

**This Week at Nativity****Sunday:** -11:00 am Mass**Monday:****Tuesday:** 8:15 am Mass**Wednesday:****Thursday:****Friday:** 8:15 am Mass**Saturday:** 4:30 pm Mass**We highly encourage donations to Nativity be made**

**online through WeShare:** Nativity families can continue to make donations to Nativity, 5935 Pandora Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45213 or online through WeShare, Nativity's online giving platform. On WeShare, you can also make donations to other Nativity funds including the Nativity School fund and the "Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund. Should you need help in making online donations, you may contact WeShare at: Customer Service Phone Number: 800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2); Customer Service Email: [weshare@4lpi.com](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com); or Donor FQA: WeShare Donor Support. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Nativity!

Mass is currently limited to 100 people due to spacing requirements for social distancing.

Everyone who attends Mass must wear a mask and follow all recommended Diocesan health and safety precautions.

**Readings for September 13, 2020*****Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7      Romans 14: 7-9******Matthew 18: 21-35*****Saturday - 4:30 PM Mass****Lectors: *Bea Souder & John VanRens*****Sunday - 11:00 AM Mass****Lectors: *Bob Herring & Beth Adkins*****MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: For the People  
 Tuesday: Nicholas Petruzzelli  
 Friday: Mark Timoney  
 Saturday: Johanna O'Brien

**Lectors for next weekend - September 19/20:****4:30 Mass: Beth Gunderson & Deborah Casey****11:00 Mass: Tom Millard & Patti Newberry****Weekday Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Holy Communion:**

*A weekday celebration of a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion may take place only if Mass is not celebrated in the parish on that day. The policy interprets daily Mass to mean at the parish "or pastoral region."*

We at Nativity have easy access to Mass at either Holy Trinity on Monday and Thursday at 7:45 am or at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center every day at 8:30 am. Therefore the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is not deemed appropriate.

***Please pray for the following:*****Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach	Bill Balskus	Reid Baumgartner
Liz Bellew	Stephanie Benhase	Mary Jo Beresford
Dottie Brinker	Eugene Carlson	Kathy Chalfin
Barbara Cottrell	Diana DeRhodes	Joe Doering
Declan Donovan	Stella Evans	Barry Funk
Jackie Goetz	Jim Kaufman	Fr. Ray Kellerman
Al & Mary Lou Matre	Mary McErlane	Gretchen Niswonger
Ron Rulon	Debbie Schneider	Maureen Sullivan
Carl Udry	Bob Valerius	Jan Weaver

**Friends & Family**

Mark Behreng	Sally Bowron	Aaron Bradford
Sheila Caldwell	James Doolittle	Bob Finn
Mary Sue Loftus	Rick Holtz	John Mack
Doug Martin	Bob Mitchell	Greg Morley
David Palmer	Holly Rough	Peg Schuckman
Susan Shakelford	Mary Ellen Spaitte	Mike Tebbe
Mary Williams	Craig Wrober	

**Please pray for those who have died, especially **Randy Weaver**, husband of Jan Weaver.**

**Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation and pastoral visits.**

<b>CHURCH OFFERINGS</b>	<b>September 6, 2020</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Regular Collection	2,721.54	45,816.54
School Support	65.00	2,180.00
Online Collection	170.32	36,278.32
Total Offerings	2,956.86	84,274.86
Budget	10,900.00	109,000.00
Over (under) Budget	(7,943.14)	(24,725.14)

**Next Weekend's Second Collection:** Will be going to the Collection for the Holy Land, originally scheduled for Good Friday. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Christians, along with all of clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious, and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Patience is not a natural virtue of men in the Roush family. Once in my youth while complaining about waiting in line at a restaurant, my Dad told me that when he was my age that his Dad (my grandpa) would leave a restaurant if the wait time was more than 5 minutes. He would pile the family back in the car and drive around for 10 or 20 minutes rather than wait in line half that amount of time. It doesn't make sense. Impatience and anger are frequently irrational. They overwhelm our common sense and can cause us to make poor choices, sometimes even very harmful ones.

