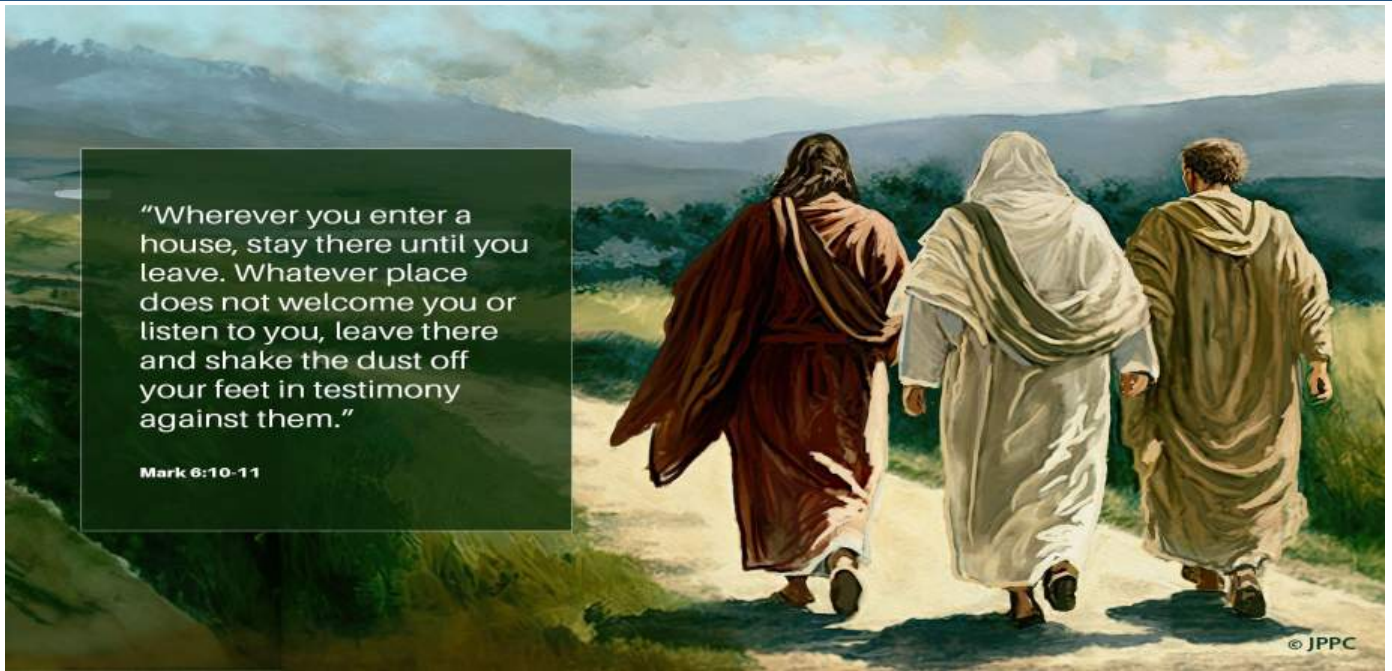




Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Sunday, July 14, 2024
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

Mark 6:10-11

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Saturday: 5pm Vigil
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Week Ahead

Parish Office Open Mon-Fri from 9am to 1pm

Rosary Mon.-Sat. 7:30am in the Church

Adoration Chapel Open Mon-Fri 8:30am-8pm

Daily Mass 8:00 am in the Church

Monday, July 15

- ◆ Mass 8:00am *Church*

Tuesday, July 16

- ◆ Mass 8:00am *Church*
- ◆ Rosary for Peace 7:00pm *Conference Room*

Wednesday, July 17

- ◆ Mass 8:00am *Church*
- ◆ Good Samaritans 8:45am *Conference Room*
- ◆ Rosary Makers 4:00pm-5:30pm *Parish Center*

Thursday, July 18

- ◆ Mass 8:00am *Church*
- ◆ Saint Monica's Prayer Group 1:00pm-2:00pm *Church*
- ◆ Saint Monica's Prayer Group 7:00pm-8:00pm *Adoration Chapel*

