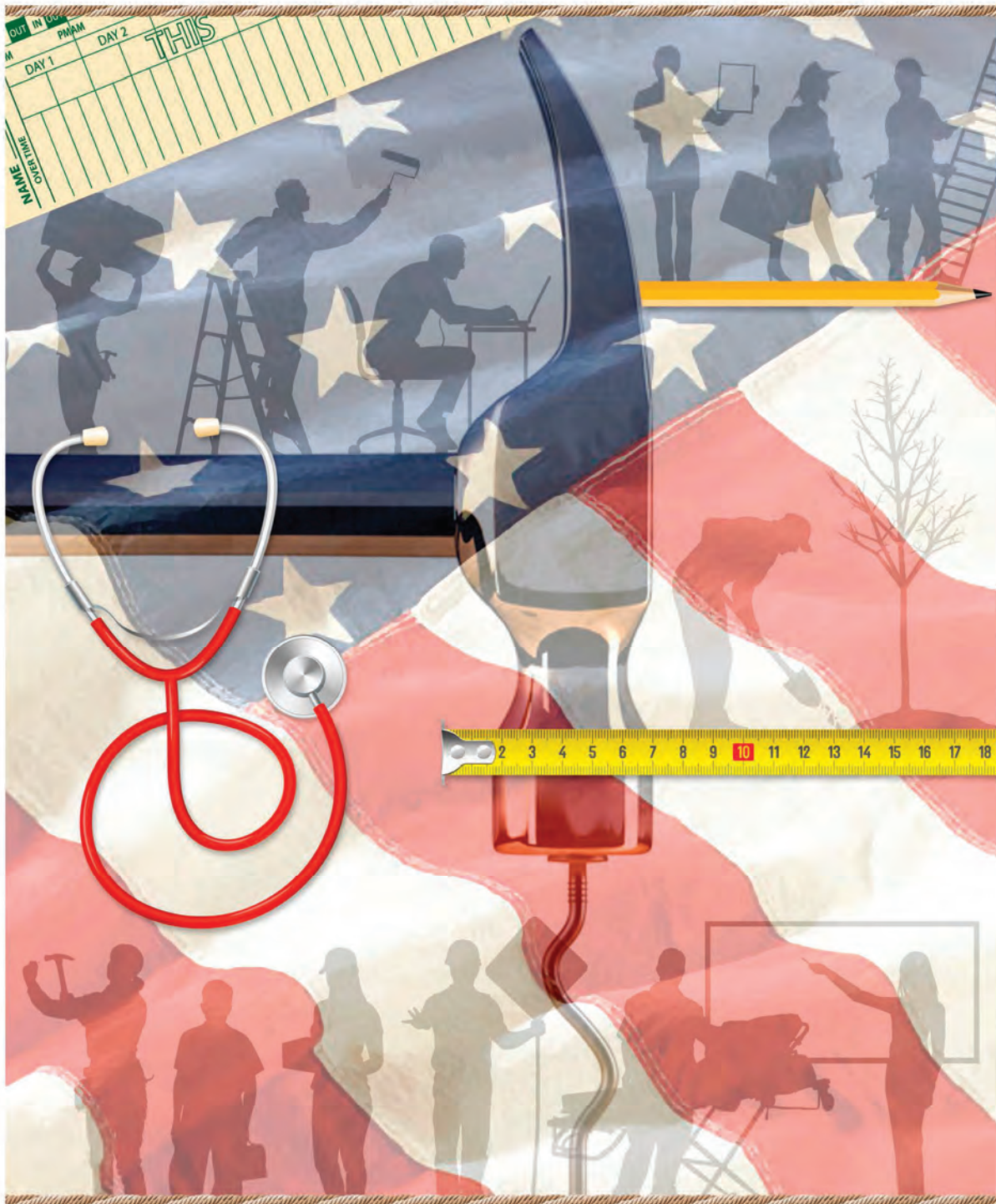


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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday September 2nd
Weekday

