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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. Glecko
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Secretary: Ms. Deborah Poltrone
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Facility Supervisor: Mr. Raymond Kinney
Sacristan: Ms. Chris Korab
Organist: Mrs. Diane Lesiuk
Director of Music: Mrs. Angela Bak
Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster
Finance Chairperson: Mr. Robert Northeim



May 30, 2021
The Most Holy Trinity

RITE OF PENANCE (CONFESSON)

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, MAY 29, SUNDAY VIGIL4:00 **† PATRICK READY** (John & Cathy Sekletar)

E-Chris Korab

L-David Arredondo

SUNDAY, MAY 30, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**8:30 NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Mary Jo Mathewson

L-Bob Pastor

10:30 **† MARIA & ANTONI IWANEK** (Lottie Gurnack)

E-Bob Stockhausen

L-Bob Clotz

MONDAY, MAY 31, THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED**VIRGIN MARY: MEMORIAL DAY****9:00 INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Chris Korab

L-Karen Slavik

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, STS. MARCELLINUS AND PETER6:30 **† DECEASED ALTAR & ROSARY MEMBERS** (A & R Society)**THURSDAY, JUNE 3, ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND****COMPANIONS**8:15 **† BRONICE & BOLES LOBACH** (Daughter)**FRIDAY, JUNE 4, WEEKDAY**8:15 **† PAUL SPRINGOWSKI** (John Urban Fabian)**SATURDAY, JUNE 5, SUNDAY VIGIL**4:00 **† JEROME & JERRY JAWORSKI** (Duber Family)

E-David Arredondo

L-Michele Arredondo

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6, THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST****8:30 INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Dean Mason

L-Sue Borman

10:30 NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

E-Peggy Kernohan

L-Debi Poltrone

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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The immensity, scope, intimacy, and pervasiveness of God's presence is too intense for the human mind. We often limit God by our expectations of Him and have a hard time just letting God be God. Some people all too easily lose faith because God does not meet their expectations. Worse still, the idea of faith is rejected altogether by others because of polarities and experiences they have that don't square with who they need God to be. The Holy Trinity is one of those teachings that is best encountered rather than dissected. It is only through being present with the Trinity that we can experience both the immensity and otherness of God's presence as well as the intimacy of the God who wants us to call Him "dad." We feel the loving guidance of a God who wants to take us from fear and give us confidence. Our God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow is a God of all ages whose three-fold Presence invades all senses, seasons, and times. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is much more than any of our expectations if we simply let God be who God is.

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May 31	Memorial Day/Mass is 9:00am *Office is closed
June 1	Education 7pm/Heritage 7:30pm
June 2	Music practice 7pm
June 5/6	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



We congratulate all our
High School and
College Graduates!

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,900.00
Collection for May 23	\$5,776.00
Difference of this week	-124.00
Envelopes used this week	211



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 May 30, 2021

Sunday: 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

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



1 Father
 1 Son
 + 1 Holy Spirit
 = 1 GOD

First Reading:

This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. (Dt 4:39)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:14-15)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.
(Mt 28:16)

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Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

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MEMORIAL DAY

Prayer for the Fallen

God our creator and sustainer,
today our country brings to our memory
those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores
from those who would limit our freedoms
or enslave us to ways that are against your will.
Bring all those who have died in service to our country
into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving;
grant your heavenly protection to these men and women,
and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Don't forget to fill out your Father's Day envelopes if you would like the envelopes placed on the altar, and your fathers remembered at Masses during the month of June.

Knights of Columbus Flag Retirement Ceremony

Lt. McManus Assembly #811 of the Knights of Columbus with VFW Post 9871, North Ridgeville, will host a Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 13, 2021. The ceremony will start at 2:00pm at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road, Avon, Ohio. All are invited to attend. Food & refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The Army of the Lord

A man was coming out of church one Easter morning, and the pastor was standing at the door as always to shake hands. He grabbed the man by the hand and pulled him aside.

The pastor said to him, "Son, we need you to join the Army of the Lord!"

The man replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Father." "Then how come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" the pastor questioned.

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

TRINITY SUNDAY



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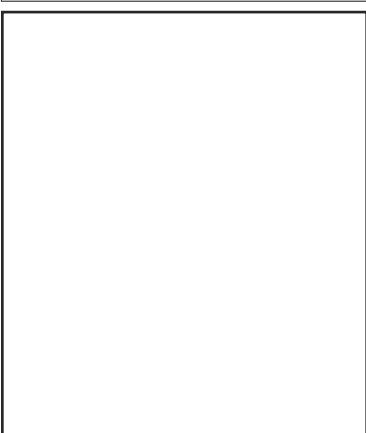
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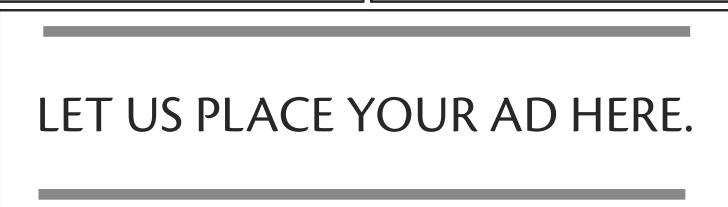
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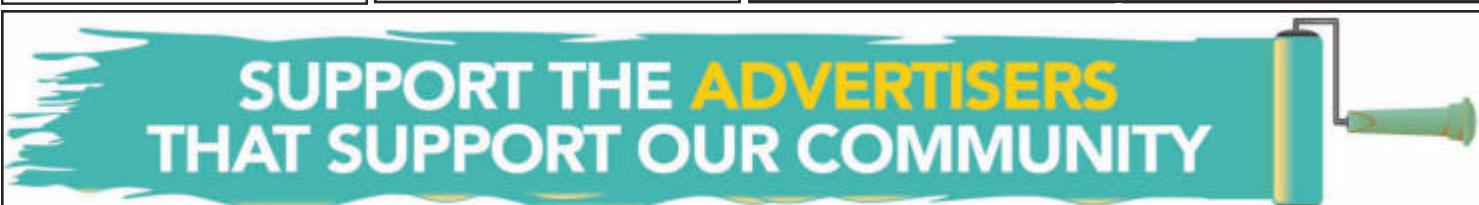


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