

# THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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## OUR PARISH TEAM:

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pastor                   | Rev. Michael Machacek    |
| In Residence             | Rev. John Mullins        |
| In Residence             | Rev. Anthony Akpanessien |
| Permanent Deacon         | Mr. Gerry Almeida        |
| Administrative Assistant | Joanna Andrews           |
| Youth Minister           | Courtney Strom           |
| Caretaker                | Mr. Antonio Marinucci    |



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Last Sunday of each month at 12:45 p.m.  
Those concerned MUST contact the parish office well in advance, because of the general instruction.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
OR anytime by appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance.

## SACRAMENT FOR THE SICK & ELDERLY

If a family member is in hospital and needs to receive the Sacrament for the sick/elderly, please approach the Nurses' Station, and request them to contact the "Priest on Duty". A priest will always be on-duty for these requests at all hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area.

## DEVOTIONS

**DAILY ROSARY:** Prior to all Weekday Masses.

**MONDAYS:** CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY 10:00 AM; CENACLE OF OUR LADY 10:15 AM.

**TUESDAYS:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, 6:30 PM.

**WEDNESDAYS:** OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA 6:30 PM.

**THURSDAYS:** SACRED HEART DEVOTION 10:00 AM.

## FIRST FRIDAY (October-June)

Mass: 9:30 a.m.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Silent Adoration: 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.  
Benediction: 10:50 a.m.

## We Welcome All New Parishioners:

Please register at the Parish Office during office hours. Thank you.

Please remember Nativity of Our Lord Parish in your will.

## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY  
9:00 a.m. - 12 NOON;  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
9:00 a.m. - 12 NOON;  
1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY - CLOSED  
SUNDAY  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:  
5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS:  
9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Monday    | 9:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday   | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday  | 9:30 a.m. |
| Friday    | 9:30 a.m. |

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Mass: Sundays 11:30 am  
Email: [nativityyouth@outlook.com](mailto:nativityyouth@outlook.com)  
Website: <http://www.myparish.org>  
LifeTeen Program for High School Students -  
every 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month.  
EDGE Program for Grades 7 - 8 Students -  
every 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays of the month;  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

## GROUPS

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Altar Guild:                       | Alice Mycan          |
| Altar Servers:                     | Fr. Michael          |
| Bereavement Support Group:         | Linda Wisz           |
| Bible Study                        | Linda Wisz           |
| Caring Ministry: Gabriela Herman   | 416-695-0169         |
| Catholic Cemeteries:               | 416-733-8544         |
| Catholic Family Services:          | 416-921-1163         |
| Charismatic Prayer Group:          | Theresa Smith        |
| Children's Liturgy:                | Anita Jakovcic       |
| C.W.L. President:                  | Nancy Fenech         |
| Knights of Columbus: Frank Messina | 416-716-8423         |
| Lay Ministers of Eucharist:        | Clive Ferrao         |
| Lectors:                           | Leslie Borbas        |
| Legion of Mary:                    | Karen Armstrong      |
| Public School Religious Ed.:       | 416-621-2732         |
| R.C.I.A.:                          | Deacon Gerry Almeida |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society:       | 416-695-0169         |
| Ushers:                            | Leonard Roach        |
| Welcoming Committee:               | Angela Reid          |
| Youth Ministry:                    | Courtney Strom       |

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Peter proclaims Jesus' role and call for repentance.

1 John 2:1-5a Knowing Christ is to keep his commandments.

Luke 24:35-48 Jesus' final words are of forgiveness and repentance.

Celebrating Easter is more than belief; it involves action on our part. If we really believe that Christ is risen and among us, it will be reflected tangibly in how we live. It may be expressed differently in each of us, but it will be evident. Luckily, his final words to us are about repentance and forgiveness, so we don't need to be perfect. But if we truly believe, those who encounter us will know it.

*Joan DeMerchant, Celebrations, April 2018.*

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Many of our young parishioners will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5pm mass on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> and at the 11:30am mass on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers.

### *Feast of Corpus Christi On 3rd June, 2018*

Nativity of Our Lord will once again be celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi.

This year our event will be on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting with the 11:30 am mass. Following will be a solemn procession through our neighbouring streets and ending with some family fun and barbecue on the parish grounds.

We are now gratefully accepting new items and gift cards or certificates to be used for the Silent Auction.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used to offset event costs as well as support a school in Bethlehem.

