

JULY 13, 2025



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Mission Statement:
Sustained by the Eucharist, we reflect the joy of Christ's birth to all people
through love, compassion and service.

185 APPLGARTH ROAD, MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ 08831-5961

Phone: 609.371.0499

www.nativitymonroe.org

Pastor:

Rev. Nalaka Silva — Ext. 11
pastor@nativitymonroe.org

Deacon:

Robert Gatto — Ext. 18
deacon@nativitymonroe.org

Deacon:

John Shelton — Ext. 19
deacon2@nativitymonroe.org

Deacon:

John Bertrand
deacon3@nativitymonroe.org

Parish Secretary:

Sandra Buttons — Ext. 10
admin@nativitymonroe.org

Youth Minister:

youth@nativitymonroe.org

Music Ministry:

Catherine Naughton
music@nativitymonroe.org

Parish Accountant:

Christine Colletti Dranchak — Ext. 13
finance@nativitymonroe.org

Office Assistant:

Laura McIntyre — Ext. 15
tech@nativitymonroe.org

Director of Religious Education:

Tara Vigar
609.371.2518
reoa@nativitymonroe.org

Building Manager:

Bill Tronolone — Ext. 10

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-Canas 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.

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – July 13, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:30 a.m. Nancy and Joseph Ito by Lorraine and Lenny Edson

Tuesday July 15th

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Nicholas Profaci by Wilson and Marie Gonzalez

Wednesday July 16th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Anthony Santowasso by Marilyn Rohrbach

Thursday July 17th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Michael Abano by Abano Family

Friday July 18th

Weekday; St. Camilus de Lellis, Priest

8:30 a.m. Matthew Melnick by Louise Striano

Saturday July 19th

Weekday

4:00 p.m. Matthew Bucca by Bill & Loretta Tronolone

Sunday July 20th

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Bruno Betro by Blythe Family

9:00 a.m. Robert Waring by Lorraine & Don Cassano

11:00 a.m. Ryan York by Karen York

The Collections for the Weekend of

June 26 - \$16,444

July 6 - \$14,153

Peter Pence - \$2,458

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: Grace Celenza by Josephine & Robert Celenza

BVM: Christine Timchak by Nancy Stone

St. Jude: In Thanksgiving by Parishioner

Sacred Heart: In Thanksgiving by Parishioner



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” LUKE 10:37

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

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

“There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, ‘Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘What is written in the law? How do you read it?’...If only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in the book of the law, when you return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul...it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts, you have only to carry it out.”

At one time people knew the commandments by heart, as Moses provided ten. Jesus helped us, by making them as two - love of God and neighbor. They can be reduced to the positive word ‘respect.’ Some telephone apps provide quizzes on geography, math or other tests like the scholar of the law. At one time people knew them by memory. Today many would not pass the quiz. What are the ten, two, or where is the respect they call for in my life?

In the gospel of Luke, the parable of the good Samaritan provides the answer for us to carry out and inherit the gift of eternal life, now and in the future. ‘To know the Father and the Son whom he has sent.’

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Nativity's office hours will change for the month of **July**. The office will be open **9am-1pm Monday through Thursday**.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Come and register! Registration is the official way of joining the parish. It is a commitment to the community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish. It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, such as scheduling sacraments, obtaining a Sponsor/Godparent Certificate and Letter of Eligibility and contribution statements for your tax return preparation.

Registration is as simple as submitting a completed registration form. You can stop by the parish office or email admin@nativitymonroe.org to get the registration form or you can also visit our website: <https://www.nativitymonroe.org>.

Parish Calendar

Jul 13 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to 11:30am 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 to 11:30am 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
Jul 27 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 9:00 am to 11:30am Cl#1, 5&6
	St. VdeP—Backpack Collection—Box at Narthex
Jul 28 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
	St. VdeP—Backpack Collection—Box at Narthex



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.

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.

