

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time † October 15, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday Oct. 16**
8:30 a.m. Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Lenny Carter by Dee Porzio
- Tuesday Oct. 17**
8:30 a.m. Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Ann Farese by Camille & Ferd Pabst
- Wednesday Oct. 18**
8:30 a.m. Saint Luke, Evangelist
Ellen Fay by Graziano & McDonough Families
- Thursday Oct. 19**
8:30 a.m. Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests
Carmela & Michael Chiarini by Family
- Friday Oct. 20**
8:30 a.m. Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest
Eucharistic Service
- Saturday Oct. 21**
4:00 p.m. Josephine & James Samarelli by The Angelo & Marrazzo Families
- Sunday Oct. 22**
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Leo Brancato by The Darmante Family
9:00 a.m. Carmela Liotta by Fred & Theresa DelSanto
11:00 a.m. Richard James DeIeso by DeIeso Family

CANDLE AND FLOWER OFFERINGS

The sanctuary candle is offered in loving memory of James McLaughlin by wife Charlotte. The candle before the Blessed Virgin Mary is offered in loving memory of Elizabeth Gannon by Chrissy O'Connor & Ricky Young. The candle before St. Joseph is offered in loving memory of Bryon K Daly by Sara & Edward Hornichter.

The sanctuary flowers are offered in loving memory of Richard Young by his wife Donna. The flowers before the Blessed Virgin Mary are offered in loving memory of Janeen Mahajan by Pat Lewis and Family. The flowers before St. Joseph are offered in loving memory of James McLaughlin by his wife Charlotte.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Oct. 15 Blood Drive 8:00am – 12:30pm
Men's Faith Sharing- 7:00pm
- Oct. 16 K of C- Meeting Hall
Parish Mission – 7:00pm
- Oct. 17 Religious Ed- 6:15 – 7:30pm
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Buildings & Grounds 7-8:30 RR
- Oct. 18 Religious Ed- 6:00 – 7:15pm
Parish Mission 7:00pm
Bible Study 9-11:00am
- Oct. 19 Religious Ed- 6:15 – 7:30pm
Choir Practice – 7:30pm
Woman's Faith Sharing 9-10:30am
- Oct. 21 Life Choice Visitor – Rosanda Grau
FAS Meeting – 10:00am
- Oct. 22 Life Choice Visitor – Rosanda Grau
Raffle Ticket Drawing
- Oct. 23 Special Mass – 7:00pm



Daily Readings

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Sunday

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

The Collection amount for the weekend of October 8th, was \$13,907. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

The God of hosts will provide for all peoples



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HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast saying ‘Tell those invited ‘Behold, I have prepared my banquet...and everything is ready, come to the feast’... ‘Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find...Many are invited, but few are chosen.’”

A recent popular book was entitled ‘What Is Heaven Like?’ It was a compelling story. Years ago, Matthew used the parables of Jesus to tell us what the kingdom is like. Using very descriptive examples we learned about a treasure, a pearl, a net, a seed, and on several occasions a banquet, a fine wedding reception, a fiesta or party.

We have been invited through our baptism to join a great banquet. We have responded as we try to live a Christian life of holiness and service. But the parable adds another dimension. We have a role as guest, but also are servants.

We who have accepted the invitation and participate in the banquet, are also the servants, being sent to the main roads to bring others to His table of plenty. Our task, as Pope Francis tells us, is to have others encounter Jesus, invite them and accompany them to the banquet. We need to show them they already have their ticket and a place at His table.



Special Mass for Fr. Ed Flanagan

On Monday evening, October 23rd at 7:00 pm there will be a special Mass for the health and blessing of our Pastor, Fr. Ed followed by fellowship in Father Congdon Hall sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



On Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM we will celebrate a Mass of Commemoration for the faithful departed of our parish. The members of our present Bereavement Group will place a “Loving Memorial Candle” and photo of their loved one around the altar. If you would also like to place a candle in the sanctuary of the church for your loved one, we have some candles available. Cost is \$5.00. Kindly **return the slip below to the parish office by Oct. 25th**. After the Mass you are invited to take your candle home and burn it throughout the year.

Loving Memorial Candle
Name of Deceased _____ Please Print
No. attending Mass _____
_____ Yes, I would like to place a Memorial Candle in the sanctuary for my loved one

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
PARISH MISSION
OCTOBER 16th, 17th and 18th at 7:00 pm**

The pressing material needs of modern life, can sometimes make us complacent with our spiritual lives. The Mission is a time to step back and come together as the Body of Christ and experience the passion and fervor of our Catholic faith. Join us for an experience you will never forget. Father Charles Coury, who has spent over 30 years worldwide as a Redemptorist missionary, will conduct the Mission. Attend all 3 nights or whenever you can. The service will be a different theme each evening. Father’s preaching opens hearts to what is often missing from our lives, renewing and reawakening a joyful spirit in Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2nd Grade Parent Meeting - October 17th at 6:20pm, 18th at 6:05pm, and 19th at 6:20pm in Father Congdon Hall.

