specific dates on which the Masses to be celebrated . A sincere thank you to the entire Nativity Parish community for your generosity." – Father Dileepa, Rector, Mazenod College, Sri Lanka



SAVE THE DATE

Women's Retreat

When: August 22, 23, and 24

Where: Sisters of St. Joseph Center for Spirituality

Ocean Grove, NJ

Theme: Abiding in Love - The Tale of Two Marys Registration Forms Available in the Narthex

Men's Retreat

Nativity of Our Lord RC Church invites you to join us for a transformative men's retreat themed:

BE NOT AFRAID: THE JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN HOPE

This powerful Retreat is an invitation to step away from the noise of our daily life and walk together in faith, courage and brotherhood. Through prayer, reflection and honest conversation, we'll explore how Christ calls us to live with hope even in the face of fear and uncertainty. Come be renewed, strengthened and reminded that we are never alone on this journey.

Where: San Alfonso Retreat Home

755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740

When: Friday, July 18th – Sunday, July 20th 2025

Cost: \$175 per person



Led by the Retreat Team at the San Alfonso Retreat House. San Alfonso is a Redemptorist Spiritual Center situated on nine acres along New Jersey's coastline. The weekend consists of several conferences, discussions, opportunities for consultation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, reflection, rest and prayer.

Registration Form

Name: Address:	
Contact Number:	
Email Address:	
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Name of Contact:	
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Special Dietary No	
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Registration Deadline is Sunday, July 12th, 2025. Kindly return this registration form to admin@nativitymonroe.org or you can drop it off in the Parish Office. All checks should be made payable to Nativity of Our Lord Church.

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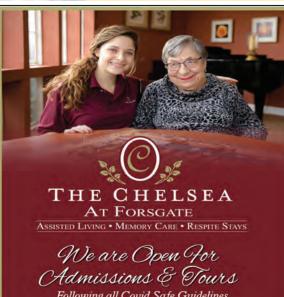
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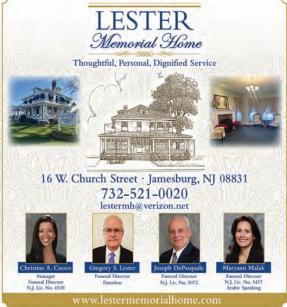
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