

Nativity of Our Lord

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Diocesan Website: www.buffalodiocese.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday Vigils:..... 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday:..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m.,
..... 6:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass (September - May)

Monday through Friday:..... 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday..... 8:00 a.m. only

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. and 6:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:25 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated as a community at Mass at 1:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month outside of Lent. Parents who wish to present a child for Baptism call for an appointment with one of the priests, to discuss the meaning of the Sacrament and the responsibilities being undertaken. The date and time for Baptism will be arranged at this meeting.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Meet with a priest to express your intentions and freedom to marry. Once this is established a date and time may be secured. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference is required. All arrangements for a wedding must be completed one month before your wedding day.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please notify a priest for those seriously ill. Please make arrangements while your loved one is still conscious and can personally accept this eternal grace.

Letters of Recommendation: Letters of Recommendation to act as sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are given to registered members of the parish who attend Mass and Communion regularly and either have raised or are raising their own children (if any) in the Faith.

New Parishioners: Formal registration in the parish is accepted at the Parish Office. Please introduce yourself to our parish priests at Mass on Sunday. If you are moving or there is a change in address, please notify the parish office.

Adoration Chapel: Open to public from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day. Rosary Hours - Monday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at Noon. To schedule a holy hour, please call Patty Allman—667-7431.

Mission Statement

Pastoral Council is in the process of reviewing our Mission Statement.

We are twinned with our sisters and brothers in Haiti in the parish of St. Michael's, Coq Chante. We are committed in support of St. Michael's Parish, clinic, school, water project and basic necessities for families. Their physical needs are an opportunity for us to give and in return receive the grace-filled prayers and blessings of the poor.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday— 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday—8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. For appointments please call directly.

Pastor

Rev. Bernard U. Nowak, ext. 145

Deacon

Dennis Conroy, ext. 140

Deacon

Deacon Sam Puleo, ext. 142

Seminarian

Sean Paul Fleming, Ext. 140

Assistant Priest

Msgr. George Brennan

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Robert M. Joslyn, Sr., ext. 125

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Patrick Murphy, (716) 508-0258

Director of Music

Mr. Robert T. Kiersz, ext. 123

Parish Outreach

Sr. Beth Hays S.S.M.N., 716-662-1302

Faith Formation Office

S-4414 South Buffalo St. • 716-662-2169

Director: Mary Barone, ext. 126

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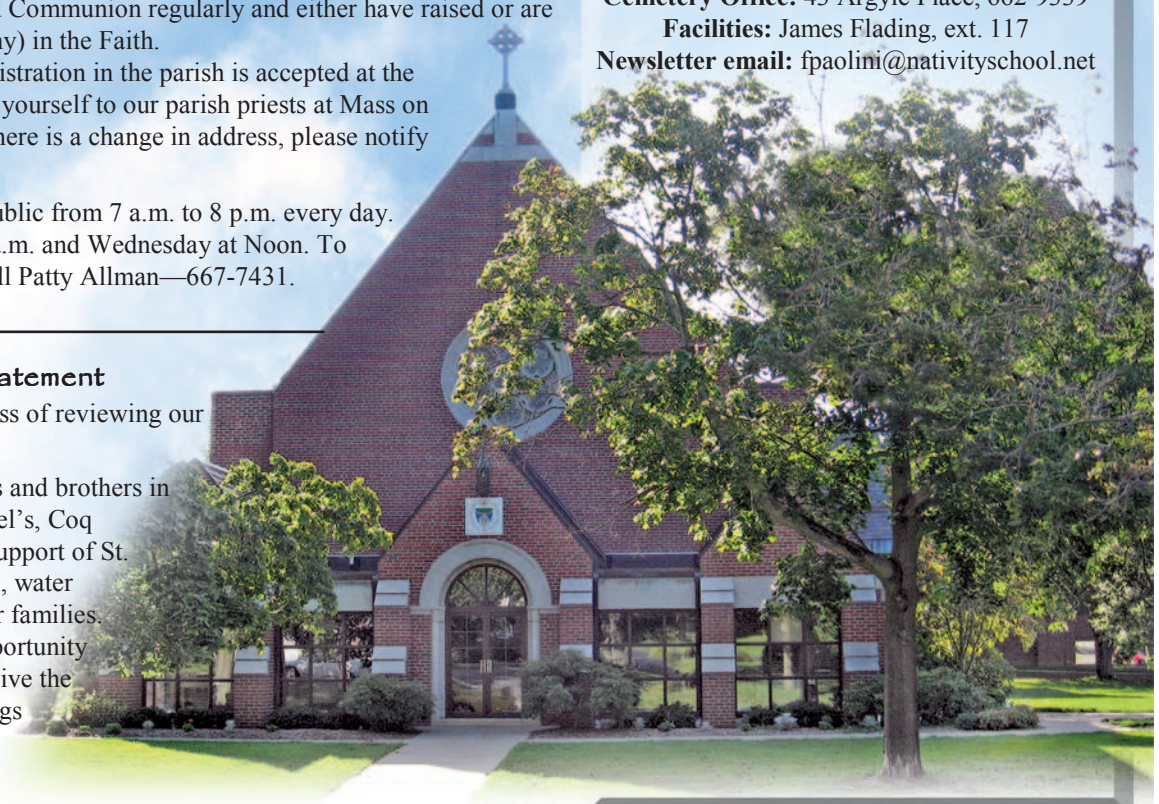
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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
AUGUST, 2011**

