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Nativity of Our Lord
Monroe Township, New Jersey

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 17, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday November 18^h

**The Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St.**

8:30 a.m. Rose Phillippine Duchesne, Virgin
Anna Ryan by Grace Ryan

Tuesday November 19th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Rohrbach Family by Marilyn Rohrbach

Wednesday November 20th

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Antoinette Passero by Carol Tessel

Thursday November 21st

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

8:30 a.m. Mary

Vincenza & George Porpiglia by Angie Romanella

Friday November 22nd

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 a.m. Claire Kelly by Eileen Sullivan

Saturday November 23rd

St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr

4:00 p.m. Antoinette Passero by Marilyn Rohrbach

Sunday November 24th

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe**

7:30 a.m. Vincent & Grace Louise Scoles by Jim & Doreen Scoles

**9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Keegan
Family** by Kathleen M. Keegan

11:00 a.m. Donald Rohrbach by Marilyn Rohrbach

**The Collection for the Weekend
of November 10th**

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CANDLE OFFERING

BVM: Madeleine Lainoff by Natalie & Stephanie Lainoff

St. Jude: Anna Ryan by Grace Ryan

St. Anthony: Rose Daino by Joseph & Theresa Atanasio

Sacred Heart Fr. Nalaka Silva by Esther Wolff

Flower Offering

Blessed Mother: Jack Haborak by Patti Haborak

St. Joseph: Jack Haborak by Patti Haborak

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Monday: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43 or, for the Optional Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

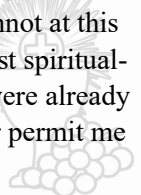
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” (MARK 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond? The good news – it’s never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

“In those days, I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: ‘At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since the nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.... But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.’ ... ‘And they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds.’”

We are living in the end times. The prophecy of Daniel and the words of Jesus are reminding us of what is yet to happen. It leads me to ask many questions. Am I prepared to meet the Lord? Is my name written in the book of life? What questions about my Christian life is the Lord going to ask me? How can I respond?

Remembering that our God is a God of mercy and justice, with the church, we are bringing the Christian year to a close. It is the end time! Am I closer to the Lord today than one year ago? Have I made progress or am I just ‘hanging in there?’ Take a moment to answer these questions. His words will not pass away.



LAZARUS TEAM APPEAL

The Lazarus Team is comprised of parishioners who assist Father Nalaka in offering condolences to family members of the recently deceased. This includes meeting with family members to prepare the funeral liturgy by selecting the readings, the music, family participants, etc. Other Lazarus Team members assist Father by serving at the Mass. The Team is in need of new members. Depending on the response, volunteers may be asked to participate about once a month. Hands-on training will be provided. If you feel called to this ministry, please call **Mary Ann Munson** at **732-270-4028**.

Parish Calendar

Nov. 17 (Sun)	Thanksgiving Food and Turkey Collection
	Catechumenate and/or Mystagogy and/or Adult Confirmation C. 1 & 11
Nov. 18 (Mon)	Inquiry or Adult Confirmation 6:00 pm—7:30 pm RR
Nov. 19 (Tue)	C of P Make Food Baskets at 1:00 pm
Nov. 20 (Wed)	Thanksgiving Basket Distribution—Hall
	W.O.N. Thanksgiving Luncheon 1:00 pm—4:00 pm Hall
Nov. 21 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Basket Distribution—Hall
	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church
Nov. 22 (Fri)	Thanksgiving Basket Distribution—Hall
Nov. 23 (Sat)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
Nov. 24 (Sun)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
	Catechumenate and/or Mystagogy and/or Adult Confirmation C. 1 & 11
Nov. 25 (Mon)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
	Inquiry or Adult Confirmation 6:00 pm—7:30 pm RR
Nov. 26 (Tue)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church
Nov. 27 (Wed)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)



Ministries

St. Vincent DePaul – 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 aid with your everyday needs such as food, utility assistance, or agency referrals. Please dial the parish number 609-371-0499, then press 4, and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. All calls are handled in strict confidence.

Homebound Ministries - Eucharist Ministers bring communion to the homes of those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or other circumstances. Please call **Marge Nadolny** at **609-409-6164** or email **margen21@comcast.net**.

Helping Hands: Help Wanted! Our Helping Hands Ministry needs volunteers! We help parishioners with small household tasks such as changing smoke detector batteries, lightbulbs, opening & closing vents, etc. If you are able to volunteer, please call **Esther Wolff** at **732-521-6019** for more information.



This year our Parish is again providing Christmas Gifts to many needy families in our local area, our Diocese and in Perth Amboy as well as homebound senior citizens through our giving tree program. We will start collecting gift cards next weekend, **November 23/24th through December 10th**. Gift cards to Shop Rite, Stop and Shop, Target, Walmart, Kohls, Amazon, etc are greatly appreciated. Please make sure to mark the amount on the gift cards. We still have some families and children who need Christmas Gifts. If you are interested in adopting a family or a child for Christmas this year or helping with the program, please contact **Karen Kuech** at **Kuechs@comcast.net** or **Linda Schilling** at **LMS652@gmail.com** for more information.

Initiation Ministry

INITIATION MINISTRY LET US PRAY...

