May 30, 2021

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Nativity of the Lord Jesus

2425 Myersville Road • Akron 44312

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Mass Schedule
Saturday — 4:30 PM
Sunday — 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri — 8:00 AM

Confessions
In vistation room
Saturday — 3:00 - 4:00 PM
1st Tuesday — 6:00 - 6:45 PM
Other times by appointment

Eucharistic Exposition
Suspended—covid—19
Thursday — 12:00 - 8:00 PM

Baptism
Those expecting their first child are encouraged to attend preparation sessions before the birth. Godparents must be practicing Catholics. Contact Father Kawalec.

Marriage
Couples should contact Father Kawalec before any wedding plans have been made. Preparation begins at least six months before the marriage date.

Religious Education
Parish Life Night (PLN)
Hybrid sessions due to Covid-19

Sponsor Certificate
May be obtained at the parish office by registered and active parishioners who are confirmed and, if married, in a valid Catholic marriage.

R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: a faith formation program for those interested in becoming Catholic. Contact Father Kawalec.

Parochial School
St. Francis de Sales School is available to Nativity children.

Bethlehem Cave and Nativity Museum
Tours are available year-round to the public. Contact Kathleen Conrad at 330-896-0565 or *tours@nativityofthelord.org*

Office and Museum Hours
Monday – Friday: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
Mailboxes open until 7:00PM
Parish Phone: 330-699-5086

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Mission Statement
We are Nativity of the Lord Jesus Parish, a Roman Catholic Church, providing a gathering place for all in the name of Jesus Christ. We encourage the participation of each individual for the betterment of the parish and community. We seek to give birth to Jesus Christ in the hearts of all people through loving service, Christian example, and Spiritual growth.

Serving southern Springfield Township and northern Green at the corner of Killian and Myersville Roads.

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www.nativityofthelord.org

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Bulletin Announcements
Due Mondays by 10:00AM. Submit announcement and duration by email to *bulletin@nativityofthelord.org* or in writing to the parish office.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sun. May 30
8:30AM James Hanawalt/SVDP
11:00AM Pro Populo (For the People)

Mon. May 31
9:30AM Deacon Dennis Smith/Staff

Tues. June 1 NO MASS

Wed. June 2
8:00AM Esther Waples/Gene

Thurs. June 3
8:00AM Jim & Annette Cervenka/Family

Fri. June 4
8:00AM Mary Hamilton/We Care

Sat. June 5
4:30PM St. Mary's Seminarians/Janis Gallagher

Sun. June 6
8:30AM Pro Populo (For the People)
11:00AM Bolognoni Family/Kathy Conrad

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
NUMBER OF REGULAR ENVELOPES 75

May 23, 2021	$6,090.00
Maintenance	$545.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$95.30

Thank you for your kind and generous support.

Remember in Your Prayers

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Dan Bussard
David Pritt
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Don Cassetty
Dottie Badgett
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Eddie Grismer
Edna Dierker
Eileen Schmidt
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Sharon Brown
Sheryl O'Neil
Steven Clites
Steve Miller
Susan Bussard
Terry Hennesey Sr.
Tim Smith
Tracy DiGiammarino
Vicki DiSalvo
and their caregivers.

For our beloved deceased.
Don Brown

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

Sun.	*Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20*
Mon.	*Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56*
Tue.	*Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17*
Wed.	*Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/ Mk 12:18-27*
Thurs.	*Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/ Mk 12:28-34*
Fri.	*Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37*
Sat.	*Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44*
Sun.	*Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26*

Observances for the Week of May 30, 2021

Sun.	The Most Holy Trinity
Mon.	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day
Tue.	St. Justin, Martyr
Wed.	St. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Thurs	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Sat.	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Sun.	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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Weekly Schedule

Sun. May 30
Church Open 7:30AM - 7:00PM

Mon. May 31 Memorial Day
Office Closed
Church Closed

Tues. June 1
Office Open 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Church Open 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Rosary for our Country - 4:00PM(CH)
Confessions 6:00-6:45PM (V)

Wed. June 2
Office Open 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Church Open 7:30AM - 7:00PM

Thurs. June 3
Office Open 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Church Open 7:30AM - 7:00PM

Fri. June 4
Rosary after 8:00AM Mass
Office Open 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Church Open 7:30AM - 7:00PM
Bloodmobile 1:00-6:00PM (NH)

Sat. June 5
Church Open Noon - 7:00PM
Confessions 3:00PM - 4:00PM (CH)
Youth Movie Night 5:30-7:30PM (NH)

You may pick up a weekly bulletin and missalette just outside the parish office. Please do not return either item.

Also, stop in the church for a quiet visit of prayer!

