August 1, 2021

Nativity of Our Lord R.C. Church

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JOIN US ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8
after the 12 noon Mass to
welcome Fr. Mike
to the Nativity family!

We will have a summer barbecue. Get to know Fr. Mike and relax with your fellow parishioners. Please RSVP by Monday, August 2 to Melissa at mpotzler@nativityschool.net or call Sue in the main office at 662-9339. Let us know if you can bring a dessert/beverage to share or help with a contribution!

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 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.

Have you been receiving our email updates?

If not, make sure we have the correct email address for you so we can keep you informed about what's happening at Nativity!

Email Melissa at mpotzler@nativityschool.net to update your email address today.

From the Pastor's Desk…

In the next few weeks, the Parish will be in the midst of two construction projects:

The **first** is repair of the water damage to the Church Lower Sacristy (room where the Priests vest for the celebration of Mass). The ceiling and some cabinets were significantly damaged from a major roof leak shortly after I arrived here at the parish. The roof was replaced some time ago, but repair of the interior damage was delayed by the Covid pandemic. This work is largely (all but $1000) covered by insurance.

The **second project** is renovation of the kitchen in the Priests' residence. The current kitchen is very outdated as the "built in oven" is over thirty years old and has a door which is "sprung" (repair parts are not available). Likewise, the garbage disposal and antiquated "fan attached to the ceiling" are no longer operational. At the same time, the plastic (translucent) ceiling tiles are unsightly (some appear to be moldy and dirty) and are prone to becoming misshapen in the track which holds them in place. Written estimates for the desired renovations were obtained from several construction companies, and the contractor who submitted a proposal of $32,990.00 (excluding appliances) was chosen. Diocesan approval was obtained to move forward with this project.

In regard to funding for the kitchen renovation, thus far over $21,000.00 has already been received from specific donations for this project. Largely through the initiative of Mr. Fran Hogenkamp, efforts to solicit funds from individual donors were begun well before the onset of the pandemic. Now that the project has been approved, and a contractor engaged to begin work this week, if anyone would like to contribute to this effort, they may do so by putting donations in an envelope marked "Kitchen Renovation" and dropping it in the collection basket or mailing to the business office (43 Argyle).

As always, **thank you** for your prayerful and generous financial support of Nativity parish and school, and its many activities. Please know this is much appreciated!

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and may God bless you and all of your family!

Fr. Jim

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PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST

3rd-Holy Face Conference begins

6th—First Friday Adoration 6pm church

7th—Glorify 6pm gym

20th—Rosary 6pm church

24th-St. Vincent de Paul 7pm

25th-Men's Ministry 5:30pm MBC

27th-Rosary 6pm church

31st-Back to School Barbecue for school families 6-8pm

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School Principal	Coleen Scott	662-7572
School Secretary	Isabelle Carpenter	
Faith Formation	Mary Barone	662-2169
Confirmation	Darren Longboat	

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

PRO-LIFE

Nativity has just secured a booth for a Respect Life Table in the Marketplace Building at the Erie County Fair, which runs from August 11 - August 22. The booth needs to be operated (Erie County Fair Regulations) from 1O:OOAM-l 0:00PM daily. This will be a major undertaking and will be an "All Hands On Deck" event! There will be two-hour times lots daily. If you are interested in signing up for a timeslot or helping out in any way, or if you have any questions, please contact: William Mayback at wkmayback@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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. Registration is now open at https:// www.nativityofourlordop.com/confirmation-preparation/ Please enroll soon. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS TO NATIVITY!

Has the last year been a struggle for you or your family? This Fall our Bible Study group will delve into the Book of Job to see how a man who is overwhelmed by suffering deals with this suffering. Our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Michael Johnson has agreed to be our facilitator.
The program will run for 7 weeks on consecutive Tuesdays at 6:30 PM starting 9/21/21. This is a great opportunity to enrich your Faith while forming friendships with fellow parishioners.
The book of Job tells the story of a righteous man. God praises Job to Satan, who vehemently asserts that Job is only righteous because God has blessed him in every way. Take away his blessings, Satan claims, and Job will curse God. This story speaks eloquently of the mystery of human suffering. Listen to God's Word in the midst of pain.
For more information or to sign up, please call Melissa Potzler or Sue McDonough at the Parish office (662-9339) prior to 8/30/21.

