



## Nativity of Our Lord R.C. Church

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662-9339

May 9, 2021

### 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  
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the Blessed Mother Statue, down  
the stairs). Please wear a face  
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**MARRIAGE**  
Arrangements should be made at  
least six months ahead of time  
with our priest. A Marriage  
Preparation program is required.

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



## We are looking for help with a church "grounds cleanup day" on Saturday 5/15 at 9am.

If you are able to help or know someone that enjoys gardening, please email Melissa at [mpotzler@nativityschool.net](mailto:mpotzler@nativityschool.net).

This is a chance for parishioners to get involved and get to know one another.

**Many hands make light work. Come dig with us!**



### From the Seminarian's Desk...

This is Deacon John Kennedy Ojuok, born and raised in a country called Kenya, located in the eastern side of Africa. Kenya is known for its marathon runners and Safaris; so, if you want some coaching without any cost, as well as a future free tour guide to a Safari, here is the man to contact (ha).

I began my priestly formation in Kenya before I moved to the United States to finish up. It has been a while since then. I began my theological studies in Christ the King in East Aurora in 2017 for the diocese of Ogdensburg, and on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, I was ordained a transitional deacon, then came back to Christ the King to finish my theological studies and attain my master's degree in Divinity (MDIV)

I will be graduating on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, and then, the school will be closed, and all the students will leave to their respective dioceses, me included. I will go back to my diocese, the diocese of Ogdensburg in Northern Upstate New York, which is not far from here, just a 4-hour drive. Then on May 29<sup>th</sup>, God willing, I will be ordained a priest at St. Mary's Cathedral Ogdensburg.

In August of last year, I was sent to the Nativity of our Lord Parish in Orchard Park, to minister as a transitional deacon, and this weekend will be my last weekend here before my ordination. Since I came here, all that I have received is love upon love, from the priests, as well as the parishioners. Father Jim and Father Peter have shown me what brotherly love means, and I am very grateful to them. And to all the faithful of Nativity parish and beyond, I would like to THANK YOU very sincerely from my heart for your support and prayers. May the Almighty Father bless each one of you. As I continue to pray for you, pray for me also.

I would love to see you all at my ordination Mass, but that is not possible given the current situation with the pandemic. While this is sad, I am inviting all of you to join me via livestream at: [www.rcdonv.org/ordination](http://www.rcdonv.org/ordination)

And if you would like to reach me in any way, this is my address.

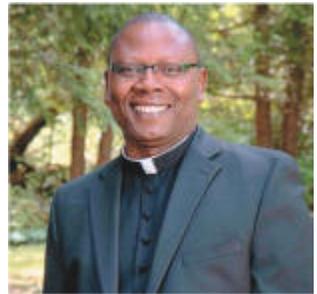
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I recall as a child we used to pray as family every day; the family rosary was a must before dinner or sometimes after dinner depending on the day. That gave me a good ground to root my vocation. My mother also asked me to dedicate my life to our Lady, whom she has special devotion to. And since I started doing that as a child until now, I cannot tell you how many benefits I have received from our Lady, and how SHE has seen me through the most difficult times in my life. Please try it today if you want a change in your life.

The scripture quote I love most is Matthew 7:7. **(Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you).** Even though God is all knowing, he still wants us to go to him and present our petitions, and whatever we ask in faith surely we will receive. Trust in the power of God always, dwell in his mercy and abide at his presence. Prayer is the strongest weapon with which we should always equip ourselves. Talk to God as a friend and open your heart to him and he will fill it with Love.

Prayer and hard work lead to good fruits in life. Try it today and see the result. God bless you all and keep you safe and healthy always.

**Dcn. John**



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## Happy Mother's Day from Faith Formation



### COLLECTION FOR THE MEDICAL CLINIC AND SCHOOLS AT OUR TWIN HAITIAN PARISH

The medical clinic at our twin parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Coq Chante, Haiti continues to provide critical healthcare to the people of the area five days a week throughout the entire year. For the period from April 2020 through March 2021, over 2,300 people visited the clinic for medical treatment. Treatment is provided for a variety of ailments. The most common ailments include colds, coughs and fevers, various wounds and burns, bacterial and fungal infections, high blood pressure, acid reflux, and anemia. Recently, there have been many cases of scabies affecting both adults and children. Pregnant women and mothers with young children also come to the clinic for checkups to help ensure healthy childbirths and development of children. Fortunately, both in Coq Chante and Haiti in general, cases of COVID-19 have been small in number. Nativity provides \$22,000 each year to pay the salaries of the medical clinic staff and to purchase medicines and medical supplies for the medical clinic. Currently, we have enough funds in our Nativity Haiti account to fund the medical clinic through August 2021. Nativity's annual collection for our twin Haitian parish is scheduled for the weekend of May 16. The majority of the donations from the annual collection will be used to support the medical clinic through 2021 and beyond into 2022. Please be as generous as possible and help us to continue to support the medical clinic and the critical healthcare it provides to the people at our twin parish. Additionally, we would like to help fund the two parish schools at our twin parish. The average annual salary for a school teacher is about \$1,500. Fr. Laguerre, the pastor, reports that most students due to their poverty cannot afford to pay most or all of the tuition and he is unable to pay the teachers their full salary. Funding provided for the school will help pay the teachers their full salaries and help keep the schools open. Your donations may be dropped in the collection during the weekend of May 16 or sent to the Nativity Parish Office marked for Haiti or made online at the Online Giving page on Nativity's website under the WNY Haiti Connection section. **Thank you on behalf of the people of our twin Haitian parish for your generous support!**

