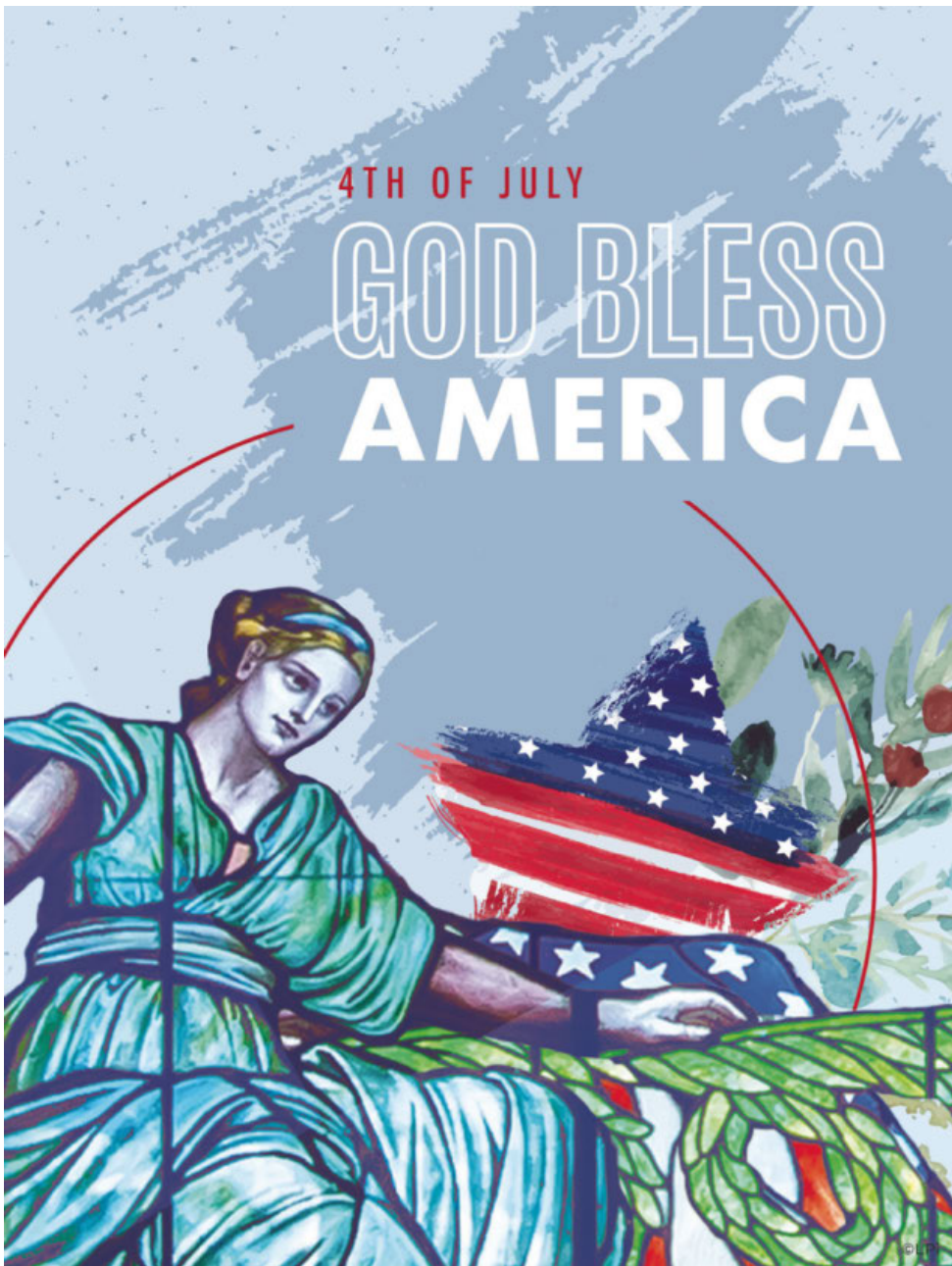


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass

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Sunday Mass

7:30 am

9:00 am (LiveStream)

11:30 am

Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday

8:30 am in the Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

9:00 - 10:00 am

or by appointment

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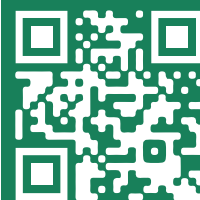
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Monday - Thursday

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR FR. DAVID SCOTCHIE



While our country celebrates Independence Day with fireworks displays and patriotic music, the Church prays for our country. Every Mass we pray for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world. During the Universal Prayer following the creed, the deacon reads a petition such as, "That the Spirit guide our leaders to serve the common good. We pray to the Lord." We respond, "Lord, hear our prayer." The petition for public

authorities is one of four petitions required at every Mass.

