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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:00pm (Vigil)
Sundays: 8:30am & 10:30am
Monday, Thursday & Friday: 8:15am
Wednesday 6:30pm (Tuesday No Mass)
Holydays: Consult the bulletin for times
Eucharistic Holy Hour:
Every Saturday 2:30pm until 3:30 pm

Prayer Group meets the third Monday
of the month at 7:00pm in the church.

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Robert J. Glepko
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Robert J. Dybo
Secretary: Ms. Deborah Poltrone
Bookkeeper: Mrs. Alice Kinney
Facility Supervisor: Mr. Raymond Kinney
Organist: Mrs. Diane Lesiuk
Director of Music: Mrs. Angela Bak
Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster
Finance Chairperson: Mr. Robert Northeim

Sunday of the Divine Mercy



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April 28, 2019

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

RITE OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

Saturdays 2:30-3:00 pm or call the
parish office for an appointment.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome newcomers to our parish community.
If you are 18 years of age, we invite you to
register at the Parish Office during the week.

BAPTISMS

Pre-Baptism Classes are required by the Diocese.
Please call the parish office at least a month
before the baby is due.

WEDDINGS

Please call the parish office at least 6 months prior
to the wedding date to make arrangements.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Anyone
interested in Catholic instruction or information,
please call the parish office.

ESTATES

Please remember your parish in your Will
so that the message of Christ can continue
for generations to come.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Religion Classes for children grades K-8 held at Nativity
on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45.
Ms. Lenore Hales, Director

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish of Lorain, Ohio, with over 121 years of faith and foundation in a Catholic Polish-American heritage, under the patronage of our Blessed Mother and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, assume the responsibility of welcoming all cultures of our Catholic and non-Catholic community by fostering Christian values and respecting all life, as we continue to build the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **OLGA & BRUNO MAZUR** (Daughter)

E-Marilyn Barnard

L-Bob Pastor

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Mark & Michele Mantin

L-Jim Shuster

S-Jacob Mantin, Joey & Jacob Kramer

10:30 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Peggy Kernohan, Maureen Flynn

L-Bob Clotz

S-Lenore Hales, Ruby & Sienna Lowman, Dane Janis

MONDAY, APRIL 29, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

8:15 † **ANTONI IWANEK** (Lottie Gurnack)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

6:30 † **JACK SCHUELLER** (Family)

THURSDAY, MAY 2, ST. ATHANASIUS;

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

8:15 † **MARY & STANLEY GLEPKO** (Fr. Bob)

FRIDAY, MAY 3, STS. PHILIP AND JAMES

8:15 † **SR. MARY ILLUMINATA GODLEWSKI**

(Kathleen & Mack Cancasci)

SATURDAY, MAY 4, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **LEONARD & VERONICA MICHALSKI** (Tom, Shirley, Beth)

E-Marilyn Barnard, Chris Korab, Dolores Romanski,

Bob & Mary Stockhausen

L-Ann Cecys

S-Lenore Hales, Theresa McIntire

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER; CINCO de MAYO

8:30 † **DOLORES & GARY MALINOWSKI** (Pete Malinowski)

E-Marilyn Muskiewicz, Susanne Fly, Mary Ann Pogorzelski,

Bob & Maryalice Davis

L-Sue Borman

S-Lenore Hales, Mike Davis

10:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Cindy Forest, Dean Mason, Don DiLuciano,

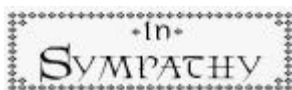
Peggy Kernohan, Maureen Flynn

L-Lori Wagner

S-Bob Clotz, Ayden Pol, Sydney Nowak

Let us remember to pray for those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, the homebound and their caregivers, our sons and daughters in the military, the homeless and those who have no one to pray for them.

We remember in our prayers the family of Deacon William E. Dirk. Deacon William was assigned on 15 August 1994 to serve Our Lady of Peace Parish, Cleveland. On 30 May 2013 Deacon Dirk was granted retirement status. Deacon Dirk's funeral was celebrated April 8, 2019. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.



We remember in our prayers the families of Helen Rousis whose funeral was celebrated April 17, 2019, and Eugene Davis whose funeral was celebrated April 27, 2019. May their soul's rest in the peace of Christ.



