

## 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](http://nativity-bvm.org) and Sign Up to stay in touch on the Welcome page.

## Week Ahead

### Monday, September 24

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Children's Choir 5:15pm C
- ◆ PREP 6pm S

### Tuesday, September 25

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

### Wednesday, September 26

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am

### Thursday, September 27

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Rosary Makers 6:15pm PC
- ◆ Choir 7pm C
- ◆ Knights of Columbus 7:15pm PC

### Friday, September 28

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am

### Saturday, September 29

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Rectory Office Closed
- ◆ Confessions 3:30-4:30pm C
- ◆ Vigil Mass 5pm
- ◆ Swing Dance 7:30pm BB

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

*BB= Brick Building  
C= Church  
S= School Building*

**I received this letter this week from the Archbishop.**

*Fr. Bell*

Dear Father Bell and Parishioners,

Thank you very much for your warm and wonderful hospitality on September 8th when I came for the 150th anniversary of your parish. It was a beautiful celebration with a wonderful liturgy, music and great joy. Congratulations!

Thank you, too, for your very generous gift for the St. Francis Fund. I will use it to help those who come to me in need of assistance.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you and bless your parish with the many graces in the new adventures the Lord has in store for you.

Sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ,  
*Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.*  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

## OUR HEAVILY ANTICIPATED SURGE OF THE HEART PARISH MISSION IS JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AWAY!!

We encourage all to join us for a life-changing experience with nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host, Jon Leonetti (Monday, 10/8 and Tuesday, 10/9 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Church). Jon will inspire and challenge us in our call to holiness. Jon has been featured on the nation's top Catholic websites, blogs and radio shows --- and we're excited to host him here! Childcare will be provided for children ages 5 thru 10. Please call the Rectory Office to register your child for care prior to the event.

REMINDER – there is no PREP on Monday evening (10/8) so that parents and children from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older may attend the Mission. There will be baked goods and refreshments to follow each night in the Brick Building. Jon will be present at the social to chat with folks and also have his best-selling books available to purchase and sign.

### **PARISH MISSION PRAYER**

#### ***“Surge of the Heart”***

*Jesus, You are The Way, The Truth, and The Life! With full confidence, we run to You now, bringing with us all those we know and love. We ask that our forthcoming Parish Mission be a time of renewal and growth in our walk with you. Enter into every household of our Parish, Lord – especially those who are tired, lonely, and in need of Your embrace. Heal our brokenness and awaken our hearts to a life fully lived in You. Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, pray that all who experience this Mission may grow in discipleship of Your Son. We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Come on over to the Brick Building and enjoy homemade meatballs with pasta, plus a little Pinot on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 PM! Tickets may be picked up at the Rectory Office. There is no charge. This is part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration but also a wonderful kick-off to welcoming Jon Leonetti for our Parish Mission beginning Monday and Tuesday evenings in the Church.

## Save these Dates for Upcoming 150th Parish Anniversary Events!

- \* Saturday, October 6, Noon: Blessing of Animals
- \* Saturday, October 6, 6pm: Pasta and Pinot Night in Brick Building
- \* Monday, October 8 - 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

Extending our 150th Anniversary celebration, we are planning a pilgrimage to the three National Shrines in Philadelphia - The Miraculous Medal, St. John Neumann and St Rita of Cascia on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. More details and sign up sheets will be available soon

## Faith Formation

### Catholic Class for Adults

Are you seeking to join the Catholic Church, or thinking about it? Or do you know someone who is? A weekly series of presentations and discussions have begun, 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. These classes are meant for those seeking Baptism, as well as those already baptized and seeking to come into the Catholic Church. For more information, please call the Rectory office or email Deacon Bill at [deaconbillkussmaul@comcast.net](mailto:deaconbillkussmaul@comcast.net).

### Nativity BVM - Adoration Chapel

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



Dear Parishioners: Today we will focus on suggestion #8 and #9 adapted from *Mornings with Fulton Sheen*, compiled by Beverly Coney Hayrack. Today's steps focus more on a 1 hour visit to the Chapel. However, I feel these steps will help enhance your time with the Lord even if you cannot stay for the full hour. #8. Do not leave before the hour has passed. At first, it will seem too long. Soon, it will seem too short. #9. When the hour is over, tell Him you love Him and will meet Him next week at the same time in the same place. Let Him know that He is your priority, and that you know He will be waiting for you. I can be reached at [cabf3029@gmail.com](mailto:cabf3029@gmail.com) or by calling the rectory. God bless, Carol Farnan

***"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."***  
— Arch. Fulton Sheen

## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### Angels

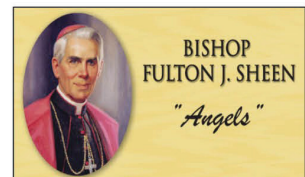
By Venerable Fulton Sheen

#### Are Angels More than Myth?

With his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking, the beloved Bishop Fulton Sheen explains the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)

Access Code:  
**JQGN73**



"I never tire of hearing Fulton Sheen!"