NO CLASS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st
NO CLASSES ON NOVEMBER 7th, 8th, 9th

2nd Grade Reconciliation Meeting – November 14th at 6:20pm, 15th at 6:05pm, and 16th at 6:20pm in Father Congdon Hall.

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat - November 17th from 6-9:30pm. Families & Candidates. Light dinner will be served

Youth Group
Grave Blanket Sale



Orders and payment due no later than November 12th.
Orders can be picked up on November 25th and 26th outside.

It's time for our annual Grave Blanket Sale. Proceeds will go to Senior and Junior Youth Groups. This year our beautifully decorated grave blankets will be designed by Pops Farm Market. Proceeds from the sale will promote the work of their ministries. Please clip out the form below and drop it in the JYG shelf labeled "**Grave Blanket**" located in the Narthex. Make checks out to "*Nativity of Our Lord.*" Thank you for your support!



GRAVE BLANKETS 2017

	Decorated Small \$20 - includes 1 stake 3 feet long	Decorated Large \$35 - includes 2 stakes 5 feet long		
	Qty	Cost	Total	Cash/Check#
Small		x \$20		
Large		x \$35		
Name: _____				
Ph: _____ Cell: _____				
E-mail: _____				



Christmas Wreath Sale
Orders and payment due no later than November 19th
Orders can be picked up on December 2nd & 3rd.

The Youth Ministries are selling Christmas wreaths designed by Pops Farm Market. The wreaths are 24 inch with Christmas Red bow. Pick-up will be after Mass on December 2nd and 3rd **ONLY**. Parishioners who cannot make the pick-up dates must call Linda Fernicola at 609-371-7030 to schedule special arrangements. Please clip out the form below and drop it in the JYG drop box labeled "**Wreaths**" located in the Narthex. Proceeds go to SYG & JYG Ministry. Make checks out to "*Nativity of Our Lord.*" Thank you for your support! Questions-call Linda Fernicola @ 609-371-7030



CHRISTMAS WREATHS 2017

	Qty	Cost	Total
Classic Wreath		x \$30	
Name: _____			
Ph: _____ Cell: _____			
E-mail: _____			

The winning numbers for the Knights of Columbus Calendar Raffle are:

- Oct. 8: 033**
- Oct. 9: 421**
- Oct. 10: 995**
- Oct. 11: 225**
- Oct. 12: 057**
- Oct. 13: 008**
- Oct. 14: 288**

Thank you and Congratulations to the winners! Good luck again next week! **The winning numbers are drawn in Fr. Congdon Hall every Saturday following the 4:00 p.m. Mass.** The winning numbers are posted at our website www.nativitykofc.com.

TRAINING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS
OCTOBER 28

Training for new altar servers will be held on Saturday, October 28 in the Church from 10:30am until noon. Children who are interested must be in 3rd grade or older and have received their First Communion. Please send a note to Deacon John Shelton at deaconjohn@nativitymonroe.org to confirm your attendance.

October 22nd. Call Christine Dranchak with any questions, 609-860-0896.

Trunker Only RSVP

Name:

Phone #:

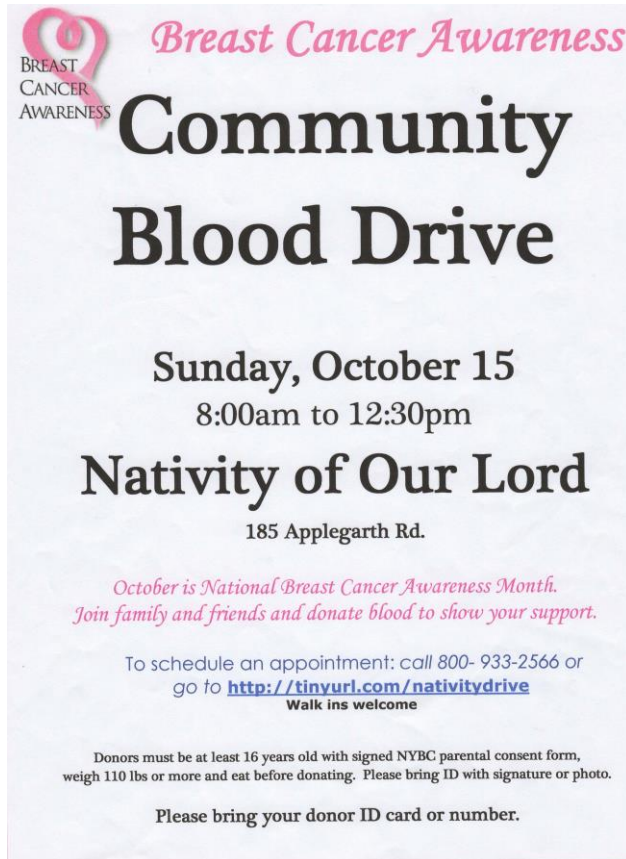
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Trunker and Treater RSVP

Name:

Phone #:

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BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS

Breast Cancer Awareness

Community Blood Drive

Sunday, October 15
8:00am to 12:30pm

Nativity of Our Lord

185 Applegarth Rd.

*October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
Join family and friends and donate blood to show your support.*

To schedule an appointment: call 800- 933-2566 or
go to <http://tinyurl.com/nativitydrive>
Walk ins welcome

Donors must be at least 16 years old with signed NYBC parental consent form,
weigh 110 lbs or more and eat before donating. Please bring ID with signature or photo.

