Nativity of Our Lord R.C. Church

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The Volunteer Issue

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses
4:30pm & 7pm

Weekday Masses
Mon-Thur 7am and 9am
Friday 7am and 8:30am
Saturday 8am

Sunday Masses
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am
12pm

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
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.

ANOINTINGS
Please call the parish as soon as a loved one is ill. One of our priests will come to provide Anointing of the Sick.

ST. LUKE'S MISSION OF MERCY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Clean out your cupboards and help the environment! Rather than toss these items, drop them in the large yellow box located in the church narthex & near the entrance door of the Adoration Chapel: SEALED RESTAURANT CONDIMENT PACKETS, SEALED PLASTIC UTENSILS, HOTEL AND TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES, LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY. **THANK YOU!!!!!!**

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

What makes "church" work? It's us—the body of Christ. We are His hands and feet. The work of Christ must be carried out by us, you and me. How do we do this? We use the individual gifts God has given each and every one of us to serve Him by serving others and His church.

Pope Benedict XVI says that through volunteering "we also **become visible instruments of his love** in a world that still profoundly yearns for that love amid the poverty, loneliness, marginalization and ignorance that we see all around us." (Nov 11, 2011)

Each of us can do this in different ways. Some of us have special talents and abilities that can be used in service of others and the church. Some of us have time to lend to tasks that need to be done to make our parish stronger.

Not everyone is suited for every need. Some of us are stronger in certain areas. Some of us are more comfortable in certain roles. In a church the size of Nativity, there is something for everyone. Maybe some of you even have an idea that we aren't addressing yet at Nativity.

In this busy world, with all of the demands placed on our time and attention, perhaps prayerful consideration of just where and how we can help would guide us to the right place. No matter how little time we have, there is some need we can fill.

Please check out the list of volunteer opportunities on page 3 to see if something feels right to you. Think about it. Pray about it. Now more than ever, with the shortage of priests and religious, we are called to cooperate in the work of the universal church and the work of Nativity—Bringing Christ to people and people to Christ.

God bless,
Melissa Potzler, Parish Life Coordinator

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PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

18th-Parish Advisory Council 6:30p

23rd-Lectio Divina 7p dining room

30th-SVDP meeting 7p dining room

DECEMBER

1st—OLV Tour 4p at the Basilica

3rd-First Friday Adoration 6p in the church

4th-Glorify 6:30p in the gym

5th-9a Family Mass with Coffee and Donuts afterward

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www.nativityofourlordop.com and click Online giving in the upper right corner. It's safe and easy!

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail to Nativity at 43 Argyle, Attn: Melissa

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PLEASE CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST AND SOMEONE WILL CALL OR EMAIL WITH MORE INFORMATION.

VOLUNTEER AT MASS:

__ Lector
__ Eucharistic Minister
__ Altar Server
__ Music Ministry
__ Family Mass
__ Usher
__ Sacristan

OUTREACH:

__ St. Vincent de Paul
__ St. Gianna Molla
__ WNY Haiti Connection
__ Pro-life Committee
__ Panera Bread pick-up
__ Eucharistic Minister to homebound
__ Rosary at Orchard Heights

PROGRAMS AT NATIVITY:

__ Faith Formation
__ Youth Ministry
__ Vacation Bible School
__ Via Fidei
__ Church cleaning
__ Counters

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST:

If you have other interests not listed above, please write in below:

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VOLUNTEER AT MASS

Lector-Proclaim the Word once per month at the weekend Mass of your choice.
Eucharistic Minister-Help distribute the Body of Christ once per month at the weekend Mass of your choice.
Altar Server-Adults and children (fourth grade and older) serve as an assistant to the priest at Mass, weddings and funerals on your schedule.
Music Ministry-Lend your instrumental or vocal talents to the Nativity Choir or Youth Mass.
Family Mass-Have your children participate as lectors, ushers, greeters on the first Sunday of the month at 9am. Adult volunteers are needed to help coordinate the children and the Coffee and Donut time after the Family Mass.
Usher-Help greet parishioners and gather the collection at the weekend Mass of your choice.
Sacristan-Help the priest set up for weekday/weekend Mass.

OUTREACH

St. Vincent de Paul-Provides emergency aid when someone hits a financial crisis. Meets once per month.
St. Gianna Molla-Helps pregnant women through their pregnancy and through the first few years of their child's life to get them back on their feet. Various opportunities.
Haiti Connection-Helps our twin parish, St. Michael the Archangel in Coq Chante, Haiti, by providing water purification systems, a medical clinic, an animal husbandry mission and assists St. Michael the Archangel maintain a school.
Pro-life Committee-Participate in various pro-life activities, such as peaceful prayer outside the Planned Parenthood in West Seneca, hosting a table at the Erie County Fair, conducting petition drives for current legislation, etc.
Panera Bread Delivery- Pick up the extras from Panera on Sunday, Monday or Thursday evening and deliver it to Bread of Life and St. Simon's food pantries once every two months.
Eucharistic Minister to Homebound-Take Communion to the homebound on your schedule. (Must be trained Eucharistic Minister)
Rosary at Orchard Heights-Pray the Rosary with the folks at Orchard Heights once per month on Wednesdays.

