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New Parishioners: We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please come to the Rectory during business hours to register and learn more about our parish. Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) and/or participating in CYO.

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism (1st and 3rd Sunday at 1:15pm)**:** Parishioners should contact the Rectory to arrange for Baptism and PreJordan class. PreJordan is offered on the 2nd Thursdays at 6:30pm. Registration required.
Sacrament of Marriage: Parishioners are asked to contact the Rectory at least 6 months in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30PM and by Appointment.
Sacrament of the Sick: Parishioners are asked to contact the Rectory for Anointing of the Sick visits.
Holy Communion for homebound parishioners may be arranged by calling the Rectory.

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass 8am (Monday- Saturday)
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 7am, 8am,
10am and Noon

Mass Cards: Mass cards are available at the Rectory Office. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or for special intentions, please come to the Rectory during business hours.

Are you receiving our Parish Emails?

We send out updates and announcements to keep you posted on parish events! If you want to sign up, visit our parish website at *nativity-bvm.org* and Sign Up to stay in touch on the Welcome page.

Week Ahead

Monday, April 23
- Daily Mass 8am
- Children's Choir 5:15-6pm C
- First Communion Retreat 4:30-7:30pm
- PREP 6-7:30pm S
- Middle School Youth Group 6-7:30pm PC

Tuesday, April 24
- Daily Mass 8am
- Rosary Group 7pm CR
- Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30pm CR

Wednesday, April 25
- Daily Mass 8am

Thursday, April 26
- Daily Mass 8am
- Rosary Makers 6:15pm PC
- Choir 7pm C
- Knights of Columbus 7:15pm BB

Friday, April 27
- Daily Mass 8am
- HS Youth Group 5:30-7pm PC

Saturday, April 28
- Daily Mass 8am
- Rectory Office Closed
- First Communion Mass 10am C
- Confessions 3-4:30pm C
- Vigil Mass 5pm C

AC= Adoration Chapel *BB= Brick Building*
CR=Conference Room *C= Church*
PC= Parish Center *S= School Building*

This week I will be attending the Annual Ongoing Formation for Diocesan Priests in Cape May, NJ. The Archdiocese instituted this program almost fifty years ago. Each year we priests gather for continuing education in the fields of theology and pastoral ministry. This year's topic is: The Sacrament of Marriage: Concretely Applied. Emphasis will be placed on ministering to engaged couples as they prepare for the sacrament and to married couples in assisting them in having a healthy and holy marriage.

One of the aspects of the gathering each year is to spend time with fellow priests. I really enjoy this. It's like a big reunion. Telling the stories, sharing the memories, laughing together, praying together in mutual encouragement and support. This reminds me of what Pope Francis recently said about just this: "Something I should like to share with you is the beauty of fraternity: of being priests together, of following the Lord not alone, not one by one, by together and also in the great variety of gifts and personalities. Indeed, this is precisely what enriches the presbyterate, this variety of backgrounds, of age, of talents...And all lived in communion, in fraternity."

Well said Holy Father! I ask you to pray for your Priests and know that we pray for you.

Fr. Bell

Please pray for our 2nd graders as they prepare to receive First Eucharist on Saturday, April 28th:

Conor Anstotz, Kyle Anstotz, Grace Armstrong, Allison Beugless, Joseph Blythe, Bianca Bonilla, Joseph Burch, Kathleen Burke, Jude Capriotti, Joshua Clark, Anthony D'Aversa, Logan DiIenno, Calle Duffy, Livia Ennis, Patrick Glatts, Daniel Halpin, Diana Howard, Maura Kelley, Noah Komarinski, Lucia LaViola, Rose Lynch, Samantha Massari, Molly McKenney, Nethali Mendis, Savanna Murray, Emily O'Shea, Lila Rae, Logan Reilly, William Slavin, Charles Sweeney, William Taylor, Shane Tillman, Benjamin Welsh, Margaret Welsh, Thane Wentworth

A new boiler has been installed in the Church and should keep us warm for many years to come. Thank you for bearing with us through some of those cold mornings.

Also, we care about your security and safety, so this month you will notice cameras being installed on the exterior of some of the buildings. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Deacon Mike Kubiak, Business Manager at 610-566-0185 or DeaconMike.NativityBVM@comcast.net.

