



December 27, 2020

# Nativity of Our Lord R.C. Church

26 Thorn Avenue

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil Masses

4:30pm & 7pm

### Sunday Masses

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am

12pm

### Weekday Masses

Mon-Thur 7am and 9am

Friday 7am and 8:30am

Saturday 8am

### Holy Days

Vigil Mass 4:30pm

Holy Day 7am, 9am, 7pm

### First Friday Devotion

First Friday of every month  
(unless otherwise noted)  
in church at 6pm and live stream

Other Fridays of the month the  
Rosary is prayed in the church at  
6pm.

### BAPTISMS

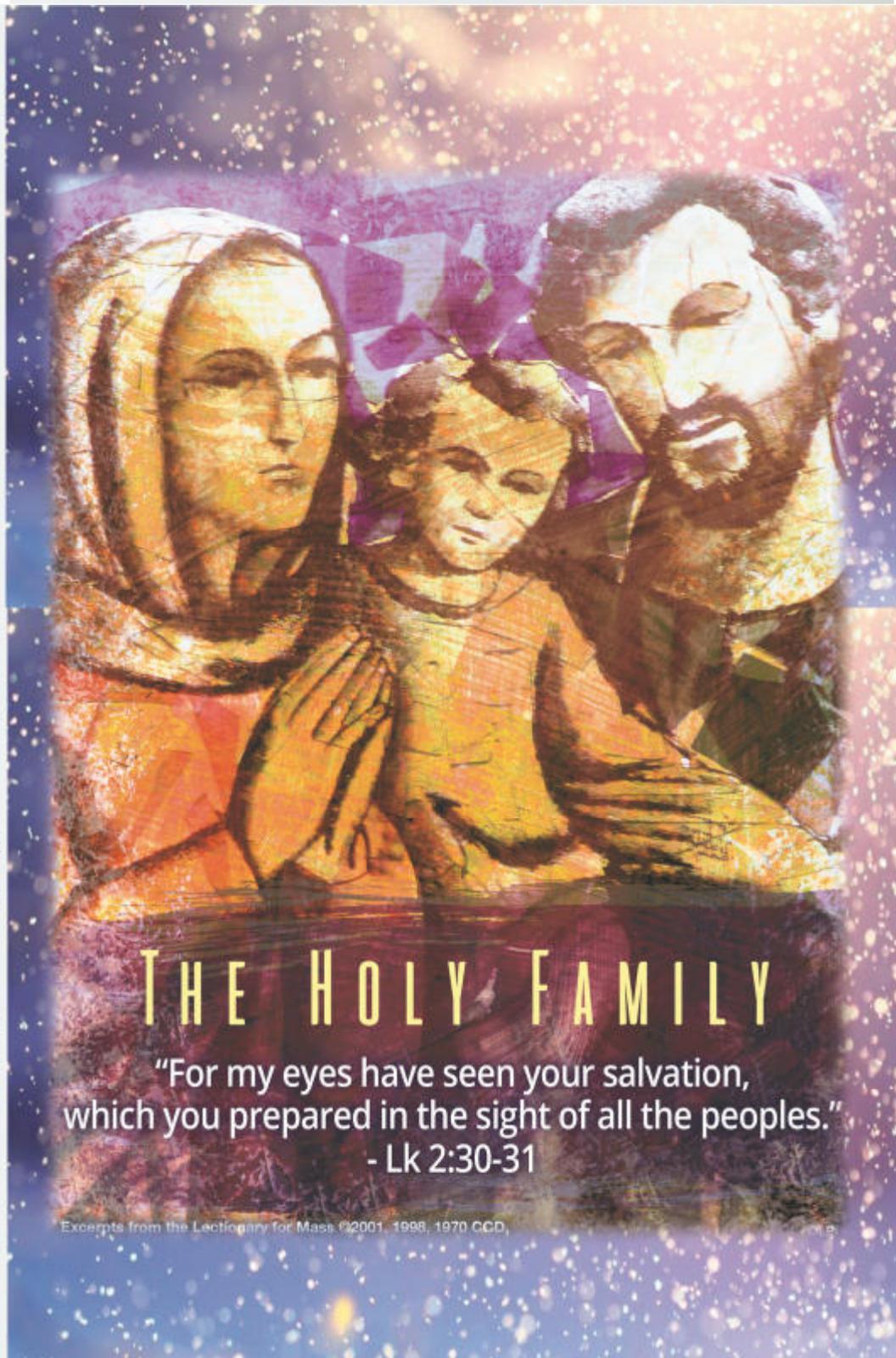
Usually the 2nd & 4th Sundays at  
1:00pm. New parents must be  
registered and attend a class prior  
to Baptism.

