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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 3:30pm

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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OCTOBER 3, 2021

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

RITE OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

Saturdays 2:30-3:00pm 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 6:30-7:30pm
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, OCTOBER 2, SUNDAY VIGIL; THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

4:00 † **VERONICA MICHALSKI** (Shirley, Tom, Beth)
 E-Dolores Romanski
 L-Marti Stalinski
 S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**
 E-Bob Stockhausen
 L-Sue Borman
 S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis
 10:30 † **MARK DRAG** (Bronistawa Soloim)
 E-Peggy Kernohan
 L-Dean Mason
 S-Bob Clotz, Zoey Pol

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

8:15 † **STANLEY SOLOWIEJ** (Wife & Children)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, ST. BRUNO;

BL. MARIE ROSE DUROCHER

6:30 † **ALBERT VOLAK SR.** (Wife)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

8:15 † **LUKE CHANG** (Rosa Chang)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **BETTY GENE COBURN** (M/M Tom Traut)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **JEROME & JERRY JAWORSKI** (Donna Jaworski & Family)
 E-Marilyn Barnard
 L-Ann Cecys
 S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**
 E-Maryalice Davis
 L-Mike Davis
 S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis
 10:30 † **SOPHIA MAZIARZ** (Mary Ann & Dale Hoffman)
 E-Maureen Flynn
 L-Bob Stockhausen
 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.

Cleveland Bishop Emeritus Anthony M. Pilla passed away on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at his home. Please pray for the repose of his soul. His warm love for the people of our diocese will be greatly missed.



We remember in our prayers the family of The Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland.

On 18 November 1980 Bishop Pilla was appointed Bishop of Cleveland, and on 6 January 1981 Anthony M. Pilla was installed as the ninth Bishop of Cleveland. On 15 May 2006 Pope Benedict accepted his resignation for health reasons, and Bishop Pilla became Bishop Emeritus.

Bishop Pilla's funeral was celebrated 28 September 2021.
 May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.



October is Right to Life Month

October 4 Children's choir 5:30pm/PSR 6:30pm
 October 5 Education 7pm/Heritage 7:30pm
 October 6 Altar & Rosary mtg. 1:00pm in rectory
 October 10 Rosary Coast to Coast, at 4:00pm in the church

Annual Mass in Polish

Fr. George Kusy will be the main celebrant of the annual Mass in Polish at 3:00 Sunday, October 17, here at Nativity. Please bring your friends and relatives to this beautiful, sung Liturgy, which fulfills your Sunday obligation. Refreshments will be served outside after words, weather permitting.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.

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OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,500.00
Collection for September 26	\$5,199.00
Difference of this week	-301.00
Catholic Communications Collection	\$530.00
Envelopes used this week	155



If you are able, please continue to give your weekly offerings and put the amount on the envelope.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

GRATEFUL

Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

First Reading:

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 2:11)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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→ **An official update from our pastor, Father Bob, from this past Tuesday (9/28):**



In August I began to lose my voice, finding out that I had serious pneumonia with complications. I ended up during those weeks into September in three different hospitals.

I have my primary doctor and an oncologist. This is my third time battling cancer. I was just at my primary doctor today, who found my test results from the first two bouts of chemo very positive. I've lost all my hair, 30 pounds, and my voice. Hopefully I'll get my hair back, and my voice, but I don't want all 30 pounds back!

My best to all the parishioners and friends who are praying for me, and their thoughts and cards and things. I will be having a few more chemo treatments over the next weeks. I absolutely pray every day for everyone there and hope to return as soon as the doctors let me.

We pray for Father Bob's swift return to health!

**Please continue to pray for Fr. Bob.
He thanks you from the bottom of his
heart for all the prayers, gifts, and cards.**

**Prayer to Saint Peregrine**

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you.

(Pause here and silently recall Fr. Bob Glepko, and all the names of the sick for whom you are praying)

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST AT NATIVITY

Please join Nativity Parish and a multitude of prayer warriors worldwide, as we participate in Rosary Coast to Coast, a prayer rally uniting Catholics across the U.S. and the world. We'll call upon God through the powerful intercession of our Lady of the Rosary, for the sanctity of human life and our families, for the healing of our country and its return to God and to Holiness, and peace in our world. We will come together Sunday, October 10th at 4:00 p.m. in church. Gatherings will take place simultaneously across all U.S. time zones. Let us turn to the powerful prayer of the Holy Rosary.

"The rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." – St. Padre Pio

**SAINT OF THE WEEK –
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH
St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day is
October 4, 2021**



St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

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