

HIS WEEK AT NATIVITY**SUNDAY:**

10:45-12:00 pm – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"
 11:00 am – Mass, "Church"
 1:30 pm – 1st Communion, (Families K-Z), "Church"

MONDAY:**TUESDAY:**

8:15 am – Mass, "Church"

WEDNESDAY:**THURSDAY:**

9:30-11:00 am – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement"
 4:00-5:30 pm – Catechesis, "Parish Office Basement & Upstairs"

FRIDAY:

8:15 am – Mass, "Church"

SATURDAY:

4:30 pm, Mass, "Church"

**Readings for October 11, 2020**

Isaiah 25: 6-10a Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20
 Matthew 22: 1-14

Saturday – 4:30 pm Mass

Lectors: *Nancy Ciarniello, Bea Souder*

Sunday – 11:00 am Mass

Lectors: *Beth Adkins, John Finn*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: For the People
 Tuesday: For the People
 Friday: For the People
 Saturday: Molly Matre

The Sixth Annual Catholic Men's Eucharistic Procession:

Join other Catholic men in downtown Cincinnati on Saturday, October 17th for a procession with Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. It begins with an 8am Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. The Eucharistic Procession begins at 9am and processes through the city streets maintaining the spirit of reverence and prayer. Father Jon-Paul Bevak leads the 2-mile procession concluding at Old St. Mary's Church for the Final Benediction at 11am. All Catholic men are welcome to participate in this great public witness of our faith. For more information, contact the St. Antoninus Men's Holy Name Society, David Willig (513) 305-6719 or Doug Jaeger (513) 417-2503.

Please pray for the following:**Sick & Shut-Ins**

Bill Bach	Bill Balskus	Reid Baumgartner
Liz Bellew	Stephanie Benhase	Mary Jo Beresford
Dottie Brinker	Eugene Carlson	Kathy Chalfin
Barbara Cottrell	Diana DeRhodes	Joe Doering
Declan Donovan	Stella Evans	Barry Funk
Jackie Goetz	Jim Kaufman	Fr. Ray Kellerman
Al & Mary Lou Matre	Mary McErlane	Gretchen Niswonger
Ron Rulon	Debbie Schneider	Maureen Sullivan
Carl Udry	Bob Valerius	Jan Weaver

Friends & Family

Mark Behreng	Sally Bowron	Aaron Bradford
Sheila Caldwell	James Doolittle	Bob Finn
Mary Sue Loftus	Rick Holtz	John Mack
Doug Martin	Bob Mitchell	Ellen Molloy
Greg Morley	David Palmer	Holly Rough
Peg Schuckman	Susan Shakelford	Mary Ellen Spaite
Mike Tebbe	Mary Williams	Craig Wrober

Please pray for those who have died, especially Stan Vollman, husband of Helen Vollman.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation, pastoral visits.

CHURCH OFFERINGS

	<u>October 4, 2020</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>
Regular Collection	4,631.50	67,219.22
School Support	490.00	3,100.00
Online Collection	11,569.50	62,206.82
Total Offerings	16,691.00	132,526.04
Budget	10,900.00	152,600.00
Over (under) Budget	5,791.00	(20,073.96)

Out-of-School Religious Education Programs: Atrium and BOW classes have begun so if you plan to have your child attend, please use the online Religious Education form which is linked on the parish website home page. <https://www.nativity-cincinnati.org/religious-education/religious-education-of-children/>

Attention Young Adults: Theology on Tap in Clifton is still on! **Tuesdays in October at 6:30 pm in the Holy Name Church parking lot, 2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219.** (Come at 6:00 if you want to play cornhole or just hang out.) Hosted tailgate-style, which means BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything: chair, food, beverages.) The theme is Who Is My Neighbor? And this year, rather than speakers, we will have small group conversations about important topics: Immigration (Oct 13), Racial Justice (Oct 20), and Care of Creation (Oct 27). You now have in-person (socially distanced) plans with other young adults on Tuesdays in October! You're welcome! Please wear a mask. Follow the ToT @ Clifton Facebook page for more details, or call Sister Leslie Keener, CDP at 859-801-3213 with questions.

