



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Blessed are
those who
have not seen
and have

believed

JOHN 20:29

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Daily Mass Monday-Saturday: 8am
Saturday: 5pm Vigil
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Week Ahead

Adoration Chapel Open Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 8:00pm.

Parish Office open Monday-Friday, 9am to 1pm

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday, 8am in the church.

Rosary Monday-Saturday at 7:30am in the church before Mass.

Confessions Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the church.

Monday, April 8

- ◆ No scheduled events

Tuesday, April 9

- ◆ Walking with Purpose 10am and 7pm
Parish Center
- ◆ Nativity Seniors Club 12pm
Brick Building
- ◆ Rosary for Peace 7pm *Conference Room*

Wednesday, April 10

- ◆ Rosary Makers 4pm *Parish Center*

Thursday, April 11

- ◆ Choir Practice 7pm *Church*

Friday, April 12

- ◆ AA Meeting 7:30pm *Brick Building*

Saturday, April 13

- ◆ AA Meeting 9am *Brick Building*

Sunday, April 14

- ◆ Catholic 101 (RCIA) 8:45am
Conference Room
- ◆ Legion of Mary 11am *Parish Center*
- ◆ Lessons in Spirituality 1pm *Parish Center*



Monday, April 8

8:00am Marianne Simpson by Kathleen Coyle

Tuesday, April 9

8:00am Deceased Members of the Emanuele Family

Wednesday, April 10

8:00am Phil Damiania by Carol and Bob Dieter

Thursday, April 11

8:00am Theresa DeChiaro

Friday, April 12

8:00am Tom Loveland by Molly Dotts

Saturday, April 13

8:00am Marie and Robert LeMole by Sal LeMole

5:00pm Tommy Petrillo by Petrillo & McIlwaine Families



Please pray for:

Kathy Hope, Mike Sweeney, Bob Willard, Bob Hewitt, Susan Erro, Michael O'Mara Spear, T. Joe Vandergast, James McGrath, Michael LeMole, Charles Thomas, Bill Tobin, Susan Hammaker, Betty Lou McKenna, Josephine Lomax, Bob Valenti, Jeff Hammaker, Gina Marinari, Carole Clemens, Domenic Federico, Christian Farrell, Joanne Dixon-Shavney, Carla Penman, Maria Drake, Jim Sweeney, Kathleen Garwood, Clifford Woodbury, Carl Razzano

If you would like to have a name added, contact the Parish Office at 610-566-0185 or parishoffice@nativity-bvm.org.

Readings for Today

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 | Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 | Gospel: John 20:19-31

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’”

Baptisms and Funerals for March

We welcome those Baptized at our parish recently and congratulate their families!

Evelyn Mary Lawler, Martin Joseph Finnegan, Clark Robert Canfield

Please pray for the recently deceased of our parish and their families:

Antoinette Deiulis, Marie DeVries, William Cook



Holy Hour for Vocations

April 21st at 3pm

In recent years, the number of priests being ordained, and those entering the religious life have decreased. There has never been a greater need for vibrant, holy and dedicated, priest and religious to serve our Church.

On Sunday, April 21st, we will celebrate a Holy Hour for Vocations at 3 PM in the church. That Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocation Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The purpose of this day is to fulfill Jesus' instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church consecrates her intention on raising up shepherds, for God's people – vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life - while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

All are invited, families & individuals to come together in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament this Vocation Sunday to pray for vocations!

Book Club on Wednesday, May 15

Life is always full of new and unexpected challenges, but each challenge is also an opportunity to draw closer to God. Father Jacques Philippe, a beloved author and renowned spiritual director, will show you how to maintain peace of heart through turbulent times, and discern the choices that will be helpful for you and others. Written in a simple and inviting style, *Trusting God In The Present*, is your spiritual direction manual to trusting God in the midst of difficult times. In this 56 page book, you will find that God is, indeed, with you, and He is inviting you to be a to a new perspective, renewed hope, and a more abundant life, Our Book Club meeting will be at **7 PM on Wednesday, May 15** in the Conference Room. We will be discussing this insightful book. Books are available at the Rectory Office for \$10 or can be ordered personally online.

The **April Meeting of the Nativity Seniors** is on April 9th at 12 noon in the Brick Building. There is a change in the agenda. The speaker will be Derrick Lloyd, Head Librarian of the Middletown Free Library. He will share information about programs available through the library. Beverages and desserts will be served. Bring your sandwich.

Lessons In Spirituality

Could you use a little help living your faith in your day-to day life?

Lessons in Spirituality is a new monthly group for those interested in going deeper in their Catholic faith and spirituality. Meets are hosted by Marie (Mitzi) Miller, a local mental health therapist who holds an MA in Theology and whose favorite pastime is talking about God.

Meetings are part lecture, but mostly informal discussions and are open to all ages, genders, and different states of faith.

Next meeting: Sunday April 14 1-2:15 in the Parish Center.

Questions? Contact Amy: Amy.Grace@Nativity-BVM.org.

Holy Week 2024



More photos are available on our website!

Holy Week 2024



Thank you to Tom Stephan for all the photographs!

How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet



Optional Opening Prayer:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Apostles' Creed.
2. On the 5 big beads of a rosary (at the start of each decade), pray "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."
3. On the 10 small beads for each decade, pray "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
4. At the end of the 5 decades, pray this prayer 3 times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Optional Closing Prayer:

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

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