

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

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*Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

February 5, 2012

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Parish Mission Statement

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is a Roman Catholic faith community. Centered and formed by the Eucharist, we seek to learn and to live the Gospel and to lovingly grow through service to one another and to all God's people.

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8, 9:30, 11 AM, & 5 PM
Holy Day: See the bulletin
Weekdays: 6:30 & 9 AM
Saturdays: 8 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:15 PM
Penance Services: TBA
Daily: after each weekday Mass upon request.

BAPTISMS

are on Sundays at 12 noon. Baptisms may be held at Parish Eucharistic liturgies. To have your first child baptized, parents-to-be **must** attend a Pre-Baptismal meeting. These sessions are on the second Tuesday of every month. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements for these classes.

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements should be made in person only, at least six months prior to wedding date desired. Pre-Cana instructions are necessary.

WEDDING MASSES:

Friday: After noon.
Saturday: 12 Noon, 2 or 6:15 PM

SICK CALLS - ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Contact the rectory when needed.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays 8-9 PM,
First Fridays 9:30 AM-Noon

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday:
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday: 9 AM to 12 Noon

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Register in person or by phone at the rectory.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2012 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon., Feb. 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

- 6:30** •Msgr. Raymond Paa
•All Souls Day Intentions
9:00 •Patricia Hassenfratz - Al & Fran Menno

Tues., Feb. 7

- 6:30** •Msgr. Raymond Paa
•All Souls Day Intentions
9:00 •Msgr. Raymond Paa
•All Souls Day Intentions

Wed., Feb. 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

- 6:30** •John Powers, Jr. - Ellen Hoffmaster
9:00 •Msgr. Raymond Paa
•All Souls Day Intentions

Thurs., Feb. 9

- 6:30** •Msgr. Raymond Paa
•All Souls Day Intentions
9:00 •Msgr. Raymond Paa
•All Souls Day Intentions

Fri., Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

- 6:30** •Msgr. Raymond Paa
•All Souls Day Intentions
9:00 •Bernice Nikiel - Arlene Nikiel
•Linda Guglielmo - Amy Peters & Tony Guglielmo

Sat., Feb. 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

- 8:00** •Msgr. Raymond Paa
•All Souls Day Intentions
4:30 •Marie Rasmus - Floyd O'Neil
•Paul & Ann Treasure - Elizabeth & Theresa

Sun. February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Today: *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32;
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45*

- 8:00** •Bette Jane Dudkowski - Rex & Irene Smith
•David M. Gibbons - Dr. & Mrs. Ray Gibbons
9:30 •Ada Ciccone - The Ciccone Family
•Vic Tarquinio - Mario & Alana Tarquinio
11:00 •John & Theresa Marino - Diana Laut
•Mary Sottile - Mrs. Annie Fisher
5:00 •Joseph Casarsa - Parents, Ann & Rudolph
•Catherine Sailor & Mary Morrison -
Mary Ann Boling

MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2012			
	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Servers
4:30 PM	Paolini, Smyka, Sottile, Sparacio, M. Suchyna	Laudisio	Beil, Meiler
8 AM	Grabowski, Jordan, Kraus, Ruch x 2	Walleshauer	Tzetzto x 2
9:30 AM	Campbell, Delaney, Farrell, Noonan x 2	Goris	Scello x 2
11 AM	Lesser, Morgante, Mazurowski, Ogilvie, Perkins	Olek	Cucinotta x 2
5 PM	Keating, Licata, Mogavero, Volunteer x 2	Dessert	Mogavero, Will



THE SICK

Please remember, in your prayers, the following who are ill: Mary Baggs,

Jim Bonn, Audrey Clark, Dolores Classon, Fred Dentinger, Debra Evers, John Gatti, Art Goldhawk, Carole & Susan Hilburger, Jackie Kennedy, Anna Rose Leavoy, Larry Paul, Mary Pelletier, Kenneth Pestka, Carole Pfohl, Jerry Phelps, Leah Marie Pula, Loretta Quenneville, Bill Rademaker, Jodi Remsen, Lorrie Steerey, Beverly Talladay, Mary Thielke, Ray Zwolenkiewicz.

Note: Please contact Bonnie in the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the prayer list. Names will appear for three months. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the office and we will gladly include them in three month increments as long as necessary.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Please pray for the deceased benefactors of the parish and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Rose Tamburello, Jolene Rappa and Robert Armstrong.



Tuesday, February 14

THE PASTOR'S VIEWPOINT



PASTORAL
SHARINGS

There is a story unfolding in the Roman Catholic Church in the United States in the twenty-first century that has been predictable for more than three decades. It is the story of a contracting church. It is a church struggling with scandals. It is a church struggling with secularity. It is a church experiencing demographic changes.

