Easter Sunday ~ Domingo de Pascua
April 4, 2021

The Roman Catholic Community of Brockport
located at the
Church of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
152 Main Street ■ Brockport NY 14420
(585) 637-4500

If you were a guest at Nativity this Easter and would like more information about registering with the parish, please contact our Parish Office at 637-4500, send us an e-mail at cnativit@dor.org, or go on our website (www.nativitybrockport.org) HOME page for the registration form and send it to us. You are most welcome to join us anytime! Please see our regular schedule of Masses and Confession times below:

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: 3:00-4:00 pm;

FR.JOE'S WEEK

Our Lectionary group met on Tuesday. We had the choice of many readings, being Palm Sunday and all. We looked at the Gospel, (Mark's version) and the first two readings for the Sunday. There was plenty to keep us occupied. Again, good insights and questions...Tuesday evening I went to St. Lawrence for the Hands of Christ awards. I saw three of our Seniors in High School there—perhaps I missed someone. A listing of our Seniors who were given the award this year is elsewhere in the bulletin. We have a goodly number this year...Our Lenten Book discussion met Wednesday at noon. Again, there are good questions and comments. We have one more week for these discussions before we finish the book. Thanks to all who have participated...Wednesday evening our First Communion program began with a parent meeting. We settled a lot of stuff with an absolute minimum of discussion, including what the kids are going to wear and when the ceremony will be. The parents have already prepared their kids for First Reconciliation, so they know how the program works. I can't wait until the COVID stuff ends so we can have a normal program—I think everybody is in the same boat...Thursday I joined Fr. McKenna at Olive Garden for lunch. It was my 44th ordination anniversary, so Kevin bought me lunch...The phone has been ringing all week with folks registering for Masses...Early bulletin deadline this Friday before Holy Week...Have a blessed Easter!...God bless and have a good week!

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

Norm & Maddy Klein
Alice Pye

Divine Mercy Sunday
Next Sunday

This weekend you will receive in your bulletin a pamphlet entitled Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet. If you are not familiar with these prayers, they began with a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska, in 1931, who saw a vision of Jesus with rays of mercy streaming from His Heart. He asked her to have the vision painted and to sign it "Jesus I trust in You." In the series of revelations she continued to receive, Jesus told her of His endless mercy available to us all.. even the greatest of sinners. He also asked that she establish Divine Mercy Sunday which is now celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

Please take time to read the pamphlet and to learn of the many spiritual benefits to be derived from these beautiful prayers.

Do we have you as a Parishioner?
Family Life Changes?

If you are a new parishioner or have news of significant events in your life such as births, deaths, marriages, divorces, graduations, moves, new e-mails, change of phone number, or you are a snowbird. kindly call the Parish Secretary, Pamela, at 637-4500.

Parish registration forms (blue colored) are in the rack by the Mary statue and outside the Parish Office. Please take one and return to the Parish Office directly, by mail, or put it in the collection.

All this helps with our record keeping, and helps us serve you better. Thank you!

Joy of Praying the Rosary

The Joy of Praying the Rosary group will meet **THIS COMING Monday, April 5th** at **2:00 pm** in the CHURCH.

We will pray for the Catholic Church and for an end to the Coronavirus, as well as any intentions the group may have.

Each meeting we will talk about the Rosary and something special about Our Blessed Mother.

The group meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, unless otherwise stated in the bulletin.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us...

Hands of Christ Award

Alexandra Covert, and **Mia & Morgan Monnier** were given the Bishop Matthew H. Clark Hands of Christ Award Wednesday, March 24 at St. Lawrence Church by Most Reverend Salvatore Matano. Pictured are Father Joe McCaffrey with the Monnier girls. Other youth in the parish that received this award were **Francesca Belde** and **Heather Smith**.

All of these girls have inspired other youth in our parish to join ministries. Thanks to **Pat Nisdeo** and **all the head ushers/greeters,** as well as **Phyllis Brudz**, Altar Server Coordinator and **Connie Mesiti,** former Religious Education Coordinator who have cultivated them in their ministry.

Congratulations, girls!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Starts Up Again

Our group will start meeting again starting **Tuesday, April 20th** from 9:30-11 am in the **Parish Center Main Hall**.

We will resuming meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday's of the month. We knit and crochet lap robes and prayer shawls for shut-ins and ill parishioners. In addition, each child baptized within the parish is given a handmade white blanket as part of the ceremony.

