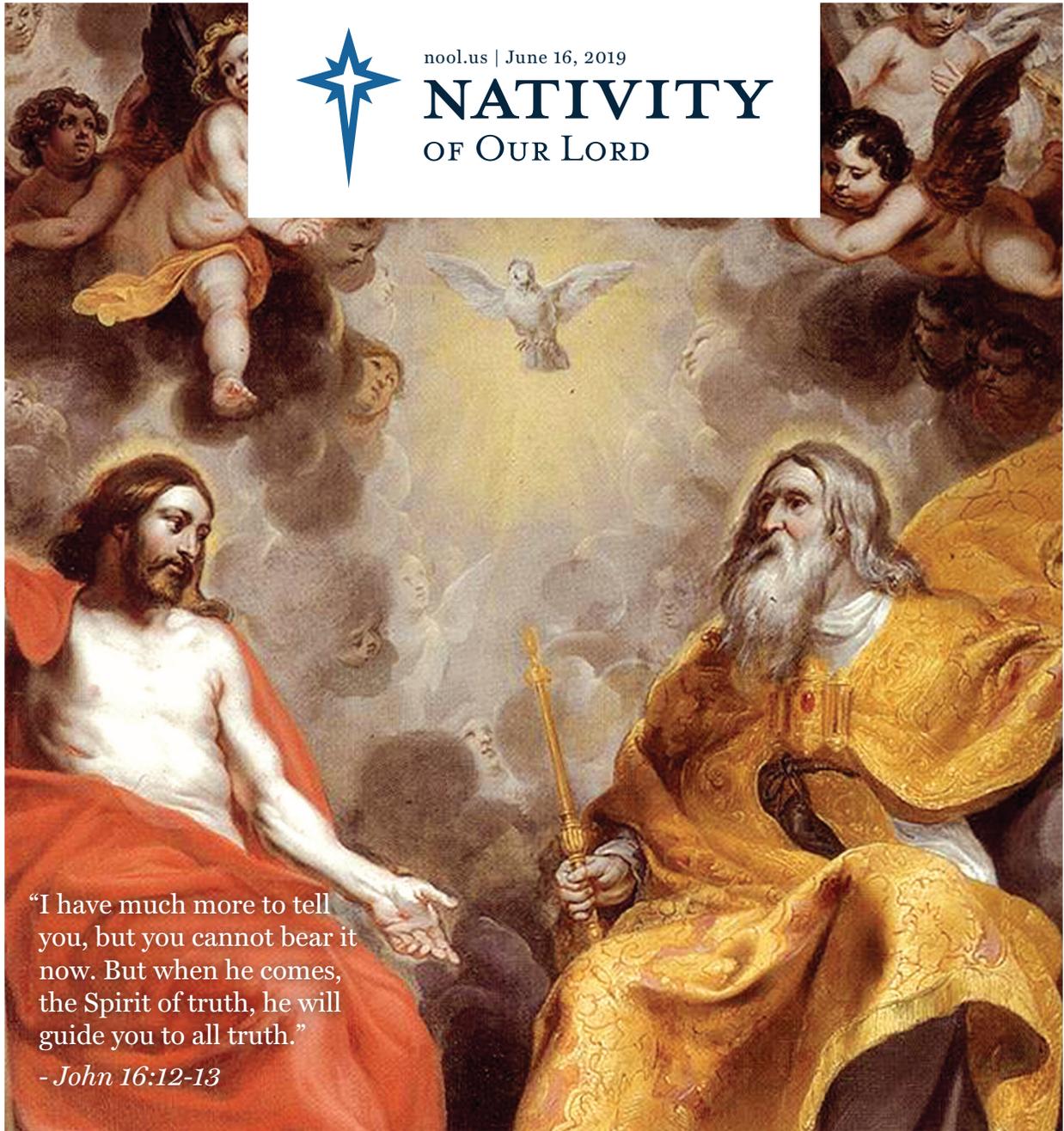




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# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.”