All questions concerning contributions can be directed to: Magda Renta: [mrenta@rogers.com](mailto:mrenta@rogers.com)  
Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office during office hours.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please mark your calendars.  
More details to follow!

### Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions

Scarred by an abusive childhood, Andrew became addicted to hard drugs as an early teen. His next 20 years were spent in-and-out of jail and the hospital. He finally came to St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency that offers a residential program for those struggling with substance abuse. Now sober and equipped with coping skills, Andrew is happy and building a new life. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping people like Andrew get their lives back on track.

Next Sunday April 22 is ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.

### Welcome & Congratulations!

Warm welcome and congratulations to our new members of the Catholic Faith:

**Brooke Lumley, Michele Murray, Shannon Scott, John Aikin, Michelle Allen, Karen Doxsee and Ashley Gillingham;** as well as **Amanda Ciardullo**, who received the sacrament of Confirmation.

Our sincere thanks to the RCIA Team and the sponsors for their support and dedication to this ministry.

### Parish Ushers Are Needed !

Nativity of Our Lord Parish has a need to recruit Ushers to serve at our Weekend Masses.

Our Ushers play an important part in serving the Liturgy by helping to establish a climate of welcome, helpfulness and order among those gathered for worship.

The commitment of your time is minimal. Ushers serve at masses that they normally attend. The schedule requires an Usher to only commit to four months a year during the masses they attend. A standard orientation program will be provided.

Joining the Ushers' Ministry will enhance your Liturgical Service in a spirit of generosity.

To sign up, please contact the parish office or call Len Roach at 416 620 5473

### 2017 Parish Financial Statement

The Statement will be available at the side doors for those who wish to take home a copy.  
We thank all for your support of the parish.

## Religious Article Sale by Sisters from The Convent of St. Elisabeth, Belarus

Religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus, are on sale on **Friday, April 20, after the 930am Mass**, (west-side entrance to the Church Hall). Please take this opportunity to support the sisters who take care of children and adults with mental and physical disabilities and work hard to improve their lives.



## Fr. Peter Osuntope's Fund Raising Easter Concert.

All parishioners, who have been here in the last 5 years will fondly recall Fr. Peter's time here at Nativity and his wonderful gift of music.

Fr. Peter is back at Nativity, to hold a fund raising concert in support of his school - The Cecilian Academy of Sacred Music – located in the Archdiocese of Lagos. Fr. Peter who started this school is also it's Director.

We invite all Nativity parishioners and friends to attend the concert in the parish church this **Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm.**

**Please keep in mind the concert is free, however a collection, will be taken up in support of The Cecilian Academy of Sacred Music.**

If you are unable to attend the concert, but still wish to support Fr. Peter's Academy, you can;

- 1) place your donation in an envelope marked "Fr. Peter" in the regular collection,
- 2) give this envelope to the parish office
- 3) you can give the envelope to Fr. Peter himself,

Please note cheques are to be made out to **Fr. Peter Osuntope.**

**Please be aware that these donations are NOT eligible for income tax receipts.**

## Nativity of Our Lord YOUTH MINISTRY



*EDGE: April 20*

Grades 7 – 8

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month  
7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



*Next LifeTeen : April 27*

Grades 9 – 12.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month  
7 – 9:30 pm

### **YOUTH MASS**

**Every Sunday 11:30 am Nativity's**

## EDGE Adventure Camp

A 5 day Catholic Adventure Camp with many sports & activities, catechesis, Mass, praise & worship and fellowship! A fun and exciting Christ-centered camp experience!

Who: Students currently in grades 6-8

Where: Camp White Pine- Haliburton, ON

When: August 18-22, 2018

Cost: Early price- \$400 all- inclusive before April 5<sup>th</sup> (transportation, food, accommodation & camp gear). \$450 April, 15<sup>th</sup> onward.

**Registration is now open & will close on May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Space limited to a first come, first register basis.

Forms can be picked up/dropped off at the Parish office.

Please contact Courtney for more information.

## Steubenville Toronto.

Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference – Steubenville brings together some of the best Catholic speakers and musicians in North America and provides opportunities for teens to encounter Christ.

**Who:** all those currently in grades 9 - 12

**When:** July 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Where:** UOIT Campus, Oshawa.

**Cost:** \$200.00 (Includes: accommodations, t-shirt, all meals & transportation) \$100.00 non-refundable deposit before May 25<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be picked up/dropped off at the parish office.

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