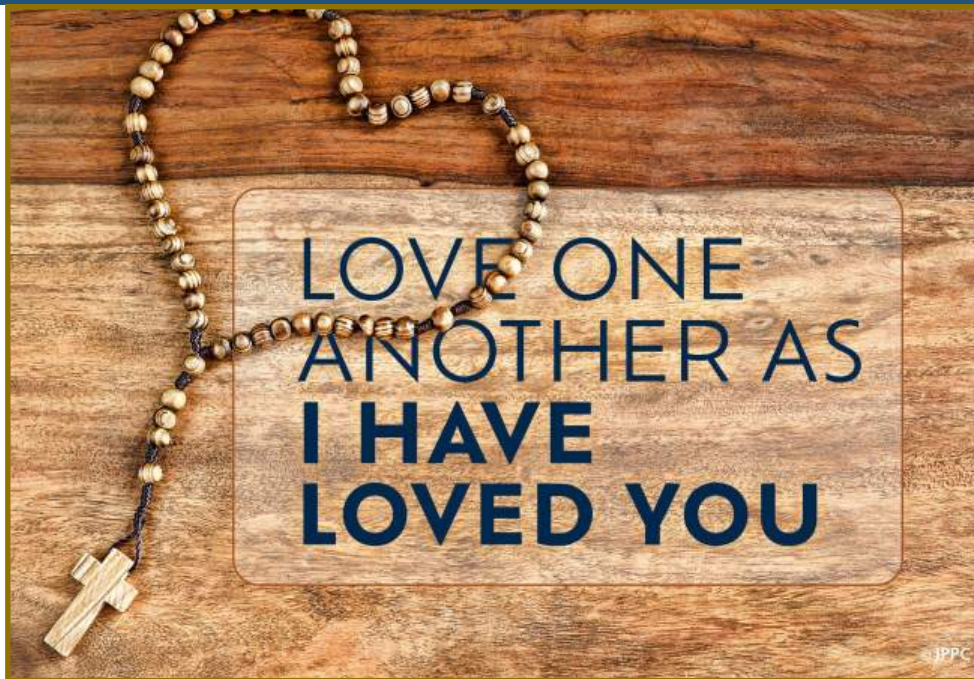




Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Nativity BVM Parish

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm | Closed Saturday and Sunday

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

Monday, May 6

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Adoration Chapel Open 8:30am-8pm

Tuesday, May 7

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Adoration Chapel Open 8:30am-8pm
- ◆ Rosary for Peace 7pm *Conference Room*

Wednesday, May 8

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Adoration Chapel Open 8:30am-8pm
- ◆ Rosary Makers 4pm *Parish Center*

Thursday, May 9

- ◆ Holy Day Mass 8:00 am
- ◆ Adoration Chapel Open 8:30am-8pm
- ◆ Bereavement 12pm *Parish Center*
- ◆ Holy Day Mass 12:05pm
- ◆ Holy Day Mass 7pm
- ◆ Choir Practice 8pm *Church*

Friday, May 10

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ Adoration Chapel Open 8:30am-8pm
- ◆ AA Meeting 7:30pm *Brick Building*

Saturday, May 11

- ◆ Daily Mass 8am
- ◆ AA Meeting 9:00am *Brick Building*
- ◆ Young Catholics' Single Mingle 2:00pm *Brick Building*
- ◆ Confessions 3:30-4:30pm *Church*
- ◆ Mass 5:00pm
- ◆ Mother's Day Bake Sale 6:00pm *BB*



Monday, May 6

8:00am Bob McCoy by Julie McCoy

Tuesday, May 7

8:00am Paul Nocella by Lorenza Nocella

Wednesday, May 8

8:00am Mary Anne Mulloy by Tina & Ken Curtis

Thursday, May 9

8:00am C. Edouard St. Martin by Steve St. Martin

12:05pm Charles Foster by Steve & Debbie Cacciutti

7:00pm Kelly DeMonde by Jim & Pat Marks

Friday, May 10

8:00am Dorothy Kussmaul by Robbie & Paul Bonanto

Saturday, May 11

8:00am Philip Alburger by Marie DeSimone

5:00pm Nancy Isselmann West by Diane Farally



Please pray for:

