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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
Retired Deacon: Rev. Mr. Robert J. Dybo
Secretary: Ms. Deborah Poltrone
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Director of Music: Mrs. Angela Bak
Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster
Finance Chairperson: Mr. Robert Northeim

June 13, 2021
11th 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 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, JUNE 12, SUNDAY VIGIL: THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00 † **JOE JAWORSKI & ED MASLEY JR.** (Family)

E-Dolores Romanski
L-Chris Tomaszewski

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Mary Jo Mathewson
L-Mike Davis

S-Lenore Hales

10:30 † **ANTHONY & DORIS GODLES** (Family)

E-Maureen Flynn
L-Karen Slavik

S-Lenore Hales

MONDAY, JUNE 14, WEEKDAY: FLAG DAY

8:15 † **ROBERT WITKOWSKI** (Wife-Patricia)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, WEEKDAY

6:30 † **STANISLAW GOLAB** (Wife & Children)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **AMANDA PHILPOTT** (Parents)

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **SANDRA SADOWSKI** (Tim Sadowski)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **LUKE CHANG** (Rosa Chang)

E-Chris Tomaszewski
L-David Arredondo

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

FATHER'S DAY: WORLD REFUGEE DAY

8:30 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Marilyn Muskiewicz
L-Bob Davis

S-Lowman Family

10:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Dean Mason
L-Jim Shuster

S-Sydney & Conor Nowak

Offertory Gifts: If the weekend Mass intention is for your family member (s), please inform one of our ushers before Mass if you would like to take up the gifts.

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

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

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June 17 Worship mtg. 7pm
June 20 Fathers Day
First Day of Summer

Fr. Petcavage will be celebrating his 40th ordination anniversary to the priesthood June 13, 2021. Congratulations Fr. Petcavage, and may God bless you for your years of service.



We congratulate Cameron James Cantu and his family, on Cameron's Baptism into our Church, June 13, 2021.

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.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,900.00
Collection for June 6	\$6,472.00
Difference of this week	+\$572.00
Envelopes used this week	222



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 June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mk 4:31-32)

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A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found."

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anthony— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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A Thought from the Education Commission

Abortion also leads to a desensitized society that begins to view all life as disposable. His Holiness Pope Francis calls this a part of the "throwaway culture." He said, "The victims of this [throwaway] culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings — the unborn, the poorest, the sick and elderly, the seriously handicapped, etc. — who are in danger of being 'thrown away,' expelled from a system that must be efficient at all costs."

Bishop Edward C. Malesic of the Diocese of Cleveland, January 22, 2021

The FEST — a day of faith, family and fun IS BACK!

We are excited and blessed to announce that The FEST is **BACK for 2021!** Offering a hybrid event, with both in-person and virtual components, The FEST is back and better than ever this year. We will be providing an in-person and live streamed experience to all those who enjoy a day full of messages of faith and inspiration, songs from national Christian bands, and so much more! No matter which experience you and your family choose, you will be able to do all of the things you love to do on FEST day. Check out all the details at: www.theFEST.us !



II Kevin Owen Boose
and
Sarah Nicole Callahan

→The Heritage Committee will be distributing candles with a picture of St. Joseph with the Child Jesus the weekend of June 19 -20 in honor of Father's Day. The candles will be available after all Masses on Father's Day weekend at the north entrance of the church, which is the parking lot side. Please take one candle per family. You may take your candle home, or place it in an empty spot in one of our vigil candle racks. The candles are free, but donations will be accepted.

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