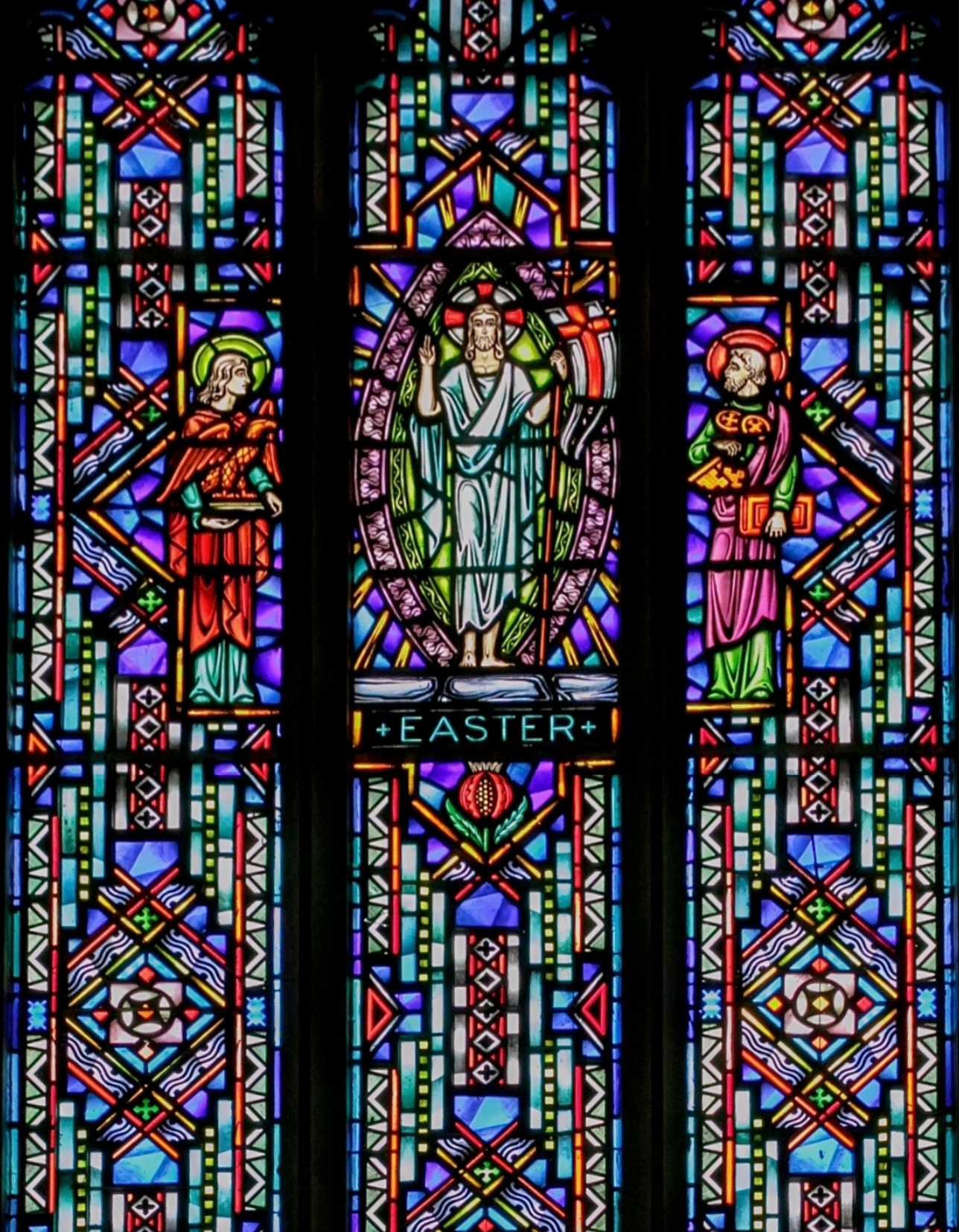


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The RESURRECTION *of* OUR LORD · SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

ABOUT

Parish Mission Statement

Promulgated October 7, 2019

Nativity of our Lord is a vibrant Catholic community committed to helping each person answer the call of Jesus Christ to serve as his disciple by...