April 28 Divine Mercy Sunday, 3:00 pm Devotions
 April 29 Children's choir 5:30/Last day of PSR 6:30pm
 May 2 Worship 7pm/ Finance 7pm
 May 5 Holy First Communion at 10:30 Mass
 May Crowning after Mass

Nativity Cycling Event

The Heritage Committee has been exploring a parish cycling event for late Spring, early Summer. This event would be limited to the North Coast Inland Trail. Starting point would be the Inland Trail in Oberlin, with a longer ride going east (16 miles round trip), and a shorter ride going west (8 miles round trip). The only equipment required is a bicycle, helmet and a signed waiver. If you are interested in meeting your fellow cycling parishioners or trying a new physical activity this maybe just the ticket for you. If interested contact Bob Kufel at 440-242-7514 or skiwolf@centurytel.net



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week.....	\$5,900.00
Collection for April 21	\$4,712.00
Difference of this week	-1,208.00
Holy Thursday Collection	\$1,225.00
Good Friday Collection	\$1,261.05
Easter Collection	\$14,206.00



Please put the amount of your offering on the envelope. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**



III Ralph Herbert McCue
 and
 Chelsea Paige Engle

 I Ryan Patrick Smith
 and
 Arianna Marie Harsar

Readings for the week of April 28, 2019
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below. On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you."

Divine Mercy Service

Please join us at Nativity on **Sunday, April 28** for Divine Mercy devotions **at 3:00pm**. This holy hour will include Exposition and Benediction, the sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy, readings, hymns, and prayers. It is a rapidly growing devotion throughout the world, and Jesus promised extraordinary graces to those who worship his Divine Mercy especially on the Sunday after Easter. Don't miss out on this opportunity! If you have never attended before, this is the perfect year to start. A reception will follow.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar & Rosary Society would like to **thank** all the baker's, and all who bought all the baked good's. With your support we raised \$1,054.00!

****The Altar & Rosary Society Day with Mary Luncheon**, will be held Wednesday May 1, at 12:30 social and lunch at 1:00 pm, at Rebman's, "On the Avenue". Contact Betsy Jaworski at 967-9846, or Lottie Gurnack at 282-4315 for information.

****We welcomed** Onnalee Marie Pollard, into our parish family, who received all the Sacraments on Holy Saturday. We congratulate Presscut Fifield and Shaunacy Fifield, on their Baptism 's celebrated on Holy Saturday April 20, 2019. Many blessings on your new spiritual journey!



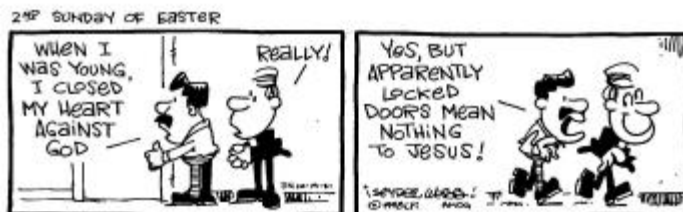
Let us Pray for: Owen Wagner, Sebastian Citak, Anna Bak, Kathryn Naro, Nathaniel Janis, and Gabriel Lowman, as they will be making their First Holy Communion on May 5, 2019.

Spiritual Adoption

This is a critical time to pray for the baby and for his or her mother, who may just be finding out that she is expecting. Please pray for her, and for the father, to have the courage to protect and cherish this new little life. Thank you for your love and care for this new tiny person.

One month has already passed since many of us promised to pray for an unborn child. Each of our babies are now 4 weeks along in development, and are 1/4 inch long. Each tiny body, only the size of a lentil, is doing amazing things: the heart, digestive system, backbone, and spinal cord are developing, the nose, mouth, ears, and eyes are starting to form, and the heart is beating 100 to 160 times per minute. Intestines, bones, muscles, lungs--all of the tissues are beginning to differentiate according to their function. The baby is now 10,000 times bigger than it was at conception!

We are in need of servers, both adult and youth. Anyone 10 years old and up that would be interested in becoming a Server, please contact Lenore Hales at 949-9793. Contact Debi at the office if you are an adult who would be able to serve, funeral Masses.



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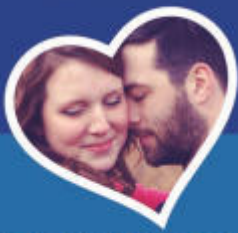
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