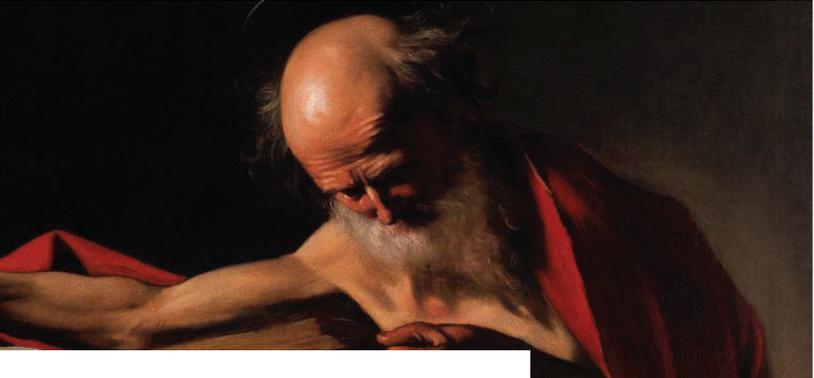
- *John 16:12-13*



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**THE MOST HOLY  
TRINITY**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIESTS



### FR. ACCURSIONE CIACCIO

Her older sister Elisa was in Medjugorje on a pilgrimage. Chiara decided to go to visit her for a couple of days. In their hotel, at lunch time, there was only one seat available in the dining hall. The spot was beside Enrico Petrillo, who was there on a pilgrimage as well with a group from the charismatic movement. He was a few years older than her. The two young fell in love with each other immediately. Back home they started to date.

The following years were very difficult, the most difficult time in her life, according to Chiara, despite everything else that will occur. They split up several times and got back together several more times. What was helpful was a retreat she attended in Assisi. She went home changed, much more at peace than before. He decided to attend as well. Through that they met Fr. Vito, a Franciscan friar, who became their spiritual father and a constant presence in their life. Finally Enrico proposed and the two got married in 2008.

One month later she is pregnant with their first daughter. They decided to call her Maria Grazia Letizia. Soon they discover that she was anencephalic, meaning that she didn't develop her brain and skull. It is a fairly rare condition and it is incompatible with life. Everyone, from the doctors to her friends and relatives, suggested they have an abortion. Chiara and Enrico never even considered the idea. They knew that Maria was their baby girl and that their purpose as parents was to love and protect her. When she was born she was immediately baptized, and she lived less than one hour. At the funeral her parents carried the little, white casket, but then they also took place in the choir and they sang and played music during Mass. It was a beautiful and joyful moment, for which Chiara was extremely grateful to God. She said that had she had an abortion, she would have never had something beautiful to remember about her daughter.

This alone would have been enough to make her a champion for the pro-life cause. But her story doesn't end here.

*Dear Parishioners,*

This week we just had our middle school summer camp. One of the things we spoke about was the life of Chiara Corbella. Many people have come to know this great witness of our faith.

Chiara was born in Rome in 1984 from a good Catholic family. One summer, when she was eighteen, she went with some friends to Croatia.

A few months later she is pregnant again. This time it is a baby boy, whom they named Davide Giovanni. At first the ultrasound scan revealed that he was healthy. Later, though, they found out that he was missing his legs. This was totally unrelated to what happened to their daughter. "Bad luck," many thought, but not the Petrillo's. They accepted this other challenge with the same joyful hearts and trust in God. Another more in depth exam showed that not only his legs were missing, but also his kidneys and some other parts, which made his condition incompatible with life as well. This condition is so rare that there even isn't a name for it. When he was born Fr. Vito baptized him immediately and a few minutes later Davide was born in heaven.

After two pregnancies like that, everyone was suggesting for them to give up on the idea of having more children, or at least to wait for a while. But Chiara and Enrico never lost their hope and couldn't figure out what good could come from not having children or from waiting any longer.

A few months later Chiara is pregnant again. This time the baby, Francesco, is healthy and the pregnancy is perfectly fine. Five months later, though, Chiara is affected by an ulcer on her tongue. She started a series of visits to find out that it is cancer. It is a fairly rare condition, very aggressive, that normally presents itself in old men who have been heavy smokers their whole life. This is why it is so extremely rare in a young non-smoker woman. A first surgery is performed on her tongue. It is extremely painful, and it needs to be followed up by another one with chemo and radiation. Chiara wants to wait for the second, because it would mean to put her baby at risk. There is an arm wrestle going on between the couple and the doctors. Finally they agree on a date that is only a couple of weeks short of the due date.