### CONFESSION

Confessions are scheduled on  
Saturday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30  
p.m. in the lower sacristy room at  
the front of the church (side near  
the Blessed Mother Statue, down  
the stairs). Please wear a face  
mask and follow the signs when  
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you to this room.

### MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at  
least six months ahead of time  
with our priest. A Marriage  
Preparation program is required.





## From the Pastor's Desk...

I am very pleased to announce that Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger has approved the Resolution of *The Nativity Roman Catholic Church Society of Orchard Park, New York* (the legal name of our Church) appointing Patrick J. Plunkett as new Trustee of Nativity of Our Lord Parish. This appointment was effective as of November 20, 2020, and is for a term of one year or until his successor is elected, appointed, and/or selected.

Mr. Plunkett replaces Ms. Rosemary C. Barney, who served our parish faithfully in this office for many years. Rosemary, a long-time parishioner, had informed me that she felt it was time to take a step back from her official role as Trustee. I offer a heartfelt word of gratitude to Rosemary for her dedication and commitment to Nativity; her support and insights, as well as her willingness to help in any way she was able, were of great value to me, especially as a new Pastor here at the Church.

Mr. Plunkett is well qualified to fulfill the role of Trustee as he has been an active member of the Parish over twenty years, employed in the Insurance and Investment business for some thirty-five years, and has a Masters degree in Pastoral Ministry from Christ the King Seminary. He and his wife Colleen were active in the Marriage Preparation program at Nativity a few years ago, and Patrick is currently teaching in the Confirmation program. Pat joins Mr. Daniel C. Marmion, the other lay Trustee, who has been generously serving the Parish in this capacity for several years; we are blessed to have both of these individuals engaged in this official role in our Parish Corporation. A personal Thank You to Dan for his unwavering service, and to Pat for saying "yes" to this office in the Church.

May God bless and guide our Parish Community, and all who are part of it any way, as we go forward in faith into the New Year. On behalf of the entire Parish, School, and Administrative Staff, I wish you and your family good health and much happiness in the year ahead!

Fr. Jim

**NOTE:** Friday of this week, **January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.** While the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed at this time, we will celebrate **Masses at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, and at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Friday (New Year's Day),** for those who wish to join us for Mass on this special occasion.



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## NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

### Spread the word!

Tell your family, neighbors and friends. Nativity's Open House will take place on Sunday, January 31 from 10am-1pm. This will kick off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

For more information, please call the main office at 662-7572.



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Join Them on Their Journey

We will begin preparing our First Communion candidates in January. Here are some simple ways we will help them appreciate the excitement of their First Communion, while cultivating a deep, abiding love for Jesus and their Catholic faith:

**Talk to them about why Jesus is important.**  
**Say a prayer with them.**  
**Explain why we go to Mass and take the Holy Sacrament, and how it brings us closer to Him.**

We will learn what it means to honor Jesus. Just as we celebrate special events, the Eucharist celebrates the most important event ever by allowing us to gather, remember and honor His death and resurrection.



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

November

Regular - \$44,901.38

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Thank you for your continued support of Nativity parish in these difficult times.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Do you desire a closer relationship with Jesus? Well, Jesus is right here at Nativity of Our Lord waiting for you in our Adoration Chapel. Jesus is there in His Eucharistic Presence exposed in a beautiful monstrance everyday, 24 hours a day for our adoration.

If you would like more information to become a substitute or schedule a regular Holy Hour, please contact Pat Longboat, Adoration Chapel Schedule Coordinator at 998-0593 or email plongb49@roadrunner.com.

## LET'S MAKE NATIVITY THE BEST IT CAN BE! JOIN THE VIA FIDEI INITIATIVE.

Via Fidei (the way of faith) is a parish-based healing initiative. The program objective is to bring healing to individual parishes, as this Diocese struggles through the abuse scandal, related bankruptcy action, and pandemic, all of which have imposed great suffering on our Catholic Community.

Through feedback from two ten-member focus groups and a parish wide survey, areas of strengths and weaknesses of Nativity have been identified. The results were shared with the parish advisory council and at a parish town hall meeting where thoughts and opinions were solicited. Nativity of Our Lord Parish is now ready for the implementation stage of this endeavor.

For more information, please email Melissa at mpotzler@nativityschool.net.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Please join us on the first Friday of the month at 6pm as Fr. Peter leads us in First Friday Benediction before the Blessed Sacrament in the church.

This will not take place in January as the First Friday is January 1.

(Holidays and special events may affect the schedule.)