8:30 a.m. Joseph Peter Gabriele by Concetta Patel

Tuesday September 3rd

8:30 a.m. **St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**
Michael Udom by The Udom Family

Wednesday September 4th
Weekday

8:30 a.m. Angelina Orndorff by The Verzko Family

Thursday September 5th
Weekday

8:30 a.m. Catherine & Kenneth Petri by Elizabeth Petri Cangelosi

First September 6th

Friday Weekday

8:30 a.m. Purgatorial

Saturday September 7th
Weekday

4:00 p.m. Kenneth G. Pfitzer by Pfitzer Family

Sunday September 8th
Solemnity of the Birth of Mary

7:30 a.m. Thomas & Mena Ryan by Jim & Doreen Scoles

9:00 a.m. Leo M. Casper by JoAnn Casper

11:00 a.m. Anthony Tacopino by Wife & Family

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BVM: Charlotte Casey by The Children & Grandchildren

Padre Pio: Mirka Cuadros by Kelly Vasquez

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BVM: Collette Dranchak by Mom and Dad

St. Joseph: Krista Dranchak by Mom and Dad



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...”

James 1:2

It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

The Collection for the Weekend of August 25

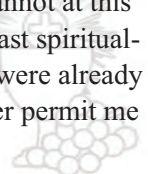
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Spiritual Communion Prayer

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

“Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.’ As a result, many of his disciples returned to their former life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, ‘Do you also want to leave?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’”

The letter of Saint James is a practical guide for living our Christian lives. He reminds us that we have received countless gifts from God which we often take for granted. Make a list. Life, health, family, work, friends, they have been given to us by our God. I did not earn them. Say ‘thank you Lord.’

As I listen to the readings of the word at mass, or pause to read the bible at home, help me to hear what you want to say, and welcome it to lead me to salvation. They are not just empty words, but guides to direct my life to holiness. Maybe this is what is meant by being a doer. We are called to be ‘movers and shakers’ not passive listeners.



Rest In Peace!

Josephine McGeough 7/13/2024
 Diane Johnson 7/18/2024
 Margaret Chikas 7/23/2024
 Vitaliano Galluccio 7/30/2024
 Angela Panzone 8/11/2024



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.

Parish Calendar

Sep 1 (Sun)	Catechumenate and/or Mystagogy and/or Adult Confirmation C. 1 & 11
Sep 2 (Mon)	LABOR DAY/OFFICE CLOSED
	Inquiry or Adult Confirmation 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
Sept 3 (Tue)	K of C Meeting 6:30 pm Hall
Sep 5 (Thu)	Cat Kick off Dinner 4 pm - 8:00 pm Hall
	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church
Sep 6 (Fri)	First Friday & Adoration
	Purgatorial Mass 8:30 am Church
Sep 7 (Sat)	Children’s Liturgy 4:00 pm RR
Sep 8 (Sun)	Catechumenate and/or Mystagogy and/or Adult Confirmation C. 1 & 11
	Hospitality Sunday after all Masses - Hall
	Children’s Liturgy 11:00 am RR
Sep 9 (Mon)	Companion 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Hall
	Inquiry or Adult Confirmation 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RR
Sep 10 (Tue)	Prayer Shawl- 1:30 pm Hall
Sep 11 (Wed)	St. VdeP Mtg. 9:00AM -10:00AM Cl#11
Sep 12 (Thu)	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church
	Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study- Hall 9:00 am-11:30am & 7pm-9pm
Sep 15 (Sun)	Catechumenate and/or Mystagogy and/or Adult Confirmation C. 1 & 11
	Catechetical Sunday 9:00 am - 10:00 am Church

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 - Do You Need a Helping Hand with Minor Tasks `Around the House? It has come to our attention that some senior communities charge a rather large fee to replace light bulbs and perform other small household tasks. Do you need help replacing batteries in a smoke or carbon monoxide detector, opening, and closing ceiling vents, or changing a light bulb? There are parishioners who are willing to help in these situations. Please contact **Esther Wolff** at **732-521-6019**.