Please bring your donor ID card or number.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Our November AC Trip!!!

On Friday November 10th we have planned a trip to Atlantic City's **Tropicana** Casino. The cost is \$22pp, with \$25 slot play bonus per person. A photo ID is required to obtain a Tropicana Advantage Card to receive the bonus. Make check payable to **Church Activities**. Park in the rear of the Church parking lot. Arrive at 9:15am. The bus will leave promptly at 9:30am, returning approximately 7:30pm. For reservations, call, **Rose Ferrari 609-395-7185**.

PARISH MINISTRIES

FLM Annual Halloween Trunk or Treat



Saturday Oct 28th Noon to 2pm
Rain date: Sun. Oct 29th 2-4pm

Trunk or Treating is a safe and fun way for kids to enjoy Halloween and a great opportunity to interact with our parish community. All

children must be accompanied with a parent, decorated car and provide candy. Parishioners without children are also invited to be trunkers. Decorate your car and hand out candy to the children of the Parish. We ask each car to provide at least 100 pieces of candy. Please complete the form and leave it in the FLM mailbox no later than

St. Vincent De Paul Society: If you are experiencing financial hardship due to a temporary loss of employment, illness, or disability, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to provide assistance for your everyday needs such as food, utility assistance, or agency referrals. Please dial the parish number 609-371-0499, then press 8, and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. **All calls are handled in strict confidence.**

Respect Life: Please excuse the confusion. We had the wrong dates for the Baby Shower. Rest assured, anything you are able to donate either weekend will be brought to the Center for Great Expectations. Bless you all for your continued support of this ministry!

CRS Rice Bowl - Your "Change" Changes

Lives: Climate change is creating hotter, drier environments where crops wilt or never grow at all in parts of southern Africa. With a second year of harvests having failed in most of Zimbabwe, 2.4 million people are facing a lack of food. CRS is partnering with Caritas Harare in Zimbabwe to react quickly to the drought emergency by organizing a series of seed fairs to help provide farmers seeds for drought-resistant, quick-growing crops.

Caring Meals: The Caring Meals group delivers soup year round to our homebound parishioners and provides short-term help to parishioners who are recuperating from an illness or hospital stay with deliveries of home-cooked meals. If you like to cook or know of someone who could benefit from either of these two services, please call Maryanne Sheerin at 609-937-4963.

Elder Care: Do you need assistance with shopping periodically? Are you seeking a responsible person to sit with someone in need of supervision for a brief time? Do you require help with minor household chores? Please call Marge Nadolny 609-409-6164 to schedule this service, or to become a volunteer.

Helping Hands: Do you need a helping hand with minor tasks around the house? There are parishioners who are willing to help in these situations. Please contact Esther Wolff by phone on 732-521-6019 or via email to richardj.wolff@verizon.net.

Prayer Shawl: Our next meeting is this Tuesday, October 24th at 1:30. (BYO hooks and needles!) Questions? Call Dorothy Kopil at 609-655-8138 or Greta Wiczorkowski at 609-655-4262

McCaffrey Tapes

Just a kind reminder we are collecting McCaffrey grocery store register receipts – ONLY McCAFFREY RECEIPTS. *Other store receipts cannot be used.* McCaffrey gifts us with 1% of the total grocery amount collected. In this past, this has meant donations up to \$700 to our church just for collecting these McCaffrey receipts. There is a drop box in the Narthex. Thank you for your participation!

Rosary Group Please join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:50 a.m. to recite the Holy Rosary. We will be seated at the right side of the church near the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Rosanda Grau, of Life Choices Resource Center of Metuchen, N.J. will speak at all Masses on Saturday October 21st & 22nd.

This Ministry needs all the support we can give. It helps reach vulnerable mothers and families, including taking their new Mobile Ultrasound Unit to the very doors of the clinic. Middlesex County is overrun by abortion clinics and your generosity and commitment will help in preserving the life of the unborn child.

Life Choices is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit and all donations are Tax deductible. Donation envelopes will be available in the Narthex.

A Note from Bishop Checchio

This year we celebrate the 91st World Mission Sunday. Our diocesan family of Metuchen will join our sisters and brothers around the world as we gather to celebrate our faith at the Altar of the Lord. With them, we will celebrate our common vocation as missionaries. We participate in this worldwide missionary arm, The Propagation of the Faith. In this way, we continue to be faithful to the mission of Jesus in His Church.

One way that we open our hearts is to make a sacrificial offering for the work of the worldwide missionary efforts of the Church. We give not so much because there is a great need, of which there is, but more importantly because we have a need to give; to be part of the mission of making Jesus known and loved throughout the world.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

St. Bernadette Church in Parlin is looking for a volunteer sign language interpreter to work one on one with a 1st grade CCD student. If you are able to volunteer or know of someone who can, please contact Lorna Francis in the Religious Education Office, 732-727-4343.