It is a church with diminishing numbers of presbyters. It is a church still wrestling with liberal forms of governance and with the theological developments that invite the reform of old categories that seem to burst when asked to accommodate new wine.

The discoveries and insights of an endlessly creative, changing age raise new questions that conserved answers seem to fail at embracing in intelligent ways. A survivalist mindset, with a static vision of tradition, seems to have no energy for a new world. "Hanging in there" gets little traction.

These are painful times as we watch an old order flounder, reacting to rather than creatively planning to engage a spiritually hungry people. Discerning what God is about, and what that calls us to be, requires in depth thought, prayer, and living.

Where will leadership come from in these times? Ur-

gently needed are new models for changing horizons. The Spirit's charisms are not exhausted by past or present historical forms.

Now are the times for sustained listening and learning that can propose strategic planning responsive to a plethora of evidence indicating that the way things have been is passing. Transparency, collegiality, subsidiarity and an unfettered imagination are critical gifts for the future of the Church.

Institutions serve faith. Faith does not serve institutions, as if they have some platonic ideal status transcendent to historical change. God's Spirit will always leave our temporal institutions challenged to be always reforming.

We live in interesting times. Change remains exponential. In fidelity to its transcendent roots and mission, the Church must now, more than ever, read the signs of the times. Our axial age demands a great deal from us.

We are likely in for a bumpy ride. Hopefully we can do more than lament what is passing. Previous generations found their way through turbulent waters. Faithful to their heritage, may we make our pilgrimage toward a better world and a genuinely selfless serving Church, attentive to Divine Wisdom and Justice.

CATHOLIC UPDATE

The February Catholic Update is available at the doors of the church this weekend. This issue is titled "Ten Tips for Welcoming New Catholics." It is concerned with the RCIA process - the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Its focus is on how we as a parish can be welcoming to those who are becoming Catholic. Although there are no candidates in our RCIA process at this time, there surely will be in the future.

LENTEN MATERIALS

Later in the month, materials will be available to help us observe Lent. A special issue of Catholic Update will provide mini-meditations for each day of Lent. Another pamphlet will offer daily reflections based on the writings of Henri Nouwen. These materials will be available at the doors of the church in time for the Lenten Season.

STEWARDSHIP



Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings." *See 1 Corinthians 9:32.*

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANTS

February 11 & 12

At Nativity

Sat.	Sun.		
4:30	8:00	9:30 & 11:00	5:00
FDL	FDL	Fr. Bill Tuyn	FDL

At Sacred Heart

Sat. & Sun. All Masses - WJS

FDL is Msgr. Frederick D. Leising

JJL is Fr. John J. Leising

WJS is Msgr. W. Jerome Sullivan

YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Parish Contribution Statements for 2011 were mailed. The statement lists your total contributions to regular Sunday and Holy Day collections, second collections and the Nativity Legacy Fund. Donations to the 365 Club were acknowledged when you contributed. Contact Courtney Frisch at 633-7441 ext. 317 for more information. Catholic Charities generates contribution statements for donations of \$250 or more that are mailed directly to your home. Questions may be directed to Cindy at Catholic Charities at 218-1400 ext. 292.

If you have any questions about your statement, please call Bonnie at the rectory, 632-8838 ext. 4.

MISSION 16

And he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Luke 9:20

Come to Mission
and meet Him all over again.

**Sunday March 4 to
Saturday March 10**



For information & Registration:

Mario & Alana Tarquinio 741-4203

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NOTES

With your help, I am protected. By contributing to Catholic Charities’ 2012 Appeal, you provide for some of WNY’s most vulnerable youth. Help Catholic Charities continue to link loving families with a child in need through our foster care and adoption programs, with counseling services through our children’s mental health clinics, and ease the transition for children struggling to deal with their parents’ separation.

Trina was a frustrated parent in the midst of a custody battle with her children’s father. She was referred to Catholic Charities’ Our Kids: Parent Education and Awareness Program, which helps parents to avoid conflict during a time of divorce or separation. Trina is now able to communicate effectively with her ex-husband and her two sons are excelling in school. With your contribution, you can be the link that bonds families together. **Protect. Strengthen. Empower. Please give to the 2012 Catholic Charities Appeal.** Find out more at www.ccnyny.org or call 218-1400.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

**SOCIAL JUSTICE NOTES
COMMEMORATIVE MASS**



On February 19 a Mass, to commemorate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the tragic murders of Buffalo’s Rev. Joseph Bissonette and Msgr. David P. Herlihy, will be held at St. Joseph University Church, 3269 Main St. at 11:30 AM. Come, sing, pray and celebrate the lives of these men and let us reaffirm, in each other, their spirit of peace and justice. A reception will follow. All are cordially invited.