Despite the second surgery, the endless tests, and the other therapies, it is clear that Chiara doesn't have much left to live.

Chiara Corbella died on June 13, 2012.

One of the things that she said, after the death of her second child was, "What is important in life is not doing something, but to be born and let yourself be loved." And this is the way she lived her life. Her husband describes her not as a strong woman, but as a woman who allowed herself to be loved by God. She never withdrew from that relationship with God, no matter the consequences. Chiara shows us what holiness is. As St. Paul says, it is "no longer I, but Christ lives in me."

Chiara's cause of beatification was opened on September 21, 2018.

Have a great week,

Fr. Accu

## DAILY READINGS

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*Saturday* | 6/15

**2 COR** 5:14-21  
**MT** 5:33-37

*Sunday* | 6/16

**PRV** 8:22-31  
**ROM** 5:1-5  
**JN** 16:12-15

*Monday* | 6/17

**2 COR** 6:1-10  
**MT** 5:38-42

*Tuesday* | 6/18

**2 COR** 8:1-9  
**MT** 5:43-48

*Wednesday* | 6/19

**2 COR** 9:6-11  
**MT** 6:1-6, 16-18

*Thursday* | 6/20

**2 COR** 11:1-11  
**MT** 6:7-15

*Friday* | 6/21

**2 COR** 11:18,  
21-30  
**MT** 6:19-23

*Saturday* | 6/22

**2 COR** 12:1-10  
**MT** 6:24-34

*Corpus Christi*

**GN** 14:18-20  
**1 COR** 11:23-26  
**LK** 9:11B-17

## PARISH TIMES



**Mass Times**

*Monday - Friday*

7:00am

*Saturday*

8:00am/4:30pm

*Sunday*

7:30am/9:30am  
11:30am/5:00pm

**Confession**

*Thursday*

5:00pm

*Saturday*

8:30am/3:00pm

*Sunday*

30 minutes prior  
to each mass

**Adoration**

*Thursday*

Noon - 6:00pm

**Morning Prayer**

*Monday - Friday*

7:30am

*Saturday/Sunday*

7:05am

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

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St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
June 21

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday | 6/15

8:00am | † Petra Reyes by Lynn Fernandez  
4:30pm | † Barbara Higgins by Ann Jauder

### Sunday | 6/16

7:30am | Special Intention by Thu Van  
9:30am | People of the Parish  
11:30am | † Don Mayer by Lorette Mayer  
5:00pm | † Gerald Coufel

### Monday | 6/17

7:00am | † Clarence Boitnott by Paul and Nicki Battista

### Tuesday | 6/18

7:00am | † Anita Kassik by Ligia Kassik

### Wednesday | 6/19

7:00am | † Joseph Krieg by Ann Krieg

### Thursday | 6/20

7:00am | † Greg and Scott Talley by Mom

### Friday | 6/21

7:00am | Fr. Accu's Anniversary of Ordination by His GS Kids

### Saturday | 6/22

8:00am | Ann Wandishin by Joseph Wandishin  
4:30pm | † Rosann Prusynski by Tom Barton

### Corpus Christi

7:30am | Fr. Diego by Ben and Katherine Vagner  
9:30am | People of the Parish  
11:30am | Tessa and Savio Nguyen by Thu Van  
5:00pm | Fr. Emmanuele's Anniversary of Ordination

### Prayers for the sick and for the deceased:

We pray for all who are sick, and for our deceased relatives and friends that they may speedily attain the blessedness of heaven and rejoice in the eternal treasure of God's glory and love.

