

**A LENTEN REFLECTION**

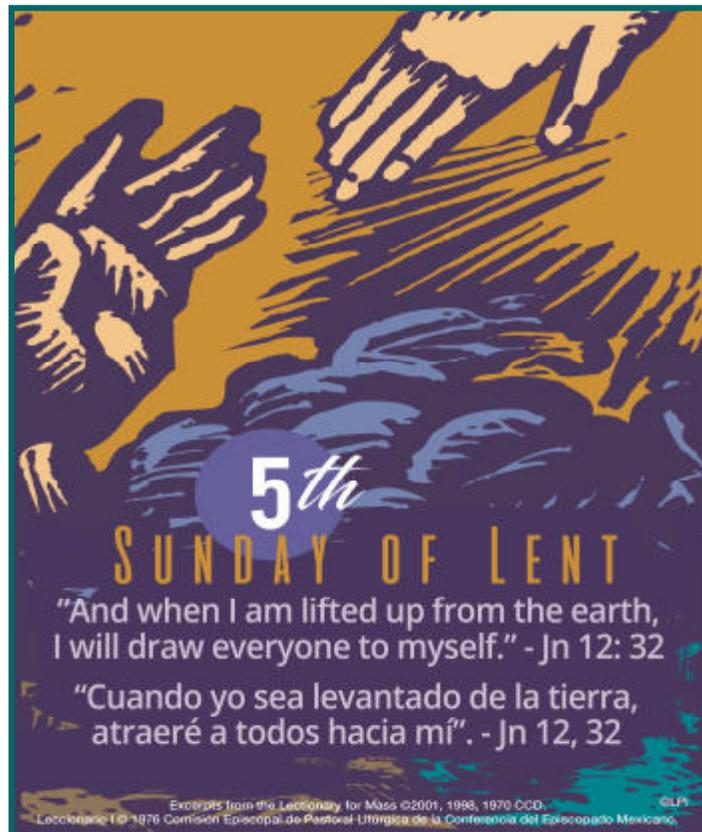
*– Voices of Hope and Awakening*

A month ago, I was intrigued by a Sunday newsletter from Maria Shriver with the headline: *News and Views Above the Noise*. Of course, I signed up for it! (It was free!) This Sunday in her opening remarks, she puts in a plug for a new book arriving this week titled, *The Call to Unite: Voices of Hope and Awakening*. It is a collection of essays by many writers wanting to instill some "hope" and "awakening" into the current climate we are living with all its troubles and sufferings. I believe this Sunday's readings also point us toward HOPE and AWAKENING, as we attempt to unite our voices around something more real than our own personal desires and self-centered rules.



Jeremiah delivers from the voice of God, a new covenant. This new covenantal way of life is not found outside our human condition. It is right smack in the midst of all the sinfulness that surrounds and sometimes slithers into our hearts. However, right next to this snake charmer of selfishness, is a voice 1,000 times stronger. It is a voice of forgiveness, a voice that does not remember our sin. It is the voice of that God, who AWAKENS us to the realization that we were good from our conception, and leads us to discover the HOPE which lifts us into an understanding of how we truly are God's people.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews also wants us to listen to our hearts. Particularly, the loud cries and tears of our hearts – those many prognoses which leave us empty, unsure, afraid. This is when we most need to know that "Jesus was in the flesh." By joining our humanity, he was AWAKENED to our anguish. By Jesus' being saved from death, he assisted us in learning to know we too are saved in obedience to his eternal words of HOPE.



St. John's Gospel is forever about unity. He continually introduces characters outside the "normal" circles of life – a Samaritan woman, a man born blind from birth, a woman caught in adultery, and this weekend some Greek speaking people. With all these "outsiders," we are invited not to take sides but to allow the grains of our lives to die. All those seeds that some have planted in disunity, must fall into the ground and be given the chance to instead produce much fruit. We have to see that "the hour has come" to lose our lives and allow the eternal life of HOPE to thrive. Through our service to others, we follow Jesus and are AWAKENED to a new voice.