Poor Box Donations during Lent benefited the building of a "Safe House" for women and children fleeing domestic Violence in Delaware Country through the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc. For more information visit: dapdc.org
Our parish donated $2,200 to DAP. Thank you for your generosity!

We are the Hands of Christ!

Convalidation

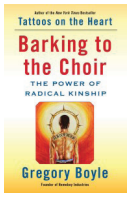
Bringing your Marriage into the Church

Couples Married Civilly
Have you thought about getting married in the Catholic Church?
Convalidation Information Night

Join us for this special, one evening event and explore ways of growing the love between you and your spouse - greater than you can ever imagine.

Nativity BVM Parish Center, Media PA
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 7:00PM – 8:00PM
To RSVP or for more information contact: DeaconMike.NativityBVM@comcast.net

Faith Formation



Our next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7pm in the Conference Room. We will be discussing Fr. Gregory Boyle's "Barking to the Choir– The Power of Radical Kinship". Fr. Boyle traces his experience of working with gangs in Los Angeles for three decades, sharing what his efforts have taught him about faith, compassion and the enduring power of radical kinship. Books are $10 and can be purchased at the Rectory Office.

Nativity BVM - Adoration Chapel

Chapel Hours: Sun: 2pm to 11pm Mon-Fri: 7am to 11pm Sat: Closed

Dear Parishioners: Continuing with the catholic news agency/resources article based on biblical reasons for Eucharistic Adoration we are at reason **#3** where Jesus specifically asks us to spend one hour with Him. *"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 26:40).* **#4** When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God. *"everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life" (Jn 6:40).* **#5** Eucharistic Adoration increases and deepens our relationship and friendship with Jesus. If you have any questions about the Adoration Chapel, I can be reached by email at cabf3029@gmail.com. God bless, Carol Farnan

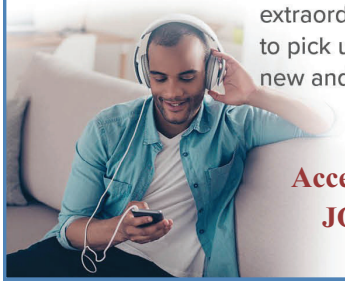
"I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly. I am the vine and you are the branches." – Jn 15 – 5

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Truth and Life Audio Bible: Mark

The Gospel Comes to Life!

This dramatic reading of Saint Mark's Gospel invites you deep into the extraordinary story of true discipleship and life with Christ. Be inspired anew to pick up your cross and follow Christ as you experience the Gospel in a new and vivid way.



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Social Ministry & Outreach

Thanks to everyone who helps feed and clothe the homeless men at **St. John's Hospice** in Philadelphia.

This month we sent: 95 Casseroles, 66 Bags of Clothes and 5 Boxes of Toiletries.
Casseroles can be dropped off in the freezers in the Priest's Garage on Church St (behind Brick Building).
After a brutal winter, hundreds of our homeless brothers have come to Saint John's Hospice for fresh, clean clothing. Because of this high demand, we are in great need of jeans and khakis in sizes 30 to 42, (inseam 30 to 34) and new underwear in sizes L, XL, & 2XL.They are also in need of large toiletries: deodorant, body wash, powder, soap, lotion, shampoo, razors, or mouthwash. Toiletries may be dropped in the bin in the Church vestibule.

Thanks to all who have donated to our Parish Food Bank, we have been truly blessed ! We are in desperate need of the following items: Baked beans, tuna, jelly, bar soap, body wash, detergent, paper towels, peanut butter, tea, juice, dish soap. Thanks again for your generosity!!!

Education & Youth Ministry

YOUTH MISSION TRIP: Teens entering grades 8 through college are invited to join Nativity BVM Youth Group at a Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) in Roanoke VA, from July 15-21.

Cost: $360* *Financial assistance may be available.

Parents also welcome. Adult chaperones/drivers needed. SEP clearances will be required for all chaperones & participants 18 and older.

We will join hundreds of Catholic teens from around the country to serve others as the hands of Christ. Projects include home improvement for the elderly, disabled and otherwise disadvantaged; help with children's daycamps; community beautification and more. There is also a program of games, inspiration, and mass, plus awesome professional music during free-time.

For more information or to sign up, email Chiara Cardone at youth.nativitybvm@gmail.com

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Shrek the Musical Jr.! Over 100 of our children participated in the play this year. Thank you to the many staff and volunteers who helped create another wonderful production!
At Mother of Providence, all children in grades Kindergarten through eight are able to participate in the play. It is great to see so many children involved and parents, grandparents, and guardians helping behind the scenes. If you want to be a part of this, consider registering your child at Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School.