PRO-LIFE NOTES

FIRST ANNUAL BENEFIT BANQUET

ST. GIANNA MOLLA

PREGNANCY OUTREACH CENTER

Wed., Feb. 15 at 6 PM

at Classics V

2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst
Banquet Speaker: Rebecca Kiessling

\$40 per person; students, \$35

Seating limited; reservations only

Reservations accepted until Feb. 8

Mail check payable to St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center to Office of Pro-Life Activities, 795 Main St., Buffalo NY 14203. Include your name, address, phone & email. For more information, call the Pro-Life Office at 847-2205. If unable to attend, please consider making a donation.

Rebecca Kiessling has been a Pro-Life Speaker and Adoption Speaker since 1995. She is the author of the Heritage House ‘76 pamphlet, “Conceived in Rape: A Story of Hope” (her personal story of having been conceived in rape and nearly aborted by two back-alley abortionists).

“SHOP FOR NATIVITY”

SHOPPING MADE SIMPLE WITH GIFT CARDS!

After the 8, 9:30, and 11 AM Sunday Masses

Valentine’s Day is almost here. Now is the perfect time to order the gift cards you need to shop or give this holiday.

Use gift cards to buy candy and Valentines for the kids to pass out at school or plan a romantic evening with the special someone in your life, or just something to make your valentine happy.

Some suggestions: **Russell’s, LaScala, Delta Sonic/Applebee package, Kay’s Jewelers, Orvis, Home Depot, Tim Hortons, Barnes & Noble, Sephora, Bath & Body Works, Best Buy, Express, Regal.**

Delta Sonic & Applebee’s Promotion: The ever popular **Delta Sonic Car Washes & Applebee’s Dinner for Two (up to \$20 value)** promotions are still available for purchase. Talk to the Gift Card person after Mass or contact

Mary Beth Cucinotta (email & phone below)

The Nativity Gift Card Store is open **year-round**. We have hundreds of gift cards in stock. To place an on-line order, visit www.nativitygiftcards.com. There are also paper order forms at the church entrances and in the rectory.

Simply complete the order form and place it in the collection basket. The Nativity Gift Card Store is also open Mondays & Thursdays from 8:30 AM to Noon in the school cafeteria. For more information please contact Mary

Beth Cucinotta at sales@nativitygiftcards.com or 630-1677 before 9 PM. We look forward to filling your orders!

Thank you for supporting Nativity.



NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY BAKED GOODS & HANDMADE ROSARY SALE

SUNDAY, FEB. 12,
10:15 AM TO 12:30 PM
IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA



Help support the Nativity Youth Group by stopping by their bake sale next Sunday, February 12. They will be selling baked goods, handmade twine rosaries (made by the youth group) and Nativity Youth Shirts. All proceeds will go to supporting and funding the youth group for upcoming retreats and trips as well as ongoing events.

Come. Find out more about the ongoing activities taking place in the Youth Group. We appreciate your support.

NATIVITY YOUTH

Make sure you stay up-to-date on everything that's going on. Check us out on Facebook. Look at the website or contact Stephanie Moss at the Religious Ed/Youth Ministry Office (Call 634-3130 or cell: 240-367-2452 or email at nativity.youthministry@yahoo.com).



TEENS, CHECK IT OUT!!

Teens Looking for Service Hours - Last chance to sign up to help bake for, or volunteer at, the bake sale and earn some service hours. Contact Stephanie by Mon., Feb. 6 to sign up.

Open Gym Night - This Friday, Feb. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the School Gym. We will be having our Summer Fun Night that evening. Dress in clothes that can get messy! Bring \$2 for pizza.

Other Service Opportunities and Events have been posted on the Nativity teen website. Check out the calendar of events, or the youth corner to find out more.

February Events have been sent out via postcards and email. You should be receiving the information in the next day or so. Make sure you check and see what is going on. If you aren't on the mailing list and you are a 7th to 12th grader, contact Stephanie.

NATIVITY 8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP FUND RAISERS

Valentine's Day Sale

The 8th Grade Class will be selling

*Homemade Cookies Carnations
Chocolate Suckers
Starburst Candy Ring Pops
Nerds Ropes*

**After the 4:30 PM, 8, 9:30 and 11 AM Masses
Next weekend,
February 11 & 12**

**All items \$1
except Ring Pops are 2 for \$1 or \$.50 each**

Fish Fry

Nativity's 8th Grade Class will sponsor a Krolick's Fish Fry in the School Cafeteria on Ash Wednesday, February 22 from 3 to 7 PM. The meal includes fish, coleslaw, salad, roll with butter and beverage. Slices of cheese pizza will also be available. Eat in or take out. Drive up service will be available.