From the Pastor's Desk

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, so what better time to reflect on the gift of the rosary as a means for entering more deeply into a relationship with Jesus. This is also on my mind because last year I was blessed in the month of October to be on a Marian pilgrimage, visiting shrines to Our Lady in Medjugorje, Fatima, and Lourdes. Over the next few weekends I'll share some insights I received on that journey, connected to our walk with Jesus through His life in praying the rosary.

On this pilgrimage, as you might imagine since it was visiting sites with special devotion to the Virgin Mary, we prayed the rosary together a lot. On the bus. In the airport. Walking along scenic roads. At night in hotel lobbies. This impressed upon me how the rosary can help us bring Jesus into real life. Thought really, Jesus is already present. By His own free act, He was born of the Virgin Mary and entered into the world, into our lives. Born in a manger there is nothing too humble and messy that He's not willing to enter to be with us.

While in Medjugorje we heard a lot about a Franciscan priest, Fr. Slavko Barbaric, who ministered for many years to the pilgrims of the shrine there. Our tour guide was always very reverent when speaking about "Father Slavko". In his book *Pray with the Heart*, he makes a similar point about the rosary. When prayed with attention, it is a means of being with Jesus.

"To pray the Rosary means nothing else than to find a way to be with Jesus and Mary.

By meditating on the mysteries of their life, we are with Jesus and Mary: be it the joy of Christmas and the seriousness of the presentation in the temple, or the sorrow and bloody sweat on His face, the wounds on His back from the scourge and the cross, or the crown of thorns on His head. When we are daily linked with Mary and Jesus by such meetings, then the joy of victory over death and sin is guaranteed to us with them and the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the final triumph in Heaven are assured us.

So, to recite the Rosary does not mean to hide oneself somewhere in a corner and to live far from the world and life. It means to prepare oneself for one's own and other people's crosses, the way Jesus

and Mary carried them. To be with them means to have troubles and problems, and yet never to become embittered. To be with them means to experience contempt and disappointment, and yet never to seek for revenge. To go with them means to go the way of a person who believes in God who makes everything new.

Every prayer can be finished in a hasty manner so that we 'say' all our prayers to the end without having even met Jesus and Mary. If we do this, there is danger that prayer will become a waste of time for us and we will never come to like prayer. It is just like meeting a friend. If we never have time for our friend or, if the time we devote to him is too short or if we speak with bad grace, then the friendship is bound to die.

Therefore, it is important to have time for the prayer of the Rosary and for every prayer."

Let's spend a little more time and attention this month of October to pray the rosary, wherever we are, to be with Jesus and allow Him to be with us in the real messiness, especially the heavy crosses, of our lives.

7th Graders not attending Nativity School: If you are planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in April 2021 it is imperative that you register now. There is a link to the online Religious Education form on the front page of the parish website. Sr. Janet is waiting to hear from you!

Sacraments of Initiation: We congratulate our Third graders who made their First Communion on Sunday, Oct. 4th and pray for those who will celebrate theirs on Oct. 11th.

2020-2021 SEMINARY SOLEMN VESPERS EVENT

Music & Liturgy at the Athenaeum at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology (MTSM) will present its first event of the 2020-2021 season, Solemn Vespers with music in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Athenaeum Chorale, on Sunday, October 11 at 7:00 pm. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MTSM will present the Solemn Vespers online via the website www.athenaeum.edu.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

As part of National Black Catholic History Month, the Offices of African American Pastoral Ministries and Social Action are collaborating with the USCCB, Archdiocese of Washington D.C., Archdiocese of Chicago, and the Tolton Ambassadors to celebrate the lives of the six African American candidates for the Cause of Canonization. The month-long celebration will begin with a Novena Prayer from October 24 to November 1, the Feast of All Saints. On each of three Saturdays (November 7, 14, and 21) there will be a 90-minute Zoom presentation highlighting two of the holy candidates. To register for the Zoom presentations, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cloud-of-witnesses-sponsored-by-the-tolton-ambassadors-dc-tickets-122107178859>. For more information, contact Deacon Royce Winters at (513) 263-6640.

~ Please remember Nativity in your will ~

October 11, 2020 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time