We would love to have you **join us**! Just bring needles or a crochet hook and yarn if you wish. Each project we do takes two-three 7 oz. skeins of knitting worsted.

Can you help in identifying people in our parish who would benefit from a lap robe or prayer shawl? Please let Pamela, our parish secretary, know or call & leave a message with our chairperson: Marge DeForest at 637-2857.

Please pray for the souls of **Mary Melillo** & **Mary Rice** who passed away recently.

Lectionary at Lunch, a discussion on the upcoming Sunday readings, will be held this Tuesday from 12 noon to 1 pm in the Main Hall of the Parish Center. Join us & bring your lunch...

Ministerio Hispano

EL SEÑOR HA RESUCITADO Y ESTÁ CON NOSOTROS.
Queridos hermanos hoy celebramos la resurrección del Señor. Él ha vencido la muerte, ha triunfado sobre el mal. Jesús resucitado nos envía a ser testigos de su resurrección en medio de nuestro mundo. Él está en medio de nosotros, animando nuestra vida y quiere que vivamos como familia, como hermanos, que construyamos nuestra comunidad, donde nos encontremos, compartamos nuestras vidas y, juntos, celebremos su amor, su entrega plena por nosotros en la cruz y, sobre todo, su resurrección. Por eso es importante venir a Misa. Es en la comunidad en donde el Señor resucitado se hace presente. Nuestro templo es grande y hay suficiente espacio para seguir manteniendo las medidas de seguridad.

CASARSE POR LA IGLESIA
Si quieres recibir el sacramento del matrimonio ésta es tu oportunidad, ya que estamos formando un grupo para preparar a las parejas que quieran casarse por la Iglesia. Por ahora solamente tienes que comunicarte con Jorge Salgado e ir consiguiendo sus partidas de bautismo.

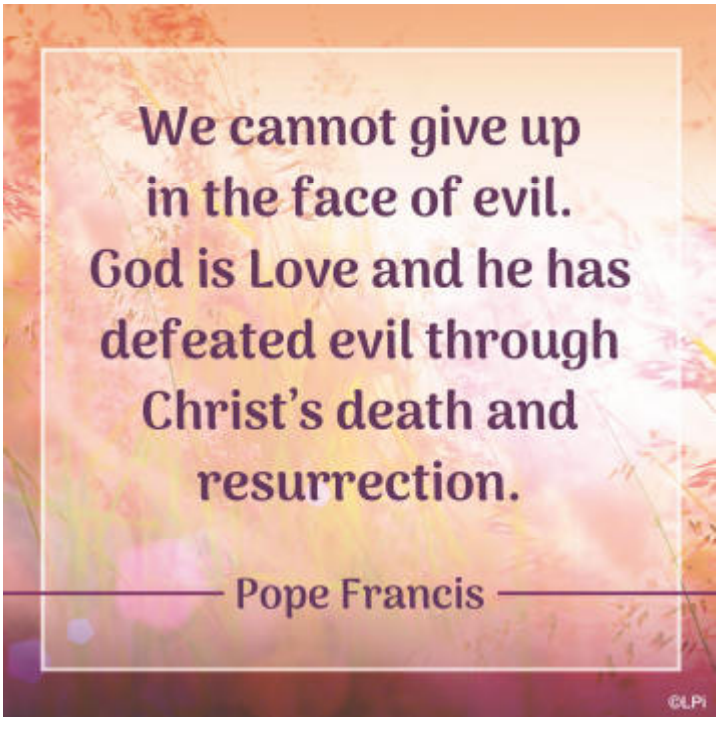
LINEA DE AYUDA
Si lo estas pasando mal por lo del corona virus, y quieres hablar sobre ello, puedes llamar a este teléfono: (585)330-1925, y allí recibirás una ayuda espiritual. También puedes compartir este teléfono con alguna persona que piensas que lo necesita. mantengámonos en contacto en estos días de crisis. La Iglesia siempre esta disponible para ayudarte y apoyarte. Solamente Llámanos.

NUESTRA PARROQUIA TE OFRECE:
Una comunidad alegre y acogedora para que formes 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.