Kathy Hope, Mike Sweeney, Bob Willard,
Bob Hewitt, Susan Erro, Michael O'Mara Spear,
T. Joe Vandergast, James McGrath, Michael

LeMole, Charles Thomas, Bill Tobin, Susan Hammaker,

Betty Lou McKenna, Josephine Lomax, Bob Valenti,

Jeff Hammaker, Gina Marinari, Carole Clemens, Domenic

Federico, Christian Farrell, Joanne Dixon-Shavney,

Carla Penman, Maria Drake, Jim Sweeney, Kathleen Garwood,

Clifford Woodbury, Carl Razzano, Christian VanDam,

Kenny & Peggy Haynie, Robert Ranson

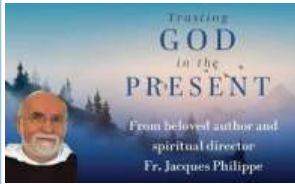
If you would like to have a name added, contact the Parish Office at 610-566-0185 or parishoffice@nativity-bvm.org.

Readings for Today

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | **Second Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10 | **Gospel:** John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.



Book Club on Wednesday, May 15

Life is always full of new and unexpected challenges, but each challenge is also an opportunity to draw closer to God. Father Jacques Philippe, a beloved author and renowned spiritual director, will show you how to maintain peace of heart through turbulent times, and discern the choices that will be helpful for you and others. Written in a simple and inviting style, *Trusting God In The Present*, is your spiritual direction manual to trusting God in the midst of difficult times. In this 56 page book, you will find that God is, indeed, with you, and He is inviting you to a new perspective, renewed hope, and a more abundant life. Our Book Club meeting will be at **7 PM on Wednesday, May 15** in the Conference Room. We will be discussing this insightful book. Books are available at the Rectory Office for \$10 or can be ordered personally online.



NatCATT's Single Mingle

Are you a Catholic in your 20s or 30s? Are you single, but called to marriage? Do you want to meet other single young Catholics? Then save the date for **NatCATT's Single Mingle** on Saturday, May 11. This event is aimed to help young Catholic singles to understand their vocation, appreciate their single state of life, and meet other young single Catholics who share their experiences.



Seasons of Hope Bereavement Support Group

Seasons of Hope Parish Bereavement Group

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed, and that they shall be comforted. Our *Seasons of Hope Parish Bereavement Group* offers those grieving an opportunity to come together to share in God's love. With the support of the faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing and spiritual growth.

These sessions help us explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing. *Seasons of Hope* is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of the Catholic Church. For those searching for hope, *Seasons of Hope* group is a nurturing link to the Church, the Almighty, and other people of faith who are also mourning.

A Christ-centered support group is for you if any of these are true:

- ◇ You are looking for friends in Christ to share your journey of sorrow.
- ◇ You have been trying to figure out the meaning of your grief.
- ◇ You want to get on with life but have not been able to.
- ◇ You find comfort in the teaching of Christ.
- ◇ You are open to new ways of coping with your grief.
- ◇ You do not want to feel alone anymore.

Our Parish Bereavement Group will meet on Thursdays: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 6 at 12Noon in the Parish Center on Gayley. If you are interested in attending contact us by calling: 610-566-0185 or emailing: ParishOffice@nativity-bvm.org.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations Celebration

The Nativity Vocation Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the World Day of Prayer for Vocation events. We ask you to please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life since the need is so great. If you are interested in working with the Nativity Vocation Committee, please contact Peg Isselmann at pegisselmann@verizon.net



Nativity BVM welcomes
the smallest and most exuberant members of our faith
with open arms and warm hearts!

Kid's Table in the Church: We have a dedicated Kid's Table at the back of the Church. This table is stocked with Children's Bulletins that contain activities related to the weekly Gospel. Each bulletin will also include a code for online activities and games that families can enjoy at home. Parish coloring books and seasonal activity sheets will be available.

"Going to Mass" Bags: We also provide small bags that your child can color and decorate to create their very own "Going to Mass" bag.

Educational Flip Cards: For a more interactive Mass experience, we offer Flip Cards designed to help kids learn about different parts of the Mass, various items in our Church, and essential aspects of our faith. We kindly ask that these cards be returned at the end of Mass so that they can be used by all.

