



July 11, 2021

Nativity of Our Lord R.C. Church

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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
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mask and follow the signs when
you enter the Church to direct
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.



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by
two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

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The Holy Face Ministry is presenting a three day conference titled, "*How to Pray with Scriptures; An Introduction to Lectio Divina*". It will take place on Tuesday, August 3rd, Tuesday, August 10th and Tuesday, August 17th from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon at the Mother of Mercy House, 6131 Newton Road in Orchard Park. The cost is \$30 for all three days of the conference. Seating is limited so sign up early! To register call (716) 662-6025.



From the Pastor's Desk...

As you may be aware, we have had several changes in our staff here at the Parish. With **warm words of welcome** to those recently joining us, I make the following announcements:

- 1.) **Fr. Michael Johnson** has been assigned to Nativity as a **Parochial Vicar** for a term of three years, effective June 21, 2021. Already, Fr. Mike has been involved in celebrating Masses and performing other Sacramental Ministries. We offer him our prayers and support in these early days of his ministry as a newly ordained Priest.
- 2.) **Amy Schoenthal** became our new **Business Manager**, effective June 21, 2021, replacing Tim Redinger who took a position with the Finance Department in the Diocese of Buffalo. (We thank Tim for taking care of our business matters during this time of transition.) In her role as business manager, Amy is primarily responsible for payroll and benefits, accounts payable/ receivable, and record keeping and reporting. She will be in the business office (716-662-9339 ext. 125) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- 3.) **Darren Longboat** has joined the Faith Formation Department as **Confirmation Coordinator**, effective June 21, 2021. Darren has been teaching in our Faith Formation Program as a volunteer for several years and is well-qualified to oversee the preparation of our young people for this important Sacrament.
- 4.) As of June 28, 2021, **Joy Kaminski** has moved from Assistant in the Faith Formation Office to temporary part-time **Administrative Assistant to the Parish Office**. Joy will be working with Sue McDonough in addressing the many requests and inquires which come into the main office regarding the parish and cemetery.
- 5.) Along with the above staff changes, **Melissa Potzler** has taken on the additional responsibility (at least temporarily) of being the designated contact person for our contract Internet Services (**Escape Wire**), and **Carmen D'Alessandro** (our recently hired Facilities Supervisor) has expanded his role to become **Facilities Manager**.
- 6.) A **Search Committee** (consisting of School faculty members, parents of students in Nativity School, and Parish staff members) was recently formed to assist in the process of interviewing and hiring a new **Principal for our School** since Mr. Chris Gardon (the current Principal) is moving on to another Catholic Elementary School. Several interviews with well-qualified candidates have already been conducted; it is our hope to have new leadership in place by August 1, 2021. A heartfelt **thank you** to Mr. Gardon for his hard work on behalf of our School!

Thank you to all the staff for your service to our Parish and School; please know that your efforts are much appreciated!!

One last thought... on behalf of all of us here at Nativity, we offer our **sincere gratitude** and a **final word of farewell** to **Fr. Peter Bassey** as he assumes his new position of Parochial Vicar at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and St. John Parish in Olean, New York, effective July 12, 2021. Indeed, many glorious years of Priestly Ministry! Ad Multos Annos!

God's blessings to all during these beautiful summer days!

Fr. Jim

P.S. Although proposed "Families of Parishes" were recently announced as part of the "Road to Renewal" initiative in the Diocese of Buffalo, it should be noted that this process will take place over a much long time frame than initially anticipated. Therefore, no "immediate actions" will be implemented at this time. I will keep you informed as the process unfolds.

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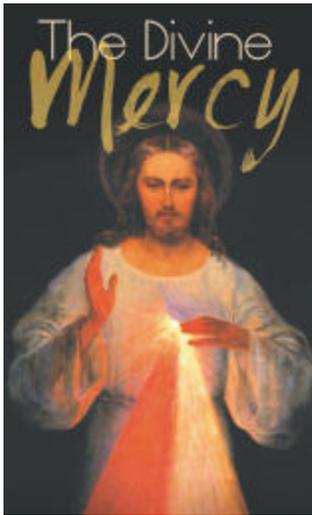
MONDAY, JULY 19

Nativity school cafeteria from 1:30-6:30pm

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THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

In 1933, God gave Sister Faustina a striking vision of His Mercy, Sister tells us:

'I saw a great light, with God the Father in the midst of it. Between this light and the earth I saw Jesus nailed to the Cross and in such a way that God, wanting to look upon the earth, had to look through Our Lord's wounds and I understood that God blessed the earth for the sake of Jesus. '

Of another vision on Sept. 13, 1935, she writes:

'I saw an Angel, the executor of God's wrath... about to strike the earth... I began to beg God earnestly for the world with words which I heard interiorly. As I prayed in this way, I saw the Angel's helplessness, and he could not carry out the just punishment... '

The following day an inner voice taught her to say this prayer on ordinary rosary beads:

'First say one 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and 'I believe'. Then on the large beads say the following words:

'Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. '

On the smaller beads you are to say the following words:

'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world. '

In conclusion you are to say these words three times:

'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world'.

Jesus said later to Sister Faustina:

'Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy... '

'... When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior'.

UPCOMING PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will continue to be a two year program of formation and discernment for youth enrolled in the 10th and 11th grades.

New for September 2021 the parish will utilize the award winning (Association of Catholic Publishers) "Chosen, Your Journey Toward Confirmation" program from Ascension press. The Chosen program was created by Chris Stefanick, an Eternal Word Television Network show host, author and national level speaker. Chosen consists of fourteen presenters (via dvd/online video) that cover the "A-Z" of confirmation and encountering Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church. Preparation will include an "opening parent/candidate night", a sponsor night, retreat experience and classes with a workbook throughout the standard academic year.

Dates, times and registration through www.nativityoffourlordop.com will be finalized soon.



Family Faith Formation: A Christ centered home is a place where family members live in the Light of Christ with the awareness that Our Lord is with us in all that we do. It is a family where people speak and act in the awareness that Jesus Himself is among us. Forming your family, and by God's grace manifesting a Christ Centered Home, includes celebrating the Liturgical Seasons and Feast Days as a family along with parents asking God's blessing upon the children, home, pets, activities and each other not only in private prayer but as a family using Holy Water and candles as Sacramentals. To support and encourage your Christ Centered Home we invite all families to the group named "ARISE." ARISE Families meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month beginning with the 10:30 Mass time then gather in the cafeteria from 11:30-12:30 am. These inter-generational sessions for parents, grandparents, singles and children are a great way to celebrate and learn about our Catholic Faith. Sessions are generally based on the Liturgical season and readings of the Day with Scripture, Reflection, Prayer and ideas with resources for at home use. Join us celebrate what Christ has done for us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 10

8:00 am – Eugene M. Parucki by Mr. and Mrs. David Schlee and family

4:30 pm – Michael and Carmel Adams by Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Justicia-Linde

7:00 pm – Rocco Scatenato by Michael and Ivonne Cellino

Sunday, July 11

7:30 am – Mass for Parishioners

9:00 am – William and Joan Haws by their family

10:30 am – Deceased members of the Beeny family by their family

12:00 pm – Anastasia Mrugalski by Ted and Joan Lipowski

Monday, July 12

7:00 am – All Souls

9:00 am – Lisa and Jason Pieczonka by Kenneth and Virginia Lawton

Tuesday, July 13

7:00 am – Rose and Robert Lally by their estate

9:00 am – Marty Browne by Bill and Nancy Burns

Wednesday, July 14

7:00 am – All Souls

9:00 am – Robert Lindner by his family

Thursday, July 15

7:00 am – All Souls

9:00 am – Anne Greenwood by her family

Friday, July 16

7:00 am – All Souls

8:30 am – Eugenia Zwolinski by Emily McMullen and Tineke Hall

Saturday, July 17

8:00 am – Mary and Joseph Hamel by the Hogan family

4:30 pm – Margaret Hruby by her daughter Rosemarie Breese

7:00 pm – Ronald Wessel by his family

Sunday, July 18

7:30 am – Jason Jablonski by his family

9:00 am – Michael and Grayce Arena by their family

10:30 am – Mass for Parishioners

12:00 pm – Stephen E. Cavanaugh by his family

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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VOCATION VIEW

Amos was just working his blue-collar job when "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people....'" God still calls people in this way, from all walks of life. If you feel the call to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

15TH SUNDAY

First Reading - AMOS 7: 12-15

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Response - PSALM 85

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

Second Reading - EPHESIANS 1: 3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel - MARK 6: 7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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.

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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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