- Nurturing a rich **sacramental and spiritual life**;
- Supporting strong Catholic **education and faith formation**;
- Fostering **fellowship and community**;
- And providing abundant opportunities to participate in the parish's long tradition of **Christian witness**.

Learn more about our new parish mission statement at <https://nativity-mn.org/news/mission-statement/>.

IMAGES

Cover Image

Stained Glass Window at Nativity of Our Lord: Easter

By Therese Steinhoff | Summer 2018

<https://www.theresesteinhoff.com/>

Photos Wanted!

Have any great photos that you took at Nativity of Our Lord? From weddings to Turkey Bingo, we'd love to highlight the vibrancy, faith, and beauty of our parish in the bulletin and other print publications, on the website, and through our various social media outlets. Please send photos, with caption, to ihuss@nativity-mn.org, and let us know who should get the credit. Thank you!



Pete Treacy took this one of Stephen Maas during some live-stream testing in the choir loft. Thanks, Pete!

SUBMISSIONS

Publishing Guidelines

Bulletin content is typically required by Monday at noon for the following Sunday's bulletin, while digital content requires at least two business days prior to desired publication. Visit <https://nativity-mn.org/content-submissions> for more information, or to submit copy for the parish bulletin, online calendar, social media, and email newsletter. Images must be sent via email to ihuss@nativity-mn.org.

Publishing is not guaranteed, and is generally granted on a first-come, first-served basis, giving priority to official Nativity of Our Lord events and communications. Bulletin submissions can also be sent to bulletin@nativity-mn.org.

—Isaac Huss, Communications Director and Bulletin Editor

BAPTISMS

Baptism Preparation

Baptisms are typically held on first and third Sundays at 9:30am in the church. For first-time parents, required baptismal classes are typically held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30pm in the church, excluding December. Contact the parish office at info@nativity-mn.org or (651) 696-5401 to register.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Wedding Planning

To be married at Nativity at Our Lord, the bride, groom, or one of their parents must be an active, registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Contact the parish office for more information at info@nativity-mn.org or (651) 696-5401.

ADORATION

Temporary Modifications

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been moved to the main church to allow social distancing of at least six feet, and must be limited to a maximum of ten people at a time. Please stagger your visits to avoid busy times. Because the main church needs to be locked overnight, the hours of Adoration are now restricted to 9am-10pm Sunday-Friday and 9am-4pm on Saturdays.

During this time, all scheduled adorers should treat their assigned hour as completely optional. Above all, please do not come if you feel ill in any way, or if you are particularly at risk for the coronavirus. Contact Jim at mcquillanj@rjffs.com or (763) 746-8244 for more information.

SOCIETY OF SVDP

If you are in crisis:

Call us at (651) 334-2935.

If you want to donate money:

Send your donation to the parish office c/o SVdP.

If you wish to join the Nativity

Conference: Call us at (651) 334-2935.

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Note: the SVdP Thrift Store is closed until further notice. Please consider remembering The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in your estate plan.

DIGITAL MEDIA

Email Newsletter

Have you signed up for Nativity News yet?

Nativity of Our Lord's weekly email newsletter keeps you up to date with the latest information and connects you to helpful resources on the web. Visit

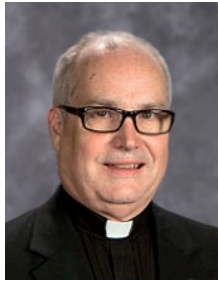
<https://nativity-mn.org/email-newsletter> to sign up.



INFORMATION

Pastor

Father Patrick Hipwell (pictured)



Standard Mass & Prayer Times

See back page calendar for this week's schedule. Hearing aid devices are available in the sacristy.

Lord's Day Mass

Saturday: 5pm (vigil); Sunday: 7am, 8:15am, 9:30am (downstairs in Steiner Hall), 11am, and 5pm

Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am; Monday-Friday: 5pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: 7:45-8:10am and 4:30-4:55pm
Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm

Emergency Anointing of the Sick (24 hours)

(651) 696-5401 (press 1)

Prayer Line

9am-7pm	Bette Hoffman	(651) 699-8249
	Mary Kay O'Rourke	(651) 698-5638

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FROM THE HIP

From Dying to Rising

"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."