**If you have any prayer requests,** please contact Joanne Farver at 303-466-8859 for Nativity's prayerline.

**If you're going to the hospital** and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at: 303-469-5171

## COLLECTION COUNTERS



### June 16

Jean Hindie  
Roxane Pecchio  
Mary Ann Graham  
Pat Fonio

### Corpus Christi

Joanna Anderson  
Bill McCauley  
Veronica Rodriguez  
Virginia Sullivan

## SACRISTY LAUNDRY



Bette Dean

## PARISH CALENDAR



### Sunday | 6/16

8:00am | CL  
11:00am | Parishioner's Rosary

### Monday | 6/17

10:30am | SVDP  
1:00pm | Rosary Prayer Grp.  
6:30pm | SVdP

### Tuesday | 6/18

10:30am | SVdP  
1:00pm | Mystery of God  
6:00pm | Ministry Head  
Dinner

6:00pm | Venturers  
6:30pm | RCIA  
6:30pm | Pro-life Ministry

### Wednesday | 6/19

8:30am | Book Club  
10:30am | SVdP  
1:00pm | Exodus  
5:30pm | Grief Support  
6:30pm | CL  
7:00pm | Exodus

### Thursday | 6/20

10:30am | SVdP  
7:00pm | School of Community  
7:00pm | Sojourners

### Friday | 6/21

9:00am | Endow  
10:30am | SVdP

### Saturday | 6/22

7:30am | Pro-Life Rosary  
8:00am | Totus Tuus  
9:00am | Marian Pray Cenacles  
9:00am | Spanish Bible Study  
9:30am | Italian Class  
11:00am | Baptisms  
3:00pm | Holy Rollers  
5:30pm | Reception for  
Dcn. Huan Nguyen

### Corpus Christi

8:00am | CL  
8:00am | Totus Tuus  
11:00am | Parishioner's Rosary  
6:30pm | Totus Tuus Night  
7:00pm | Bible Study  
(Pivotal Players)

### Calendar Disclaimer:

Times in the parish calendar are subject to change. Sign up on Flocknote for updates.

**If you have any questions** regarding the events above, please contact the front desk.

### If you're interested in getting involved with any of the ministries hosting events

in the parish, please see the information on the Parish Life board in the gathering area, visit our website, or connect directly via Flocknote.

# FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI & ADORATION CHAPEL GRAND OPENING

BROOMFIELD  
AMPHITHEATRE  
JUNE 23 · 5:00PM  
(PROCESSION AFTER MASS)

Nativity's Chapel of the Three Patrons will officially open on Corpus Christi Sunday: June 23, 2019. All are invited to participate in 5:00pm Mass at the Broomfield Amphitheatre, followed by a procession with the new monstrance. The procession will conclude with the monstrance's placement in the new adoration chapel, signifying its opening.

The first 24 hours of adoration will take place each week from 7:00pm on Sunday to 7:00pm on Monday. With the eventual goal of perpetual adoration, the hours will be expanded once this initial 24-hour period is covered. See the link below if you are interested in signing up for a weekly hour of adoration.

Sign up to adore at: [nativity.weadorehim.com](http://nativity.weadorehim.com)

For more information, join our Flocknote list at: [flocknote.com/nool/adoration](http://flocknote.com/nool/adoration)



## Corpus Christi Help Needed

On Sunday, June 23, the 5:00pm Mass for the feast of Corpus Christi will be at the Broomfield Amphitheatre. If you are interested in helping set-up, at 3:30pm, at the amphitheatre and/or tearing-down after the Mass, please email Marylou at [m.sivigliano@nool.us](mailto:m.sivigliano@nool.us).

## TOTUS TUUS PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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### FOR GRADES 7-12

**JUNE 23-27**

- **Check-in** to Ryan Hall at 6:45pm.
- **Pick-up** at Frassati House (580 W. 3rd Ave. Dr.) or at the east exit of the Nativity parking lot at 9:00pm. Due to the congestion in front of the Frassati house, your children can exit the Frassati house through the back entrance. Please make sure your child knows if you will arrive at the front or back of the Frassati house. Unless we have written permission, we are unable to allow teens to walk to the front church parking lot or home.
- **Drinks and snacks to share:** Please bring to check-in on Sunday night, June 23. Suggestions: lots of drinks (we have water), chips, dips, cookies, candy, crackers.
- **Bug repellent:** Please apply bug repellent prior. We spend most of the time outside.