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



Nativity of Our Lord wishes to
welcome our newly Baptized:

Blake Anne Brotherton

Baptized July 6th

Initiation Ministry



Today we hear the wonderful story about the Good Samaritan. We often use that term “Good Samaritan” without giving much thought to what it meant at the time of Christ. A Samaritan was the least likely person to befriend a Jew – and was seldom thought of as “good”. He was an outsider and was even considered an enemy. Jesus points to a Good Samaritan – one who overcame fear, prejudice and ethnic animosity - to help a person in need. He tells us to do likewise. Today we’re asked to look in the mirror to see if there is a Good Samaritan looking back at us. One of the kindest things we can do for another person is to introduce him to Jesus. That takes some courage. Do you have that kind of courage? Can you reach out to a person who might be hurting and bring them to the One who can truly heal them? This week, invite one person to explore discipleship to Jesus through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). For information about the OCIA in this parish, contact **JoLynn Krempecki** at **732-690-2610** (jolynnkrempecki@msn.com).

Knights of Columbus Scholarship winners

The Brothers of the Knights of Columbus Nativity of Our Lord Council 14658 are pleased to award **Edidiong Udom, Davina Gerald Raj, Marvin Noel, and Alyssa Mustillo** the \$500.00 scholarship in recognition of their outstanding commitment during their high school years.

We hope this scholarship helps them in a small way as they begin their higher education journey. More importantly, it shows that their hard work has made them more than ready to succeed in college, as they strive to make a real difference in the ever-changing world we live in.

Again, congratulations to these four outstanding students.

Yours truly, GK William Tronolone

**Community Dinner at
St. Peter's Church, Freehold**

On June 27, Nativity hosted the community dinner provided two times monthly at Saint Peter's Church in Freehold New Jersey. The dinner serves those in need in the surrounding community. Both youth and adult volunteers from Nativity came together to buy the food, prep the food, serve it and clean up after the dinner. It was a very gratifying community service experience for all involved. Thank you to all who signed up!



2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in
Faith, Hope and Charity**

STATUS AS OF 6/27/2025

Goal: \$88,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$112,861.92

Amount Received: \$104,502.66

Over/(Under) Goal: (Based on Amt Rec'd): \$16,502.66

Percent of Goal Pledged: 128.25%

Percent of Goal Received: 118.75%

Average Gift Amount: \$285.00

Number of Donors: 396

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



NATIVITY of OUR LORD SENIOR YOUTH MINISTRY

*Nativity of Our Lord is excited to
introduce our Senior Youth Ministry!*

*A space for our teenagers with a heart
full of enthusiasm, it's time for us to
show up for our lovely community!*

**contact Omega Romano-Tanner at
youth@nativitymonroe.org**

ACTIVITIES

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

SOCIAL EVENTS



Knights of Columbus

CALENDAR RAFFLE Winning Numbers

Week of July 6	
Sunday	920
Monday	407
Tuesday	941
Wednesday	200
Thursday	482
Friday	684
Saturday	092

Catholic Etiquette

When attending Mass it is proper to do the following:

- Dress modestly and appropriately before the Lord.
- Arrive to Mass on time.
- Make the sign of the cross with holy water upon entering the Church.
- Men and boys, kindly remove hats or caps before the Lord.
- Genuflect facing the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle before entering your pew or altar. If unable to genuflect, a heartfelt bow is acceptable.
- Please turn off (or to vibrate) all cell phones prior to entering the Church.
- Please be “prayerfully silent”. Refrain from unnecessary talking as it distracts others who are intently praying and reflecting.
- Join in the singing, and sing your praises to the Lord. Give Him thanks.
- Listen to the readings as God speaks to you directly through His words.
- Remove gum, candy, food etc. prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- Catholics, receive Holy Communion with reverence. You may receive on the tongue or in your hand. If you choose to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, please be sure your hands are clean and your right hand is under your left hand. Consume immediately. Please do a reverent head bow before receiving Holy Communion.
- Please exit the church after the final song and after the celebrant has completed the recessional procession.

Thank you, and God bless you!