Together let us pray for all who may be discerning a call to explore initiation through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Prayer for those who may seek initiation in the Catholic Church:

Lord Jesus Christ, at Your Last Supper You prayed to the Father that, of those who were given to You, not one would be lost. Continue to knock at the door of the hearts of Your people. Lead many to the RCIA Process at our parish and to initiation in the Catholic Church. Give them the courage to take the first step. Open their hearts to the fullness of Your love. Deepen their understanding of You and set their hearts on fire for the Kingdom of God. We ask this through You - the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. But they will not ask His help unless they believe in Him, and they will not believe in Him unless they have heard of Him, and they will not hear about Him unless they have someone to tell them. As scripture says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News." Rom. 10:13-15

For more information contact JoLynn Krempecki jolynnkrempecki@msn.com
or 732- 690-2610.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

The St. Vincent DePaul Society together with the Companions of Pauline and our Religious Education Students will be preparing Thanksgiving Food Baskets for approximately 20 families this year. We will be collecting food and frozen turkeys for these baskets next weekend, November 16th and 17th. Canned corn, canned green beans, stuffing, instant potatoes, and canned cranberry sauce would be very much appreciated. Volunteers will be on hand that weekend to carry turkeys to our freezer. Turkeys and food can also be dropped off during the week when the office is open. Thank you for your generosity.



Thanksgiving Food Drive



Remembering in Prayer

Kindly contact the office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, having surgery or in need of pastoral care. We would like to remember them in our prayers and care for their spiritual needs.



**Mass Intentions offered by
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Daniel Pesce	Donna Gaines	11/13/2024
Daniel Pesce	Liz Clifford	11/14/2024
Minnie Sasso	Jake & Pat Davis	11/15/2024
Thomas Barrella	Bonnie Teman	11/16/2024
Jean Cardello	Frank & Jeannie Macchiaroli	11/18/2024
Patricia Donohue	Danchank Family	11/19/2024
Daniel Pesce	Camille Santi	11/20/2024
Jorge Santi	Wife, Camille Santi	11/21/2024
Barbara A. Jolly	Dorothy Scaramozzino	11/22/2024
Precilla Roche	Carmille Santi	11/23/2024
Heather Barrette	Carmille Santi	11/25/2024
Andrew "Andy" Gervasi	Elenor Cava	11/26/2024
William Johnson	Elenor Cava	11/27/2024
Andrew "Andy" Gervasi	Susan Yates	11/28/2024
William Johnson	Susan Yates	11/29/2024
Fidencio Gaona	Richard & Victoria Giarrantano	11/30/2024
James Sheerin	Pat Ray	12/2/2024
Rachel Ann Volpe	Marilyn Segarra	12/3/2024

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Guatemala Scholarship Program!

The **Catholic Charities Solidarity Team (CCST)** in the Diocese of Metuchen has assisted the Diocese of Santa Rosa in Guatemala since 2008. One area of support is the scholarship program, and it is an important lifeline for many poor families in Guatemala. Our Parish has participated in this scholarship program since its inception when one of our youth group members went to Guatemala with CCST.

The scholarship program provides tuition, school supplies, medicines, and other basic necessities to families who would otherwise be unable to send their children to school. The school system in Guatemala is very different from here in the US. The government does not guarantee an education through high school and without help, most students leave school after the 6th grade in order to work to assist their families. A full scholarship for a high school student is \$675 a year (\$56.25 a month) or \$420 a year for a grammar school student (\$35/month) but we will be happy to combine your gift of any amount with others.

We thank the many faithful donors in our parish who contribute to this program. If you would like to learn more about this program, please email Trish Scalese at ccstguatescholarshipmetuchen@gmail.com or **Mary Ann Munson** at mpmunson@att.net.

Women of Nativity

All women of Nativity of Our Lord Church are invited to gather for a Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, **November 20, 2024 at 1:00pm** in Father Congdon Hall. Lunch will consist of a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

The cost of this event is **\$23.00 pp**. Please fill out the reservation form below and put it in the WON box in the narthex along with your check made payable to "NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHURCH". **RSVP by Friday, November 15.** Questions? Call **Carol 609-642-6381**.

Women of Nativity Thanksgiving Luncheon

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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Amount \$23.00 Check # _____

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Deadline: Friday, November 15

NO reservations accepted after this date.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Milltown, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, **December 7, 2024**, from **9:00am to 3:00pm** in the **Our Lady of Lourdes School Auditorium, 44 Cleveland Avenue**. The day will include Breakfast with Santa (reservations are required and can be made by calling (973) 615-0812). The Knights of Columbus will run the kitchen, offering breakfast and lunch items. In addition to vendors, OLOL will sponsor many lovely booths: The Emporium Gift Shoppe will offer new and vintage gifts including Lenox and other items. New-to-You Christmas will offer a huge selection of decor for both indoor and outdoor use. An old-fashioned Bakery will please your palate.

Other booths will include Vintage & New Jewelry, Nearly New Toys, Religious Articles, and "Deck the Halls" featuring all matter of Christmas décor. New this year is "Cherished Collectibles" featuring Precious Moments and Cherished Teddies. Further, the parish will sponsor a beautiful raffle table of 25+ themed baskets, a Gift Card Tree raffle, and the ever-popular Magic Tree Game. Children's Crafts and Games, and "Sign a Card for a Veteran" tables will greet you in the foyer. Besides collecting holiday greetings, OLOL will gladly accept donations of toiletry items, new socks, new hats, and new gloves for veterans at the Menlo Park Home. Come join the fun on **December 7!**

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