

This Week at Nativity

Sunday: 10:00 am Mass, "Church" (100 people Maximum),
Mask must be worn by everyone

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed

Saturday:

ONLINE MASS: Each week we will be recording Mass which can be viewed on our website at

<https://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/mass/>

Funeral in Time of Viral Shutdown

All must adapt.

Traditions must change.

People must be counted, limited, not admitted.

No distant cousins, no swimming buddy friends

Not even some of the son-in-laws may be present.

Grandchildren watch from distant screens

And those in church keep their hugs to themselves.

At the cemetery, graveside prayers are brief

Goodbyes and leave taking cut short.

Mom never liked a fuss,

Maybe she is happier this way.

When I was writing the above poem, I started out feeling rather glum. A limit of 10 family members for Mom's funeral felt severe. Going straight home from the cemetery felt oddly empty. Bill and I sat at the kitchen table eating lunch by ourselves.

We talked about the funeral. It had been uplifting. Knowing that the Mass was live streamed gave us the sense of being joined in prayer by family and friends near and far. Our children called and texted about what moved them as we prayed together. God bridged the absence and distance so that they could be present to celebrate their Grandma's love. They felt inspired to watch for how Grandma lives on in our care for one another. In the retelling of stories and sharing memories, we see her looks and gestures mirrored in our own.

The last two lines of the poem came as a surprise to me. I could laugh out loud and quit feeling disappointed. When I read it to one of my sisters she chuckled and agreed. Blessings come in unexpected ways, even in times when life as we knew it has disappeared!

~Mary Lennard

Please pray for those who have died, especially John Murray, (father of Deirdre Beluan.)

Sick & Shut-Ins

Bill Bach

Liz Bellew

Dottie Brinker

Kathy Chalfin

Joe Doering

Barry Funk

Jim Kaufman

Al & Mary Lou Matre

Ron Rulon

Maureen Sullivan

Bob Valerius

Bill Balskus

Stephanie Benhase

Eugene Carlson

Barbara Cottrell

Declan Donovan

Jackie Goetz

Fr. Ray Kellerman

Mary McErlane

Sr. Joan Schimian

Jane & Carl Udry

Jan Weaver

Reid Baumgartner

Mary Jo Beresford

Deborah Casey

Diana DeRhodes

Stella Evans

Krystyna Kamp

Chris Lane

Karen Morgan

Debbie Schneider

Barbara Valentine

Friends & Family

Mark Behreng

Bob Finn

Doug Martin

David Palmer

Mike Rumsey

Mary Ellen Spaite

Mike Tebbe

Sheila Caldwell

Rick Holtz

Bob Mitchell

Cathy Ramundo

Rhoda Rupp

Peg Schuckman

Mary Williams

James Doolittle

John Mack

Greg Morley

Holly Rough

Randy Rupp Jr.

David Shiveley

Craig Wrober

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

Mass Intention

Sunday 10:00 am

Mark Beckman

CHURCH OFFERINGS

	June 14, 2020	Fiscal YTD
Regular Collection	4,180	343,642
School Support	65	12,381
Online Collection	2,883	194,600
Total Offerings	7,128	550,623
Budget	10,900	564,100
Over (under) Budget	(3,772)	(13,477)

"Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund has reached over 91% of its goal!

The "Moving Forward Together" Annual Fund is building momentum with 155 families contributing \$92,604 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 or Charlie Knapke at cknapke1@lenovo.com.



Sons and daughters, please don't forget to honor and give thanks to your Father on Father's Day. Whatever way you choose to

honor him, please let him know how much he means to you and how important he has been to you throughout your life. The following prayer may be used prior to the Grace Before Meals or at the conclusion of dinner, or you might have a prayer that you prefer.

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SACRED HEART PRAYER

O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you,
and with lively sorrow for my sins
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure
and wholly obedient to your will.

Grant, Good Jesus,
that I may live in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger.
Comfort me in my afflictions.
Give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.
Amen.

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. You can sponsor the Saturday, August 29th Nativity Golf Outing, whereby all proceeds benefit the Nativity tuition aid program. 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; or Donor FQA: WeShare Donor Support. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Nativity!

**WELCOME
BACK!!**

We would like to welcome you back to public Mass at Nativity this Sunday, June 21st. After sheltering in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the completion of our long awaited ADA restroom in church, we are happy to once again be in community with you, albeit following the necessary and appropriate guidelines established by the CDC. As these guidelines continue to change, we will do our best to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible while attending Mass. These are very difficult times for everyone, so we ask for your continued prayers and patience as we navigate through these uncertain times.

~Please remember Nativity in your will~