PROGRAMS AT NATIVITY

Faith Formation-Volunteer as a catechist to teach our young. (Various days and times available)
Youth Ministry-Volunteer as a chaperone for our youth meetings on Tuesdays or Saturdays whenever you can.
Vacation Bible School-Volunteer as a chaperone, teacher or set-up support for our VBS one week in July.
Via Fidei-Volunteer for the various planning committees or as one-time support for individual events.
Church Cleaning-Help clean the church once every two months with a team of three. Days can be flexible if needed.
Counters-Help counting the weekly collection.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 13
8:00 am – Lisa Barniak by her Mom and Dad
4:30 pm – Rose and Louis Coppola by their family
7:00 pm – Alanna Cooley by the Cooley family
Sunday, November 14
7:30 am – William and Joan Hawes by the their family
9:00 am – Mass for parishioners
10:30 am – Sgt. Michael Swieczkowski by Joan Cullen
12:00 pm – Stephen E. Cavanaugh by his family
Monday, November 15
7:00 am – Ann Persse by the Selig family
9:00 am – Emily Gorczyca by Robert and Carolyn Gorczyca
Tuesday, November 16
7:00 am – All Souls
9:00 am – Marian Ford by Joanne and Tim Heffernan
Wednesday, November 17
7:00 am – Jean Hertlein by Cindi and Kristin
9:00 am – deceased members of the Battisti family by their family
Thursday, November 18
7:00 am – All Souls
9:00 am – Anne Greenwood by her family
Friday, NoveAmber 19
7:00 am – Raymond Couell by Rose Stiles
8:30 am – Edward and Irene Kosikowski by their family
Saturday, November 20
8:00 am – Gary Johnson by the Plunkett family
4:30 pm – Norinne Chudy by her family
7:00 pm – Mass for parishioners
Sunday, November 21
7:30 am – Stella and Joseph Gay by Silvio and Lorraine Russo
9:00 am – Rocco Scatenato by Michael and Ivonne Cellino
10:30 am – Judith A. Speziale by Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Justicia-Linde
12:00 pm – Dominic and Frances Saraceno by their family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Cassandra A., Alice Aquila, Karen Aubrecht-Donovan, Desmond Benimoff, Jordan Berkhoudt, Gavin Bomboy, David Borowski, Michelle Bruno, Patrick Byrne, Kathy Campion, 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, daughters of Lois Fleck, Rev. Richard Florek, Katie Frank, Ann Marie Gensler, Barbara Ghirsig, Barbara Harris, Lee Hartung, Marcia Jurkowski, Gail Koglmeier, Erin Kulesus, Christine Kukla, Amanda L., Virginia Lawton, Nathan Ljungberg, Larry Maguda, Tom McPherson, Michael Melerski, Jean Mingen, Ann Nenedal, Chet P., Kathy P., Marge and Marvin Prebble, Kay Prusniecki, Jim Russo, Mike Santuci, Frances Schleis, Jonathan Sentz, Laura Shaw, Luis Shaw, Sarah Sterling, William Thornton, Jane Tomaszewski, Jennifer Tucker, Ann Ulman, Craig Vidal, Dr. Ronald Vidal, Marianne Vidal, Eileen Walsh, Geraldine Wiess, Dan Zsebehazy.

DISCERN WAYS TO PAY IT FORWARD

Question:
I volunteer every once in a while. How can I incorporate serving the poor in my everyday life?

Answer:
In the Gospels, Jesus is very clear about emphasizing outreach to vulnerable persons on the margins of society. These may be the materially poor, the disabled, the lonely, or any others whose circumstances drive them from mainstream society. We can all respond to Christ's call to love by incorporating direct service into our regular life routine. Here are some ideas to find your niche:

Consider your life. Before you look for direct service opportunities, consider your schedule, commitment levels, and personal gifts. When can you help out and how regularly? Where have you volunteered in the past that has felt like a good fit? Do you have any particular skills or personality traits that lend you to particular work?

Do some research. There are a lot of structured ways you can get involved in your community. Your parish might have a social concerns outreach program. If not, ask friends and family. A simple online search for local nonprofits can also expose you to new opportunities.

Be open to God's invitation. The chance to serve may be closer than you think. Befriending an elderly neighbor, widowed and far from children, is an act of serving the poor. Keep your eyes and heart open!

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33RD SUNDAY

First Reading - DANIEL 12: 1-3

In those days, I Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.
"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.
"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

Response - PSALM 16

You are my inheritance, O Lord!

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

Second Reading - HEBREWS 10:11-18

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

The Gospel - MARK 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.
"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening,
know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

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.

Lectio Devina resumes in person on November 23rd, 2021 at 7pm in the church dining room. Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical year, which starts on November 28th, 2021.

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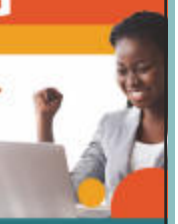

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