Friday, July 19

- ◆ Rosary for Peace 7:30am *Church*
- ◆ Mass 8:00am *Church*
- ◆ AA Meeting 7:30pm-8:30pm *Brick Building*

Saturday, July 20

- ◆ Rosary for Peace 7:30am *Church*
- ◆ Mass 8:00am *Church*
- ◆ AA Meeting 9:00am-10:00am *Brick Building*
- ◆ Circle of Hope 11:30am-1:00pm *Brick Building*
- ◆ Confessions 3:30-4:30pm *Church*
- ◆ Mass 5:00pm-6:00pm *Church*



Monday, July 15

8:00am Elaine Kelly Hasson by Pat Kelly

Tuesday, July 16

8:00am Sam Ferrante (10th Anniversary) by Fran Ferrante

Wednesday, July 17

8:00am William Carletti by Theresa & Barry Boyle

Thursday, July 18

8:00am Edgar Arsenault by The Arsenault Family

Friday, July 19

8:00am Dorothy O'Brien by Mary Ellen DiMatteo

Saturday, July 20

8:00am Wesley Bullen by Darlene Murray

5:00pm Frank & Rosemary by Dianne & Dennis Murphy
Marron Celia



Please pray for:

Kathy Hope, Mike Sweeney, Bob Willard,
Bob Hewitt, Susan Erro, Michael O'Mara Spear, T. Joe
Vandergast, Charles Thomas, Bill Tobin, Bob Valenti,
Christian VanDam, Kenny & Peggy Haynie, Robert
Ranson, Bill Mullin, Jim Mack, Carol Freedman, Mike Rodgers, John
Higson, Freddie Douge, Debbie Malatesta, Rosalie Olivo, James
Love, Cheryl Blumental, James Plourde, Dominic Caswell, Steve
Lerario, Cliff Woodbury, Albert Sherretta, Allyson Burke, Joan
Garafolo.

If you would like to have a name added, contact the Parish Office at
610-566-0185 or parishoffice@nativity-bvm.org.

Readings for Today

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15 | **Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 | **Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13

“Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.”



Hi, I'm Deacon Bill.

I've served Nativity BVM parish as your deacon since I was ordained, in 2015. As far as we know, Nativity never had a deacon before that. (Insert self-deprecating joke here.)

I grew up in an Army family with many home addresses, eventually graduating high school in Aberdeen, Maryland. After college, medical school (Penn 1976), and a stint in the Navy (scholarship pay-back), I started my medical career at HUP, then Pennsylvania Hospital, and finally at Hahnemann as Cardiac Cath Lab director.

I studied for the diaconate at St. Charles Seminary beginning in 2009, while I was still working as a physician. In 2018 I retired from practice to devote time to church, marriage and family.

Linda and I are converts to the Catholic Faith, having entered via RCIA here at Nativity at Easter 2003. We have 4 children and 10 grands, 5 of whom live locally and keep us hopping. We reside at Granite Farms Estates and enjoy sneaking away to our place on the Susquehanna River in Maryland when we can.

At Nativity, my main involvements are in the area of teaching and preaching. I coordinate our RCIA program and adult faith formation courses. I'm responsible for Baptism preparation and training of lectors. The Good Samaritan group tolerates me as "spiritual adviser."

One frustration I have is that after all these years, I still don't know everyone by name. That's probably because of our multiple weekend Masses. If you see me after Mass outside, please don't hesitate to say "Hi, I'm ___." I'm happy to talk about anything, especially our precious Catholic Faith, centered in

Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Deacon Bill Kussmaul



On the weekend of July 20th and 21st, we are happy to welcome Fr. Celestine Madubuko to our parish of Nativity. He will speak at all of the Masses on behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies for his diocese in Nigeria.

The Pontifical Mission Societies are a worldwide network at the service of the Pope that supports the missions and the Young Churches with prayer and charity. You can learn more about the Pontifical Missions Societies at:

<https://onefamilyinmission.org/about-tpms-us/>.

Parish Renewal Update

Community



Last week we wrote about Faithfulness to God, the Church, and others. The focus was on you as an individual. This week, we will explore the Nativity BVM value of **Community**.