By custom, Nativity displays the Stars and Stripes in the main entrance. You can find in the narthex a second flag, the gold and white flag of Vatican City, with the papal coat of arms—the keys of Peter and the papal tiara—imposed upon its vertical white band.

Nationalism trumpets, "My country. Love it or leave it!" While uncritical of its own leaders, nationalism criticizes and looks down on other countries. The Nazi political party corrupted patriotism into an extreme nationalist ideology that led Germany into World War II and national suicide.

Patriotism is different from nationalism. Patriotism is a virtue

related to piety by which we give due honor and respect. We pledge allegiance to the flag. We sing the national anthem. American Catholics owe due honor and respect to God, family, and country in that order. Patriotism is a virtue fostered by the Church.

Spend time with the hymn America the Beautiful in our blue Gather hymnal #984. It invokes God to mend our every flaw and confirm our soul in self-control. The lyrics honor the heroes who "more than self their country loved and mercy more than life." It raises up our voices to sing as one, "America! America! God shed his grace on thee and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Happy Fourth of July!

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Dennis, Al Canal, John Simes, Scott S, Donald Woodard Jr, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Sanjeev Bode, Nishah, Vinnie, Lenita, Sharnice Cyprien, Lucia Ison, Christie, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Faustina Paul George, Jared Hobshon, Elizabeth Fritzl, Pat Ferriola, Purushothaman Keerthana, Ray Armitage, Gustavo and Olga Urbina, Javier Ramos, Sonny, Dennis Bagay, Raj Prasad, Damisnus Aditya, Curt Koschwitz, Clint Ferguson, John Nevins, Elizabeth Nevins, Shashini Dehideniya

PRAYER REQUEST

Request a prayer at nativity.org/prayer-request or call the Parish Office at (407) 322 - 3961



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 1

St. Junipero Serra

5:00 PM † James Remy
Given by Rob & Michelle

SUNDAY, JULY 2

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Our Parishioners
Nativity Catholic Church

9:00 AM † KC & Patricia Przychocki
Given by Lisa VanKouwenberg

11:30 AM † Anna Goncalves
Given by The McKeever Family

MONDAY, JULY 3

St. Thomas

8:30 AM † Mary Ellen Wood
Given by Dave Burns

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Ordinary Time Weekday (Independence Day)

8:30 AM † Evelyn Jorgensen
Given by The Steier & Jorgensen Families

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria & St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 AM † Marie C. Hughes
Given by Dave Burns

THURSDAY, JULY 6

St. Maria Goretti

8:30 AM † Frank Steier
Given by The Steier & Jorgensen Families

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Ordinary Time Weekday

8:30 AM † Eloise Alphonse
Given by Jasmine Prepetit

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Ordinary Time Weekday

8:30 AM † Father Sean Cooney
Given by Fr. David Scotchie

5:00 PM † Erik Paskoski
Given by Don & JoAnn Peters

SUNDAY, JULY 9

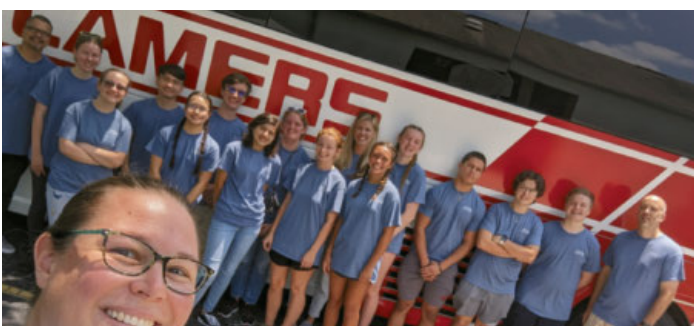
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Nick Panfen
Given by Susan Petracca

9:00 AM Our Parishioners
Nativity Catholic Church

11:30 AM † Erik Paskoski
Given by Lydia Toro

WITNESS



MORE FROM THE MISSION TRIP FROM JENNIFER CHELLBERG

Last week I shared about the mission trip that our teens took to Morganton, NC earlier this month. While the work they accomplished throughout the community that week was incredibly important, equally important was the impact that the mission trip experience had on helping them to grow in their own faith lives and their relationship with God and how they will continue to live their faith back home.

At the end of the week, we did some shared journaling. One of the questions that the teens were asked to reflect on was "how have you grown in your faith this week?" Here are just a few snippets from their responses....

"During this week I have noticed what I was lacking in my life.... Now I am looking for any way I can to serve and live every moment... I am going to pray every day, go to Mass at least once a week, and give God back a central role in my life."

"I used to think my religion and church was boring. I felt empty and would try to fulfill myself with social media and other people's love. Little did I know, it was God's love that I needed. When I first arrived at camp, I was unsure but over the week I was able to be myself and I was enjoying every second of it, serving others and being in the presence of Christ. During these days, I realized that whatever I was craving in my life only comes from God."