—Joyce S, VA

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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: 77 Casseroles, 41 Bags of Clothes and 3 Boxes of Toiletries.**

*Casseroles* can be dropped off in the freezers in the Priest's Garage on Church St (behind Brick Building).

**They 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.



Save the Date for St. Vincent de Paul Bingo on November 10th, 2018. Tickets are available now at the Rectory for \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

Contact Pat Walton @ [pattiwalton17@gmail.com](mailto:pattiwalton17@gmail.com) / 610 565-4397 or any member of St. Vincent de Paul.

## Education & Youth Ministry

### Mother of Providence Regional Catholic School

This past week, several of our eighth graders gave speeches as part of the process for electing our Student Council officers. The students in grades four through eight voted for the officers. It is always an exciting time to see which students will lead our school community. Our student leaders promote several service projects and fun activities for the children throughout the school year.

MPRCS has a Board of Limited Jurisdiction, led by Mr. John Gillen. Our Board meets four times a year and has been instrumental in helping us be financially stable and sustainable. We have operated on a balanced budget since the inception of the Board and we put money into a reserve account each year, to help prepare for capital improvements. Thank you to all who serve on the Board and its committees.

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.



Debbie Fitzgerald, Nancy Healey, Beatrice Finegan, Steve Lerario, Donna Doyle, Chris Shannon, Bob Rosko, Celine O'Brien, Judi Dellaratta, Frank DiGilio, Mike Sweeney, Dorothy Kussmaul, Sam Geffrey, Christine Cavaliere, Sherry Brooks, Gloria Trujillo

### God's Plan for Giving

September 16, 2018: \$10,083 Envelopes: 271

*How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? -Psalm 116:12*

## Liturgical Ministries

### DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

Why not join one of our choirs? Just try one rehearsal. Perhaps you'll return!

- **Adult Choir:** Rehearsals are on Thursdays, 7 to 9pm.
- **Children's Choir** (Grades 2-8): Rehearsals are in Church on Mondays, 5:15 to 6pm. beginning Monday, Sept. 24. PREP students are walked to school after rehearsal by an adult. First graders may join in January.
- **Guitar Group and Singers:** 12 Noon Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month; one rehearsal a month. Instruments other than guitar are welcome.

For information on our Music Ministry, please contact Cally Welsh at 610-566-0185 or [nativitybvm@comcast.net](mailto:nativitybvm@comcast.net)

### Weekend Music Schedule:

**Sept. 23:** 10AM Mass Adult Choir

**Sept. 30:** 10AM Mass Adult Choir



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, September 24

8:00 George Kearney  
by Barbara Kearney

#### Tuesday, September 25

8:00 Frank Celia, Jr.  
by Diane Murphy

#### Wednesday, September 26

8:00 Ronald Mahoney  
by Diane Farally

#### Thursday, September 27

8:00 Ellen Linaweaver  
by Linda Giannini

#### Friday, September 28

8:00 Dan Celia  
by Diane Murphy

#### Saturday, September 29

8:00 Marian Bechtel  
by Fran Ferrante  
5:00 E. George Hudson  
by Michele & Michael Keenan

### Altar Servers for September 29-30, 2018

**5pm** P Bonanto, V Lehman  
**7am** L Kussmaul, D Tustin  
**8am** J & M Hannigan  
**10am** B Clark, D Kennedy  
**Noon** J Mantegna, B Valenti

### Communion Ministers for September 29-30, 2018

**5pm** J Luce  
**7am** J McNerney  
**8am** A Schaeffer (CM for 8am Mass)  
*Rose Tree: A Schaeffer*  
**10am** C Tusar (CM for 10am Mass)  
*Sterling: G Hoffner, J McCall*  
*Home Visits: J Rigby, C Tusar*  
**Noon** N Newman

### Lectors for September 29-30, 2018

**5pm** S McGuinn  
**7am** S Buchanan  
**8am** M Zeeb  
**10am** J Dooley  
**Noon** T O'Brien