

## This Week at Nativity

**Sunday:** Closed  
**Monday:** Closed  
**Tuesday:** Closed  
**Wednesday:** Closed  
**Thursday:** Closed  
**Friday:** Closed  
**Saturday:** Closed

**\*Additional details will be forthcoming as we continue to work on our multi-phased approach to returning to public Mass at Nativity. Please stay tuned for updates.**

**For the latest information on the Coronavirus and what we are doing at Nativity please visit our website at [www.nativity-cincinnati.org/updates](http://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/updates).**

**Let us care and be attentive to one another:**

During this very unusual time for all of us it is so important that we support and encourage one another. We urge you to be attentive to your neighbors, to offer help in any way you can, being especially mindful of the elderly, the sick or those who are alone. Try to cheer one another and pray for one another. Let us make this a time of real Christian community-building. ***In God alone we place our trust.***

**Please pray for those who have died, especially Ann Fetick (Micki Spencer's mother), Lawrence Healy Jr. (Mary Ann Romanello's father), Patti Meder, and Kitty Stickley.**



**ALL BAPTISMS SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL THROUGH MAY 29th ARE CANCELED due to the shelter in place order by Gov. DeWine. All Baptisms will be rescheduled when the order is lifted, and we are permitted to once again gather for Mass.**

**Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach	Bill Balskus	Reid Baumgartner
Liz Bellew	Stephanie Benhase	Mary Jo Beresford
Dottie Brinker	Eugene Carlson	Deborah Casey
Kathy Chalfin	Barbara Cottrell	Diana DeRhodes
Joe Doering	Stella Evans	Barry Funk
Jackie Goetz	Krystyna Kamp	Jim Kaufman
Fr. Ray Kellerman	Al & Mary Lou Matre	Mary McErlane
Karen Morgan	Ron Rulon	Sr. Joan Schimian
Debbie Schneider	Maureen Sullivan	Jane & Carl Udry
Barbara Valentine	Bob Valerius	Jan Weaver

**Friends & Family**

Mark Behreng	Sheila Caldwell	James Doolittle
Bob Finn	Rick Holtz	John Mack
Doug Martin	Bob Mitchell	Greg Morley
David Palmer	Cathy Ramundo	Holly Rough
Mike Rumsey	Rhoda Rupp	Randy Rupp Jr.
Mary Ellen Spaite	Peg Schuckman	David Shiveley
Mike Tebbe	Mary Williams	Craig Wrober

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

<b>CHURCH OFFERINGS</b>	<b>May 10, 2020</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Regular Collection	7,810	318,697
School Support	175	11,431
Online Collection	742	169,186
Total Offerings	8,727	499,314
Budget	10,900	509,600
Over (under) Budget	(2,173)	(10,286)

**"Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund has reached over 91% of its goal!** The "Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund is building momentum with 151 families contributing \$91,284 to date. This year's goal is to raise \$100,000 to improve campus security and fire detection; enhance the sound in church; update the ceiling, lighting and wall coverings in the cafeteria; and add \$10,000 to our School Education Fund. Many thanks to those who have already contributed. For those of you that are experiencing financial hardships of your own, we know that this is not the time to give. But, for those of you who can help, please consider donating so that we have cash in hand to complete our projects over the summer. Any donation would be deeply appreciated! To donate to Annual Fund, send a check made out to Nativity Annual Fund, 5935 Pandora Avenue, 45213. Questions regarding annual fund may be directed to co-chairs Dianne Fisk at [Dianne.Fisk@thechristhospital.com](mailto:Dianne.Fisk@thechristhospital.com) or Charlie Knapke at [cknapke1@lenovo.com](mailto:cknapke1@lenovo.com).

# May 17, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear People of Nativity,

Since March 17<sup>th</sup> our lives have changed in many ways. We have gone from the normal hustle and bustle of run here, run there, pretty much always on the go, to a new normal of sheltering at home and learning to spend time well with our families and time by ourselves.

Many of you have been so kind as to ask about by personal health and well-being. I am deeply moved and consoled by your care and concern. My health is good and perhaps even a little better in some ways because my schedule is not as intense as it sometimes is at this time of year. I am kept busy with much work still to be done, administering our parish.

We have been able to make needed repairs on the parish plant and learn how to educate remotely through on-line learning. Some may wonder how we keep going through all of this. For me it starts with baptism, when God graciously washed away sins, made me a part of Christ's body, dwelling place, temple of the holy spirit. Through baptism we live as Eucharistic people. Although we are not able to gather for the Eucharist now, a day does not go by without thinking of the Eucharist, and through meditation and prayer, we remain a sacramental people. Let us continue to love, to care and pray for one another, and the Easter light that is Christ will show us the way.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Paul

Note: I have asked several parishioners to share their reflections on how they are coping in a Coronavirus world. Look for their reflections in the parish bulletin and newsletter in the coming weeks.

## **WEEKLY ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST:**

The Weekly Encounters are intended for use in your Domestic Church during the Fifty Days of Easter. The order of prayer provided is the same week to week, with a different Gospel account of the Risen Lord's appearance to his disciples, and to us. Each week, now through Pentecost, a new encounter will be proclaimed and prayed. The Fifth Encounter is: **The Road to Emmaus, Luke 24: 13-35.** Please go to the following link for specific directions on how to pray them each week: <https://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/updates/weekly-encounters/> We will have a new Encounter each week on our website, as well as hard copies in the back of church for those of you who do not use/have access to a computer.



**In the midst of this unusual time all around the world...I hope you will join me for a moment of peace once a day for nine days.** Beginning May 21<sup>st</sup> I ask that you join me and Catholics from around the world to call for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, May 31<sup>st</sup>. I long for us to be together to share the Eucharist. Until that time, let us pray for each other and love one another as Christ loves us.

~ Fr. Paul

## **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and enkindle in us the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and we shall be created  
and you will renew the face of the earth.  
O' God, you teach the hearts of the faithful  
by giving them the light of your Spirit.  
Grant to us, that by this same Spirit,  
we may be truly wise and  
ever enjoy your consolation.  
We pray through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen*

**If you had a Mass Intention scheduled for a loved one or friend anytime between mid March through May 29th,** the same holds true as for Baptisms scheduled. We will get everyone rescheduled as soon as we are permitted to return to regular worship in church.



Catholics have long considered May to be a special month to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are invited to cut flowers from their garden, bring them to church and put them on the available stands in front of the statue of Mary. Take time to pray a special Marian prayer like the Memorare, Hail Holy Queen or the Rosary.

## **THE MEMORARE TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.  
Amen.*

~ Please remember Nativity in your will ~

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