Nativity Parish/Mt. Olivet Cemetery Calendar

Holy Saturday, April 3
7:30 pm The Great Easter Vigil—Church
Easter Sunday, April 4
8:00 am Mass—Church
10:00 am Mass—Church
12:30 pm Hisp. 1st Communion Prep—112
1:30 pm Spanish Mass—Church
Monday, April 5
2:00 pm Joy of Praying the Rosary—Church
Tuesday, April 6
12-1 pm Lectionary at Lunch—Main Hall
7:00 pm Liturgy Comm.—Main Hall
Thursday, April 8
6:30 pm CDA Meeting—Main Hall
Friday, April 9
12-1 pm Mass, Adoration, Confession & Benediction—Church
Sunday, April 11
12:30 pm Hisp. 1st Communion Prep—112

The Sanctuary Candle is burning before the Blessed Sacrament during the month of April for John Rich requested by daughters, Pamela & Barbara.



Mass INTENTIONS

Holy Saturday, April 3
7:30 pm Great Easter Vigil: For the people of the parish
Easter Sunday, April 4
8:00 am For the people of the parish
10:00 am For the people of the parish
1:30 pm For the people of the parish
Monday, April 5
8:00 am John DeForest & Francis Donnelly—Marge DeForest
Tuesday, April 6
8:00 am Isabel Rich—Daughters, Pamela & Barbara
Wednesday, April 7
8:00 am Richard Goodwin—Patty Dold
Thursday, April 8
8:00 am For the intentions of Will Schmidt—His parents
Friday, April 9
12:00 pm Domenico Carlone—Carmela Coccitto
Saturday, April 10
4;30 pm Deceased members of the Nesta Family—Josephine DeNatalie
Sunday, April 11
9:00 am Arthur F. Roth, Jr.—Daughter, Sandra
1:30 pm Clara Velasquez—Nativity Staff

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

6881 E. Canal Road, Brockport, NY 14420

The cemetery is now open.

The cemetery rules & regulations are posted in the cemetery & on Nativity's website HOME page. Please adhere to those rules!

The Cemetery Advisory Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, April 21 at 11 am. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please call the Parish Office.

Open regularly 8 am-dusk, April 1 - November 30; December, 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.

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.

Nancy Armentano; David Armstrong; Charlie Arrow; Sr. Beverly Baker; Mary Ellen Baker; Christopher Bartlett; Evelyn Battisti; Claudio Battisti; Donald Berner; Jean Bibby; Teresa Bibby; Bruce Biljan; Michael Blaszak; Dan & Seth Boyer; Joyce Brawn; Dolores Breslawski; Nancy Breslawski; Ben Brown; David & Patrick Burgio; Luca Burgio; Muriel Burns; John Bush; Michael Conner; Bernice Conrow; Helen Chuma; Katherine Dabney; Nancy Danko; Rudolph Dean; Kathi Dellucco; Jeremiah Delorme; Mark & Judy Depferd; Pete & Gail DeToy; Dick Diamond; Michael DiCesare; Josephine DiNatale; Donna Donovan; Edithe Downey; Julianne Dudley; Noreen Ehnot; Dave Ellis; Marie Elphick; Michael Ferris; Dylan Feszczyszyn; Kevin Flannery; Dolores Flow; Nate Foley; Elizabeth Griffin; Crystal Gurney; Dr. Cecil Haggerty; Joe Harkin; Ian & Rita Henderson; Paul & Yvonne Iacobucci; Louise Patricia Jackson; Phyllis Jackson; Heather Kacprzak; David Kleehammer; Christine Kopple; Wendy Kosokowski; Marilyn Lage; Walter Lage; Joan Lavell; Francis Leasure; Rich LoMonaco; Shannon Luce; Lhessa Lyons; Olivia Maniaci; Chris Mazzarella; Mary Ann McCullough; Keith McDermott; Carol McNeil; Pamela Miller; Marsha Moracco; Nicole Moracco; Jeanne Moszak; Peter Nashburn; Ed Nietopski; Pat Nisdeo; Samuel Norton; Mary Overmeyer; Tom Ozminkowski; Tony Pacilio; Patricia Pawling; Coleen Quinn Molina; Kelly (Duff) Quintana; Roger; Lynn Ramsey; Tina Reale; Justiah & Melanie Reisman; Beverly Ruggles; Rosa Maria Santos; Justin Scheg; Dale Schuff; Chic Semple; Carrie Sexton; Art Smith; Clarence Stratton; Carolyn Skill; Sharon Stratton; Marilyn Szczepanski; Mary Beth Turiano; Laurence Vaughan; Paul Wieczorek; Janice Wilson & Tom Zurowski.