You may be eligible to receive $1,500 towards your tuition! We offer a Tuition Transfer Grant to families who are currently attending public, charter or are in a home school situation. Contact us for more information.
Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is in full swing! Our PK3 class is full and we have started a waitlist! PK4 and Kindergarten classes are filling up quickly. Call for a tour and register now! Don't let finances keep you from applying to our school. Please, go to our website and look for scholarships under the Parent and Guardian tab. We have scholarship money available for qualifying families. Please call or email Therese Waters, the school principal for more information (twaters@mpregional.org or 610-876-7110)

Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School in Wallingford, is seeking to hire an Advancement Director. The Advancement Director will report to the Principal, Mrs. Therese Waters, and will be responsible for planning, coordinating and directing those activities that will enhance enrollment and attract the necessary philanthropic support to provide sufficient resources to insure excellent educational programs and the long-term viability of the school. Qualified candidates will possess experience in enrollment management, development, sales, marketing, communication, and/or volunteer management. Experience in a parochial or not-for-profit environment preferred. The successful candidate will have strong interpersonal skills with the demonstrated ability to engage volunteers, prospects, parents, grandparents, students, alumni, faculty and administrative staff. The ideal candidate will exhibit vision and drive with an entrepreneurial spirit and will be committed to embracing the mission of Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School. Bachelor's degree is required. For a complete Position Description and additional information on Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School, visit our website at www.mpregional.org. Qualified candidates may send resume and salary history to: Mrs. Therese Waters, Principal Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School 607 S. Providence Rd. Wallingford, PA 19086 or twaters@mpregional.org.

please pray for the sick

Debbie Fitzgerald, Nancy Healey, Beatrice Finegan, Lorraine Devine, Dorothy Kussmaul, Mike Moore, Patricia Lynch, Wes Gallagher, Bill O'Connell, Steve Larario, Judi Dellaratta, Stella Kavalkovich, Sr. Marietta Therese Hanley, SSCJ, Tony Michetti, Jack Lefkowitz

Sick List Policy: A name will be added to the sick list in the bulletin for 30 days. After 30 days, the name will be removed. If you still need yourself or a loved one to remain on the list after 30 days, call or email the Rectory.

God's Plan for Giving
April 15, 2018: $11,050 Envelopes: 283
How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? -Psalm 116:12

Liturgical Ministries

MUSIC MINISTRY

Nativity Music Ministry consists of several groups:

- **Adult Choir**
- **Children's Choir** (Grades 1-8)
- **Guitar/Instrumental Group**

For information on joining any group, contact Cally Welsh at the rectory or at cwelsh.nativitybvm@comcast.net

Sunday schedule for Music Ministries:
April 22: 10:00AM, Adult Choir (Harp at Masses with music)
April 29: 10:00AM Adult & Children's Choirs together
(Last Mass until September for Children's Choir)

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 23
8:00 Edward L. Kenny
by Joanne & Dolores Kenny
Tuesday, April 24
8:00 Vincent Benedetti
by Gino & Terri Benedetti
Wednesday, April 25
8:00 Peggyann Warder
by Denise Coale
Thursday, April 26
8:00 Brigid Bernatowicz
by Ed & Evelyn Bernatowicz
Friday, April 27
8:00 Martha McCloskey
by Jean Bourquia
Saturday, April 28
8:00 Ralph T. Difulvio
by Michele & Michael Keenan
5:00 Martha McCloskey
by Amanda LaSpada

Altar Servers for April 28-29, 2018

5pm	M Keenan, R Walton
7am	L Kussmaul, D Tustin
8am	N Mantegna, E Rigby
10am	D Kennedy, J MacLellan
Noon	F O'Loughlin, B Valenti

Communion Ministers for April 28-29, 2018

5pm	J Luce
7am	M Werner
8am	L Reilly
10am	J McGlinn
Rose Tree:	*R Gatta*
Sterling:	*G Hoffner, J McCall*
Home Visits:	*M Bacchia, G Benedetti, J McGlinn*
Noon	S Spencer

Lectors for April 28-29, 2018

5pm	R McCall
7am	M Zeeb
8am	D Mantegna
10am	F Hayes
Noon	T O'Brien