— Romans 8:18

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace, peace, and Easter blessings to you and your loved ones on this joyous day of Resurrection.

If today doesn't feel quite *right* to you, that's okay. It's okay to feel a bit unsettled by the idea of celebrating the end of Lent when this whole stay-in-place ordeal — something of an involuntary Lent in its own right — persists even beyond today, Easter Sunday. I'd be surprised if there's anyone among us who didn't feel like this Lent was more burdensome than usual, perhaps more than ever before. If Lent is truly about dying to self — and it certainly is — then I think we can safely check that one off the list this year.

But what about now? Is this day supposed to feel different than the previous 40? What difference does Easter make?

It would be one thing, of course if this coronavirus was simply one big inconvenience. Instead, there is real, widespread suffering and death happening as a result, and not just far away. No, this pandemic in our midst is a *problem*. There's no way around it.

And yet, there is hope. There is hope, because of today. Today is Easter, when we remember, when we celebrate, when we put on Christ Crucified, yes, but also Christ Risen from the Dead. We have hope because we know how this story ends, how all of the stories end, for those with faith and hope in Jesus: In death, yes. But then in life.

Let St. Paul's words ring in your ears and echo in your hearts: these sufferings in the present time will not just dissipate, then eventually cease. No, these sufferings will be blown out of the water by the peace, the joy, the *glory* that awaits us. Perhaps the full weight of that glory has not yet been revealed, even on April 12 in the Year of Our Lord 2020 as we celebrate his rising from the dead. Today then, as the sufferings linger, let us fix our gaze even more so the glory that awaits beyond. Our part is to trust that God knows what he is about in these mysterious days of Providence.

On behalf of Fr. Nick, the deacons and parish staff, trustees, and volunteer leaders here at Nativity of Our Lord, we are committed to following Christ as his disciples wherever he leads. We will continue to work tirelessly to find new ways to nurture a rich sacramental and spiritual life, strengthen communal bonds, grow our children in the faith, and witness evermore to Christ's love, even within our current limitations.

Together, may we continue to die with Christ, so that together we may rise with him.

Fr. Patrick Hipwell, Pastor

FACILITIES

Tuckpointing Project Update

Water intrusions primarily on the east side of the church have caused spalling of the stone and extensive plaster damage, in addition to dangerously slippery floors on occasion. The recommended solution is tuckpointing mortar joints and otherwise redoing the failing areas. Work began last month to be completed later in the year.

The tuckpointing crew is moving forward with some great progress. They brought in a 3rd lift and a 2nd air compressor earlier this week which has allowed them to avail themselves of another “cutting station.” They have several crew members on the scaffolding, three guys up in the lifts, and a couple of guys on the ground all cutting whatever they can reach.

BRC estimates that they are nearly 100% done with the cutting on the south facing (where the scaffolding has been) and about 70% done with cutting the east side wall. They're now moving around the corner to the north side, where the main entrance to the Church will be closed off and the two east side entrances re-opened.



The cost of the external tuckpointing repair project totals \$696,697 and exceeds the scope of the annual budget. If you would like to help underwrite the cost of this project, you can contact the parish office at info@nativity-mn.org or (651) 696-5401 or donate online at <https://nativity-mn.org/tuckpointing-construction-project>. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING

Stewardship from Home

Like many individuals, families, and organizations, this time has put a particular strain on our finances. We have had to make some tough decisions as we re-budget to best use our newly limited resources. And while we have made progress, we still have work to do to sustainably operate without a live Sunday collection.

We know that many of you are similarly hurting or are otherwise financially vulnerable. However, for those of you who are able, please maintain or resume your usual giving, either by submitting it directly to the parish office or through our website at <https://nativity-mn.org/online-giving>. And, for those who have the means, please consider making a special emergency gift at this time.

Please contact Joyce at the Parish Office at (651) 696-5436 if we can be of further assistance.

