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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-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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday – June 22, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday June 23rd

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Frank and Ann Sluzas by Bernard and Dorothy Sluzas

Tuesday June 24th

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Rose and Frank Macchiaroli Sr. by Frank and Jeannie Macchiaroli

Wednesday June 25th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Gynah M. Sagun by GM Sagun

Thursday June 26th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Nicholas Arden by Elaine Arden

Friday June 27th

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 a.m. Grace & Philip Maddalena by Anthony Conoscenti

Saturday June 28th

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed

4:00 p.m. Virgin Mary;

Deceased Members of Hanna and Indyk Families by Mickey and Gene Indyk

Sunday June 29th

Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

7:30 a.m. Alongi Javanna by Annamaria Rapisarvi

9:00 a.m. Nora Spinnler by Son, Gerard

11:00 a.m. John Klein by Linda Bochiario

The Collections for the Weekend of

June 15 - \$14,046

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: Kathleen Baetz by Patricia Pentangelo

St. Joseph: Nicholas Dranchak by Collette and Krista

St. Jude: Catherine Busceti by Vigario Family

Sacred Heart: Ann Marie Criss by Lynn Nicoletti

Correction from last week's candle offering:

Sanctuary: Thomas Napolitano by Virginia Pitarresi



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17 or, for the Optional Memorial of the Immaculate Heart, Gn 18:1-15; Lk

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (LUKE 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

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

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

"Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'... For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."

Do you know that these words of Saint Paul were written before the gospel account of the last supper? Paul handed on what was already the 'tradition' of the earliest Christian communities. I need to remember that Jesus gave me this holy sacrament to make me holy, to sustain me on my faith journey and allow me to grow in union with Him. It is the Eucharist which makes us who we are. I ask that I be worthy to receive such a great gift.

I am summoned by the Lord. I need to be fed with this gift which has been reserved and given for me. My faith asks me to meet the Lord in word and sacrament, as I do each Sunday. I ask that this gift not be received as routine but a new meeting with my Savior, my special moment to go 'one on one' with Him.

The Pentecost Celebration

The Pentecost Celebration was enjoyed by all. It was wonderful tasting foods from so many different ethnic backgrounds and the fellowship of all who attended.



Parish Calendar

Jun 22 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to 11:30am Cl#1, 5&6
Jun 23 (Mon)	K of C Meeting 6:30 pm Hall
	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
Jun 24 (Tue)	Prayer Shawl- 1:30pm Hall
Jun 25 (Wed)	RE Meeting 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hall
Jun 29 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to 11:30am Cl#1, 5&6
Jun 30 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
Jul 4 (Fri)	Independence Day Parish Office Closed
	First Friday & Adoration
	Purgatorial Mass 8:30 am Church
Jul 5 (Sat)	Initiation Ministry- Adult Confirmation Prep 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm TBD
Jul 6 (Sun)	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to 11:30am 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 to 11:30am Cl#1, 5&6
	Baptism 12:00 pm Church
Jul 7 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR

Knight of Columbus Council # 14658 High School Seniors' Award Application

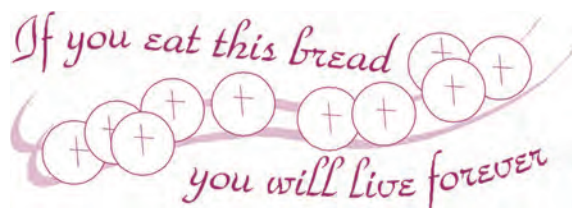
The Knights of Columbus offers scholarship money to the 2025 High School graduating class. To apply, you must be a parishioner of the Nativity of Our Lord Church. Answer the following questions using Times New Roman 14pt font.

- Student's Name
- Address
- Name of High School
- GPA (on 100% Scale)
- Describe your post-HS graduation plans in 300 words or fewer. Include which college you hope to attend. What field of study are you interested in? What extra-curricular activity have you participated in the past 4 years?
- In 150 words or fewer, kindly include any additional information you want to share with the Knights.
- Student's Signature
- Parent/Guardians' Signature

Email the completed application to **tronbill@comcast.net**. All applications must be received by **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**. Any questions regarding the Seniors Award Application may be directed to Bill Tronolone (tronbill@comcast.net)



A big thank you to all who donated, sorted through the donations, and even loaded the truck for the poor in Camden!



Knights of Columbus

CALENDAR RAFFLE Winning Numbers

Week of June 15	
Sunday	127
Monday	752
Tuesday	558
Wednesday	417
Thursday	100
Friday	825
Saturday	617

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.

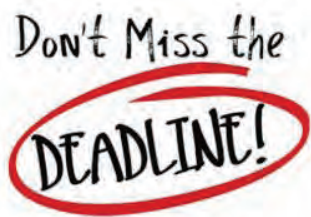
Homebound Ministries - Eucharist Ministers bring communion to the homes of those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or other circumstances. Please call **Marge Nadolny** at **609-409-6164** or email **margen21@comcast.net**.

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 coming 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.

Religious Education



Haven't registered your child for religious education?
Now is the time!

Please contact:

Tara Vigario at **reoa@nativitymonroe.org** for details.

Returning parents – Deadline for forms must be in by July 1st for your child to be included in our program.

Link will be taken down after the deadline to start forming classes.

Initiation Ministry



On that last Passover of Jesus' life, he took, blessed, broke and gave Himself to his followers. He still does that at every celebration of the Eucharist where we gather in memory of Him. It is a privilege to be among those around that holy table. But there are some who are missing. There are some who don't know about the Bread of Life – the Everlasting Banquet. Are there people in your family or your circle of friends who are hungry for this Food? This week, invite one person to explore discipleship to Jesus through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. For information, contact **JoLynn Krempecki** at **732-690-2610** (**jolynnkrempecki@msn.com**).

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

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 losses 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.

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: _____

In Case of emergency

Name of Contact: _____
Cell Phone Nbr: _____

Special Dietary Needs

Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian (no fish, no eggs) _____ Allergies _____

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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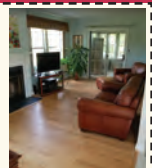


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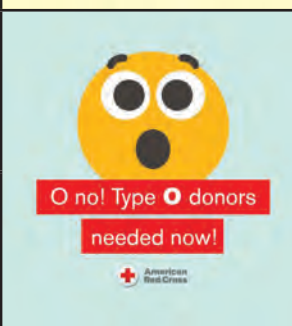
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