The Prophets 1 – Adult Enrichment Course – September 4 – December 11, 2025

These classes taught by Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D. will introduce attendees to the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining and contemplating the words and deeds of the prophets of Israel. Thursdays, September 4 – December 11, 2025 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. \$20 per person for all 14 classes. **Register Online:** <https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation> For questions email am-marshall@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543

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.



Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

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 am-marshall@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**.

ST. BONAVENTURE

*"If you do not know
your own dignity
and condition, you
cannot value
anything at its
proper worth."*

July 15 - Feast day

LAW OFFICES OF DANIEL J. ZIRRITH LLC

Estate Planning (Wills) • Municipal Court (Traffic)
Labor & Employment (Disability & Pensions)
Litigation & Business Law

Office: 732-521-5900

E-mail: DZirrith@ZirrithLaw.com

241 Forsgate Drive • Suite 109 • Monroe Township, NJ 08831

FIorentini FAMILY DENTISTRY

Located on Applegarth Road
directly across from Clearbrook!

- Comprehensive Dentistry
- Implants
- All-on-Four
- Sleep Apnea Therapy
- Veneers

294 Applegarth Road • Monroe
609-655-1023 • www.FiorFamDent.com



LAW OFFICES OF JOHN T. BAZZURRO

Areas of Practice:
PERSONAL INJURY
NURSING HOME NEGLECT
MUNICIPAL COURT
GENERAL CIVIL LITIGATION
WILLS • REAL ESTATE LAW

JOHN T. BAZZURRO, ESQ

Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Lawyer

200 MECO DR., MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP, NJ 08535
732-410-5350 • www.bazzurrolaw.com

Help your community,
the environment,
& yourself



Patronize your
local businesses

The Gardens AT MONROE

Healthcare and Rehabilitation

SUBACUTE NURSING CARE
SHORT-TERM REHABILITATION
LONGTERM CARE
RESPIRE CARE

PLEASE CONTACT OUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE
TO SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!

189 Applegarth Road, Monroe Township (609)448-7036
(next door to Nativity of Our Lord Church)

ROOFING • CHIMNEYS MASONRY • GUTTERS

We Find & Fix Leaks!



\$1100 OFF
Any New Roof Replacement

20% OFF
Any Roof, Chimney, Gutter,
Masonry Repair & SENIORS

Family Owned/Operated • Lic. #13VH0934200, Bonded & Insured • 20+ Yrs.

732-589-9967 Serving All of New Jersey

SPECIALIZING IN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

Throughout New Jersey

20 YEARS
EXPERIENCE

LAW OFFICE OF
ELIZABETH BOLSTER WILEY



Our office has the expertise to assist you from contract to closing. You will have an attorney directly working with you from start to finish. We place an emphasis on communication, collaboration and innovation. As a client, you will have secure access to your file at any time through our portal.

732.821.5252

e.wiley@ebwileyllc.com www.ebwllawllc.com

1 Rossmoor Drive, Suite 201E • Monroe Twp., NJ 08831



You sure I'm in the
right car seat?

NHTSA.gov/TheRightSeat



24/7 Helpline
800.272.3900

alzheimer's association

GARVEY PEST .COM

(609) 448-0900

READY.GOV

Don't be afraid...Be Ready

THE CHELSEA AT FORSGATE

ASSISTED LIVING • MEMORY CARE • RESPIRE STAYS

*We are Open For
Admissions & Tours*

Following all Covid Safe Guidelines

319 Forsgate Drive • Monroe, NJ 08831



LAWRENCEVILLE FOOT CARE

Podiatric Medicine and Surgery

Michael Banh, DPM Dan Phan, DPM, MPH
132 Franklin Corner Rd., Suite C-1, Lawrenceville

609.512.1381 • LawrencevilleFootDoctors.com



**ONLY YOU
CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES**

AB CARPET & FLOORING

~ The Ganz Family ~

Owners & Operators
at Both Locations

abcarpetnj.com



SHOP AT OUR TWO LOCATIONS

1600 Perrineville Rd • Monroe Twp • 609-395-5588
520 US-9 • Manalapan Township • 732-536-3131

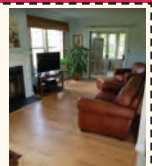


\$250.00 OFF
Any Orders Between \$2500 and \$4999

OR

\$500.00 OFF
Any Orders Over \$5000

With this ad. Not valid with any other offers.