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.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Putting Faith in Our Future † PRE K - 8TH GRADE

We still have a few openings in grades 1, 3, 6 and 8, but slots are filling quickly! If you or someone you know would like more information about our quality, faith-filled school, please contact Isabelle Carpenter at ICarpenter@nativityschool.net or call 662-7572.

NOW HIRING

As Mrs. Scott has become our new school principal, we are in need of a third grade teacher. Must have Master's degree in education or working to obtain Master's degree, NYS teacher certification, excellent written and spoken communication, strong Catholic/Christian faith and values, superior classroom and behavior management skills, proficiency in organization and time management. Please send resume to cscott@nativityschool.net.
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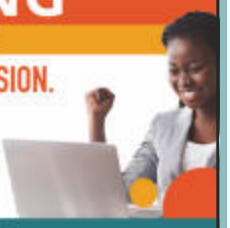

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 31
8:00 am – All Souls
4:30 pm – Lorraine Wohlrab by Jim Wohlrab and family
7:00 pm – Liz Cantafio by Kathi Shyhalla
Sunday, August 1
7:30 am – Charlotte and Edward Popek by their family
9:00 am – Mass for parishioners
10:30 am – Gregory and Mark Rittling by their sister, Liz
12:00 pm – Donald J. Jambro by his brother Dr. Thomas A. Jambro
Monday, August 2
7:00 am—All Souls
9:00 am—Virginia Armknecht by Peter and Jean Klumpp
Tuesday, August 3
7:00 am—James Meredith by Brian and Leslie Shields
9:00 am—Josephine and Anthony Lombardo by Michael and Diane Melerski and Terry Gannon
Wednesday, August 4
7:00a am—Allison Jensen by the Hogan family
9:00 am—Martin J. Browne by Mrs. Stephen Cavanaugh
Thursday, August 5
7:00 am—Rose and Robert Lally by their estate
9:00 am—Dr. Thomas Raab by Harold, Coleen, Sean and Julia Scott
Friday, August 6
7:00 am—All souls
8:30 am—Lillian D. Sommerson by Ronald Durcholz
Saturday, August 7
8:00 am—Ann J. Lynett by Ralph Winifred Casciano
4:30 pm—Margaret Hruby by her daughter Rosemarie Breese
7:00 pm—Peter Sartori by Joseph and Mary Pici
Sunday, August 7
7:30 am—Mass for parishioners
9:00 am—Anne Greenwood by her family
10:30 am—deceased members of the Beeny family by their family
12:00 pm—Dominick Saraceno by his family

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, Peter Chow, Kira Ciupek, 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, Barbara Harris, Marcia Jurkowski, Gail Koglmeier, Erin Kulesus, Christine Kukla, Amanda L., Virginia Lawton, Nathan Ljungberg, Larry Maguda, Tom McPherson, 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 Zsebehazy.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL WEEKEND MASSES
Please email Pat Gorman if interested: patrick.gorman@cbna.com

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS NEEDED
Please contact Melissa at mpotzler@nativityschool.net.

PRO-LIFE GROUP AT NATIVITY
Various options available for you to support life at all stages. Be as involved as often or as little as you like. Call or email for more info: Melissa at 662-9339 ext 145 or mpotzler@nativityschool.net.

NATIVITY'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP
Our priority is families with children and the disabled. We are also working with Sleep in Heavenly Peace providing new beds for children. For more information, please email Melissa at mpotzler@nativityschool.net.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL
Regular and substitute adorers needed. Spend one hour with our Lord. Please call Pat Longboat at 998-0593 or email plongb@roadrunner.com.

Thank you to Nativity parishioner Jessica Roman for beautifying our grounds around the Respect Life Garden. Jessica is working on her Gold award for Girl Scout troop 30275. The Gold award is the highest possible for Girl Scouts, equivalent to the Eagle Scout for boys.

18TH SUNDAY

First Reading - EXODUS 16: 2-15
The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our flesh-pots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"
Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.
"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Response - PSALM 78
The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

What we have heard and know,
and what our fathers have declared to us,
we will declare to the generation to come
the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength
and the wonders that he wrought.

He commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven;
he rained manna upon them for food
and gave them heavenly bread.

Man ate the bread of angels,
food he sent them in abundance.
And he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountains his right hand had won.

Second Reading - EPHESIANS 4: 17-24
Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

The Gospel - JOHN 6: 24-35
When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"
Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat."
So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

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.