The Roman Catholic Community of Brockport
located at the
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
152 Main Street
Brockport NY 14420

Sunday, February 9, 2020—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Lord God, we acknowledge your greatness and our need for your grace in our marriage.
We thank you now for the gift you have given us in each other, this opportunity to love and be loved completely.
We accept this beautiful challenge and ask you to bless us.
May our love encourage us to grow to be holier individuals, bringing out the best in each other.
Following your example, Jesus, may we be quick to forgive, ready with a healing word or touch.
Teach us to speak to each other with charity and honesty. Help us avoid the temptation to take each other for granted. Instead, remind us, day by day, to see each other as you see us.
May we be as patient with each other as you are with us.
May our love be generous, reaching out beyond ourselves to all we meet.
We pray that they may meet you in us.
Let our life together be a light of hope to those who fear that a total commitment is not possible today.
Faith gives us courage, for we believe that the love that comes from you is freeing and life-giving.
Lord, be a partner with us in our marriage; with your help it will be strong and enduring.
We rejoice that you have brought us together.
May we always be one in you. Amen.

- Lauri Przybysz, 1990 -
FR JOE’S WEEK
I got back from Punta Cana early Thursday morning. The time in the sun was relaxing, but I’m not sure I’d do it again. The Resort was excellent, but a bit boring. I did get to go to Santo Domingo for a day trip. Santo Domingo is the oldest city in the Americas and was very colorful. Lots of history and a good tour. I also went deep-sea fishing and the boat caught a blue marlin—quite an adventure. I caught some barracuda. But it was mostly lie around and nap, watch movies...Thursday afternoon we had a diocesan meeting about the financial reorganization and effects on the parish. Lots of lawyers giving lots of possibilities, and no one knows exactly what will happen. I really can’t tell you anything for sure, so it is best to wait until things become clearer, which we expect in about six months, although there may be some decisions made this month. When I know stuff, I’ll pass it on...That afternoon I went to Highland Hospital to see Tom Schrage. It was good to connect with his family and pray for Tom...Tom died early Friday morning. I went to Fowler’s to meet with Barb and the family and make plans as best we could. We were able to settle a number of things...Saturday I went to the Eastman Theater for an RPO concert. It was about Susan B. Anthony, and there was a premiere of a new piece of music. It was very contemporary, which I usually like, but this one, not so much. I left at intermission—the second half was a lot of reading and I go to the RPO for music, not words...Sunday, our Hispanic community celebrated Candelaria with chicken mole after mass. So gooood...That evening we gathered to watch the super bowl on the overhead projector in our hall. It was stupendous! The game was on the whole wall, and we enjoyed taco dip, chili, and other goodies. Next year, plan to join us...Monday I went to Irondequoit for an appointment, then returned for a Campus Ministry gathering (with pizza). We did some good planning and will have a Pizza and Movie night after the 4:30 mass on Feb 29. We will see “The Two Popes” if it is still on Netflix then—I’m sure it will be. All are invited...Tuesday morning Mary Lynne Turner and I planned the next Confirmation session...God bless and have a good week.

Best Lent Ever
Wednesday nights during Lent Father Joe will lead a discussion for about an hour on the Best Lent Ever book, Rediscover the Saints. Come at 7 pm. We’ll be in the Main Hall near the stairs.

Campus Corner
Students: We’ll have this column in the bulletin every week, so please look for it!
You can apply for the Newman Scholarship. Details and application on the SUNY Brockport’s Home Page, click on Admissions & Aid in the menu, then find Financial Aid & Scholarships, scroll down to Brockport Foundation Scholarships. Lastly, you will have to look for Newman Scholarship in the listing.
Anyone who is interested in College Ministry at Nativity is invited to meet Mondays at 5 pm in Room 112. Come help us plan fun things to do in fellowship with Christ. The next meeting is February 17. We order pizza!
Students, we invite you to come to SoulCore. And bring a friend! No need to worry about a donation; the Campus Ministry fund will cover it! Just indicate you are a student on sign in sheet. The next time the group meets is February 19th. It’s a good way to relax, have some spiritual time, and tone some muscles...

Best Lent Ever
Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a FREE email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. You’ll get:

- Short inspirational videos
- Practical tips
- Daily guided reflection questions that help you identify what stands between you and happiness...
- Weekly video lectures from Matthew Kelly on topics you need for your best Lent ever?