Now is the time to draw everyone to ourselves – those family members with whom we are estranged, those people we know can lift us up whom we dodge, those people who the "rulers" of our world, society, and church have branded as outsiders. On this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, with only two weeks to Jesus' and our death on Good Friday and the lifting up of our glorified bodies on Easter, we must call now for AWAKENED hearts and HOPE-filled spirits. Let's not let our lives only hear those thunderous voices who want to destroy our unity, nor those naïve, angelic voices who side-step the suffering of others. Let us become voices of HOPE and AWAKENING today.

Fr. Michael

# WORSHIP

## NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHURCH

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## HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH

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# HOPE

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### Office Hours:

Monday	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## WELCOME

Your presence is an encouragement to our parish community, as you join us online or in our church. It is our hope that you have experienced the joy of our Eucharistic Celebration no matter how you celebrate with us. We hope you feel welcome with a desire to join us again. If you are new to the community and wish to join our parish, please call the parish office.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. John Neumann Parish see the Eucharist as source and summit of our joyful faith. Our united purpose is building a deeper spirituality through loving our neighbor and witnessing the Gospel to the world.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/22</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tue</b>	<b>3/23</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>English</b>
			Robert Haas by Ellen Eiden	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>3/24</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>English</b>
			Lawrence Covar by Joe & Barbara Sudano	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>3/25</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
			Frederick Merkel by the Family	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>3/26</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>English</b>
			Norman Mulholland by John, Anne & Michelle Mulholland	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>3/27</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>English</b>
			Marie Lunney by Tara Gribbin	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>3/27</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
			The People of the Parish	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>English</b>
			Stephen Kennedy by Denise Werner	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/28</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
			Victor Naula by the Tenezaca Family	



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will be burning in reverence and petition  
this week, in loving memory of

**RICH WALTON, JR.**

*Requested by Frank & Marge Ingjaimo*

## COMMUNION VISITS

Communion visits to individual homes continue to be suspended, however as guidelines change and people get vaccinated, we should be able to resume visits soon. We hope everyone continues to be safe and we look forward to the day when we can worship together in person or resume bringing Eucharist to you. If you are aware of someone in need of being anointed, please call the parish office: 570-344-6159 and we will arrange for a priest to visit.

## LENTEN PRACTICES

The pandemic arrived at the beginning of Lent 2020 and here we are a year later and still in this pandemic and beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel as people receive the vaccination and guidelines shift. *But, it is a different time and a different Lent.* Our Faith Sharing groups are meeting virtually, Stations of the Cross are virtual, Holy Week will be different, but we are happy to see so many embracing the call to reach out to those in need. There are MANY ways to engage and embrace this Lenten journey and be hopeful that EASTER will be here soon. Check out our website and FB page for additional resources and let's unite our hearts and spirits this Lent.

## RETURNING TO MASS "IN PERSON"

It is WONDERFUL to see many of you returning to Mass in person. We look forward each week to see who is walking through the door to join us. It truly is special to be back together in person. Does the church look different? We all enter through the same door (S.Webster Ave), continue to keep social distanced, we wear our masks and hand sanitize upon arrival and again before communion and best of all, you don't need a reservation. Our seating capacity is 135 so we are spaced out, but all of that doesn't matter when you see each other! The important fact is that we are in person. We hope that we will continue to see more and more of you joining us in person and know that you are very welcome... welcome home! Weekend Masses are: 4:30pm Saturday with an additional 6:30pm Mass in Spanish, 9:30am (Sunday), 1:00pm (Spanish). All weekend masses are at Nativity Church.

## LECTOR SCHEDULES

Schedules for April are being prepared and will be sent out next week. The April Schedule will include Holy Week. If you would like to be added as a lector, contact Sister Suzie at [sarmbrusterihm@gmail.com](mailto:sarmbrusterihm@gmail.com). THANK YOU to all those who generously share their time and talent as a lector here at STJN.

## VIRTUAL MASS

Our weekend parish liturgies continue to be live-streamed on Face Book and, once again we are able to upload our Masses to our parish YouTube. To watch our mass live-streamed, visit our parish Face Book page. If you are having trouble locating our masses, call the parish office and we will be happy to assist you.

