

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WEEKI WACHEE

"With the birth of Jesus in our hearts, we carry light and love to the world."

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30AM

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

Please silence your cell phone during the service.

Welcome! We pray this time will be a blessing and a source of spiritual strength for you.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637. Monday, May 29, 2023 - Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth. Wednesday, May 31, 2023 - This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165. Thursday, June 1, 2023 - Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886. Saturday, June 3, 2023 - On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963. Saturday, June 3, 2023 - When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

PENTECOST—SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023. Pentecost is a Christian holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. The Sanctuary will be decorated in red and we ask all to wear **RED** that day.

COMMUNITY LIFE

MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT - MAY 28. After worship service there will be a cookout hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Tickets can be purchased at the door. See Patti Cotter.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, JUNE 3 - Friendship Circle will see a movie and share a meal with devotions and a short meeting on Saturday, June 3. If BOOK CLUB is still in theaters, we will likely see it. Movie times, which will be released on the previous Wednesday, will determine the theater and restaurant chosen. Details will then be e-mailed to all circle members and anyone else who wishes to attend and contacts Susan Nordstrom (352-428-1918).

SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN OF NATIVITY SOCIAL LUNCHEON - JUNE 21 at Heritage Pines (11524 Scenic Hills Blvd., Hudson, FL 34667) in the Magnolia Room (12n). There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. See or call Mae Haines for more details (727-863-4329).



OUTREACH

MAY/JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH - REZ (Resurrection Lutheran) HOUSE. Each year Nativity raises money to purchase "Back to School" shoes for the children of the migrant workers who use the services of Rez House or who worship there on Sunday. Make your check payable to Nativity Lutheran Church and indicate Rez House on the memo line. THANK YOU.

Blessings to All, Linda Russo

FOOD PANTRY UPDATES. While we appreciated these donations in the past, the following items are no longer being accepted.

- **CLOTHES ARE NOT NEEDED.**
- **PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT NEEDED.**

Food Pantry - May 24 & 25
Total Served: 69

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Men's and women's deodorant, shampoo (15oz), toilet paper (1000 sheet rolls); toothpaste (6oz), bars of soap.

HOME COMMUNION - If you or anyone you know have just gone through surgery and are rehabilitating at home, or for any other health reason, please let us know and we will make sure you get on our list of home visitation. Call the office at 352-597-1456.

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH – If you know anyone in our congregation that is hospitalized, in need of home communion or a pastoral call, please call the office at **352-597-1456**.

INTERNET. When on campus look for **Nativity 2**, the password is **guest1234**.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE. Pastor Giuseppe is still in sabbatical. He will attend a Synod sponsored workshop prayer at Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church (8812 Old country Road 54, New Port Richey) on Saturday, June 3, from 8:30a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in joining him, please let him know (978-956-4304). Pr. Giuseppe will preside over the service on Sunday for the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, May 29 - MEMORIAL DAY

Harmonizers (Winemiller) 6:00PM

Tuesday, May 30

Girl Scout Troop #24401 (Winemiller) 6:00PM

Wednesday, May 31

Food Pantry 9:30AM

Thursday, June 1

TOPS (Winemiller) 9:00AM
Food Pantry 9:30AM
Mission Endowment Mtg (Library) 2:00PM

Friday, June 2

Crafty Ladies (Al Lien) 9:00AM
TOPS (Winemiller) 9:00AM
AA (Al Lien) 6:30PM

Saturday, June 3

Friendship Circle Outing - movie (TBD)

Sunday, June 4

Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:30AM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:

June 8-10 - Synod Assembly
June 21- W.O.N. Social Luncheon (Heritage Pines)

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9A - 12N

FOOD PANTRY: Wedn & Thurs 9:30A - 12:30P