"From this trip I have realized how peaceful it feels to be with God and how much we push him out of control because we want something different. I have learned to let God in and to listen to him."

"I've never felt more happy before than in these moments. A time where I felt understood, loved, and enough. God's love and mercy is the only thing that I needed in my life, and to have a relationship with him, to be seen by him, has really impacted my life in general and I've felt so joyful since then. I'm so grateful that I got the chance to go on this trip and learn that I am made for so much more than what is here on Earth."



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

INTERESTED IN EXPLORING CATHOLICISM?

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about Jesus and the Church that he founded, we are here to help! Contact Nelson Thielen, Director of Faith Formation at 407-322-3961 ext. 211.

INVITATION TO ALL ADULTS IN THE PARISH

Are you looking to strengthen your prayer life or learn more about your Catholic faith and its traditions? They say that the best way to learn is to teach someone else. We invite you to pray and discern this summer how God might be calling you to serve his people in the coming year. For answers to any questions you may have, please call the Faith Formation Office at 407-322-3961 ext. 211 and ask for our Director of Faith Formation.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER EVENTS

Want to keep up-to-date with all the summer youth ministry events? Make sure you are subscribed to our middle school youth ministry or high school youth ministry Flocknote! Send an email to jchellberg@nativity.org if you'd like to be added to either list! Also, if you are on Instagram, follow us: [@nativityyouth](https://www.instagram.com/nativityyouth)

SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT

We will have our next service afternoon at Pathways to Care next Monday, July 10th, from 2:00-3:30pm. We'll be playing bingo and making ice cream sundaes with the residents. If you are a middle schooler or high schooler who is interested in joining us, send an email to Jennifer Chellberg - we need 4-6 volunteers total. The time can count for Bright Futures hours.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all Vacation Bible School Participants - if you are able to, stop by the Parish Center after the 9:00am or 11:30am Mass next Sunday, July 16th, to find out your crew number and pick up your VBS t-shirt, so that you can be all ready to go when you arrive on Monday morning for the first day of Vacation Bible School!



MUSIC & LITURGY

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Art and Environment team works hard throughout the year to prepare our liturgical spaces for worship, often with flowers. Sometimes that means working with pine and poinsettia and other times it's palms and lilies. During Ordinary Time, we hope to have flowers in front of the altar each week, and you can help. You can give to support this for any available week of the year for a donation of \$65. This can be in memory of someone or to celebrate an anniversary or birthday. To reserve your weekend(s) please just call the Parish Office and talk to David. He will get your information and let you know what weeks are available. Thank you for helping to beautify our sanctuary with live flowers each and every week.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 1

8:30am Daily Mass
9:00-10:00am Confession
5:00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 2

7:30am Sunday Mass
9:00am Sunday Mass *LiveStream*
11:30am Sunday Mass

MONDAY, JULY 3

8:30am Daily Mass

Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, JULY 4

8:30am Daily Mass

Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

8:30am Daily Mass
10:00am Artisans Meeting
7:00pm Grief Support Group

THURSDAY, JULY 6

6:30-8:00am TMIY: Wild Goose
8:30am Daily Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 7

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Daily Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration

SATURDAY, JULY 8

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5:00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 9

7:30am Sunday Mass
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PARISH LIFE



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on July 3 & July 4 in observation of Independence day. Daily Mass will still be offered and a priest is available in an emergency.

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

We will be serving a dinner at the Orlando Coalition for the Homeless Center on Saturday, July 29th. Preparation of the dinner will begin at 9 AM in the parish kitchen. We will depart the church parking lot at 3:45 PM. We always appreciate the great generosity of the parish as we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially during this time. For this dinner we kindly request the following items: Spaghetti noodles, tomato sauce, beef meatballs, Parmesan cheese, soda, single serving individually wrapped snacks or chips, unpeeled hard boiled eggs and dinner rolls.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the Cenacle. You don't have to be alone; all are loved and welcome as we journey together.

SMART GIVING

Every year senior citizens must withdraw an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) from their IRA (Individual Retirement Account). Uncle Sam taxes it. However, you can bypass the IRS. Simply tell the person who controls your IRA to send a check directly to your charity such as Nativity. This is called a QCD (Qualified Charitable Deduction). Although you cannot write it off as a tax deduction, you do not have to pay income taxes on the amount withdrawn. It is not declared as income. If you're feeling charitable, you can add the amount saved in taxes to your contribution to Nativity. Call the Catholic Foundation of Central Florida at 407-246-4802.

SERVICE

PARISH FOOD PANTRY

Needs This Week:

Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Ramen, Canned Fruit

Donations may be placed by the church entryways or dropped at the parish office during normal business hours.

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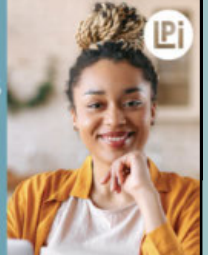
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