# WORD

## FAITH FORMATION - *Ready, Set, Grow!*

**CLASSES ARE "IN-PERSON"** Schedule is as follows:

3/21	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT	11:15-12:30pm
3/21	Parent Meeting EP2, RCIC2	11:15-12:30
	CP1	5:00-6:30pm
3/27	CP2 Class day/service project	10:00-5:30
		to include 4:30 Mass
3/28	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT	11:15-12:30pm
	CP2	5:00-6:30pm
4/04	<b>NO CLASSES: EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
4/11	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT	11:15-12:30pm
	CP1	5:00-6:30pm
4/18	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, Grs.3-6, RCIT	11:15-12:30pm
	CP2	5:00-6:30pm
4/25	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT	11:15-12:30pm
	CP1	5:00-6:30pm
5/02	EP2, RCIC2 First Eucharist Parish Liturgy	9:30am
	No EP1 Class	
	CP2	5:00-6:30pm

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** How do we grow in our discipleship? How can we serve like Jesus? When we are fed at the Eucharistic Table we grow in our discipleship. In addition to attending class, there is the requirement for students to attend and participate in weekly Sunday Mass. Students may attend Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday, either day fulfills Sunday obligation. For students in EP2, RCIC2 and Confirmation Class, there is a sign-in book located on the table inside the church. We ask **each student** to sign the book upon arriving for Mass.

**CLASS ACCOUNTABILITY:** Students are required to attend class "in-person" unless specific arrangements have been made with Sister Suzie. If your child is sick, contact Sister through REMIND by 9:30am on Sunday morning. A work packet will be prepared for your child to complete and return. Packets will be available for pick-up on Monday afternoon and completed work is required to be returned by Thursday morning of the same week.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE:** The catechists spend much time preparing their lessons and every minute of teaching counts! The disruptions with students arriving late is hard on everyone. It not only disrupts the class but often the student arriving late feels embarrassed. We believe that the lesson being shared in class is important but so is the lesson of teaching your child to be on time.

### CP2 STUDENT MAKE-UP DAY/SERVICE:

In order for us to stay on track with Confirmation to be held on Saturday, May 22, an additional "class day" has been scheduled. This is a mandatory day for all students in the CP2 class as well as those who attend Catholic Schools. This day will be **Saturday, March 27 from 10:00-4:15pm**. In addition, the students will attend the 4:30 parish mass together and be presented to the parish community. We ask that at least one parent attend this mass as well. Specific details have been sent through REMIND.



## RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 22 5:30-7:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation at Nativity Church

## FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross in both English and Spanish will be virtual this Lent. We will post them on Fridays on our social media, and parishioners, families and friends will be able to access on days that are most convenient for praying these special devotions during Lent.

## GOING "DEEPER INTO LENT"

We will regularly be suggesting other ways to go **Deeper into Lent** throughout these 40 Days. So, keep your eyes open for suggestions in the bulletin, webpage and Facebook. Children in Faith Formation will receive ideas also for their individual and family faith formation. Most of the ideas to be recommended for individuals, families and safe groups will be spiritual experiences available on social media. **If you have some suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.**

## "I HEARD GOD LAUGH" by Matthew Kelly

We are offering a stay-at-home Book Reflection on this wonderful, down-to-earth book on everyday prayer. Books are available to be picked up in the parish office, with some reflection questions.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend. Our children were very excited and now they look forward to joining us at the Eucharistic table in May when they receive 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist.

Alex Campos, Lorelai Elias, Amelia Haw, Ytsel Nacipucha, Tatiana Orellana, Derek Torres, Bentley Zippitelli, Liam Zippitelli, Osman Avila, Elizabeth Alonzo, Ashley Brito Aguilar, Franklin Castro, Melany Corona, Joshua Gonzales, Shyanne Grems, Adriano Largo, Arturo Martinez, Sarah Mayllazhungo, Jonathan Pomaquiza, Diego Sanchez, Jessica Castro and Jordan Horvath. Thank you to our dedicated catechists who continue to prepare our children; Abby Heugel, Allison Heugel and Rufino Cano.