COMMUNITY

Resources in Times of Need

Bridge to Benefits (www.bridgetobenefits.org) is an online one-stop shop for many applications for assistance for individuals and families experiencing hard times. The local United Way has online resources at www.211unitedway.org/ as well as a hotline to call: (651) 291-0211.

Mental Health

Because this is an especially stressful time, it's also important to take care of your mind as well as body and soul. There are 24/7 mental health crisis numbers each county, including Ramsey County's:

- Adult: (651) 266-7900
- Children: (651) 291-7878

Food Shelves

Nativity of Our Lord donates to the Keystone (<https://keystoneservices.org/>) food shelf monthly and we encourage anyone in the parish to take advantage of it. You can also visit the Second Harvest Heartland website www.2harvest.org for information on emergency provisions and where the nearest food shelf is near your home.

March Food Campaign Extended - Now through April 30

The MN FoodShare March Campaign has been extended to April 30. Now more than ever they can use our assistance due to the consequences of COVID-19. While they are no longer taking food items, checks can be mailed or delivered to the parish office, payable to Keystone Community Services, with “food shelf” on the memo line. Visit <https://www.mnfoodshare.org/marchcampaign> for more information, or visit <https://www.mnfoodshare.org/donate> to donate online, noting “Nativity of Our Lord” in the comments.



Abria Online Life is Wonderful Fundraiser

Due to the spread of COVID-19, Abria will not have a physical run-walk event for their Life is Wonderful fundraiser, as planned. They still need help, however, in keeping Abria's doors open to save lives by finishing the race to raise \$100,000! Please visit <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/abrias-life-is-wonderful-virtual-race> for more information and to make a donation. Thank you!

NATIVITY UNITED

Response Team

Please let us know if you are in need of any assistance at this time, including running errands. We encourage you not to be afraid to ask even for the simplest items, including toilet paper! Also, if you don't have family or friends who check in on you, or would just like a regular call from Nativity, please let us know. Remember that you are not alone! Jesus is so close to the ones who are suffering.

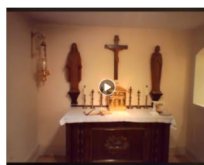
You can contact us in two ways specifically devoted to this time. Nativity staff will be regularly monitoring both of these:

- Call us at (651) 317-9685, or
- Email us at united@nativity-mn.org.

ONLINE LITURGY

Mass at Home How-To

Watching a video stream of Mass is new to most of us. Fr. Nick has some ideas on how to make the best out of an imperfect situation. Visit <https://nativity-mn.org/online-liturgies> to watch a video from him, as well as to find our upcoming live-streamed Masses and those already recorded.



New Live-Streaming Platform

We are now utilizing eCatholic LIVE for our live-streaming, which allows you to watch our videos — live or recorded — without ever having to leave our website home page. All of our video Masses are also playable directly at <https://nativity-mn.org/online-liturgies>. You can also still find them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/NativityStPaul/live_videos/.

Other Broadcasts

Mass is also on Relevant Radio, 1330 AM on Sundays at 9am, with Daily Mass at 12pm. Sunday Mass is on local TV at 11am on KSTC-TV/45. Finally, EWTN (Comcast cable ch. 291) has daily Mass at 7am, 11am, 6pm, and 11pm, and is rebroadcast on channel 14.2, 14.4, and 14.5.

Spiritual Communion

Whenever anyone is unable to receive Holy Communion — for any number of reasons — we can make a “Spiritual Communion” by praying that Our Lord would come to us when we cannot receive him substantially. We pray this one during our online Masses:

Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and the fervor of the saints. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there. Amen!

PARISH OFFICE

Closed for Easter Holiday - Monday, April 13

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday. We will resume our temporarily reduced hours on Tuesday (10am-2pm, Monday-Friday).

POPE FRANCIS

Extraordinary Urbi et Orbi Blessing

In response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis offered an extraordinary blessing “urbi et orbi” (to the city and the world) on Friday, March 27. The formal blessing — usually given only immediately after a new pope’s election and on Christmas and Easter — carried with it a plenary indulgence. Visit <https://nativity-mn.org/events/papal-blessing> for more information and for a link to the video.