### FOR GRADES 1-6

**JUNE 24-28**

- **Check-in** at 8:45am
- **Mass** daily at 11:15am (open to all)
- **Pick-up** at 2:30pm (parent or adult with written permission MUST check children out)
- **Sack lunch:** Please send your child with a sack lunch daily. Water and lemonade are provided. Nut-free tables are available.
- **Snack to share:** on Monday, June 24 please send your child with a package of cookies or crackers to be shared at morning snack break. If your child has other allergies or dietary restrictions, please send your child daily with an individual snack. Drop off at check-in.
- **Sunscreen:** Make sure your child has sunscreen on.

### FOR ADULTS

**JUNE 24-28**

- **Daily Mass**, Monday-Friday, 11:15am
- Drop in any day for class on Fr. Barron's **Pivotal Players:** Sts. Augustine and Benedict; Monday-Friday, 12:30-2:00pm in Weibel II
- Join us for a **Theology of the Body** Crash Course taught by the Archdiocese of Denver's Kristina Hummel; Monday & Tuesday, 9:00-11:00am in Weibel II
- **Feeding the Totus Tuus Teachers and Volunteers:** We provide snacks and lunches for the Totus Tuus teams as well as all volunteers and staff during Totus Tuus week. We appreciate donations of lunch items (especially homemade), snacks, or drinks. Special thanks to the Nativity Women's Guild for your donation!

DIANE IRBY AT [D.IRBY@NOOL.US](mailto:D.IRBY@NOOL.US) **CONTACT**

## TITHING

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### Online Giving

Nativity participates in an online giving program that serves as a consistent, reliable means of making your offering to our parish.

Questions? Suzie at:  
s.sloan@nool.us

To give online:

- 1) Go to nool.us
- 2) Click 'Donate' in the main menu
- 3) Complete the registration

## FROM THE FRONT DESK

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### 2019 - 2020 ROOM REQUESTS

The parish office is now accepting room requests for the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year. If you or your ministry uses a room on a regular basis please pick up a form from the front desk, fill it out and return it to the front desk no later than July 1.

#### ST MARTIN DE PORRES | Religious Education Position

St. Martin de Porres is looking for a part-time DRE. The position would be 10 hours a week with 3-4 of those hours being done on Sundays. Applications are available at our parish office or from our pastor, Fr. James Baird. For questions or more information, call Father Baird at 303-499-7744 x101. Thank you and God be with you!

## CHARITABLE GIVING

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### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION | June 30

The Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with those who suffer and are marginalized. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti, for example, have faced difficult challenges as they rebuild from the 2010 earthquake and 2016 hurricane. Support of this collection affirms the human dignity of our brothers and sisters in Haiti and around the world. As a tithing parish, Nativity of Our Lord is donating \$1,500 in addition to the offertory collection from the parish tithing fund.

### MISSIONARY CO-OP APPEAL | June 30

The Missionary Co-op Appeal program was implemented for the propagation of the faith in mission areas where the Catholic Church is emerging, but financial resources are scarce both abroad and in the US. Nativity's Mission Appeal for this year is the Archdiocese of Owerri in Nigeria. Donations will support the renovation and equipping of a rural hospital owned by the Archdiocese, which provides healthcare to parishioners and surrounding communities. Donations by check should be made out to the parish. Please keep the people of the Archdiocese of Owerri in your prayers.

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Whether your 2019 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal gift is \$100 or \$5,000, be assured that all gifts are genuinely needed and will be prudently invested in the works of our wider Church for the benefit of others. Let your donation reflect your desire to make disciples for Christ. Always remember that our Lord will not be outdone in generosity.

Please visit: [archden.org/givetoday](http://archden.org/givetoday) or call 303-867-0614 to make your gift today.

Nativity of Our Lord  
**Young Adult Group**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Speaker Series: Matt Wandishin, parishioner  
Thursday, June 20, 7:00PM, Frassati House (580 3rd Ave. Dr.)