Please call the parish office at 662-9339

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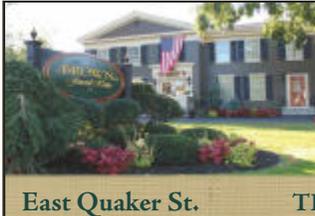
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# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, December 26

8:00 am – Christian and Dorothy Aubrecht and deceased members of the Aubrecht family by their family  
 4:30 pm – Frank Breese by Rosemarie Breese  
 7:00 pm – Erika Wilson by her Mom and Dad

## Sunday, December 27

7:30 am – Mass for Parishioners  
 9:00 am – Michael and Grayce Arena by their family  
 10:30 am – Nancy and Jim Riffel by their family  
 12:00 pm -Dominick and Frances Saraceno by their family

## Monday, December 28

7:00 am – Lawrence and Gertrude Byrnes by Mary and Joseph Foyle

9:00 am – John Macna by his wife

## Tuesday, December 29

7:00 am – Elinor Lindner by her family  
 9:00 am – Erika Wilson by the Kaczmarek family

## Wednesday, December 30

7:00 am – Raymond Palmowski by Brian and Leslie Shields  
 9:00 am – Irene Zurkowski by her family

## Thursday, December 31 - Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Eve)

7:00 am – All Souls  
 9:00 am – Alice Schaller by Diane and Michael Melerski  
 4:30 pm – Elizabeth Ricci by Mr. and Mrs. David Schlee and family

## Friday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day)

9:00 am – Andrew Ernst by Bill and Carol Thornton  
 11:00 am – Marian C. Ford by Tom and Molly Callaghan

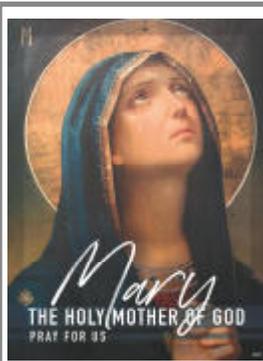
## Saturday, January 2

8:00 am – Kathleen O'Brien by Brian and Leslie Shields  
 4:30 pm - Erika Wilson by Matt and Sue Schiro

7:00 pm – Mass for Parishioners

## Sunday, January 3

7:30 am – William White by Carol and Bill Thornton  
 9:00 am – Stephen Gurbacki by Jim and Claudia Kane  
 10:30 am – Rose and Sam Intravartolo by their family  
 12:00 pm – Frances Gardner by Hugh and Dottie Gardner



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alice Aquila, Desmond Benimoff, Jordan Berkhoudt, Gavin Bomboy, David Borowski, Michelle Bruno, Patrick Byrne, Anna Caserta, Liz Cash, Jeanne Chojnacki, Bernard Daube, Rick Del Regno, Carol Doyle, Liam Dubey, Paul Eberhardt, Josephine Fistola, Robyn Flading, daughters of Lois Fleck, Rev. Richard Florek, Ann Marie Gensler, Barbara Ghirsig, Bill Greene, Rowan Grundtisch, Barbara Harris, James

Herron, Marcia Jurkowski, Jim Kalinowski, Gail Kogelmeier, Erin Kulesus, Christine Kukla, Amanda L., Virginia Lawton, Nathan Ljungberg, Barbara McPherson, Ann Nenedal, Chet P., Kathy P., Shirley Perrine, Marge and Marvin Prebble, Kay Prusniecki, Joseph Russell, Gilbert Seegert, Jonathan Sentz, Laura Shaw, Luis Shaw, Marie Sokolovic, William Thornton, Jane Tomaszewski, Rev. Michael Uebler, Ann Ulman, Craig Vidal, Dr. Ronald Vidal, Marianne Vidal, Eileen Walsh, Geraldine Wiess, Dennis Wolbert, Dan Zsebehazy.

## REQUIRED NOTICE

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK *in re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y.* Case No. 20-10322. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., (“Diocese”) filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”). The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the “Bar Date”). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE’S CHAPTER 11 CASE

## ST. GIANNA MOLLA PREGNANCY OUTREACH

A big THANK YOU to the generous parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord for your donations to Gianna Molla. The Center’s needs are geared toward newborns to 6 month olds, so snuggly, one piece sleepers and outfits are always needed. Size one diapers are also in demand. The Center does service children up to four years old, so all sized are greatly appreciated.

## LECTIO DIVINA

Our study and discussion of the following week’s Sunday Gospels will be held every week via email (due to covid). If you are interested in participating, please email Melissa at [mpotzler@nativityschool.net](mailto:mpotzler@nativityschool.net). All are welcome!

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## HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

### First Reading - SIRACH 3: 2-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

### Response - PSALM 128

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

### Second Reading - COLOSSIANS 3: 12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

### The Gospel - LUKE 2: 22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Glory to God in the highest**, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you - we bless you -we adore you, we glorify you, - we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