Sticker Rewards: To encourage good behavior during Mass, we provide sticker rewards for children. Please pick up these stickers on your way out of the Church as a token of our appreciation.

Children's Chapel: Our parish also has a Children's Chapel (Cry Room) which is located to the side of the Church (follow signs for the Adoration Chapel). This space provides pews for families as well as easy access to the bathroom.

Our weekend Mass schedule includes quiet services on Sunday at 7am and 8am. These Masses normally run approximately 30 minutes. Our Saturday 5pm Vigil and Sunday 10am and Noon Masses have music and last approximately 50-55 minutes. We encourage you to choose the time and format that works best for your family, but please know that we wholeheartedly welcome children at all our services. How we welcome children in our church directly influences their relationship with the church, God, and Jesus. A simple smile or kind words can go a long way in supporting parents of small children during Mass. Let us come together as a community to celebrate the presence of our youngest members and foster an environment of love, acceptance, and faith.

For information on our Young Family Fellowship, please contact Katie at prep@nativity-bvm.org.

Calling all Ladies!

Nativity BVM Women's Ministry is getting social!

As we wrap up another year of *Walking With Purpose* and other ministry events, we feel it's time to celebrate.

Whether you've attended one of our events or are simply interested in who we are and what we do, we hope you'll consider joining us.

We have *THE* kindest, most faith-filled, supportive and interesting ladies in our ministry. Come get to know some of them!

The Details:

What: End-of-year social with apps & drinks

When: Tuesday, May 7 from 7-9 p.m.

Where: Nativity BVM Parish Center
(on Gayley St. next to school)

Who: Any woman seeking to grow in faith and community



RVSP's encouraged but not required.
Contact Amy Grace: amy.grace@nativity-bvm.org



The Good Samaritans of Nativity BVM are holding a Bake Sale on Mother's Day Weekend (May 11-12) after all Masses in the Brick Building

Good Samaritans primarily focuses on serving Nativity BVM Parish, family, and friends. Our mission is to assist the poor, living out our call to be the *Hands of Christ*. This may include help with housing, utilities, food, transportation, and personal care items.

If you would like to donate a baked good for the sale, there are sign up sheets in the back of Church.



Deacon David Guest Speaker at Men's Group May 20th

Our Nativity BVM Men's Group will welcome Deacon David Schaffer as our guest speaker at this month's meeting on May 20th, at 7:00 pm in the Brick Building.

Deacon will take questions after sharing his unique vocation journey with us.

This will be our last meeting before we break for summer, so all are urged to attend to help us plan our future calendar. New members are always welcome!

Family Fun Night

Thursday, June 6

Time

From 6pm - 8pm

Location

Bette's Fun Center
2971 W Dutton Mill Rd,
Aston, PA 19014

Fees

\$5/per person (adult or child) or \$20/per family (up to 2 adults and 2 or more children)

Bette's is age-appropriate for toddlers thru 12-/13-year-olds.

This is not a drop-off event but an opportunity for kids and parents to meet and socialize!

We will provide pizza, snacks, and water. Bette's permits BYOB for 21+

There are Arcade games that families will need to buy cards to play.

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RSVP HERE



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Once you RSVP, please either Venmo (@kharab14/ last 4: 0367), or drop off or mail cash or check to the Parish Office (attn: Katie, 30 E. Franklin St. Media). Fees can be waived or lowered by contacting Katie at prep@nativity-bvm.org.

Identify the Symptoms of a Stroke
Using the **F.A.S.T.** Method:



The May meeting of the Nativity Seniors will be held on May 14th at 12 noon in the Brick Building. Our speaker will be Rasheeda Myers from Main Line Health at Riddle Hospital. Rasheeda will give a presentation on stroke prevention. Please bring your sandwich. Beverages and desserts will be served.



Stay tuned! Nativity BVM will be forming a theatre group to perform for this fall's season. Parish members and their extended families are invited to attend a discussion in June after the regular school season. Various presentations will be discussed. Actors, would be actors, communicators, playwrights, script-writers, and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. More details coming.

Read the parish bulletin for updates.

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