Pool Night  
Tuesday, July 9, 5:30PM, Broomfield Swim & Tennis Club, \$5

✉ Jacque at [j.fankell@nool.us](mailto:j.fankell@nool.us)    **f** Nativity of Our Lord Young Adults

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## NATIVITY IS HOSTING 2019-2020 YEAR 1 CLASSES

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### COURSE OF STUDY

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9

#### YEAR 1

**From Eden to Exile:**  
Salvation History  
from Genesis to  
2 Maccabees

#### YEAR 2

**Proclaiming the  
Kingdom:** The Synoptic  
Gospels, Acts, and the  
Letters of Paul

#### YEAR 3

**A Future and a Hope:**  
The Prophets, Tobit,  
Judith, and Esther

#### YEAR 4

**Wisdom and the  
Word:** The Psalms,  
Wisdom Literature;  
Catholic Epistles;  
John and Revelation

#### POWERFUL CURRICULUM

Whether you're a longtime student or a beginner, these classes will help you discover the timelessness of God's Word and transform your daily life!

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Through lectures, discussions and weekly coursework, our first-rate team of experienced instructors will guide you through the Bible to help you discover God's story.

#### IN-DEPTH STUDY

The four-year program will cover the Bible in its entirety. This exploration will make the books and characters as relevant for your life today as they were for readers of old.

#### TUITION COSTS

The program consists of 30 weeks of classes. Cost for the year is \$600. Limited scholarships and financial aid is available. Call for details.

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | Broomfield**  
Monday, June 29, August 12 & 26, 6:30pm

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | Longmont**  
Tuesday, June 30, August 13 & 27, 6:30pm

### NEW YEAR 1 CLASS LOCATIONS

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | Broomfield**  
Mondays, 6:30pm

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST | Longmont**  
Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Be sure to save the date for an information session this summer to learn more about this incredible, life changing program. Pick up a brochure for more information. You can also call: **303-715-3195** or visit: [biblicalschool.org](http://biblicalschool.org).

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All classes are subject to a minimum enrollment. For more information and to register online visit: [sjvlaydivision.org](http://sjvlaydivision.org) or call: **303-715-3195**.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

### DAY RETREAT | September 14

A day retreat sponsored by the Women's Guild is scheduled for Saturday, September 14. More details coming in weeks ahead. Questions please call Linda Kent at 303-469-2979 or Nicki Battista at 303-469-0670.

The Women's Guild express their appreciation to Cecilia Bruchez and Diane Christner for their hard work running the Reception Committee. Thank you so much Cecilia and Diane!

## RESPECT LIFE

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### BOULDER PREGNANCY R.C. OPEN HOUSE | June 17

Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center, a new pregnancy center facility in Boulder, which is a pro-life resource for women facing unplanned pregnancies is holding an open house on June 17 from 5:00-7:00pm, at 2334 Broadway, Suite D, in Boulder. The center has a doctor, nurses, a physician assistant, ultrasound techs and experienced counselors who are trained professionals, volunteering their time for this cause. Come, take a tour and meet the volunteers. With questions and more information, call the center at 303-960-7915 or Kathy Lynch at 720-273-1282.

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Thank you to all who donated to our annual baby shower. Marisol health, Gabriel House, and Little Flower Maternity Home are very grateful for all of the gifts for the mothers, babies, and families they serve.

### NEXT MEETING | June 18

Please join us at our Respect Life meeting on Tuesday, at 6:30pm in the conference room.

### PEACEFUL PRAYER | June 18

Join us to pray peacefully outside the Boulder abortion clinic, where late term abortions are performed. We will carpool from Nativity at 8:00am.

*"The difference between the way of life and the way of death is great. Therefore, do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant."* -The Didache, apostolic moral teachings compiled at the end of the first century A.D.

### RESOURCES FOR LIFE

For a list of *Resources for Life* for unexpected pregnancy, post-abortion healing, etc. please visit:

[nool.us/ministries-1/respect-life](http://nool.us/ministries-1/respect-life)

If you have any questions please contact:

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### CHRISTIAN COUNSELING SERVICES

Becky Kusick, MA, LPC, CPSII, offers Christian Counseling services. Becky has a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. She has worked in the field for over 25 years with couples, adults, families and children. For more information or for an appointment, call 303-907-6499 or email her at [bkusick@yahoo.com](mailto:bkusick@yahoo.com)

## HOPE CORNER

### FREE MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION | June 24

The Hope Corner is a free mental health ministry committed to instilling hope and reducing stigma. It provides stress management, wellness tips, screenings, information, support, encouragement and faith/community-based resources.

