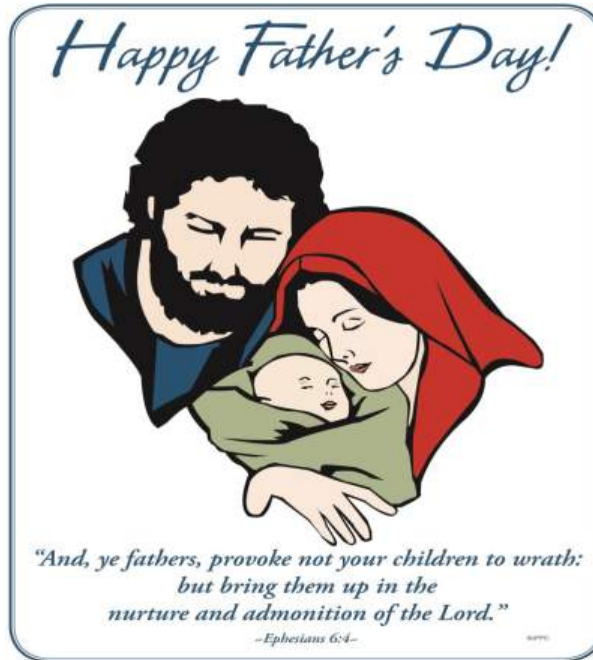




Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Sunday, June 16, 2024
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Times

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

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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, June 17

- ◆ CYO 7:30pm-9:30pm *Brick Building*

Tuesday, June 18

- ◆ Rosary for Peace 7:00pm *Conference Room*

Wednesday, June 19

- ◆ Good Samaritans 8:45am-10:00am
Conference Room
- ◆ Rosary Makers 4:00pm-5:30pm *Parish Center*

Thursday, June 20

- ◆ St. Monica's Prayer Group 1:00pm-2:00pm
Church
- ◆ Theater Group 7:00pm *Brick Building*
- ◆ Saint Monica's Prayer 7:00pm *Adoration Chapel*

Friday, June 21

- ◆ AA Meeting 7:30pm-8:30pm *Brick Building*

Saturday, June 22

- ◆ 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, June 17

8:00am Shirley Reeds Fletcher by William Stinson

Tuesday, June 18

8:00am Deceased Members of the Schaffer Family by Deacon David Schaffer

Wednesday, June 19

8:00am Douglas David by Diane Modes

Thursday, June 20

8:00am Jonathan Barrett Eschbach by Meg & Dan McGreevey

Friday, June 21

8:00am John McDougall by The McDougall Family

Saturday, June 22

8:00am Alzira Corrado by Vince & Kristie Pennoni

5:00pm Barry Boyle, Jr. by Theresa & Barry Boyle



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 Farrell, Jim Sweeney,

Kathleen Garwood, Clifford Woodbury, Carl Razzano,
Christian VanDam, Kenny & Peggy Haynie, Robert Ranson, Bill
Mullin, Jim Mack, Vince & Jean Poole, Carol Freedman, Mike
Rodgers, John Higson, Freddie Douge, Debbie Malatesta, Rosalie
Olivo, James Love, Cheryl Blumental, James Plourde

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: Ezekiel 17:22-24 | **Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 | **Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."



Beginning with this Bulletin issue, each week we will be featuring a different member of our Nativity Parish Staff. Each one of us will write a blurb about ourselves and our duties and responsibilities in the pastoral care of our parishioners.

I am beginning my 20th year as pastor of Nativity BVM Parish. I remember hours after receiving my assignment from Cardinal Rigali excitedly bringing my Mom and my sister Maryanne to see the parish. After touring the Rectory and our beautiful Church, we stopped by the Adoration Chapel for a visit. Upon entering, I saw the stained glass window of Saint Francis of Assisi (of whom I've had a lifelong devotion) with his feast day, October 4th (my birthday) etched in the glass. I thought to myself "This is home!" Home it has been for these many years and you are a wonderful family.

I am constantly amazed by the generosity and kindness that you showed towards one another. Whether it's through volunteering your time, donating to those in need, or simply offering a listening ear to someone who is struggling, your compassion and love for your fellow parishioners is truly a testament to the love of Christ that lives within each of you. At the same time, just as families don't always see eye-to-eye, you respect one another despite our sometime differences.