This is why God, both in the Old Testament and the New, repeatedly warns us of the harm that anger causes. God desires our good and want us to enjoy the peace in which He abides. In the Fall from grace and expulsion from the Garden, humanity inherits a predisposition to disorder, to anger, to impatience, to pain and suffering, that the Lord never intended from the beginning. So, in the fullness of time, the Father sent His only-begotten Son to rescue us from the prison of our impatience, to restore our sight blinded by anger. This happens through our abiding in Christ, receiving the life of the Holy Spirit, savoring the fruits of the Spirit, among them peace, patience, and self-control.

This mastery over our emotions made possible by participation in the life of grace also strengthens the potential for growth in natural virtues. The antidote to bad habits, like rushing out the door instead of waiting in line, is the formation of good habits. Habits are a stable disposition within the human person toward the good, that which is perfective of human nature. Each bad habit, or vice, has a corresponding corrective good habit, or virtue.

In Catholic tradition, there are seven capital sins. Capital in this case being the head or top of a category of related sins. In this classification, anger falls under the formal title of wrath. The corresponding virtue, the remedy for wrath, is patience. In psychology and in cognitive neuroscience, patience is studied as a decision-making problem, involving the choice of either a small reward in the short-term, versus a more valuable reward in the long-term. In Catholic tradition and its companion the perennial Greco-Roman philosophy, the virtuous person exercises self-control by embracing delayed gratification. As Christians, who believe in the Risen Jesus ascended into Heaven and hope for the world to come, the horizon of this delay might well be beyond our earthly life.

It is a matter of perspective. In the full scope of eternity another 5 minutes in line isn't going to matter. In fact, here we not only give in to irrational impulses, but also do not receive the gift of time willed by Divine Providence,

embracing the moment to rejoice in being with others, to anticipate the gift of sharing a meal together, to give thanks ahead of time for the opportunity to break bread. This attitude, the virtue of patience, grows when we acknowledge our impatience and choose to accept these circumstances as already filled with the goodness of God.



### **Sacramental Dates rescheduled: Confirmation**

will be celebrated in two ceremonies with Fr. Eric as the celebrant on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> (Families A-J) and Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (K-W), both at 7:00 pm. **First**

**Communion** will also be in two ceremonies: Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (Families A-J) and Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (Families K-Z) both at 1:30 pm.

**Parents** if you did not receive an email regarding this, please make sure to contact Sister Janet at [janet.schneider@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:janet.schneider@nativity-cincinnati.org)



**Starting with the next parish bulletin all submissions must be submitted to Cindy, in writing, by Mondays at 11:00 am! Please email your requests to**

[cindy.schlegel@nativity-cincinnati.org](mailto:cindy.schlegel@nativity-cincinnati.org)

**Parish Outreach Project:** Please do not forget that we are still trying to provide bananas, oranges/tangerines and individually wrapped desserts (L'il Debbie type) for the homeless who get meals from *Our Daily Bread*. They must be in the parish office by Thursday morning, 8:30 am.



**All civil holiday Masses will be held at Holy Trinity Parish at 9:00 am. See new schedule below:**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** (Third Monday in January).

**Presidents' Day** (Third Monday in February)

**Memorial Day** (Last Monday in May)

**Independence Day** (July 4)

**Labor Day** (First Monday in September)

**Veterans Day** (November 11; observed the Monday closest)

**Thanksgiving Day** (Fourth Thursday in November)

### **OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CENTER - Norwood**

**DAILY MASS:** Monday through Friday - 8:30 AM & 7:15 PM in the Holy Rosary Chapel

**CONFESSIONS:** By appointment only - Monday, Tuesday & Friday from 2:30 to 5:00 PM. To sign up please go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084baca922a7f94-confession3>.

If you need help signing up, please call (513) 351-9800.



Natalie Margaret Huffman, daughter of Joseph and Marissa Huffman was baptized here at Nativity last weekend. *Congratulations to the proud parents.*

~Please remember Nativity in your will~

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