Nativity BVM takes great joy from being a Christ-centered faith community that views Jesus Christ as its foundation. WE share Jesus' vision and are called to care for one another and use our unique gifts and talents for the good of the larger community and the world.

WE also share a belief in certain truths about our faith as outlined in the Nicene Creed that we recite every time we celebrate the Mass.

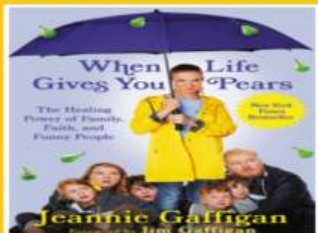
Unfortunately, most of us seldom share our thoughts with others or make them feel at home in the Nativity family. We mostly stare at the backs of other heads and do not even know the names of people who have been sitting next to us for years.

If we want to build a stronger community, we need to step out of our shell and work to:

- Make our neighbors at Mass feel welcome and appreciated. Be encouraged to greet and acknowledge the presence of those around them.
- Ensure that no one feels like the community is indifferent to whether they are at mass or not.
- Personally invite parishioners of all ages and walks of life to become more involved in the parish.

Father Bell, Father Kevin, and the Parish staff can encourage and support a more involved community but it is really up to each of us. This week, please consider taking the following steps to build our community:

- Read and reflect on the Nicene Creed to be conscious of what we believe.
- Introduce yourself to at least two people you don't know after mass.
- Invite someone you know to attend mass with you (and maybe treat them to breakfast). This could be someone who stopped going to mass during Covid or only attends on the "big" days. The message is "*I miss you* and think you would really enjoy participating in the mass."
- Join a ministry and give of your time and talent to its mission



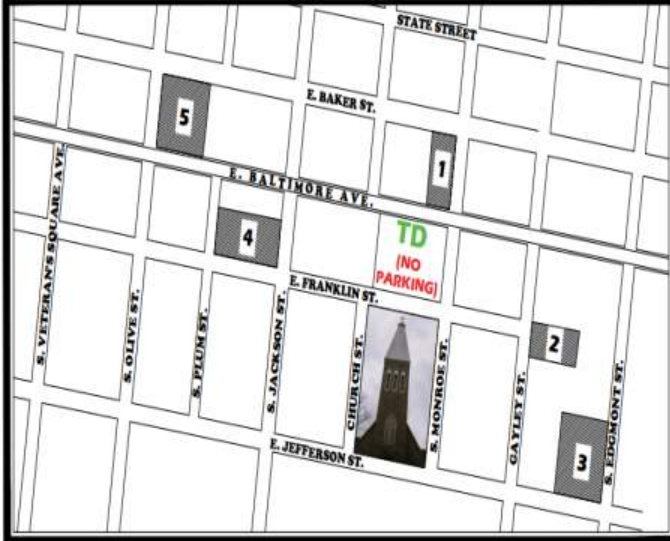
Parish Book Club: Summer Read

We all look forward to the summertime and sitting on the beach or in the backyard or on our porch or deck and reading a good book. Our Parish Book Club will resume in the fall. For our summer read, we will read: "When Life Gives You Pears: The Healing Power of Family, Faith, and Funny People" by Jeannie Gaffigan. Jeannie is the mother of 5 children. She is the wife of the popular Catholic comedian, Jim Gaffigan, who performed for Pope Francis here in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families in 2015. Jeannie's is a very personal story. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor the size and shape of a pear in 2017. Jeannie's story is wrapped up in her faith. We'll see how again and again, she credits the little things that fell into place because God made it happen. The story of how she was anointed after the Easter Vigil will move you. A date hasn't been decided yet for the next Book Club gathering. Again, it will be sometime in the fall. In the meantime, enjoy this wonderful book for your summer reading. Books will be available at the Parish Office or purchase them online.



SUNDAY PARKING OPTIONS

- #1 - CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME - ENTRY ON MONROE ST.
- #2 - PARISH CENTER - ENTRY ON GAYLEY ST.
- #3 - NATIVITY/LIFEWORKS SCHOOL - ENTRY ON EDMONT ST.
- #4 - FLAGSHIP CENTER GARAGE - ENTRY ON BALTIMORE AVE.
- #5 - MEDIA PUBLIC GARAGE - ENTRY ON OLIVER ST. OR BAKER ST.