SIGN UP AT BestLentEver.com
February 19
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
7 pm
Front Main Hall

Come on and try it out...stretch & tone while meditating on the rosary. Exercises can be done on a mat or a chair.

Remember to wear loose comfortable clothing and bring your own exercise mat, unless you intend to use a chair.
Suggested donation per class: $10.
Bring a friend!

New Parishioners!
We are glad you joined us...

Victoria Salamone & Zachary Wakefield

Save-the-Date

Annual Women’s Retreat
at the Notre Dame Retreat House
in Canandaigua
May 1-3, 2020

“Finding God in Life’s Transitions”

Lectionary at Lunch

Every Tuesday during Lent Father Joe will lead a discussion on the readings that will be coming up that Sunday. Bring your lunch or not, and meet in Room 115 from NOON to 1 pm.

Go out into the world today and
Love the people you meet.
Let your presence light
new light in the hearts of others.

Mother Teresa

Be Heart-Healthy!

It does our hearts good to stretch! This month we see Valentines all around – a reminder to do something good for our own hearts. Many of us are frequent drivers -- having the freedom to go anywhere, most anytime. Freedom to do the simple, but necessary things...like a stop at the pharmacy...a visit to the doctor...a trip to the grocery store.

Others can no longer drive, and this is a significant problem for many of our neighbors. Yet they still need to shop, and they have appointments. They could use a lift – an outreach from us – a heart-stretch.

If you have a couple of hours a week, or even a couple of hours a month, consider being a volunteer driver. You can select your geographic area and the times you wish to drive. You will be provided with training, and supplemental accident and liability insurance.

Give your heart a good stretch! Be a little kinder than necessary!

To learn more about becoming a volunteer driver, call Sr. Anne Guerin at 244-8400, ext. 142, or email, aguerin@lifespan-roch.org.

The cemetery’s rules & regulations are posted in the cemetery & on Nativity’s website.

Regularly open 8 am-dusk, April 1 - November 30;
December & April, weather permitting;
Closed January 1 –March 31
Graves: $700/each.
For more information or concerns, please call the Nativity Parish Office at (585) 637-4500.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
6881 E. Canal Road, Brockport, NY 14420
Nativity/Mt. Olivet Calendar

**Sunday, February 9**
Public Policy Weekend
10-11:45 am Religious Education Classes—Parish Center
10-11:45 am Confirmation Class—115
12:30 pm Estudio Biblico—107
2:30 pm Hisp. Gathering—Back Main Hall & Buffet

**Monday, February 10**
6:30 pm Estudio Biblico—107

**Tuesday, February 11**
7:00 pm Contemporary Choir—Church

**Thursday, February 13**
6:30 pm CDA Mtg.—Back Main Hall

**Friday, February 14—St. Valentine’s Day**
12-2 pm Communion Service, Adoration & Benediction—Church

**Saturday, February 15**
9:30 am—12 pm CDA Education Contest Judging—109, 122, & 115

**Sunday, February 16**
No Religious Education Classes
12:30 pm Estudio Biblico—107
2:30 pm Hisp. Gathering—Back Main Hall & Buffet

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**Saturday, February 8—Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita**
4:30 pm Pasquale Battisti—Lincoln Family

**Sunday, February 9**
9:00 am Jack Mazzarella—The Family
1:30 pm For the people of the parish

**Monday, February 10—St. Scholastica**
8:00 am Eugene Cronin—Ed & Elizabeth Nietopski

**Tuesday, February 11—Out Lady of Lourdes**
8:00 am Communion Service

**Wednesday, February 12**
8:00 am Communion Service

**Thursday, February 13**
8:00 am Communion Service

**Friday, February 14—Sts. Cyril Methodius**
12:00 pm Communion Service, Adoration & Benediction

**Saturday, February 15**
4:30 pm Larry Cummings, Jr.—Mike & Debbie Ferris

**Sunday, February 16**
9:00 am Charles Swalbach—Ed Stigliano
1:30 pm For the people of the parish

**Please note:** If the weekend Mass intention is for your loved one, and you would like to present the offertory gifts, Please notify an usher prior to Mass.