The next Hope Corner is June 24 from 5:30-7:30pm. Please call 303-907-6499 to set up an appointment time. Everyone is welcome whether you have a question, would like a screening, or have a family member with a mental health concern. With questions and to set an appointment, please contact Becky Kusick, MA, LPC, CPSII at 303-907-6499 or at [hopecornerministry@gmail.com](mailto:hopecornerministry@gmail.com).

## BOOK CLUB

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### LEAVING TIME by JODI PICOULT | June 19

Book club will meet this Wednesday, June 19 at 8:30am. Discussion will be focused on *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult. If you would like to join in reviewing this book please join us. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. New members are always welcome. For more information please call Jackie at 303-410-1136 or Ann at 303-451-5219.

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### Marisol Health: SonRISE Breakfast

#### STANDING IN THE BREACH | June 20 | Denver Ath. Club

This SonRISE Breakfast, sponsored by Marisol Health, is for men who rise up to the challenge of being the sons, husbands, fathers, and brothers they were meant to be! You are invited to join keynote speaker Curtis Martin, founder and CEO of FOCUS Ministry, to celebrate Mass with Bishop Jorge Rodriguez and then participate in breakfast at the Denver Athletic Club.

For more information, tickets or sponsorship information, please contact Shelly Saeman at [ssaeman@ccdenver.org](mailto:ssaeman@ccdenver.org) or at 720.799.9289. Also feel free to visit [ccdenver.org/sonrise](http://ccdenver.org/sonrise).

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### Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

Friday, June 28

Please keep all of our priests and clergy in your prayers!

### Liber Christo Liberation Conference

July 29 - August 2 | Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel

Learn about Catholic healing and deliverance from some of the nation's most knowledgeable professionals including Patrick DiVietre, PhD and more. For more information visit:

[liberchristo.org](http://liberchristo.org)

### Denver Seminarians: Discernment Retreat

ADULT MEN | July 14 | Ages 18+

St. John Vianney Seminary, in Denver, is hosting an Adult Men's Discernment Retreat on Sunday, July 14 from 9:30am - 5:00pm. Find more information and/or register at [denverseminarians.org](http://denverseminarians.org).

## NATIVITY BLOOD DRIVE

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Here are the numbers for the Nativity Blood Drive:

People Scheduled | 46

Walk-ins | 6

First-time Donors | 3

Pints of Blood Collected | 41

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### Happy Father's Day

*"For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." – John 3:16*

On Father's Day it's worth thinking about the example given to us by Our Father. God's willingness to make such a huge sacrifice for us gives us reason to share and sacrifice a little for others. Among the many ways to do this at Nativity is by helping the poor among us by contributing to or volunteering with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Vincentians at Nativity are grateful for your charitable support. Your support enables us to be a tool that Christ uses to help those who come to us in need.

The poor boxes are located in the gathering area and by the confessionals. You can also contribute online at the parish website, [nool.us/charity](http://nool.us/charity). Under 'St. Vincent de Paul' tab, you will find a 'Make a Donation' link.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 24 at 6:30pm at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are always in need of volunteers to perform a wide variety of tasks and we provide any necessary training. Happy Father's Day!



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

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### An Opportunity to Learn, Serve, and Grow

NEW TRAINING SESSION | September 12

Stephen Ministers are lay volunteers who go through 50 hours of caregiving training and then work alongside our pastors in providing emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time such as: divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister! Nativity of Our Lord Parish will be training another class of Stephen Ministers beginning Thursday, September 12. We are especially in need of women Stephen Ministers.

