

Nativity BVM Rectory Office

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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, July 9

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Faith Formation 6:30pm PC
- ◆ Mission Trip Prep 7pm CR

Tuesday, July 10

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Rosary Group 7pm CR
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer Group 7:30pm CR

Wednesday, July 11

- ◆ Daily Mass 8 am

Thursday, July 12

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Rosary Makers 6:15pm PC
- ◆ Pre-Jordan 6:30pm CR

Friday, July 13

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am

Saturday, July 14

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Rectory Office Closed
- ◆ Confessions 3:30-4:30pm C
- ◆ Vigil Mass 5pm C
- ◆ Blessing for Mission Trip 5pm C

AC= Adoration Chapel
CR=Conference Room
PC= Parish Center

BB= Brick Building
C= Church
S= School Building

The Anniversary of our 150th year as a parish continues! In a spirit of fellowship and gratitude to God for His many blessings on our parish, we have celebrated in grand style! Many thanks to our 150th Anniversary Committee who have worked tirelessly to make all of this a reality. There are still many more events and liturgies scheduled to mark our Anniversary. You'll find them on the next page. Come and be part of these wonderful festivities.

I'm pleased to inform you that we have just published a "Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Media, Pennsylvania, History and Parish Life 1868—2018." It is an extensive and thoroughly researched history of our parish. You'll enjoy discovering some facts about the parish's early years, as well as reminiscing about the people and events in our more recent history. This publication is truly a keepsake and is free. Beginning this weekend, copies will be available in the back of Church and at the Rectory Office.

May God, who began His good work here 150 years ago, and who in His providence, has given it to us to continue, shower us with His Blessings.

F. Bell



Refugee Resettlement Program of Catholic Social Services

As you may remember last year, Nativity BVM parish hosted a "welcoming party" for an Afghani family in Essington. It was very well received and a great opportunity for us to heed Pope Francis' call to "Let us be their Neighbors." Since that time, several other families have been resettled in the Philadelphia area.. Catholic Social Services (CSS) has again reached out to us asking for our assistance. Requests include: car seats, strollers, household items, new clothing, and gift cards from Target or Walmart. In order to do this in a coordinated way, we will dedicate one Sunday a month where you can drop off your donations to the Brick Building prior to Masses. Each month, we will ask for specific items based on what is needed most at that time.

We have limited storage space so if you have other items you wish to donate, please take them directly to CSS located in Chester. Call the Rectory for address and contact information. We will publicize the items in the bulletin with the date of collection for that month a couple weeks in advance.



Communion Ministers and Altar Servers

Nativity is in need of additional Communion Ministers and Altar Servers. Would you prayerfully consider offering your time to be a part of one of these important Ministries? Many people have said "I am not worthy to be a Communion Minister". In fact, none of us are truly worthy; however, Jesus calls each of us to share our Catholic faith. Volunteering to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Altar Serving are two wonderful means of sharing our love and reverence for Jesus and for being the Hands of Christ. Some people prefer not to be a Communion Minister at Mass but do take Communion to our homebound parishioners, Sterling Health & Rehab Center or Rose Tree Place. Whichever Ministry you choose, we are grateful. Please call Donna at the Rectory Office or dtustin.nativitybvm@comcast.net with any questions. Thank you.

Save these Dates for Upcoming 150th Parish Anniversary Events!

- * Saturday, September 8, 4pm: 150th Anniversary Mass followed by dinner at Drexelbrook
- * Saturday, October 6, Noon: Blessing of Animals
- * Saturday, October 6, 6pm: Pasta and Pinot Night in Brick Building
- * Sunday, October 7 - Tuesday, October 9: Parish Mission with Jon Leonetti
- * Saturday, October 27, 5pm: All-Class School Alumni Memorial Mass followed by Reunion in Gym
- * Friday, November 2, 7pm: Mass of Remembrance in Church
- * Saturday, November 3, 6:30pm: Parish Karaoke Evening at Media Community Center



Faith Formation

Thinking about becoming Catholic?

Are you seeking to join the Catholic Church, or thinking about it? Do you know someone who is?

A weekly series of presentations/discussions will begin in September, led by Deacon Bill and the adult faith formation team. We will start with basic Christianity and, using an excellent DVD series and associated discussions, develop a picture of what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Anyone is welcome to attend the first, infosession at 8:30 AM on Sunday, Sept. 16 in the Conference Room. Call the Rectory office or email Deacon Bill at w.kussmaul@verizon.net. for more information.

Nativity BVM - Adoration Chapel

Chapel Hours: Sunday: 2pm to 11pm Monday-Friday: 7am to 11pm Saturday: Closed



Dear Parishioners:

For a first time visitor to the Chapel this is a good way to begin your visit with Our Lord. Fr. Benedict Groeschel in his book In the Presence of Our Lord, states that “there are four kinds of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist, namely adoration and praise, thanksgiving, repentance and trusting intercession”. After praying, sit quietly and enjoy the peace of being with Our Lord. If you have any questions about the Adoration Chapel, I can be reached at cabf3029@gmail.com or by calling the rectory and leaving your phone number or email address.
God bless, Carol Farnan

“God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar” - St. Maximilian Kolbe

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

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The Suitcase *A Story About Giving*

A Beautiful Tale for the Whole Family

Christ said: “unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 18:3). In this animated storybook narration, young Thomas’s pure heart helps him to see the path to heaven and inspires his family to join him on the journey.

Watch on formed.org



“This is an absolutely delightful story, with a much deeper meaning than what appears on the surface! I loved it for many reasons, but especially because it reminded me of several incidents with some of my own grandchildren . . .”