Most Holy Trinity:

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. By believing in those our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

Nativity News

AVAILABLE FOR YOU! Did you know there are items for you to pick up at the "Weekday" door entrance? Any items on the table are available for you to **take home and keep**. This includes:

*Current Bulletins
*Missalettes (do not return)
*EWTN TV Schedule
*Receive FORMED for Free
*Rosary Guides and rosaries
*Free Books and CDs
*Pope's COVID 19 Prayer
*June Magnificat

Nativity staff continues to welcome you back following directives from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Governor DeWine. Any updates can be found at *nativityofthelord.org*

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE coming to Nativity Friday June 4th, 1:00-6:00PM. Please come and make summer easier for people needing blood as they recover from accidents, surgery, cancer or babies needing transfusions as they begin life. To make giving easier, make an appointment at REDCROSSBLOOD.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

Walk ins are welcome but may have a short wait. Lets make a good showing now that the virus is easing.

NATIVITY CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS are having a Memorial Mass on Saturday, May 29 at the 4:30PM Mass. This Mass intention is for all deceased veterans of our Parish and deceased veterans whose family members attend Nativity. Their names are listed on the easel board in the narthex, help yourself to the extra copies of the deceased on the table.

Also, our Military Veterans of our church will lead the Lakemore Parade on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. The parade will begin at 1:00pm from Springfield High School Parking lot, traverse down Sanatorium Road to the Lakemore Village Memorial Triangle.

Community News

MEMORIAL DAY MASS
May 31, 2021 at 10:00AM Holy Cross Cemetery Akron, 100 E Waterloo Rd. Join us for Mass to honor those who gave their lives serving God and Country.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to a breakfast on Saturday, June 12th at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. Father Jeremy Merzweiler will be the guest speaker.

Cost: $22 Mail-in / $23 Online -- Go to magnificatstark.weebly.com to print out a Reservation Form or to pay online. Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" and send with a completed Reservation Form to Sally Kohring, 4205 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton, OH 44707. **RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 5th.**

Physical distancing is required and guests are asked not to congregate. Masks are recommended (we will follow the mask protocol of the day). Meals will be served buffet style, but the server will place all items on your plate.

Open seating. Doors open at 8:30am with Breakfast at 9:00am. There will be an optional Mass at 8:00a.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University. For further information call Joan Spieth at 330-933-8778.

Movie Night for Nativity Youth

Saturday, June 5 · 5:30 – 7:30pm

Come join us for pizza, popcorn, friends and a movie.

You can bring pillows and blankets too!

Holy Family Room after the 4:30 Mass.

Grades 4 and up. Check the reviews below.

https://www.catholicnews.com/the-greatest-showman/ *https://thecatholicpost.com/2017/12/20/the-greatest-showman-fox/*

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION/ ADORATION

A Parishioner's Reflection

So happy to have Eucharistic Exposition/ Adoration brought back into our church for peaceful reading about our Heavenly Father! The comforting feeling and the closeness I feel to our Lord touches my heart in such a way that it is difficult to explain; my mind and heart feel so much love and contentment. Most weeks I would go into Adoration with a lot on my mind and sadness in my heart, upon leaving Adoration my entire body would be full of joy and love; best of all is the energy I receive by feeling GOD'S strength. I leave the church with not only a renewed faith in my Lord, but also feeling Him with me to face any day-to-day issues. I have missed this special weekday to be with my Lord!

I have been part of Adoration for 4 years, and started because Ada and Helen explained to me how good it is for your soul. I admit that on the first Thursday I walked in I felt an instant peace come over me and knew I was in the right place. Everyone should come into Adoration; you can stay as long or as little as you like. I pray you have the same confirmed faith in our Lord that I do each and every time I sit in a pew!

God Bless, *Kim Haas*

RETURNING TO MASS

After June 2

No Longer Required

1. Wearing of face masks
2. Keeping socially distant
3. Seating restrictions

Continuing Practices

1. Availability of hand sanitizer
2. The distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended.
3. Praying for a complete end to the pandemic and for all those who lost loved ones, employment, or continue to suffer.

Reinstated Practices

1. All Narthex doors open
2. Hymnals available
3. Holy Water fonts
4. Processions for entrance, offertory, and recessional
5. Full singing of Mass parts
6. Offertory Collection
7. All liturgical ministries
8. Sign of Peace—non physical
9. Gathering in the narthex after Mass.
10. Take home a bulletin from the missalette racks.

In conjunction with the CDC Guidelines, any of the faithful who are not feeling well should remain at home.

Interior Castle: St. Theresa of Avila

Can you answer the questions from each room of the castle?

Questions from the *Drawing Room*:

1. What is another name for the people of God?
2. What is the Holy Trinity?
3. What is the entire name of our parish church?
4. What is the sacrament that made you a child of God and a member of God's family, the Church?
5. Each team member needs to make The Sign of the Cross.
6. What is believing and trusting in God's promises?
7. What is the name of the Body and Blood of Jesus?