## REQUIRED PARENT MEETING

There is a required parent meeting TODAY, Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for parents of children preparing for First Eucharist in May. At least one parent is required to attend this meeting. Please meet in the Upper Church (Nativity) at 11:15AM. This is for parents of students in **EP2, RCIC2, and Catholic Schools**. Students will attend class during this time.

# COMMUNITY

# STJN SERVICE

## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

We now have been in this pandemic a full year and it has invaded all of our lives and each of us have been affected in various and different ways. There are many senior adults who are our neighbors, live alone, and have not had any contact with family or others. Take the senior challenge: Reach out through a phone call, happy card, a goodie bag, a paper heart or a colored picture that can brighten their day. Let us know how you are reaching out! Reach out and touch someone and show them you care. Take a picture and we will feature it on our Facebook page.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Food Pantry at STJN Hemlock Street. The food pantry is open Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. To access the Food Pantry, the entrance is on Hemlock St. in the breezeway between the school and convent. If you know of anyone in need of food, please share this information with them.

Additional Food Pantries: Friends of the Poor continue to operate food pantries at Jackson Terrace 148 Meridian Ave; open Mon. Tues. Thurs and Friday 10:00a.m.-1:30 p.m. and Valley View Terrace, BLDG #9 950 Pear Street; open Mon.-Friday 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Friends of the Poor are hosting "Pop Up" Food Tents on Wednesdays as well in different locations. Check out their FB page for current weekly locations.

## COVID 19 CONTINUES

It is hard to believe that Covid19 began a year ago. Masks have become mandatory and hand sanitizing is a must. Hopefully you have not experienced this illness firsthand or in your family. However, we all have the responsibility to notify others if we do test positive. So much has changed in our gathering to include worshipping on weekends. The dispensation remains in place for Sunday obligation and we continue to take all precautions to worship safely. We ask that if you or a family member tests positive and you have worshipped with us, please contact the parish office so we can be on top of additional cleaning and notifying others. No names are shared but we do want to not spread the virus to others. We continue to pray for all of you, our parishioners and your families. Be safe and stay well.

## MORE HANDS NEEDED

We are looking for additional folks who knit or crochet to help make prayer shawls and lap blankets. If you crochet or knit we are looking for additional prayer shawls/lap blankets. We have plenty of yarn waiting to be crafted. Call 344-6159 ext. 161 to arrange pick up.

## FAITH QUESTION OF THE WEEK



**Adults:** When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

**Kids:** When have you felt stronger because you sacrificed something for a friend or member of your family?

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY FOOD SUNDAY Thank you!

We continue to be in awe at the generosity of YOU, our parishioners. Your donations of food ensures that the food pantry here at STJN continues to be a viable ministry in feeding those in need. We continue 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday food collection at our weekend masses however food donations can be dropped off during the week on the side rectory porch as well. The food pantry is an outreach of Catholic Social Services. AGAIN, thank you for helping to feed those in need.

## C.I.C "STEP UP TO THE PLATE"

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every Month the parishioners provide and send a cooked meal to the Community Intervention Center (C.I.C) which is a local day shelter for men and women who are homeless. They are so grateful for the meal items we send. Every dish is genuinely appreciated and amazingly it all comes together with many different items. We ask that food be put in disposable containers as we have no way of retrieving personal containers. Please call Ann Talerico 570-614-3633 our parish coordinator to help with this meal. Our next date is Saturday, **April 17**.

## BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Brown Bag Ministry meets immediately following the 9:30 mass, typically the first Sunday of the month. "Brown Bag" lunches are made and delivered to area shelters and the homeless in our area. While making lunches we keep social distanced, wear our masks and gloves. Due to Easter being on the first Sunday in April, our April date will be **April 11**. THANK YOU to everyone donating food items to this ministry. To volunteer contact Trish Kmiec: 570-961-1555. It is a great way to do service and enjoy fellowship all at the same time. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure helps keep this ministry in action.