SCOUTS

Flower Sale - Order by Monday, April 13

Nativity of Our Lord Boy Scouts are selling from Gertens’ spring catalog. Visit <https://shop.troop67.org/> and get your flowers ordered by Monday, April 13. Pick up will be May 8 at Nativity from 4-7pm.

Now more than ever, the skills learned in Scouts are being appreciated by families across America. Troop 67 is ready to serve our community as it copes with COVID-19. By extension, your support helps us all “Be Prepared.” Thank you!

NCCW

Madonna Dinner and Raffle Canceled

With sadness, the Nativity Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) announces the cancellation of this year’s NCCW Madonna Dinner and Raffle. We are living through an unprecedented time of global challenge, and while the dinner and raffle are very important to our NCCW community, even more important are the health and safety of all.

We look forward with joyful anticipation to the time when we are able to announce a date and plan for next year’s Madonna Dinner. In the meantime, stay tuned for updates on the Spirit of Mary Award, which will still be awarded this year. Be well and God bless!



ARCHDIOCESE

Litany in Time of Need

Archbishop Bernard Hebda asks that the faithful of the Archdiocese — especially school students working from home — to set aside time every day to join together in offering the “Litany in Time of Need.” What a wonderful sign of unity to have us all praying together at the same time for protection and help!

Please join him by tuning in to Relevant Radio 1330am, www.relevantradio.com, or the Relevant Radio App, where the Litany will be broadcast each day at 11:05am. Visit <https://nativity-mn.org/news/litany-in-time-of-need> for more information, including a downloadable PDF and a video from the Archbishop.

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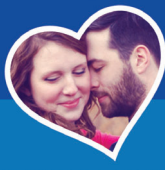
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CALENDAR · APRIL 13-19, 2020

Mon., 4/13	Tues., 4/14	Wed., 4/15	Thurs., 4/16	Fri., 4/17	Sat., 4/18	Sun., 4/19
Mass (online only): 8:15am	Mass (online only): 8:15am	Mass (online only): 8:15am	Mass (online only): 8:15am	Mass (online only): 8:15am	Mass (online only): 8:15am, 5pm (vigil)	Mass (online only): 8:15am Confessions or Conversations: 8am-12pm
Masses are live-streamed and recorded and available at both https://nativity-mn.org/online-liturgies and https://www.facebook.com/NativityStPaul/live_videos/ .						
Monday within the Octave of Easter Parish Office closed Presence Video Study ZOOM 6:30-8pm	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)
ELC and School closed (distance learning) March Food Campaign (extended through April 30)						

RECONCILIATION

Confessions or Conversations - Sunday, April 19, 8am-12pm
Fr. Nick will be available on a drop-in basis next Sunday morning from 8am-noon to offer counsel, Confession, you name it. Find him outside on the sidewalk in front of the rectory on Prior Ave.

FAITH FORMATION

Presence Video Study - Begins Monday, April 13, 6:30-8pm
Missing the Eucharist? Let's join together in virtual reality to study the Eucharist as we yearn together for the day we can be back together at Mass.



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* (available for free on FORMED.org) explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is indeed the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

We'll meet Mondays from 6:30-8pm via the ZOOM video conferencing platform:

- April 13
- April 20
- April 27
- May 4

To register, please email or call Katie Schaitberger at kschaitberger@nativity-mn.org or (612) 367-7877. There is no cost to join! A link to ZOOM will be provided upon registration. We recommend having a computer to log in, but a cell phone or iPad can work if necessary.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

Public Masses may be suspended, but our priests continue to say private Masses every day for these intentions and for those of the whole parish, community, nation, and world.

	8:15am	(private)
Mon. 4/13	Betsey Isaac +	Kevin Flynn +
Tues. 4/14	Jane Doherty +	Katie McKenzie +
Wed. 4/15	Eileen Probst +	Betsey Isaac +
Thurs. 4/16	Colleen Stephens	The Family of Billy Bush
Fri. 4/17	Marie Michel +	Salvador Uy
Sat. 4/18	Gloria O'Connell +	