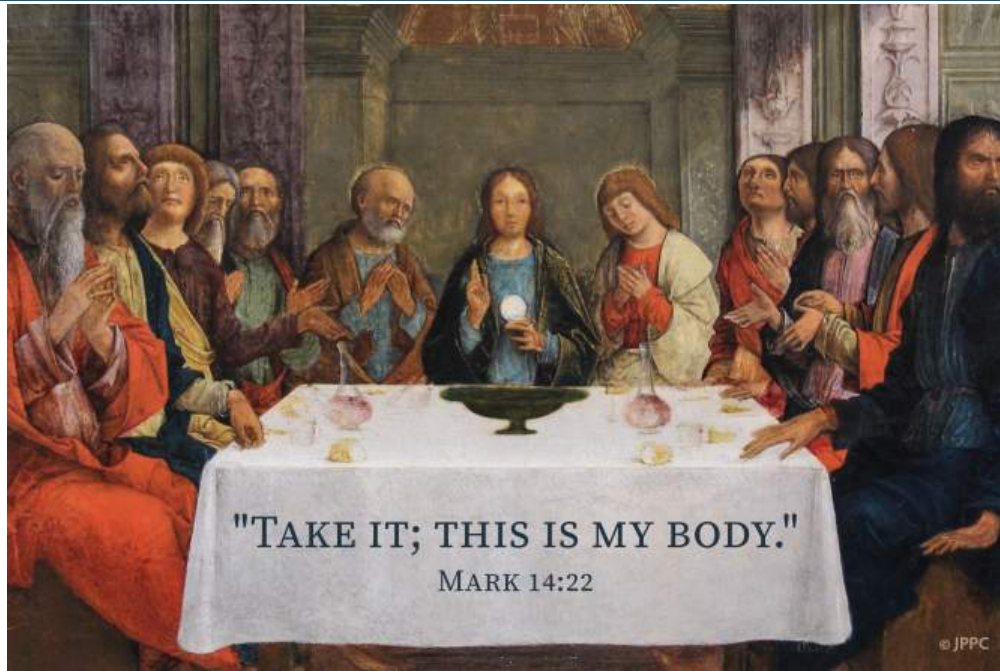




# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Sunday, June 2, 2024  
Corpus Christi



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## Week Ahead

**Parish Office** Open Mon-Fri from 9am to 1pm  
**Rosary** Mon.-Sat. 7:30am in the Church  
**Adoration Chapel** Open Mon-Fri 8:30am-8pm  
**Daily Mass** 8:00 am in the Church

### Monday, June 3

- ◆ Rosary for Peace 7:30am *Church*

### Tuesday, June 4

- ◆ Rosary for Peace 7:30am *Church*
- ◆ Rosary for Peace 7:00pm-7:30pm  
*Conference Room*

### Wednesday, June 5

- ◆ Rosary Makers 4:00pm-5:30pm *Parish Center*
- ◆ Good Samaritans 8:45am *Conference Room*

### Thursday, June 6

- ◆ Nativity Seniors Board Meeting 10:00am –  
11:00am *Conference Room*
- ◆ Bereavement 12:00pm-1:30pm *Parish Center*
- ◆ Family Fun Night 6:00pm-8:00pm *Bette's Fun Center* (registration required)

### Friday, June 7

- ◆ AA Meeting 7:30pm-8:30pm *Brick Building*

### Saturday, June 8

- ◆ AA Meeting 9:00am-10:00am *Brick Building*
- ◆ Circle of Hope 11:30am-1:00pm *Brick Building*
- ◆ Confessions 3:30-4:30pm *Church*
- ◆ Mass 5:00pm-6:00pm *Church*



### Monday, June 3

**8:00am** Dorothy Kussmaul by Maryann Dotts

### Tuesday, June 4

**8:00am** Santiago Pascual by William Stinson

### Wednesday, June 5

**8:00am** Rita Alberta  
& Karlonas McArdle by Joseph McArdle

### Thursday, June 6

**8:00am** Sylvester Bollinger by Maryann Dotts

### Friday, June 7

**8:00am** Christopher Henry by Theresa & Barry Boyle

### Saturday, June 8

**8:00am** Gus Morano by Darlene Murray  
**5:00pm** Maryanne DelViscio by McCloskey & Giffin Families



### ***Please pray for:***

Kathy Hope, Mike Sweeney, Bob Willard,  
Bob Hewitt, Susan Erro, Michael O'Mara  
Spear, T. Joe Vandergast, Charles Thomas,  
Bill Tobin, Bob Valenti, Christian Farrell, Jim Sweeney,  
Kathleen Garwood, Clifford Woodbury, Carl Razzano,  
Christian VanDam, Kenny & Peggy Haynie, Robert  
Ranson, Bill Mullen, Jim Mack, Vince & Jean Poole,  
Carol Freedman, Mike Rodgers, Freddie Douge  
If you would like to have a name added, contact the Parish  
Office at 610-566-0185 or [parishoffice@nativity-bvm.org](mailto:parishoffice@nativity-bvm.org).

### Readings for Today

**First Reading:** Exodus 24:3-8 | **Second Reading:** Hebrews 9:11-15 | **Gospel:** Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

*While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."*

# Corpus Christi

## What we celebrate

Corpus Christi is a feast day with the sole purpose of focusing on the Holy Eucharist.



## When we celebrate

Officially the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. However, it's most often celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

## Ways we celebrate

- A procession of the Eucharist around your parish.
- Eucharistic Adoration after Mass.
- Praying a traditional Catholic prayer called "Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament" at the end of Mass and singing songs about the Eucharist.
- If the Feast of Corpus Christi is a public holiday where you live, you may see a Eucharist procession (sometimes by candlelight) happening in the streets.