There will also be a Theme Basket Raffle, a 50/50 split and a Bake Sale.

Tickets are \$9 per dinner, presale, or \$9.50 at the door. For more information or to purchase pre-sale tickets, please call Sandy Gibson at 759-7085. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses the weekend of February 11 & 12 and February 18 & 19.

Bottle & Can Fund Raiser

Nativity School 8th Grade Class will be holding a "drop off" bottle drive in April. Please save any returnable water, pop or beer bottles and cans for this fundraiser. Details to follow. Please note, if you or anyone you know has a large quantity (500 or more) of cans and bottles and would like to make arrangements for pick-up at your house or business, prior to the "drop off" day in April, please call 685-4076.



RECYCLE

*All of these fund raisers benefit the class trip to Boston.
Thank you for your support.*

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT MEETING - PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Parent Meeting for Ideas, Input, and Planning - We will have a YM Parent meeting on Thurs., Feb. 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the School Library. Any adult or parent interested in sharing ideas or helping with Youth Ministry is invited and encouraged to come. For more information, contact Stephanie Moss at 634-3130.

ITEMS:

***TOWN OF CLARENCE BASEBALL REGISTRATION:** In-person registration for 2012 season will take place Sat., Feb. 4, from 9 AM to Noon at the indoor facility, 5635 Goodrich Rd., near Roll Rd. Online reg. opened Jan. 2 at www.clarencebaseball.org. All first-time participants should register on Feb. 4 in person. Reg. forms can be printed from the website. They are also available at the Town Library or Clarence Town Clerk's Office. Returning players may register in person, online, or by mail. Reg. deadlines are Feb. 29 for Rookie, Minor, Major and American Leagues and March 31 for the National & Senior Leagues. Players must reside in the Town of Clarence or be attending the Clarence Central School District. Grades K through first year of college are eligible to play.

***PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Clarence Lion's annual breakfast, Sun., Feb. 12 from 8 AM to 1 PM. at Clarence High School Cafeteria. Pancakes, eggs & sausage. Adults, \$7; children age 6-12, \$4; under age 6, Free. All the pancakes you can eat. Come. Join your neighbors for a great Pancake Breakfast while supporting your local Lion's Club.

***ATTENTION PARENTS OF TEENS:** Come, spend a morning discussing the challenges and mysteries of our adolescent sons and daughters with Drs. Bob & Maggie McCarthy, experts in adolescent behavior and development. They will provide practical communication techniques and other guidelines for surviving and thriving with our teenagers. Sun., Feb. 19, 9 AM to 1:30 PM, brunch included, at the Adams Mark Hotel, downtown Buffalo. to register visit www.dobyouth.org and click on Youth Convention, then Registration Forms & Process, Parent Track Flier or call Diane, at 847-8798.

ITEMS:

***YOUTH 2000 RETREAT:** "Experience the Power of His Presence" at St. Leo the Great, March 16-18, 2012, 6:30 PM Friday to 2 PM Sunday. All youth & young adults, age 15 to 30, are invited to the weekend of spiritual renewal, prayer, music and fellowship lead by the Franciscan Friars of Renewal. Participants may sleep over at St. Leo's or commute each day. Early bird registration by Feb. 1, \$35; regular registration after Feb. 1, \$40. For registration forms or more information, call Mary Beth Lalka, 835-8905 x 14 or go to www.stleothegreatamherst.com.

***NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** Reproductive challenges? FertilityCare™ can help! Introductory Sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System of Natural Family Planning will take place on Sat., Feb. 18 at 10:30 AM at Sister's Hospital, 862-1944. Please call to pre-register.

***SPAGHETTI DINNER:** John Cardinal O'Hara Council No. 13661 Knights of Columbus is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Sun., Feb. 19 from 11 AM to 3 PM at Our Lady of Peace Church, Msgr. Hammerl Parish Center, 10950 Main St., Clarence. Adults, \$7; Children age 6 to 12, \$5; Age 5 & under, Free. Tickets available at the door. Call 759-8554 for information.

***DIVORCELINK:** If you are facing divorce, DivorceLINK can help during the pain and confusion of breaking up. It is a volunteer organization offering support and healing to men and women going through separation or divorce. You are invited to their open-forum "RAP" group that meets twice a month. For info or DivorceLINK packet, call 847-2210. Divorce recovery classes also available.