Donations of casseroles to **St. John's Hospice** decline greatly during the summer months. If you want to help continue their

Mission of feeding our homeless brothers, please consider making a casserole or two and dropping them off at the freezer of the Rectory garage on Church Street. Pans and lids may be found at the doors of the Church. Also, If you can help serve the main noon meal at St. John's on Friday, July 19th, please call the Rectory office to let us know.

St. John's Hospice is in desperate need of new summer clothing for men :



NATIVITY BVM BACKPACK DRIVE

We are holding a school supply drive for local children in need. Donations will be collected at the **Parish Center (301 Gayley St, Media, PA 19063)** at the following times:

- Sunday, June 30th: 7:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Saturday, July 6th: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Sunday, July 14th: 7:30 am - 12:00 pm

Supplies Needed:

- Backpacks
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Rulers
- Crayons/Colored Pencils/Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Pencil Cases
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Gift Cards to Target, Walmart, Staples, etc.

All donations are very much appreciated.
Thank you for your generosity!



Men's shorts and cargo shorts (Med, Lg and XL)

Men's sweatpants (Med and Lg)

Boxer Briefs (Med, Lg and XL)

Soap – Large bars / Body Wash – large bottles

Clothing and toiletries can be dropped off in the Saint John's Hospice bin in the vestibule of church. You can also order items on Amazon and send them directly to St. John's Hospice, *1221 Race Street, Phila., PA 19107 ATTN: Tootsie, Volunteer Coordinator.* Thank you for your support!

Some of our PREP Students made casseroles for St. John's Hospice this month. This and other service ministries, makes great summer-time service projects to while the kids are on break from school.



Stitchers will meet 1 pm July 25 in the rectory conference room. We are making squares for warm up America blankets. Beginners and practiced crocheters and knitters always welcome!!

Nature Walks With God

Please join us for our next walk at Houtman Park.

It will be on Saturday, July 20th at 9:00am (walk after the 8:00am Mass).

We will gather after 8:00am Mass and start walking towards Houtman Park on Lincoln Street right behind the church. Once at a agreed upon location at the park, we will say a prayer of thanksgiving and share a Bible reading inspired by nature.

- Bring your pet if you wish
- There is no obligation to complete the entire walk. Feel free to end early if needed.
- Please be sure to bring your own drinks, snacks, and pet treats if needed.

Nativity BVM Food Pantry

During the Summer months, Nativity BVM's Food Pantry runs quite low compared to popular giving seasons. Please help us stock our pantry with canned fruits, canned vegetables, dry pastas, tomato sauces, and any other shelf stable or canned items to help those in need in our community.

How You Can Help?



Spread the Word



Donate money for us to purchase items



Donate Non-Perishable Food



Donations can be placed either in the last pew of the church Sundays through Fridays until 1PM, and Saturdays until 6PM or during the third weekend of the month when volunteers will collect donated food at the church after all of the Sunday Masses.

Please call 610-566-0185 or email: ministries@nativity-bvm.org for more info



Our Lady of Peace Women Retreat Sept. 13-15, 2024



Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord.

Take time to deepen your faith, in the company of other women who seek more from their faith lives. We will share thought provoking conferences to help explore more in our faith.

The theme will be "This is a time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Mark 1:15.

We will have Father Doug McKay; Sr. J. Shiela Galligan, IHM; Mary Bea Damico and Christine Wittman as our speakers. They direct our conferences in an effort to assist us to grow closer to our Lord.

Please consider the gift of this weekend retreat for yourself and other women in your lives.

Limited Scholarships available to Nativity BVM Parishioners-Courtesy of Good Samaritans-Please contact Parish Office at 610-566-0185 or email: ParishOffice@nativity-bvm.org

To register, call 610 644-0400 or go directly to <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/our-lady-of-peace-2/> Other retreats are available at the calendar tab on the home page: www.malvernretreat.com

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