## History

Saint Juliana of Liege (1193-1258), who had a great reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, began the cause for the feast day of Corpus Christi. This day would be apart from Holy Thursday when the Church focuses on not only the Eucharist but the washing of the feet, ordained priesthood, and Jesus in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Saint Juliana was motivated by a recurring vision of the Church as a full moon with one dark spot, which she interpreted as the absence of a specific reverence to the Holy Eucharist. In her later years, she gained the support of Jacques Pantaléon, at the time Archdeacon of Liège, and other Church leaders. Pantaléon was later elected Pope Urban IV and went on to establish the Feast of Corpus Christi.

## Homework

Spend some time in prayer today asking for a greater ability to see the face of Christ in others. (If you're Catholic, spend that prayer time in front of the Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist). Then say a quick prayer for five random people that you pass throughout your day.

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Corpus Christi Procession Coloring Page For Kids [aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org)



# Holy God, We Praise Thy Name!

## World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

The World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests takes place every year on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This year the feast day is Friday, June 7th.

In recognition of this Day of Prayer, the Nativity Vocation Committee requests that you say the prayer below to ask for blessings on our priests who have given ongoing support and inspiration to the practice of our Catholic faith.



### Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests



Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your blessing for our brothers whom you have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Lord Jesus, we ask that you support them with grace to serve You faithfully. Gracious Spirit, unite us in service with those whom you have called. Open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to pursue your calling and open their hearts to hear your call to this most Holy Sacrament. Amen



## Parish Renewal Update

For the past year we have been engaged in a process of renewal for the parish. We have already completed the first phase of this **Envisioning** process that took stock of our current situation and established several goals to help us revitalize Nativity BVM. The implementation phase is now ongoing.

We believe that the Parish Council will play an important role in this phase. One of our goals is to make it easier for all parishioners to find ways to energize their faith and commitment to the mission entrusted to all of us by Our Savior. Our Parish Ministries are one avenue that would lead us in that direction. The Parish Council members will help us by serving as the liaison between the Pastor/Parish and the individual ministries. They will be helping to describe the purpose of each ministry and thus improving our communication about it, and facilitating a prayerful and productive Christian experience for each participant.

We will be highlighting all of our ministries at Mass, in the bulletin and online, and invite all members of the parish to help extend 'The Hands of Christ' through participation in these ministries.



### Seasons of Hope Parish Bereavement Group

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed, and that they shall be comforted. Our

*Seasons of Hope Parish Bereavement Group* offers those grieving an opportunity to come together to share in God's love. With the support of the faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing and spiritual growth.

These sessions help us explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing.

*Seasons of Hope* is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of the Catholic Church. For those searching for hope, *Seasons of Hope* group is a nurturing link to the Church, the Almighty, and other people of faith who are also mourning.

A Christ-centered support group is for you if any of these are true:

- ◇ You are looking for friends in Christ to share your journey of sorrow.
- ◇ You have been trying to figure out the meaning of your grief.
- ◇ You want to get on with life but have not been able to.
- ◇ You find comfort in the teaching of Christ.
- ◇ You are open to new ways of coping with your grief.
- ◇ You do not want to feel alone anymore.

Our Parish Bereavement Group will meet on Thursday, June 6 at 12 Noon in the Parish Center on Gayley. If you are interested in attending contact us by calling: 610-566-0185 or emailing: [ParishOffice@nativity-bvm.org](mailto:ParishOffice@nativity-bvm.org).

# BOOK CLUB

## ANNE FRANK: THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL

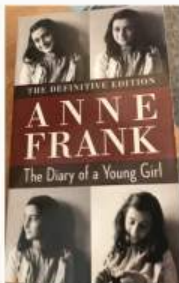
Our next gathering of the Parish Book Club will be on Wednesday, June 26th at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. We will be discussing *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Anne Frank's remarkable diary has become a world classic--a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament of the human spirit. Books are available at the Rectory Office for \$10.00 or may be purchased online.



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JUNE 26TH



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**Nativity Seniors Spring Luncheon**  
 The Nativity Seniors Spring Luncheon is on June 11th at 12:00 noon at the Court Diner. If you did not let John Deady know at our May meeting that you will be at the Luncheon, please contact him. His email is deadyjp@aol.com and his phone number is 610-804-8582.

**Register NOW for our 2024-25 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)**  
**Form and info at: nativity-bvm.org**

GRADES 1-6  
 QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATIE AT  
 PREP@NATIVITY-BVM.ORG

Stay tuned! Nativity BVM will be forming a theatre group to perform for this fall's season. Parish members and their extended families are invited to attend a discussion in June after the regular school season. Various presentations will be discussed. Actors, would be actors, communicators, playwrights, scriptwriters, and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. More details coming. Read the parish bulletin for updates.

**This Week's Featured Content on Formed (Watch/Read on any Smart TV or Device):**

**Short Videos:**

-  **What is the Feast of Corpus Christi?** 10:25  
Corpus Christi & the Real Presence | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney
-  **The Eucharist | Symbolon for Teens: Living the Creed | Episode 2** 18:50
-  **The Bread of Life: Celebrating the Eucharist | Brother Francis** 28:36

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-  **The Holy Eucharist with Bishop Robert Barron** 52:12
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**Movie Night:**

-  **The Heart of Camden: The Story of Father Michael Doyle** 44:25

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