## "HANDS OF HOPE" MINISTRY

We have had many requests for prayer shawls during the past two months. Many are experiencing anxiety, isolation, depression due to Covid, Winter, dark days, illness or loss of a loved one. The shawls come in many colors but are sure to bring hope to a loved one, neighbor or acquaintance. There is no cost, we just ask that you say a prayer for the person who made the shawl. To request a prayer shawl, contact Sister Suzie at 570-344-6159 ext. 161 and we will arrange one for you to pick up.

## EASTER GOODIES

We are preparing some gift bags with plastic eggs filled with candy to share with moms and children who live in safe shelters supported by McCauley Center. Our hope is to send some to St. Catherine's Independent Living as well. If you are "out and about" and willing to donate **wrapped candy** in eggs or just candy or eggs alone, some of our Confirmation students would love to stuff the eggs and prepare some Easter bags. Drop items off on the famous rectory porch! This porch has become extremely useful these past months.



# LEADERSHIP

# STEWARDSHIP



## Holy Week Schedule

### ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Wednesday, March 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Nativity Church

### PALM SUNDAY – at Nativity Church

Saturday Vigil, March 27, 4:30 PM (English)

Saturday Vigil, March 27, 6:30 PM (Spanish)

Sunday, March 28, 9:30 AM (English)

Sunday, March 28, 1:00 PM (Spanish)

### “THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU” Reconciliation

Monday, March 29, 5:30-7:30, Nativity Church

### HOLY WEEK MASSES at Holy Name Church (English)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 29-31, 9:00 a.m.

### HOLY WEEK MASS at Nativity Church (Spanish)

Tuesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Mass of the Lord’s Supper -7:00 p.m., Nativity (Bilingual)

Night Prayer - 10:00 p.m., Nativity Church

### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 2

Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m., Nativity Church (English)

Passion of the Lord 12:00 p.m., Nativity Church (English)

Passion of the Lord 3:00 p.m., Nativity Church (Spanish)

*There will be NO Spanish Stations of the Cross through the streets or “The Way.”*

### HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 3

Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m., Nativity Church (English)

Blessing Easter Foods - 12:00 p.m., Holy Name & Nativity

Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m., Nativity Church (Bilingual)

*There will be NO Baptisms or Confirmations at Easter Vigil.*

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4

Mass - 9:30 a.m. - Nativity Church (English)

Mass - 10:30 a.m. - Holy Name Church (English)

Mass - 1:00 p.m. - Nativity Church (Spanish)

**Reservations are required for all Easter Sunday Masses. Please call the Parish Office 344-6159.**

### MINISTRY TEAM

**Rev. Michael Bryant, Pastor**

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**Deacon Al Giacometti, Pastoral Associate**

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## MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

	03/07/2021	03/08/2020
Tithe	\$ 5,299.00	\$ 3,820.00
Loose	\$ 388.50	\$ 744.19
Other	\$ 19,163.93*	\$ 10,555.00**
Total	\$ 24,851.43	\$ 15,119.19



\*includes 2021 Scr.Sch.Distr. Utilities \$8,151 and Rent \$4,635.00

\*\*includes 2020 Scr.Sch.Distr. Rent \$4,500.00

March 1-7 Expenses paid from gen. acct. \$18,603.36

We would like to thank AUGUST HAAS FUNERAL HOME for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin.

### 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you need a statement for tax purposes, please call Barbara at the parish office, 570-344-6159 ext.152.

Statements will be mailed upon request only.

### JOIN THE POT OF GOLD CLUB!

#### New Club starts on April 1, 2021

Membership numbers on sale now!



On April 1, 2021, we will begin the new Pot of Gold Club with a winner each day of the year! The profit realized from this club is very important to the life of our parish. A “Pot of Gold” Club Membership is just \$50 for the year! Winners are automatically notified and prizes are mailed out within 14 days of winning. Tickets are nontransferable. If you would like to join the Pot of Gold Club, please call the parish office (570)344-6159. **You may CHOOSE YOUR NUMBER until March 29, 2021. Your number does not automatically renew to you.** Numbers are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. You may join the club anytime, but you may not choose your number after March 29, 2021.