GIFT PRESENTERS

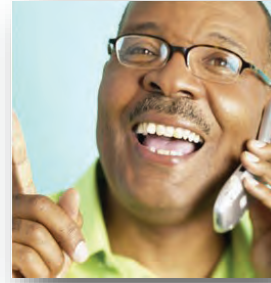
If you are having a Mass celebrating a loved one or special occasion and would like to present the gifts, please contact an Usher prior to the start of Mass.

Bereavement Support Ministry

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

No one but you knows how great your grief is or how it affects your life. We must all travel our own journey. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you are invited to join Nativity of Our Lord’s Bereavement Support Group. Our Fall Sessions **will begin on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024** and are held once a week, for seven weeks, **ending Tuesday, October 29th, 2024**. Our sessions are held at Nativity of Our Lord Church from 6:00PM through 7:30 PM. There is no cost. All supplies will be provided. If you would like more information, or to register, please call **Jane Gatto** at **(917) 848-2300**. Please note that the final date to register for our Fall session is September 10, 2024.

RCIA



St. James has some sobering words for us today: Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. There are many ways to be doers of the Word – to work for justice and to help those in need, to teach and pass on the faith to our children, to serve at liturgy ... to name a few. Maybe you’re involved in one or more of these activities There is one way to be a “doer” that is mandated for all of us – to Evangelize! Evangelization is the primary mission of the Church – of all of us. We don’t need to preach on street corners or to persuade with eloquent learning. What we all are called to is to live holy lives, to share with others freely about our faith, and to invite them - when they are ready - to explore the Source of our joy, a relationship with Jesus Christ. Can we do that? This week, let’s all spread the word and invite others to come with us the next time we gather. Invite them to explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). For information, contact **JoLynn Krempecki** at **732-690-2610**. (jollynnkrempecki@msn.com .



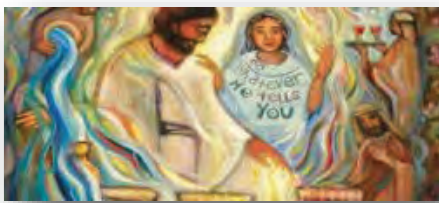
CALENDAR RAFFLE Winning Numbers

Week of AUGUST 25TH	
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Monday	284
Tuesday	888
Wednesday	626
Thursday	924
Friday	452
Saturday	697

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**Feastday of St. Gregory the Great:
September 3rd**



**Woman of Nativity
Communion Breakfast
September 18, 2024**

Once again, the Women of Nativity will be gathering together on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 for their annual Communion Breakfast following the 8:30 am Mass in Father Congdon Hall. A delicious breakfast buffet of french toast, sausage, bacon, potatoes, pastries, muffins, bagels and fruit (some items gluten free) will be served. MaryAnn Sullivan will present Mary Cana, "then and now". The cost for this event is \$20.00 pp. Please fill out the form below and along with your check (payable to Nativity of Our Lord Church drop it off in the box in the Narthex marked Women of Nativity . The deadline is September 11th.

Please join us as the Women of Nativity begin a new season with inspiration, good food and great fellowship. For questions, please call **Anne Tredici: 609-619-3781.**

**Woman of Nativity Communion Breakfast
September 18, 2024**

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FIL-AM SOCIETY OF NATIVITY PICNIC

The Filipino-American Society of the Nativity Church got together last August 17 at the Monroe Veteran's Park for their Annual picnic. God blessed the occasion with fine weather, great food, music, and fun! If you want to participate in our future events, please contact Carmille Agana at 908-392-0152 or email her at c_agana@hotmail.com.



