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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.

## Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – July 20, 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Weekday; St. Lawrence of Brindisi,  
Priest & Doctor of the Church**

**8:30 a.m.** Stacey Lonegan by Mom

**Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**St. Mary Magdalene**

**8:30 a.m.** Patricia, John & Sr. Mary Joseph  
Flandrau by Cathie & John Naughton

**Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Weekday**

**8:30 a.m.** Mary Kenny by Patrick Kenny

**Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Weekday; St. Sharbel Makhluf,  
Priest**

**8:30 a.m.** Nick, Betty, Alice Nagy and Kathleen  
Sullivan by Mary Ann, Nick and Greg  
Nagy and Connie and Mark Eustice

**Friday July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**St. James, Apostle**

**8:30 a.m.** Jeanne Turzilli by Mr. and Mrs.  
Michael Puma

**Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**4:00 p.m.** Alfred and Margaret Maguire by Steve  
and Donna Maguire

**Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

**7:30 a.m.** Concepcion Losada by Jose Losada and  
Family

**9:00 a.m.** Frank Donzelli by Wife, Josephine

**11:00 a.m.** Keith Coronato by Maryann Marchetti

### The Collections for the Weekend of

**July 13 - \$14,860**

**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:** In Thanksgiving by Virigina Pitarresi

**BVM:** Mary Kenny by Patrick Kenny

**St. Jude:** In Thanksgiving by Judy & Ed Aboud

**St. Anthony:** James Granata by Theresa & Joseph Atanasio

**St. Theresa:** Carmela Occhipinti by Josephine Holm

**Sacred Heart:** Vincent Palumbo by Children

### FLOWER INTENTIONS

**BVM:** Mary Kenny by Patrick Kenny

**St. Joseph:** Our Grandchildren by Robert & Gail Colletti

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

*“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” COLOSSIANS 1:25*

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

### 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

**“Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves, and afterward you may go on your way’. ... The Lord said to Martha in reply, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.’”**

The word of God focuses on the great gift of hospitality. We put it into practice when we welcome someone into the circle of our lives. Abraham was blessed, Martha gave of herself and we combine their action with the reflection offered to Mary. The Lord was present to all three.

I ask myself what is the one important thing I am lacking. May I be like Martha serving the Lord and others, and like Mary bringing others to Him, listening to Him speak.



### **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](mailto:admin@nativitymonroe.org) to get the registration form or you can also visit our website: <https://www.nativitymonroe.org>.

## Parish Calendar

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
Jul 29 (Tue)	St. VdeP—Backpack Collection—Box at Narthex
	Grief Education 6:00 pm RR
Jul 30 (Wed)	St. VdeP—Backpack Collection—Box at Narthex
Aug 1 (Fri)	St. VdeP—Backpack Collection—Box at Narthex
	First Friday & Adoration
	Purgatorial Mass—8:30 am Church
Aug 2 (Sat)	St. VdeP—Backpack Collection—Box at Narthex
	Initiation Ministry- Adult Confirmation Prep 5:00 pm—6:30 pm TBD

## 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

### **Backpacks for Kids Collection**

This year we hope to provide school supplies and outfits for approximately 35 children in our local area whose families have been helped by our St. Vincent DePaul Society. We are again collecting gift cards or monetary donations this year. We are also collecting backpacks. We will have a box in the Narthex starting next weekend July 26th /27th until August 10th. If you would like to contribute to this drive, we would appreciate a backpack, gift cards from Walmart, Target or Staples in any amount (Please be sure the \$ amount of the gift card is clearly marked on the card) or a check made payable to Nativity St Vincent DePaul Society. We thank you for your generosity.



Nativity of Our Lord wishes to welcome our newly Baptized:

**Anthony Edward Bliss**

**Portia Batista Kapadia**

**Mila Genevive Walsh**

Baptized July 13<sup>th</sup>

## Initiation Ministry



Hospitality is a gift we give to others. It's selfless service for the comfort of a friend, relative – or even a stranger. Abraham offered hospitality to the three strangers who appeared at his tent – and encountered the living God. As you look around the church on Sunday, do you wonder if those who sit near you feel welcomed? Feel served? Reach out. Get to know the person in the pew. Do you want to invite others to join you in worship – maybe those who have been turned away before? Do you have the heart of Abraham? Can you reach out to a person who might be a stranger? This week, invite one person to explore discipleship to Jesus and fellowship with the community 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](mailto: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



## 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



### 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

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

#### STATUS AS OF 7/8/2025

Goal: **\$88,000.00**

Total Pledged & Received: **\$113,881.92**

Amount Received: **\$105,522.66**

Over/(Under) Goal: (Based on Amt Rec'd): **\$17,522.66**

Percent of Goal Pledged: **129.41%**

Percent of Goal Received: **119.91%**

Average Gift Amount: \$282.59 Number of Donors: **402**

**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](mailto:rachelle.hanna@gmail.com).



### Knights of Columbus

#### CALENDAR RAFFLE Winning Numbers

Week of July 13	
Sunday	083
Monday	796
Tuesday	595
Wednesday	247
Thursday	782
Friday	366
Saturday	075

## 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** [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call (732) 562-1543



## Save the Date: Nativity of Our Lord Church Blood Drive

Join us for the Nativity of Our Lord Church Blood Drive on **Sunday, September 21st 2025, from 8 am to 2 pm**. The event will take place at 185 Applegarth Road in Monroe, NJ. Donating blood is simple and takes just about an hour of your time. **Each donation can save up to three lives**, benefiting cancer patients, accident victims, surgical patients, women in childbirth, and those with sickle cell disease & leukemia. Our blood supply is in critical need, and we could use your help. Let's come together to save lives! Will you be a part of this important cause!

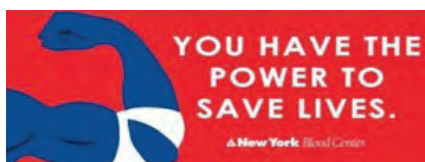
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**Eligibility:** Visit [www.nybc.org/eligibility](http://www.nybc.org/eligibility) or call NYBC at (800) 933.2566.

**Walk-Ins Welcome:** While appointments are preferred, walk-ins are also welcome.

Remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or photo ID. Your time is a precious gift that can make a lifetime of difference for a patient in need.

Thank you for your support!



## Nativity of Our Lord Parish Women's Retreat

### ABIDING IN LOVE... THE TALE OF TWO MARYS

We will reflect and pray through scripture, art, story, and music  
about what invitations and graces

Mary of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene have to offer us in our time.

Presenter: Sister Joannie Cassidy

SSJ Center for Spirituality 21 Main Ave, Ocean Grove

Dates: August 22-24, 2025 Cost: \$175

Registration Deadline: August 11, 2025

Complete and return with a non-refundable check for **\$175** payable to Nativity of Our Lord (Put Women's Retreat on memo line) to: Nativity of Our Lord Retreat, 185 Applegarth Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831 or drop off in "Women's Retreat" mail slot in the Narthex.

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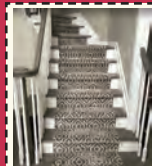
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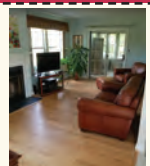


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