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**The Sanctuary Candle** is burning before the Blessed Sacrament during the month of February for Annette & Nicola Fiorillo requested by Carmela Coccitto.

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**Sunday Financial Offering**

**February 2, 2020**
Budget amount for weekly collection............$5,850.00
Actual amount received.....................................$5,766.00
Over (under) budget year to date...............$10,311.79
Attendance..............................................................384

**Thank you for your continued faithful giving!**
Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future: Nativity’s Parish Center

Pledge Report as of January 22

Number of Nativity Households: 616
Number Participating in Campaign: 268
Total Pledged: $1,731,230.14
Total Paid To Date: $1,257,333.09

Statements go out after the 15th of each month. If you have any questions, kindly call or send Pamela a note.

Remember to keep current on your pledges. If you have done a stock transfer, please contact the Parish Office for detailed instructions.

If you are past due on your pledge payments, please call the Parish Office to set up a new payment schedule. We are counting on that amount, so if you cannot fulfill your pledge it is important that we know this.

If anyone at any point can pay off their pledge, it would be most appreciated. Thank you to those who have already answered this call!

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in our faith community and those that we hold in our hearts. May God grant them healing and strength.

Marsha Allen; Rose Anselm; David Armstrong; Dan Belde; Mary Ellen Baker; Betsy Balzano; Christopher Bartlett; Evelyn Battisti; Donald Berner; Greg Bibby; Teresa Bibby; Michael Blaszak; Seth Boyer; Barbara Britt; Joyce Brawn; Dolores Breslawski; Nancy Breslawski; Luca Burgio; Muriel Burns; Eugenia Cabiedes; Joyce Connors; Helen Chuma; Katherine Dabney; Nancy Danko; Jeremiah Delorme; Kelly DelVecchio; Gail DeToy; Dick Diamond; Josephine DiNatale; Rob Dobbertin Jr.; Martha Donnelly; Edith Downey; Richard Dudley; Dave Ellis; Noreen Ehnot; Michael Ferris; Kevin Flannery; Dolores Flow; Nate Foley; Jim Gardner; Elizabeth Griffin; Isabelle Guilloux; Crystal Gurney; Joe Harkin; Paul & Yvonne Iacobucci; Mark Jackson; Phyllis Jackson; Heath Kaczprzak; David Kleehammer; Christine Kopple; Kailee Kwiecien; Donald Lage; Marilyn Lage; Walter Lage; Francis Leasure; Rich LoMonaco; John Lupisella; Lhessa Lyons; Dan Machachek; Olivia Maniaci; Tony Matela; Chris Mazzarella; Keith McDermott; Carol McNeil; Nicole Moracco; Jeanne Moszak; Peter Nashburn; Joanne Nicolucci; Pat Nisdeo; Arthur Nowack; Patricia Nowack; Mary Overmeyer; Caitlin Pacilio; Tony Pacilio; William Pearce; Kelly (Duff) Quintana; Lynn Ramsey; Tina Reale; Justiah Reisman; Gary Rheinwald; Mary Rice; Kandis Rich; Steven Riggs; Beverly Ruggles; Rosa Maria Santos; Justin Scheg; Dale Schuff; Larry Scoppa; Chic Semple; Carrie Sexton; Art Smith; Clarence Stratton; Marilyn Szczepanski; Lorraine Sheflin; Carolyn Skill; Sharon Stratton; Bob & Greg Toth; Laurence Vaughan; Paul Wieczorek; and Janice Wilson.

Names will remain on the list for one month. If your loved one is doing well, please call the Parish Office to remove their name. Thank you!

The next meeting of the Catholic Daughters will be held on THIS Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 in the Nativity Parish Center. We will be having a Valentines theme. Guests are always welcome so feel free to come and check us out. Membership is open to all Catholic women age 18 and over. For additional information contact Donna at 637-3795.

For further information or membership in Nativity Court #931, contact our Regent, Donna Glogowski at (585) 637-3795 or dtglow@msn.com. Other officers available for questions:

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Bulletin Advertisers

When you patronize an advertiser listed on the back of our bulletin, please let them know. Their ads support our bulletin, and they need to know their bulletin advertisement is working.

This week we are featuring Naughton’s Johnson House.
Church of the Nativity, Brockport, New York
February 9, 2020

Scriptural Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Please pray for the soul of Deacon Tom Schrage who passed away recently.