Please call the Parish Office to **remove** or add a name. Thank you!

Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future: Nativity's Parish Center

Pledge Report as of March 25

Number of Nativity Households	616
Number Participating in Campaign	268
Total Pledged	$1,744,928.14
Total Paid To Date	$1,487,015.25

At our March meeting, we began preparing for the upcoming Pastoral Council elections which are coming very soon. I am blessed to have so many wonderful members to assist me in the last two years as Chair, and many more that have worked with me over the years. I would encourage anyone who is interested to nominate a member of our Parish or even yourself to help guide the direction of our Parish. Instructions will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Many hands make light work.

We also had a report from the Faith Formation and the Knights of Columbus on the adjustments they have had to make due to COVID-19. The Knights have been using the Zoom platform for meetings, and the teachers have been meeting once every 2 months to review how things are going and to facilitate service projects. Three service projects that will continue were the Living Nativity (Brockport Toy Shelf donations), Prayer Chain for Lent (over the Blessed Sacrament) and snack donations for St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. Everyone agreed that it was beneficial for teachers to meet periodically and to use brain-storming sessions to build and implement child and family-friendly activities and wish to continue in the future.

Thanks to all volunteers for sharing your time, talent and treasure with the families of Nativity. Your generosity of spirit is greatly appreciated.

Samantha Golden
2019-21 Pastoral Council Chair

Time... **To nominate a fellow Parishioner or yourself to the Pastoral Council.**

Nativity Parish will be holding elections soon to select three adults and one high school youth who have been asked to serve our Parish as a member of the Pastoral Council.

We need you... **To nominate a fellow parishioner in April.**

Who has engaged you in the needs within our Parish Community?
Are YOU being called to serve your Nativity Parish ?
Do you know a high school student at Nativity who seeks leadership?

More to come... **Thank you for your time and consideration.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP:

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

Spring has Sprung

Cindy Graves is looking for some "Gardening Angels" again this year to help her here at the church with the spring clean-up and weed tending throughout the Summer and Fall season. If you are interested, please call or email her at: 451-5984/ cgraves7@rochester.rr.com. Thank you!

SoulCore is Coming Back To Nativity

Our own parishioner, **Mary Wright**, became a SoulCore leader this past year and will be offering SoulCore experiences here at Nativity beginning in May.

SoulCore combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. Masks will be required and we will stay 6 feet apart in the Main Hall. Stay tuned for details...

Scriptural Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/ Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/ Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Nativity's Catholic Daughter Court will hold their monthly meeting NEXT week, April 8th at 6:30 pm. Come if you are interested in joining!

If you are interested in joining our Court, please contact our Regent, Sue Parrino at (585) 732-4919 or susan.parrino@yahoo.com. Other officers available for questions:

Vice Regent, Donna Glogowski, (585)637-3795 or dtglow@msn.com
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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.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday: 12:30-1:45 pm; Saturday: 3-4 pm
or 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
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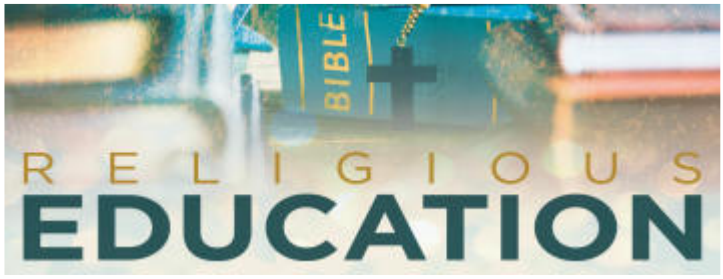

Don't forget to **pick up your Unit 4 materials** in the filing cabinet in the foyer of the Parish Center next to the Parish Office door.

You may also leave completed Summary Sheets in your Catechists' folder.

Confirmation students, please finish your lessons, and see if you can do some community service before Confirmation in April.

Many thanks to our Faith Formation families for their very generous contributions. We collected enough food items to help significantly with the lunches provided to St. Joseph House of Hospitality. Helping the less fortunate is a wonderful way to do God's work. We are blessed with caring and giving families.

God bless you all,
The Faith Formation Catechists

This week we highlight:

Evergreen Place

Office News

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

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Monday for the FOLLOWING weekend. Please e-mail to **cnativit@dor.org** OR drop it off during open Parish Office hours.

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