As the "Father" all of our family of Nativity, I am truly blessed to have been called to this sacred vocation of priesthood. The privilege of being a priest is not lost on me, and I am constantly reminded of the incredible gift it is to be able to bring the love and mercy of Christ to others. Despite the challenges and sacrifices that come with the priesthood, I would not trade this for anything in the world. The joy that comes from being a priest, from witnessing the transformation of hearts and souls, is beyond compare. It is a joy that fills me with a sense of purpose and fulfillment, knowing that I am fulfilling God's will for my life and making a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for all that you do, and for being such a shining example of God's love in our community. I am truly blessed to serve as your pastor and I look forward to the many blessings that God has in store for us as we continue to walk this journey of faith together.

With gratitude and love,

Fr. Bell

Fr. Bell

Parish Renewal Update

For the past year we have been engaged in a process of renewal for the parish. We have already completed the first phase of this **Envisioning** process that took stock of our current situation and established several goals to help us revitalize Nativity BVM. The implementation phase is now ongoing.



We believe that the Parish Council will play an important role in this phase.

One of our goals is to make it easier for all parishioners to find ways to energize their faith and commitment to the mission entrusted to all of us by Our Savior. Our Parish Ministries are one avenue that would lead us in that direction. The Parish Council members will help us by serving as the liaison between the Pastor/Parish and the individual ministries. They will be helping to describe the purpose of each ministry and thus improving our communication about it, and facilitating a prayerful and productive Christian experience for each participant.

We will be highlighting all of our ministries at Mass, in the bulletin and online, and invite all members of the parish to help extend 'The Hands of Christ' through participation in these ministries.

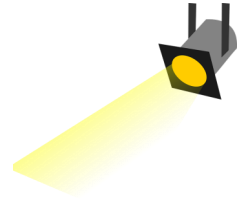
Nature Walks with God

Please join us as we foster community engagement and solidarity through shared awe and appreciation of God's creation with walks in Ridley Creek Park's 5 mile loop. Our inaugural walk will take place on Saturday, June 22nd. The walk will be accompanied by the reading of scripture passages.

- Pets are welcome (on leashes)
- Meet at 8am at the office building (Optionally meet at the parish and share rides to arrive at the park by 8am)
- Meet and greet until 8:15 at the park
- Est. length of walk: 2 to 3 hours (depending on group pace)
- Break spot: 20 to 30 mins next to park gate facing Tyler Arboretum where we will share inspirations we've had throughout the walk so far (Please bring your own food and drink)
- Closing Prayer once we arrive back in the parking lot



Save The Date



When: June 20th 7:00pm

What: A discussion at the Brick Building on the formation of a theatre group

Who: Parish members and their extended families and interested individuals;

Actors, would be actors, playwrights, scriptwriters, communicators, and individuals with theatre experience either on stage or begins the scenes.

Sunday Parking Options:



TD Bank Lot- NO PARKING

Cavanagh Funeral Home- enter off of Monroe St.

Nativity BVM Parish Center- enter off of Gayley St.

Nativity BVM (Lifeworks) School - enter off of Edgemont St.

Special note: on June 12th we will be repaving and adding 25 new parking spots in the school parking lot

Flagship Corporate Center Garage- enter off of Baltimore Pike

Baltimore Avenue Public Parking Garage- enter off of Olive St. or Baker St.

On street parking -Franklin St., Monroe St., Gayley



Saint Monica Prayer Group

Summer Meeting times:

Thursday, June 20th

1:00pm Church

7:00pm Chapel

Thursday, July 18th

1:00pm Church

7:00pm Chapel



Summer 2024 Volunteer Dates:

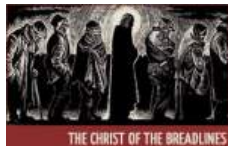
Friday, June 21st

Friday, July 19th

Friday, August 16th

*Assemble carpool in front of Conference Room

Leaving at 9:45am



Summer 2024 Volunteer Dates:

Saturday, June 22nd

Saturday, July 27th

Saturday, August 24th

*Assemble carpool in front of Conference room

Leaving at 9:45am



BOOK CLUB

ANNE FRANK: THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL

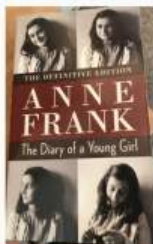
Our next gathering of the Parish Book Club will be on Wednesday, June 26th at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. We will be discussing *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Anne Frank's remarkable diary has become a world classic--a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament of the human spirit. Books are available at the Rectory Office for \$10.00 or may be purchased online.



WEDNESDAY
JUNE 26TH



7:00 PM
CONFERENCE
ROOM



Register NOW for our 2024-25 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Form and info at: nativity-bvm.org

GRADES 1-6

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATIE AT
PREP@NATIVITY-BVM.ORG



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