Baptisms

Arianna Nicole Taylor 7/28/2024

Mia Josephine Kropa 8/11/2024

Steven Alexander Lista 5/17/2024



Marriage Encounter

With summer winding down, why not treat yourself to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **October 18 - 20**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone **1-732-904-9636** for application and information (**Tom & Ruth DeFalco**). Visit us at www.wwme.org for more information.

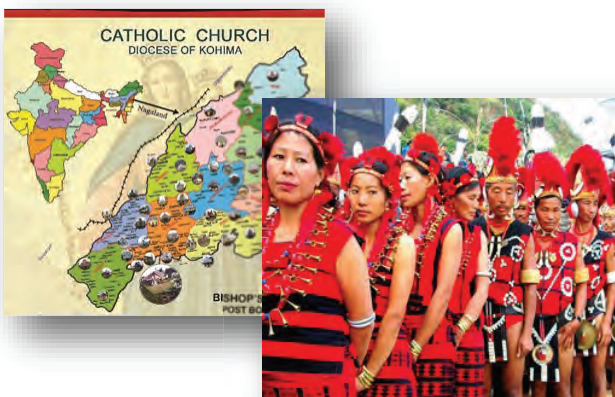
Mission Appeal

The **diocese of Kohima**, covering the entire state of Nagaland, at the extreme northeast of **India** bordering Myanmar, is relatively new mission territory. The diocese is inhabited by 17 major tribes of Mongoloid race, who are collectively known as “Nagas” each having its own distinct dialect, traditions and customs. The Naga culture is rich in values like communitarian living, hospitality, openness, hard work, sincerity, etc.

The Catholic Church began its mission after the Second World War. The first converts joined the Church in 1952. Today there are over 63000 Catholics in the diocese. It is a fertile ground for vocations to priesthood and religious life. There is much scope for the growth of the Church

Now the specific project the mission appeal is to build a shelter home for the children affected by HIV Aids or Children whose parents died of HIV Aids. As you know the so called the golden triangle of drug smuggling starts from Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and passes through Northeast to rest of the world. Naturally there many people addicted to drugs and consequently affected by HIV Aids. Many young people die, leaving the children orphans. In the diocese the Carmelite Sisters takes these children and tries to provide them with education and settle them in life. Now we would like to build a decent shelter home for these orphan children - a place to sleep - dormitory, study hall for study, refectory, kitchen and toilet facilities. These children are given opportunity for education and gradually settle in life. The whole shelter home will cost about thirty to forty thousand USD. The money from mission appeal this year goes to build a shelter home. Therefore we appeal to your generosity so that these children may have decent living conditions and settle well in life.

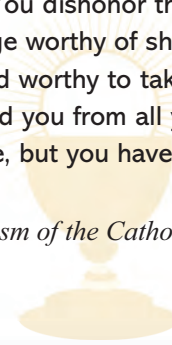
On **Sept. 21 & 22**, our missionary, **Fr. Victor Renthungo** will be coming to the Nativity Church . We thank you in anticipation for your generous help.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren: You have tasted the Blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother... You dishonor this table when you do not judge worthy of sharing your food someone judged worthy to take part in this meal... God freed you from all your sins and invited you here, but you have not become more merciful.

Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1397



The flyer is for a "Mass for Life" event. It features a golden chalice with a cross on top. The text on the flyer includes: "You are invited to New Jersey's Mass for Life", "Thursday, September 26, 2024 9:30 a.m.", "Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption", "151 N. Warren Street, Trenton", "CELEBRANT Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.SsR", "HOMILIST Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.", "No RSVP • Seating 1st come 1st served", "NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE", "*Mass will end in time to walk to the Statehouse Annex for the NJ Rally & March for Life", and a QR code. At the bottom, there are logos for various dioceses: Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and others.

NEW JERSEY MARCH for LIFE

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Bus leaving St. John Vianney, 420 Inman Ave. Colonia at 7:15 am – to allow attendance at 9:30 am Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton 11 am Rally and 12 pm March to follow

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