To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister or how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, please call and leave a message on our Confidential Helpline: 303-469-5171 x113.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR POPE



POPE FRANCIS

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

St Peter's Square | Sunday, 9 June 2019

*HOLY MASS on the SOLEMNITY of PENTECOST*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Pentecost arrived, for the disciples, after fifty days of uncertainty. True, Jesus had risen. Overjoyed, they had seen him, listened to his words and even shared a meal with him. Yet they had not overcome their doubts and fears: they met behind closed doors (cf. Jn 20:19.26), uncertain about the future and not ready to proclaim the risen Lord. Then the Holy Spirit comes and their worries disappear. Now the apostles show themselves fearless, even before those sent to arrest them. Previously, they had been worried about saving their lives; now they are unafraid of dying. Earlier, they had huddled in the Upper Room; now they go forth to preach to every nation. Before the ascension of Jesus, they waited for God's kingdom to come to them (cf. Acts 1:6); now they are filled with zeal to travel to unknown lands. Before, they had almost never spoken in public, and when they did, they had often blundered, as when Peter denied Jesus; now they speak with parrhesia to everyone. The disciples' journey seemed to have reached the end of the line, when suddenly they were rejuvenated by the Spirit. Overwhelmed with uncertainty, when they thought everything was over, they were transformed by a joy that gave them a new birth. The Holy Spirit did this. The Spirit is far from being an abstract reality: he is the Person who is most concrete and close, the one who changes our lives. How does he do this? Let us consider the Apostles. The Holy Spirit did not make things easier for them, he didn't work spectacular miracles, he didn't take away their difficulties and their opponents. Rather, the Spirit brought into the lives of the disciples a harmony that had been lacking, his own harmony, for he is harmony.

Harmony within human beings. Deep down, in their hearts, the disciples needed to be changed. Their story teaches us that even seeing the Risen Lord is not enough, unless we welcome him into our hearts. It is no use knowing that the Risen One is alive, unless we too live as risen ones. It is the Spirit who makes Jesus live within us; he raises us up from within. That is why when Jesus appears to his disciples, he repeats the words, "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19.21), and bestows the Spirit. That is what peace really is, the peace bestowed on the Apostles. That peace does not have to do with resolving outward problems – God does not spare his disciples from tribulation and persecution. Rather, it has to do with receiving the Holy Spirit. The peace bestowed on the apostles, the peace that does not bring freedom from

problems but in problems, is offered to each of us. Filled with his peace, our hearts are like a deep sea, which remains peaceful, even when its surface is swept by waves. It is a harmony so profound that it can even turn persecutions into blessings. Yet how often we choose to remain on the surface! Rather than seeking the Spirit, we try to keep afloat, thinking that everything will improve once this or that problem is over, once I no longer see that person, once things get better. But to do so is to stay on the surface: when one problem goes away, another arrives, and once more we grow anxious and ill at ease. Avoiding those who do not think as we do will not bring serenity. Resolving momentary problems will not bring peace. What makes a difference is the peace of Jesus, the harmony of the Spirit.

At today's frenzied pace of life, harmony seems swept aside. Pulled in a thousand directions, we run the risk of nervous exhaustion and so we react badly to everything. Then we look for the quick fix, popping one pill after another to keep going, one thrill after another to feel alive. But more than anything else, we need the Spirit: he brings order to our frenzy. The Spirit is peace in the midst of restlessness, confidence in the midst of discouragement, joy in sadness, youth in aging, courage in the hour of trial. Amid the stormy currents of life, he lowers the anchor of hope. As Saint Paul tells us today, the Spirit keeps us from falling back into fear, for he makes us realize that we are beloved children (cf. Rom 8:15). He is the Consoler, who brings us the tender love of God. Without the Spirit, our Christian life unravels, lacking the love that brings everything together. Without the Spirit, Jesus remains a personage from the past; with the Spirit, he is a person alive in our own time. Without the Spirit, Scripture is a dead letter; with the Spirit it is a word of life. A Christianity without the Spirit is joyless moralism; with the Spirit, it is life.

The Holy Spirit does not bring only harmony within us but also among us. He makes us Church, building different parts into one harmonious edifice. Saint Paul explains this well when, speaking of the Church, he often repeats a single word, "variety": varieties of gifts, varieties of services, varieties of activities" (1 Cor 12:4-6). We differ in the variety of our qualities and gifts. The Holy Spirit distributes them creatively, so that they are not all identical. On the basis of this variety, he builds unity. From the beginning of creation, he has done this. Because he is a specialist in changing chaos into cosmos, in creating harmony. He is a specialist in creating diversity, enrichment, individuality. He is the creator of this diversity and, at the same time, the one who brings harmony and gives unity to diversity. He alone can do these two things.

*To be continued next week...*



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