### FUNDRAISER - Gift Card Program

Due to the pandemic, our long running Gift Card Program is slowing coming to a halt. Please help us breath new life into this very important parish fundraiser. The parish buys gift cards at a discount and sells them at face value. So, when you are shopping in stores or online, you can also be raising funds for parish ministries! Please consider calling the parish office, 570-344-6159, to purchase gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts.

### YOUR GENEROSITY IS AWESOME!

Boxes of food, blankets, hats and gloves... if it can be shipped it has arrived. Each week a generous box arrives in the office with something needed for our brothers and sisters in need. It delights our hearts to open boxes knowing that someone is thinking of others. In addition, some of you are braving the elements of winter and delivering food and items in person to the rectory porch, BRAVO! Your outreach is such a blessing and a real testament to your being “church” in our community. “If you have there are always those who have not” STJN parishioners and friends, you rock in recognizing the needs of others.

# PARROQUIA DE SAN JUAN NEUMANN

## ¡UNA SEGUNDA MISA EN ESPAÑOL!

En las semanas pasadas, más gente han regresado a nuestra comunidad a celebrar la misa en persona. ¡Este es una cosa maravillosa y hermosa! Pero, esto también crea un pequeño problema para nosotros. Por unos meses más, en mínimo, a debido de la pandemia, todavía necesitamos mantener la distancia social en la Iglesia para asegurar que todos estén a salvo. Por lo tanto, ¡decidimos añadir temporalmente una segunda misa en español!

La segunda misa es los sábados a las 6:30 PM en la iglesia Nativity. Por favor, **te pido que consideres asistir a la misa del sábado.** Si la misa del domingo sigue teniendo demasiada gente, entonces tendremos que tomar reservas. Por eso, es mi esperanza que, en mínimo, sobre 40 a 50 más personas eligen a pasar de la misa dominical a la misa en sábado.

Por supuesto, todavía tendremos la misa en domingo a las 1:00, y también la misa los jueves a las 7:00. Y, aunque la obligación a asistir en la misa dominical es suspendida por el Obispo Joseph, quiero señalar que las misas de la noche de los sábados satisfacen la obligación de asistir a misa los domingos.

## ENCUENTRO CON PADRES DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Hay una reunión de padres obligatoria el domingo 21 de marzo para los padres de niños que se preparan para recibir la Primera Eucaristía en mayo. Se requiere que al menos uno de los padres asista a esta reunión. Por favor, reúnanse en la Iglesia Superior de natividad a las 11:15 am. Esto es para los padres de los estudiantes en EP2, RCIC2, y los padres que tienen hijos preparándose para la Primera Comunión en las Escuelas Católicas. Los estudiantes asistirán a clase durante este tiempo.

## UNA SESIÓN ADICIONAL DE CLASE PARA LOS ESTUDIANTES EN CP2

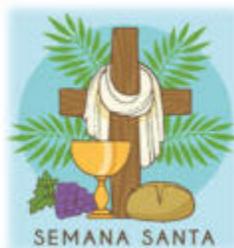
Para que estemos listos para la confirmación el sábado 22 de mayo, necesitamos tener un día adicional de clase para los estudiantes en CP2. Esto es obligatorio para todos los estudiantes de la clase CP2. Este día será el sábado 27 de marzo de 10:00 AM a 4:15 PM. TODOS los estudiantes DEBEN asistir. Además, los estudiantes asistirán juntos a la misa parroquial de las 4:30. Pedimos que al menos uno de los padres asista a esta misa. Detalles se han enviado a través de REMIND.

## TODAS LAS PERSONAS QUE ESTÁN REGISTRADAS PARA LA FORMACIÓN DE LA FE HAN ENVIADO UNA SOLICITUD PARA REMIND.

Por favor, acepta la solicitud para REMIND porque este es el modo primario para comunicar los anuncios del programa. Si tienes preguntas sobre REMIND o preguntas en general puedes llamar a Hermana Suzie.