PREPARACIÓN PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN
Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para la Primera Comunión. Los niños deben tener siete años o estar en segundo grado. La catequesis será todos los domingos, a partir del primer domingo de marzo, hasta el tercer domingo de agosto. Es un tiempo corto, por eso los niños no pueden faltar, a no ser que haya una emergencia familiar. Además, los niños y sus padres tienen que asistir a la misa dominical. La Primera Comunión está relacionada con la Misa, los niños tienen que aprender a participar en la Misa, junto con sus padres. Por favor, registren a sus niños cuanto antes, para poder saber cuándo se van a preparar, y poder encargar los libros. Los niños primero se preparan para recibir el sacramento de la Reconciliación, y luego se preparan para Primera Comunión. Los niños tendrán dos libros.

ESTUDIO BIBLICO EN LAS CASAS
Si no estás contento con solamente asistir a misa, y quieres algo más, te invitamos a nuestros estudios bíblicos que tenemos los lunes a las 6:00pm. Allí reflexionamos sobre las lecturas que se leen los domingos en la misa, para poder entenderlas mejor y aplicarlas a nuestras vidas. Te ofrecemos la posibilidad de tener un estudio bíblico en tu casa, cualquier lunes. Solamente haznos saber el lunes que has elegido, o puedes asistir al centro parroquial.

NUESTRA PARROQUIA TE OFRECE:
Una comunidad alegre y acogedora para que formas parte de ella.
Misa en español: todos los domingos a la 1:30pm
Liderazgo: en la liturgia (lectores, ujieres, ministros de la comunión, servidores del altar, sacristanes) y en la evangelización (catequista Primera Comunión y Confirmación, visita de familias y campamentos).
Sacramentos: Bautismos, Primeras Comuniones, Confirmaciones, Matrimonios, Confesiones.
Celebración de Tradiciones: Día de los Muertos, Novena y fiesta a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, las Posadas, Navidad, Via Crucis, Corpus Christi, Día de la Madre, Fiesta de Reyes, La Candelaria, Quinceañeras, bendiciones de niños.
Formación: Estudio bíblico todos los domingos a las 12:30pm., y los lunes en las casas a las 6:30pm., cursos para líderes litúrgicos y de evangelización.
Visitas a los hogares, a los enfermos y campamentos agrícolas.
Integración: Te ofrecemos el espacio para que compartas tu fe y cultura con otros latinos, sintiéndote parte de una familia, para que participes activamente en nuestra comunidad, y ejerzas tu liderazgo.
Coverage During Lunch

Pamela is still looking for coverage during lunches so the Parish Office can remain open all day.

Jean Noble graciously stepped up and takes care of Mondays. Won’t you consider doing it one day a week? Pamela will train you. Thank you!

OFFICE CLOSED AT LUNCH
The office will be closed weekdays from 12-1 pm.

BACK TO REGULAR BULLETIN DEADLINE
Monday the week BEFORE, so please:
1) E-mail to cnavitiv@dor.org OR
2) Drop it off during open Parish Office hours

HOSPITAL VISITATION
If a member of your family is in Unity, Strong, Highland, or General Hospital, please call the Parish Office and let us know so Father Joe can visit.

We will be back in church THIS Sunday, February 9th—including the Confirmation class.

For questions or further information, please contact Connie Mesiti (grades K-7), at connie.mesiti@dor.org or (grades 8-12) Father Joe at fr.joe.mccaffrey@dor.org OR Mary Lynne Turner at marylynne@frontiernet.net, or simply call the Parish Office: 637-4500.

Nativity’s Mission Statement/Navidad Nuestra Misión

Nativity parish strives to be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.

La parroquia de Natividad se esfuerza por ser un lugar de misericordia libremente dado, donde todo el mundo puedan sentirse bienvenidos, amados, perdonados y animados a vivir la buena vida del Evangelio.

Sacrament of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 1:30 pm - Español
Weekday Mass: M-Th—8:00 am, F—Noon
National Holiday, Weekdays: 9 am
Holydays: Noon & 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday: 1:00-1:45 pm; Saturday: 3:15-4:15 pm;
by appointment

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick/Communion, Baptism, and Matrimony may be made by calling the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday –Friday: 9 am-12 pm, 1-4 pm

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