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION Thursday, May 13



### DID YOU KNOW...?

### NATIVITY OFFERS **LECTIO DIVINA**



#### Question:

What is Lectio Divina?

#### Answer:

St. Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

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**If you would like to be a part of Lectio Divina at Nativity, please email Melissa at [mpotzler@nativityschool.net](mailto:mpotzler@nativityschool.net) or call 662-9339 ext 145.**

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Image of a family (mother, father, and two children) all blowing their noses into tissues, suggesting a cold or flu outbreak.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 8

8:00 am – Hon. Hugh Scott by Ken Schroeder  
4:30 pm – Anthony Rhein by John and Mary Rhein  
7:00 pm – Margaret Hruby by her daughter Rosemarie Breese

### Sunday, May 9

7:30 am – Vera Heath by the girls  
9:00 am – Anna Luty by her daughter Millie  
10:30 am – Dorothy Devine by John and Patty McGrath  
12:00 pm – Stephen E. Cavanaugh by his family

### Monday, May 10

7:00 am – Ben Nicosia by Ken and Sharon Fierle  
9:00 am – Rosario Saludades and Eva Santiano by her children

### Tuesday, May 11

7:00 am – All Souls  
9:00 am – Frank and Mary Sikora and Madelyn and Maxwell Lawton by Kenneth and Virginia Lawton

### Wednesday, May 12

7:00 am – Rose and Robert Lally by their estate  
9:00 am ---- Gary J. Becker by Mr. and Mrs. David Schlee  
4:30 pm – Suzanne Reilly by John and Ellen Schreier

### Thursday, May 13 - Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

7:00 am – Mass for Parishioners  
9:00 am – Mary Ann Geerkin by the Nativity School Faculty and Staff

7:00 pm – Suzanne Prorok by Dianne and T. McMahon

### Friday, May 14

7:00 am – All Souls  
8:30 am – Ruth Joseph by the Scott family

### Saturday, May 15

8:00 am – Robert J. Bustin by Mary and Joseph Foyle  
4:30 pm – Antonio Justicia Guzman and Concepcion Linde Martin by Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Justicia-Linde

7:00 pm – Mass for Parishioners

### Sunday, May 16

7:30 am – Edwin and Eleanor Nowakowski by their family  
9:00 am – Hilda and Marian Strzelczyk by their family  
10:30 am – Deceased members of the Kalinowski family by their family  
12:00 pm – Dr. John Clark by David J. Ciminesi

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alice Aquila, Karen Aubrecht-Donovan, Desmond Benimoff, Jordan Berkhoudt, Gavin Bomboy, David Borowski, Michelle Bruno, Patrick Byrne, Anna Caserta, Joseph Cash, Liz Cash, Jeanne Chojnacki, Ed Czechowski, Bernard Daube, Carol Doyle, Liam Dubey, Mary Duggan, Paul Eberhardt, Josephine Fistola, Robyn Flading, daughters of Lois Fleck, Rev. Richard Florek, Katie Frank, Ann Marie Gensler, Barbara Ghirsig, Bill Greene, Barbara Harris, Marcia Jurkowski, Gail Koglmeier, Erin Kuleski, Christine Kukla, Amanda L., Virginia Lawton, Nathan Ljungberg, Ann Nenedal, Chet P., Kathy P., Shirley Perrine, Marge and Marvin Prebble, Kay Prusniecki, Jonathan Sentz, Laura Shaw, Luis Shaw, Marie Sokolovic, Sarah Sterling, William Thornton, Jane Tomaszewski, Ann Ulman, Craig Vidal, Dr. Ronald Vidal, Marianne Vidal, Eileen Walsh, Geraldine Wiess, Dan Zsebehazi.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI WHO CELEBRATED THE SACRAMENT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27 AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY BASILICA!

Thank you to OLV for hosting Nativity to allow for more social distancing and therefore more family members to attend this beautiful moment in the spiritual growth of our young people.



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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading - ACTS 10: 25-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

### Response - PSALM 98

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

I Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.

### Second Reading- 1 JOHN 4: 7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

### The Gospel - JOHN 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

### GLORIA

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.

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