## PREPARACIÓN PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS Y LAS CLASES DEL FORMACIÓN DE LA FE

3/21	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT CP1	11:15-12:30pm 5:00-6:30pm
3/21	Reunión de padres EP2, RCIC2, Iglesia Superior - CP1	11:15-12:30pm 5:00-6:30pm
3/27	CP2 adicional sesión de clase para CP2	10:00-5:30pm
3/28	EP1, EP2, RCIC2, RCIT CP2	11:15-12:30pm 5:00-6:30pm



## HORARIO PARA LA SEMANA SANTA

Para la Semana Santa, no necesitas hacer una reserva para ninguna de las Misas **excepto para el Domingo de Resurrección.**

**Necesitas hacer una reserva para el Domingo de Resurrección.** Puedes hacer una reserva después de las misas de fin de semana o puedes llamar a la oficina durante el horario normal de la oficina. El número de la oficina es 570-344-6159.

## LOS SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL

3/28	El Domingo de Ramos: sábado a las 6:30 PM y Domingo a las 1:00
3/30	Martes, 30 de marzo a las 7:00 PM
4/01	El Jueves Santo (bilingüe) a las 7:00 PM
4/02	Viernes Santo a las 3:00 PM (no habrá la Veneración de la Cruz)
4/03	Vigilia Pascual (bilingüe) a las 8:00 PM (no habrá la misa a las 6:30 PM en español este semana)
4/04	El Domingo de Resurrección a las 1:00 PM

También, habrá una bendición de comida de Pascua el Sábado Santo a las 12:00 en ambos Nativity y Holy Name. También, desafortunadamente, no podemos hacer la procesión del vía crucis este año.

## NUEVO HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Por favor, recuerde que cambiamos el horario de las misas. Aquí es el nuevo calendario completa:

### El Fin de Semana

Sábado a las 4:30 PM en Nativity (ingles)  
Sábado a las 6:30 PM en Nativity (español)  
Domingo a las 9:30 AM en Nativity (ingles)  
Domingo a las 1:00 PM en Nativity (español)

### Los Días de la Semana

Martes a las 8:00 AM en Nativity (ingles)  
Miércoles a las 9:00 AM en Holy Name(ingles)  
Jueves a las 7:00 PM en Nativity (español)  
Viernes a las 9:00 AM en Holy Name (ingles)



## ¡ESTUDIO BÍBLICO CON EL SEMINARISTA JAN CARLO!

¿Quieres aprender más sobre las escrituras durante Cuaresma? ¡Tienes suerte! Cada Martes de Cuaresma vamos a publicar en nuestra página de Facebook y YouTube una video sesión con nuestro seminarista Jan Carlo enseñando sobre la biblia. Las sesiones serán sobre 45 a 60 minutos cada semana. Espero que dediques un poco más de tiempo a esta Cuaresma con la Santa Palabra de Dios. En las primeras sesiones, Jan Carlo habló sobre los primeros capítulos del libro Génesis. Puede encontrar las primeras tres sesiones en línea.

## PREPARACIÓN ESPIRITUALMENTE PARA RECIBIR EL CUERPO DE CRISTO

### – PARTE DOS

La semana pasada, hablamos generalmente sobre la necesidad a preparamos espiritualmente cada vez nos acercamos al altar. Esta semana, quiero proporcionar algunas oraciones específicas que puedes rezar. Primero, podemos mirar a las oraciones de la Misa, particularmente las oraciones que el sacerdote se reza en silencio. Inmediatamente después del Cordero de Dios, en silencio el sacerdote reza una de estas dos oraciones: "Señor Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios vivo, que por voluntad del Padre, cooperando el Espíritu Santo, diste con tu muerte la vida al mundo, líbrame, por la recepción de tu Cuerpo y de tu Sangre, de todas mis culpas y de todo mal. Concédeme cumplir siempre tus mandamientos y jamás permitas que me separe de ti." O "Señor Jesucristo, la comunión de tu Cuerpo y de tu Sangre no sea para mí un motivo de juicio y condenación, sino que, por tu piedad, me aproveche para defensa de alma y cuerpo y como remedio saludable."

