

June 24, 2020

Nativity Parishioners,

As communicated to you previously, effective July 1, 2020, I begin my retirement. Also, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Holy Trinity – Nativity Pastoral Region will be implemented, with Father Eric Roush as Pastor.

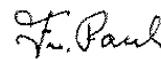
I do wish to take this opportunity to share with you that the progression of my Parkinson's Disease has been negatively impacted by the stress that comes with the administration of the Parish and its School. I have been subject to increased stress in recent weeks, and it has become more physically challenging.

The mind, however is as clear as ever, thanks be to God! Indeed, in meeting with the Archbishop earlier this week, he shared feedback from the Chancellor and other diocesan officials attesting to my decision-making abilities. I enter retirement as a priest of the Archdiocese in good standing. I take great comfort in knowing, and sharing with you, whom I have pastored for sixteen years, that to the very end I have exercised my office with all due care and deliberation, showing partiality to none and kindness to all. For those who know this, no further assurance is needed.

Transitions are never easy. They are made difficult when we try to hold on to the past, and resist the opportunity to grow in new ways. I am looking forward to doing a lot of nothing for the first several weeks of retirement, before discerning the new patterns into which I will settle. I would encourage you to move forward as people of faith, confident that God knows what He's doing in our lives. So, let go of the past, welcome Fr. Roush as your Pastor, support the next principal to be hired as she/he deserves, and press forward to the Kingdom. Seek to live the grace of the Eucharist, which is the unity of believers, never grieving the Lord with divisions.

For all the good people of Nativity Parish with whom I have had the great pleasure to serve, I give thanks to Almighty God. I am confident that with consciences clear those same good people will continue to generously respond to the Lord's call to serve Him and build up His Kingdom.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Paul".

Fr. Paul

**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:**

**A message from our Pastor:**

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**Before you attend Mass please note that Mass will be limited to 100 people on Sunday. You do not need a reservation, everyone who attends Mass must wear a mask and follow the guidelines listed:**

**Before you arrive:**

**Check your temperature: if you have a fever, please do not come to church.**

**Stay home if you are ill.**

**Make sure you have a face covering to bring and wear.**

**Bring hand sanitizer with you if available. We will have some for use as well.**

**When you arrive:**

**Enter only in marked doorways at the main entrance.**

**Please stop by the greeter for any necessary directions.**

**Always keep your face covering on at Mass except for when receiving Communion.**

**Sanitize your hands as directed by greeter.**

**Always observe social distancing (look for marks on the floor).**

**Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach	Bill Balskus	Reid Baumgartner
Liz Bellew	Stephanie Benhase	Mary Jo Beresford
Dottie Brinker	Eugene Carlson	Deborah Casey
Kathy Chalfin	Barbara Cottrell	Diana DeRhodes
Joe Doering	Declan Donovan	Stella Evans
Barry Funk	Jackie Goetz	Krystyna Kamp
Jim Kaufman	Fr. Ray Kellerman	Chris Lane
Al & Mary Lou Matre	Mary McErlane	Karen Morgan
Ron Rulon	Sr. Joan Schimian	Debbie Schneider
Maureen Sullivan	Jane & Carl Udry	Barbara Valentine
Bob Valerius	Jan Weaver	

**Friends & Family**

Mark Behreng	Sheila Caldwell	James Doolittle
Bob Finn	Mildred Finn	Rick Holtz
John Mack	Doug Martin	Bob Mitchell
Greg Morley	David Palmer	Cathy Ramundo
Holly Rough	Mike Rumsey	Rhoda Rupp
Randy Rupp Jr.	Mary Ellen Spaite	Peg Schuckman
David Shiveley	Mike Tebbe	Mary Williams
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 For the People**

<b>CHURCH OFFERINGS</b>	<b>June 21, 2020</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Regular Collection	3,989	347,631
School Support	352.50	12,733.50
Online Collection	13,864.50	208,464.50
Total Offerings	18,206	568,829
Budget	10,900	575,000
Over (under) Budget	7,306	(6,171)

**"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](mailto:Dianne.Fisk@thechristhospital.com) or Charlie Knapke at [cknapke1@lenovo.com](mailto:cknapke1@lenovo.com).

## June 28, 2020 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Usher will direct you to pews, starting in the front and working towards the back of church.**

**Since there will be no passing of baskets for your offering please mail your contribution or submit it online.**

### **During the Mass:**

**Do not change seats during the Mass.**

**There will be no passing of offering baskets.**

**No physical sign of peace will be exchanged during Mass.**

### **Follow instructions for Communion**

**Leave your seat only when directed by the usher or greeter.**

**Maintain six feet social distancing in the Communion line...look for marks on the floor.**

**When 12 feet or two people away from the priest/distributor, sanitize your hands using the sanitizer from the usher. After sanitizing do not touch any surfaces.**

**Approach the priest/distributor only after you are called forward. DO NOT remove your face covering; Extend a single hand to receive the Host; After moving six feet to the right or left, remove your mask and consume the Host; Replace your face covering or mask; Follow instructions to return to your pew.**

### **After the Service**

**Worship aids you may have brought with you, please take them home.**

**You will be dismissed by pew or seating area.**

**Follow the instructions of the greeter or usher. Use only the designated exit doors.**

**Do not congregate outside the church doors.**

### **DISPENSATION**

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all other Catholics in the archdiocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses.

**Hand Sanitizer Outreach Project:** This was explained in the Nativity Parish Community Facebook page. We would like to provide hand sanitizers for patients of one of our "parishioner-doctors" who can't afford these. A list of

parishioners in various neighborhoods who will have a container on their porch to receive these donations or you can bring it to church. Please call Sr. Janet if you need further information.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **STAY TUNED:**

**I am sure there will be many other changes here at Nativity. We will keep you informed as we find out.**

~Please remember Nativity in your will~