Answers from the Drawing Room:

1. The Church
2. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit
3. Nativity of the Lord Jesus
4. Baptism
5. Right hand to forehead, chest, left shoulder, and then right shoulder
6. Faith
7. Holy Communion or Eucharist

Pastor's Notes

Dear Parish Family,

1) This weekend we celebrate the wondrous mystery of the Most Holy Trinity: One God in Three Divine Persons. This reality is so far beyond our human reason and imagination that it could never have been thought-up by a man, woman, child, or group of people; rather, it had to be revealed to us by God Himself. However, just because it is beyond our intellectual capacities, doesn't mean that it is contrary to them; in fact, ALL the mysteries of our Faith are in harmony with, and compatible with, our human understanding. We are so blessed to be created, enabled, and destined to enter into the eternal love exchange between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Not every created type of being enjoys this possibility, only angels and humans. As we experience and give thanks for the Love from our Triune God, we can also engage our minds in theological investigation about what sort of being our God is. Some traditional analogies about the Holy Trinity come to mind: 1) The Lover, The Beloved, and The Love Shared between them; 2) The Giver, The Receiver, and The Gift Itself; 3) one clover containing three pedals; 4) one human person's mind, body, and soul; 5) one song in three forms: in the mind of the composer, printed out on paper, and sung by a singer; and 6) the thinker, the thought, and its expression. Each and every one of these analogies limps, and only sheds light on one or two aspects of the great reality of the existence of the Triune God, but that doesn't mean that they are not helpful. Can you think of, or pray about, an original Trinitarian analogy of your own? Try it this week and see in what ways it is helpful to your Faith or not.

2) Also, please find on our website www.nativityofthelord.org Bishop Malesic's "Post Pandemic Guidelines for Parishes" on our Home Page under "Parish News". The lifting of most COVID restrictions is effective June 2nd throughout our diocese.

3) Please sign up for Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration in the narthex before or after Mass, or any time; we need at least two people per half-hour time slot. Also, enjoy our "Parishioner Reflections" about this beautiful type of prayer on **page five** this week and in weeks to follow!

God bless,
Fr. Kawalec

From the Deacon's Bench

We are honoring Deacon Dennis' wishes to share the "Year of St. Joseph" with you.

St. Joseph, "into whose custody God entrusted his most precious treasures," (*RC* 1) is the Patron of the Universal Church precisely because of his "love for the Savior whom he served in such an exemplary manner" (*RC* 1). It was St. John Paul II's desire that "the whole Christian people not only will turn to St. Joseph with greater fervor and invoke his patronage with trust, but also will always keep before their eyes his humble, mature way of serving and of "taking part" in the plan of salvation. I am convinced that by reflection upon the way that Mary's spouse shared in the divine mystery, the Church - on the road towards the future with all of humanity - will be enabled to discover ever anew her own identity within this redemptive plan, which is founded on the mystery of the Incarnation. This is precisely the mystery in which Joseph of Nazareth "shared" like no other human being except Mary, the Mother of the Incarnate Word. He shared in it with her; he was involved in the same salvific event; he was the guardian of the same love, through the power of which the eternal Father 'destined us to be his sons through Jesus Christ' (Eph 1:5)" (*RC* 1).

Tibits from the Church Mouse

Hi Folks,

I saw a story in the news where the Ohio parks were having a challenge to see what group of volunteers could pull out the most garlic mustard. They said that it is an invasive plant that will take over an area and can kill other beneficial plants.

I remember seeing Father Dave waging war on that garlic mustard plant; he pulled up every plant he saw as he strolled through the marsh. I loved how he could identify all the pretty flowers that bloomed on the property.

One time I asked him about the red poppy flower, and why the Veterans use it as a symbol of those who have died in the service of our country. "Did they choose a poppy because it blooms in the spring?" I asked. "No," he replied, "there is a poem that was written in 1915 by John McCrae. It is titled, *In Flanders Field* and begins with the words, 'In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row'. Flanders field was an American cemetery in Belgium for fallen war heroes during WWI," he continued.

"Then a lady named Moina Michael started to wear a red poppy on Memorial Day and sell them to raise money for service men in need. Her idea spread around the world, and ever since then, the military veterans continue to raise money by selling poppies," Father explained.

"Oh yea, I remember seeing the Catholic War Veterans selling them here in the Narthex after Mass," I said. "They are reminding folks to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day," Father said. "It is not just another day off work to have a picnic," Father added. Well, my uncle Jethro used to say, 'Chatter, don't look back—somethin' might be gainin' on you'. But I think that this might be one time when it is good to look back and remember all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep our nation free.

So long for now from Chatter, your friendly church mouse.

Pope Francis composed a prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 corona-virus pandemic.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need.
We are certain you will provide,
so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what

Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings
upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through
the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy
Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas
- we who are put to the test -
and deliver us from
every danger
O glorious and
blessed Virgin.

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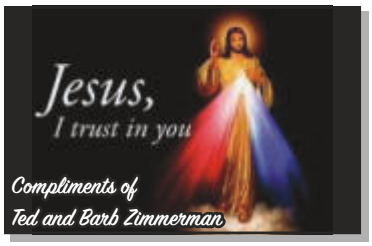

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