También, en silencio, inmediatamente después de la recepción del Cuerpo, el sacerdote reza una oración corte, pero muy hermosa: "El Cuerpo de Cristo me guarde para la vida eterna," y después de la recepción de la Sangre: "La Sangre de Cristo me guarde para la vida eterna."

También, en el "Libro Católico de Oraciones", encontramos varias oraciones profundas:

### *Acto de Esperanza*

Buen Jesús, sólo en Ti deposito toda mi esperanza. Tú eres mi salvación y fortaleza, Fuente de todo bien. Por Tu misericordia, Tu Pasión y Muerte, espero alcanzar el perdón de mis pecados, la gracia de la fidelidad y la felicidad eterna.

### *Acto de Amor*

Jesús, Dios mío, Te amo con todo mi corazón y sobre todas las cosas, pues Tú eres el Único Dios supremo y Ser infinitamente perfecto. Tú diste Tu vida por mí, pobre pecador, y en Tu misericordia Te has ofrecido como alimento a mi alma. Dios mío, Te amo. Alumbrame mi corazón para poder amarte aún más.

### *Acto de Deseo*

Jesús, mi Dios y mi todo, mi alma te anhela. Mi corazón suspira por recibirte en la Santa Comunión. Ven, Pan del cielo y Alimento de Ángeles, alimenta mi alma y regocíjame mi corazón. Ven, amigo querido de mi alma, para que me infundas tal amor que jamás me separe de Ti.

### *Oración de Santo Tomás de Aquino*

Oh Dios todopoderoso y eterno, llégome al Sacramento de tu Unigénito Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, como enfermo al médico de la vida, como inmundo a la fuente de misericordia, como ciego a la luz de la claridad eterna, como pobre al Señor de los cielos y tierra, y como desvalido al Rey de la gloria.

Suplico, pues, a tu infinita bondad y misericordia, tengas por bien sanar mi enfermedad, limpiar mi inmundicia, alumbrar mi ceguera, enriquecer mi pobreza y vestir mi desnudez, para que así pueda yo recibir el Pan de los Ángeles, al Rey de los reyes, al Señor de los señores con tanta reverencia y humildad, con tanta contrición y devoción, con tanta pureza y fe, y con tal propósito e intención, cual conviene para la salud de mi alma.

Dame, Señor, te ruego, que reciba yo, no sólo el Sacramento de tu sacratísimo Cuerpo, sino también la virtud y gracia del Sacramento. Oh Dios benignísimo, deja que reciba yo e Cuerpo de tu Unigénito Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, formado de María Virgen, de tal modo que merezca ser incorporado a su Cuerpo Místico y contado entre sus miembros.

Oh amantísimo Padre, concédeme tu Hijo amado, al cual deseo ahora recibir encubierto y velado, de manera que yo merezca contemplarle para siempre descubierto y sin velo. Que vive y reina contigo en unidad del Espíritu Santo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

## LA LUZ ESTÁ ENCENDIDO POR TI!

Todos los Lunes de Cuaresma en la iglesia de Nativity, ofrecerá el Sacramento de la Reconciliación de 5:30 p.m. a 7:00 p.m., como parte de la "¡La Luz Está Encendido Por Ti!" programa de la Diócesis de Scranton. Únase a nosotros mientras se prepara para la Pascua.

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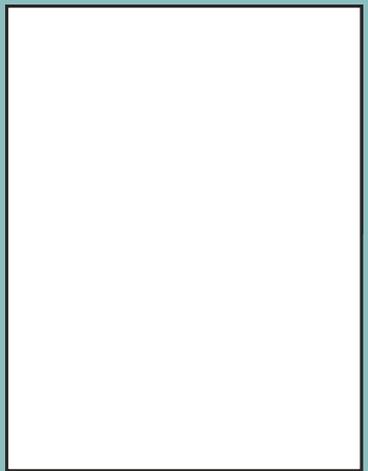
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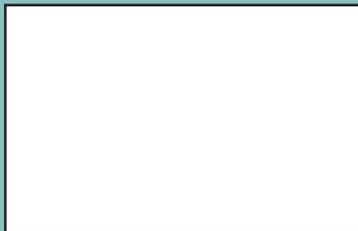
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