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PSALM 119:105

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday June 16th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Michael and Francis Rainsford by Mr. and Mrs. John Mandy and Family

Tuesday June 17th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Michael A. and Michael J. Kosc by Mary Ann Kosc

Wednesday June 18th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Francis and Jean Casey by Frank and Marissa Casey

Thursday June 19th

Weekday; St. Romuald, Abbot

8:30 a.m. Grace Celenza by The Celenza Family

Friday June 20th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Daniel Parisi by Daughter, Pat Parisi

Saturday June 21st

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

4:00 p.m. Michael Striano by Louise Striano

Sunday June 22nd

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30 a.m. Theresa and John DeFrancesco by MaryAnn and Nick Nagy, Hope and Lou Mazzola and Karen Piche

9:00 a.m. James Nicoletti by Lynn Nicoletti

11:00 a.m. Roy Kaestner by The Kaestner Family

CANDLE OFFERING

Sanctuary: Thomas Pitarresi by Virginia Pitarresi

BVM: Anna Russo by Carmine & Audrey Russo

St. Jude: Catherine Busceti by Vigario Family

Padre Pio: Lenny Caglianone by The fellow ushers



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.



Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...” (JOHN 16:13)

It has been said that the best gift we can give someone is to teach them how to pray. If you don't talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will you know what He is calling you to do? Just as you talk to family and friends every day, get in the habit of talking with God every day. Develop a daily prayer routine. Keep your prayers simple and sincere. This is best done in silence, when you can hear God's response.

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.

The Collections for the Weekend of

June 8 - \$14,562 ; Father's Day - \$3,022

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Nativity of Lord wishes to
welcome our newly baptized :
Ella Scott Moore



Parish Calendar

Jun 15 (Sun)	Father's Day
	Initiation Ministry/ Catechumenate 8:30am to 11:30am Cl#1, 5&6
Jun 16 (Mon)	Initiation Ministry/ Inquiry 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
Jun 17 (Tue)	Bereavement Ministry 6:00pm-7:30pm RR
Jun 18 (Wed)	W.O.N. Meeting 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Hall
Jun 21 (Sat)	Initiation Ministry Hall
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

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)

Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, D.C.
with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,
Bishop of Metuchen
September 20, 2025

Visit diometuchen.org/jubilee-2025 for more information.

Faithful Pilgrims of Hope can obtain a plenary indulgence.

For parish bus trips, please email Angela Marshall at ammarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.



2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

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

STATUS AS OF 6/6/2025

Goal: **\$88,000.00**

Total Pledged & Received: \$110,613.92

Amount Received: \$101,166.83

Over/(Under) Goal: (Based on Amt Rec'd): \$13,166.83

Percent of Goal Pledged: 125.70%

Percent of Goal Received: 114.96%

Average Gift Amount: \$289.57

Number of Donors: 382.38

Number of Donors: **372**



Knights of Columbus

CALENDAR RAFFLE Winning Numbers

Week of June 8	
Sunday	643
Monday	294
Tuesday	272
Wednesday	861
Thursday	716
Friday	803
Saturday	262

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.

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
Forms can be found in the Narthex .



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**
Registration Forms Available in the Narthex

Initiation Ministry



REJOICE! RITE FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE

This Sunday, June 15, 2025 at the 9:00 Mass we will celebrate the Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate for Ana Sandoval. She has been preparing for several months to take this first step toward full initiation in the Catholic Church. Following this Rite, she will be a catechumen in the Order of Catechumens, having rights and privileges in the Church.

You, the Parish family, are very important in this Rite, for it is the entire Church that accepts catechumens as persons who hope to become members. Please keep Ana in your prayers as she continues her journey toward Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.



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.



**Decree on Designating Sacred Places for the Jubilee Indulgence
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

To All the Faithful in Christ,

The Apostolic Penitentiary, by decree dated May 13, 2024, has graciously granted the faithful the opportunity to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence through pilgrimage and prayer. In response to this, and in accordance with the directives of the Holy See, I, James Francis Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, hereby designate the following sacred places within the Diocese of Metuchen as places where the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- ❖ **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, NJ**
- ❖ **Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan, NJ**
- ❖ **National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ**
- ❖ **National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick, NJ**

These sacred spaces have been carefully chosen to reflect the spiritual significance of pilgrimage and to foster deeper conversion and reconciliation among the people of God. The visit is not merely an outward action but a reflection of the soul's pilgrimage toward God, with conversion, reconciliation, and renewal at its heart. Thus, the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by fulfilling the following conditions:

- Reception of Holy Communion
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
- A sincere intention to detach from all sin, even venial sin, and, if necessary, going to confession
- Participating in liturgical celebrations or other designated religious activities connected to the Jubilee Year.
In some cases, those unable to travel may fulfill the requirements through other means, such as prayers at home.

The period for obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence will coincide with the Jubilee Year, as outlined by the Holy See beginning the 8th of December 2024 and will end on the 8th of December 2025.

I encourage all the faithful, during this time of grace, to take the opportunity for sacramental confession, so that the Jubilee Indulgence may be received in the spirit of true reconciliation with God and the Church.

Given this decree at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway, New Jersey, on this 8th of December, Year of Our Lord, 2024.


Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

Notary: 

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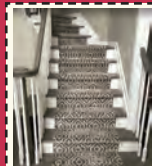
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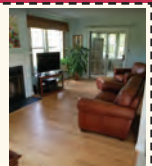


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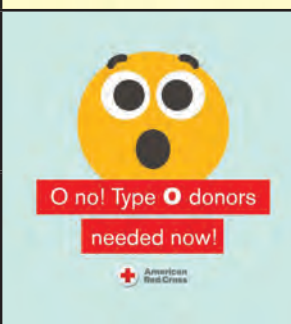
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