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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
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Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster
Finance Chairperson: Mr. Robert Northeim

April 18, 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

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 1-8 held at Nativity
on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30.
Ms. Lenore Hales, Director



MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish of Lorain, Ohio, with over 123 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 17, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **JOSEPH FALENCKI** (Falencki Family)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Marti Stalinski

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Lenore Hales

L-Sue Borman

10:30 † **EDWARD DRAG** (Wife)

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Dean Mason

MONDAY, APRIL 19, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **ROBERT WITKOWSKI** (Mrs. Mary Jo Leeper)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, ST. ANSELM

6:30 † **WALTER & VICTORIA KORAB** (Daughters)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, EARTH DAY

8:15 † **JACK BROZ** (Wife Anna & Family)

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, STS. GEORGE, ADALBERT

8:15 † **JERRY GOLISZEWSKI** (Bogdansky Family)

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **LEONARD GILLES** (Family)

E-Marilyn Barnard

L-David Arredondo

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Dean Mason

L-Bob Pastor

10:30 † **DAVID HOMOLA** (Family)

E-Bob Stockhausen

L-Lenore Hales

We remember in our prayers the family of Ruth Cook.
May her soul rest in the peace of Christ.



LIVE THE LITURGY-INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

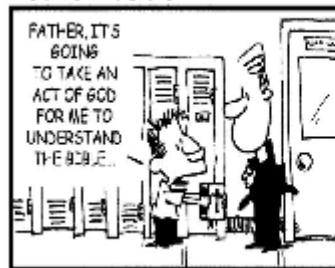
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- April 19 PSR 6:30pm
Prayer service 7pm
- April 20 EM/Lector mtg. 7pm in church
- April 21 Music practice 7pm
- April 22 Parish Council 7pm
- April 25 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week.....	\$5,900.00
Collection for April 11	\$5,543.00
Difference of this week	-\$357.00
Envelopes used this week	207



If you are able, please continue to give your weekly offerings and put the amount on the envelope. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab
[6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

First Reading:

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.
(1 Jn 2:2)

TODAY'S GOSPEL:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

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We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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A Thought from the Education Committee

Every child whom a woman expects in her womb is a gift that changes a family's history: the life of fathers and mothers, grandparents and of brothers and sisters. That child needs to be welcomed, loved and nurtured. Always!

Pope Francis, March 21, 2021 (World Down Syndrome Day)

The parish is most appreciative to the Nativity Dads' Group and Jim White for directing traffic during the blessing of Easter baskets and to the Reidy-Scanlan-Giovannazzo Funeral Home for providing traffic cones. Many thanks also must be given to Bobbi White and the Nativity Cornerstones for the children's gift bags, which were provided at this event. With all the help, the event went very smoothly and safely. Thank you to all who helped and attended!

Works of Mercy Reverse Reception

Our Divine Mercy Service on April 11 was well received, with 86 people in attendance. Afterwards, in lieu of a standard reception, we took the opportunity to bless others by donating to seven different charities, representing the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. We are very grateful to all who donated. Checks will be mailed this week, in the amounts below:

Give Alms to the Poor: Nativity Cares (\$72)

Feed The Hungry: Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio (\$90)

Give Drink to the Thirsty: Charity: water (clean water projects around the world the world-\$67)

Shelter the Homeless: Habitat for Humanity Lorain County (\$115)

Visit the Imprisoned: Word Among Us Partners (\$89)

Visit the Sick: Mercy Health Foundation Lorain (\$64)

Bury the Dead: Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Souls Sodality (\$64.40)

Through your generosity, we raised \$561.40 for those in need. Our merciful Lord must be very pleased.



We congratulate Elise Ann Serrano and her family, on her Baptism into our Church, April 11, 2021.

NATIVITY CARES

Through your heartfelt generosity, Nativity Cares provided 64 vouchers totaling \$3,200 to assist those in our community needing a hand with food during the months of January, February and March 2021.

Thank you too for your continued donation to our monthly food collection. We are grateful for your support in helping Nativity Cares assist those in our community as well as our parish.

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