**D LATT'S
PERFORMANCE
LUS, INC.**
Personalized Auto Service
46 Lincoln Ave., Jamesburg

Old Fashioned Service...
Plain & Simple

800-595-1978
PRIVATE CERTIFIED N.J. STATE
INSPECTION FACILITY & EMISSIONS REPAIR FACILITY
LIC #011853 LIC #000723

WE SERVICE ALL MAKES & ALL MODELS · NJ STATE INSPECTION
FREE Pick-Up & Delivery Service for Local Residents



Approved
Auto Repair
Facility

♿ "TOTALLY BARRIER FREE"

M. David

Over 45 Years of Compassionate Service in
Monroe Township's Only Funeral Home

(732) 521-0555

www.demarcofuneralhome.com

DeMarco
Funeral Home, Inc.

Thomas J. DeMarco, Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 4651
M. David DeMarco, President, N.J. Lic. No. 3203
Jennifer L. Burry, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 5172
Peter S. Winther, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4763

205 RHODE HALL ROAD
MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ 08831

@ThymeForFlowers Sweet William & Thyme Florist

SWEET WILLIAM & THYME

Flowers For Your Special Day
And Every Day

www.thymeforflowers.com

732-521-2355

teleflora ThymeForFlowers@aol.com
19 E. Railroad Ave. Jamesburg, NJ 08831

HairCrafters
HAIR & NAIL SALON

609.655.0100
1600 Perrineville Road · Monroe



O no! Type O donors
needed now!



**BEHIND THE
APPLEGARTH CVS**

4 Research Way
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831

609-664-2804

Open Monday - Saturday

FREE DELIVERY

ORDER ONLINE: WWW.TOMATOPIESNJ.COM

**ERA
REAL ESTATE
LEVINSON**

349 Applegarth Rd., Monroe Twp., NJ 08831
Office: 609.655.5535 • Fax 609.655.0207

SUZANNE 'SUE' NADWODNY

Broker Associate

609.313.4864 cell

Sue@LevinsonERA.com

NJ REALTOR® Circle of Excellence® Gold 2021-2024

Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.



#1 Agent in the Adult Communities in Monroe

**ROSA'S
CLEANING**

Homes • Condos
Offices • Apartments

862-224-9068

**LESTER
Memorial Home**

Thoughtful, Personal, Dignified Service



16 W. Church Street · Jamesburg, NJ 08831

732-521-0020

lestermh@verizon.net



Christine A. Cuoco
Manager
Funeral Director
N.J. Lic. No. 4338



Gregory S. Lester
Funeral Director
Emeritus



Joseph DePasquale
Funeral Director
N.J. Lic. No. 5072



Maryann Malak
Funeral Director
N.J. Lic. No. 5457
Arabic Speaking

www.lestermemorialhome.com

**Ageless Moments
Adult Social Daycare**

"Specialized Senior Care
Tailored Just for You"

208 Applegarth Road
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

- Social Activities
- Physical Activities
- Educational Programs
- Personal Care Services

Scan to view
our website



Call Today for a
Tour
609-642-8950

Valiant
HOME REMODELERS

Family Owned & Operated Since 1956

"Let Our Family Work For Your Family"

Doors • Windows • Siding • Roofing • Gutters
Sunrooms • Awnings & Screens • Patio Covers

732-541-7966 www.valianthome.com

DEMORO FUNERAL HOME

The modern and
serene aesthetics
will welcome and
comfort you.



732.385.8811

www.DeMoroFuneralHome.com

517 State Route 33 • Millstone, NJ 08535

Nicole Raff-Turcotte
Manager
N.J. Lic. No. 5380



Helping you make the right move!

Carol Feretich
Managing Broker, REALTOR®

Cell: 732-794-3764

"20 Years Experience
in Monroe Township"



What's your
home worth?



349 Route 9 South
Manalapan, NJ 07726
Office: 732-851-6500