—Deborah M, Laconia, NH

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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. Recipes and pans are located in the Church vestibule. There is also a constant need for large toiletries: deodorant, body wash, powder, soap, lotion, shampoo, razors and mouth-wash. Toiletries may be dropped in the bin in the Church vestibule. Casseroles can be dropped off in the freezers in the Priest's Garage on Church St (behind Brick Building).



Food Collection / Pantry

Happy summer everyone! Just a note to say that we are low in the following items: tuna, microwaveable meals, paper towels, tea (hot & iced), jelly, bar soap, body wash, shampoo & small laundry detergents (scent free.) Thank you so much for all you contribute!

H.O.P.E. Program



A year ago we made the decision to temporarily suspend the Nativity BVM Parish H.O.P.E. Program. This program helps with offering assistance to our parishioners who are in need of transportation to and from doctors offices, banks, supermarkets, etc.

Back then as it is now, the Archdiocesan Insurance Carrier requires a heightened scrutiny and oversight on its guidelines in order to protect our volunteers, parishioners and the parish itself. Unfortunately, the need is still there. And we would like to restart this vital ministry. Our Business Manager, Deacon Mike Kubiak is willing to be the coordinator for this program and we need volunteers who are willing to help their fellow parishioners with an occasional ride.

Some of the guidelines mentioned are a valid driver's license, insurance, a safe driving record and a review of the Defensive Driver training program, all of which we can cover one-on-one or in a group setting. If you have volunteered for the H.O.P.E. program in the past or would like to start in this new ministry at Nativity BVM, please contact Deacon Mike at deaconmike.nativitybvm@comcast.net or call 610-566-0185 ex 114.

Religious Education



Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School

If you are looking for a small school community for your children and your family, Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School may be for you. We offer small class sizes; certified, caring teachers; Chrome books for all students in grades 4-8; iPads for children in grades PK-3; individualized attention; of course, a faith-based, challenging curriculum. Please do not let finances keep you from applying. We have tuition assistance available for qualifying families. Please visit our website for additional information or call us at 610-876-7110.

\$1,500 Tuition Transfer Grants Available!

You may qualify for a \$1,500 Tuition Transfer Grant to attend Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School! Children who transfer from a public, charter, or home school situation may qualify. If you have a child attending grades one through seven in September, 2018, you may want to call the school at 610-876-7110 to hear more and to schedule a tour. Mrs. Therese Waters, the school principal, is happy to speak to anyone about this opportunity. You may also email her at twaters@mpregional.org



Register now for **Religious Education** (PREP grades 1-6) for the 2018-19 School Year.

The registration deadline is August 1st.

Registration is online at nativity-bvm.org —>Ministries & Organizations

—>Education & Youth Ministry —> PREP.

If you have any questions, contact Katie Haraburda at nativitybvmprep@gmail.com or 610-566-0185.



Debbie Fitzgerald, Nancy Healey, Beatrice Finegan, Lorraine Devine, Dorothy Kussmaul, Steve Lerario, Chris Shannon, Joanne Kenney, Sarah White, Donna Doyle, Chris Iannelli, John Woyurka, Jr, Valy Dolce

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.



Parish Giving offers parishioners the opportunity to make offertory and other contributions through Electronic Funds transfer. This program is available to all parishioners at no cost. Besides its convenience for you, it allows us to budget more accurately and safe-guards against missed weeks due to illness, vacations or inclement weather. To enroll in the program, visit our website at www.nativity-bvm.org. Don't hesitate to contact the Rectory Office if you require assistance in setting up this automatic contribution.

Special Note: Tickets to the 150th Anniversary Dinner Celebration may be purchased through Parish Giving the tickets picked up at the Rectory Office.

Liturgical Ministries

Why is participation integral to the Liturgy?

The words Jesus chose from the book of Isaiah at the beginning of his ministry become the words of the Body of Christ.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” (Isaiah 19 9).

Charity, justice, and spreading the Good News are, therefore, the normal result of liturgical celebration. Inspired by their participation in liturgy, the People of God go forth to spread the Gospel. In this way, the Church aims to open up for all people a free and sure path to full participation in the mystery of Christ. The greatest mystery of Christ is the Resurrection. For Christians this is the main reason for praising God; it is the definitive *new song*. It is the basic theme of the Church's prayers and songs. And so participation in liturgy through praying, singing, and even listening is the principal way of participating in the Paschal Mystery.



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 9

8:00 Joyce Chollet
by Pat & Nick Whalen

Tuesday, July 10

8:00 Frederick J Keller, Jr
by Susan Keller

Wednesday, July 11

8:00 Carolyn Desmond
by Pat Lalli

Thursday, July 12

8:00 Sally Campiglia
by Kim Rayer

Friday, July 13

8:00 Gladys Llevat
by Joan Marie Hess & Patti O'Hara

Saturday, July 14

8:00 Thanksgiving to St Kateri Tekawitha
by Roseann Rackie
5:00 Edgar Arsenault
by Joseph Arsenault

Altar Servers for July 14-15, 2018

5pm B Clark, N Vanwyk
7am D Tustin
8am F Ackroyd, K Ackroyd
10am A Clark, F O'Loughlin, G Pasquay
Noon E Sweeney, B Valenti

Communion Ministers for July 14-15, 2018

5pm J Luce
7am C Tustin
8am P Durkin (CM for 8am Mass)
Rose Tree: Volunteer Needed
10am M Sanislo (CM for 10am Mass)
Sterling: G Hoffner, J McCall
Home Visits: M Bacchia, J Rigby, M Sanislo
Noon N Newman

Lectors for July 14-15, 2018

5pm M Zeeb
7am M Dotts
8am L Reilly
10am C Czaja
Noon J Haraburda