Monthly Needs for , August (5 wks).....	\$101,000.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 7/31	\$16,832.80
“Sunday Collection” Week of 8/07	\$25,054.21
“Sunday Collection” Week of 8/14	\$16,596.80
“Sunday Collection” Week of 8/21	\$19,219.20
“Sunday Collection” Week of 8/28	\$19,201.25
Favorable<Unfavorable> for the month	<\$4,095.74>
Favorable<Unfavorable> for the year	<\$2,384.69>
Monthly Needs for September, (4wks.).....	\$84,000.00

Fiscal Year is September 1 to August 31

The following facts and figures represent this year compared to last year. The average weekly envelopes used in August were 752 compared to 819 last year. Total gross contributions received for August is \$99,054.26 compared to \$104,211.80 last year. The “Weekend/Monthly Collection” is \$96,904.26 versus \$99,704.23 last year. This year \$4,758.11 was loose cash not in envelopes compared to \$4,505.73 last year. The special collections were \$2,150.00 this year and \$4,507.57 last year. Special collections received this month included \$90.00 for Christ the King Seminary, \$1,440.00 for Nativity School, \$465.00 for Life Teen, \$100.00 for Outreach, \$50.00 for Haiti and \$5.00 for Utilities. Our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your support and generosity in our *Parish Stewardship in Faith* program; please remember your commitment to *Time, Talent and Treasure*.

STEWARDSHIP

Over the last several months Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure have been discussed in this newsletter. Hopefully some parishioners found the articles informative and will possibly try Stewardship as a way of life. Most months of October are dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary but also to the renewal of their commitment of stewardship. Stewardship, if you remember, is part of discipleship. But Christian discipleship begins with a vocation, the call to follow Jesus and imitate his way of life.

The way of discipleship is privileged beyond any other. Jesus says: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (Jn 10:10). But discipleship is not an easy way. “If you wish to come after me,” Jesus also says, “you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it.” (Lk 9:23-24)

The life of a Christian steward, lived in imitation of the life of Christ, is challenging, even difficult in many ways; but both here and hereafter it is changed with intense joy. Like Paul, the good steward is able to say, “I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy. Like Paul, the good steward is able to say, I am overflowing with joy all the more because of all our affliction.” (2Cor 7:4)

After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense. All of their essential elements are found in her life: she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role as “handmaid” in terms of service and fidelity.

In light of all this, it only remains for all of us to ask ourselves this question: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ? The Spirit is ready to show us the way—a way of which stewardship is a part.

**BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Are you wondering about this heading? “Behind Closed Doors” at the downtown office of the Family Justice Center means victims of domestic violence can seek hope, healing and safe havens. “Behind Closed Doors” at the Satellite Office (Southtown’s Family Center) means many women are finding help right here in Orchard Park. “Behind Closed Doors” also means that domestic violence and abuse is happening behind closed doors in every community. Statistics show that one in four women will be touched by abuse; physical as well as emotional and psychological. When this happens over and over again, victims believe the fault is theirs. This is absolutely false!

Victims frequently suffer in silence—forced to keep their abuse behind closed doors for a variety of reasons: fear of being killed, brainwashed into believing they are no good, embarrassment, isolation from family and friends who could help if they knew, fear of breaking up their families or losing their children. We are often unaware that people we work with, live near, talk to every day, are suffering in silence. We need to pay more attention to the signs and if we suspect, we need to gently intervene.

Something wonderful is happening right here in Orchard Park. Ministers and members of their congregations are working with Mary Travers Murphy (Executive Director of the Family Justice Center) and have established a Satellite Office locally to address this problem. Much has been accomplished since opening in February. Trained Volunteers (some from Nativity) as well as staff from the Family Justice Center are present three days a week to meet with clients and help them begin their journey to safety. Over 50 women have already been assisted.

What part can you play? Be aware of the problem and if you suspect a friend, co-worker, neighbor or relative is being abused, talk to them about the Family Justice Center. Gently take them by the hand to one of the centers or get information to them. Sister Beth has palm cards and brochures in her office. She also organizes tours to the downtown center where visitors are dazzled by the mission and work of 13 partners together under one roof catering to everything a victim and her children need to escape safely and successfully. And, if they so choose, hold their abuser accountable. You can sign up to volunteer. And you can contribute financially! The Family Justice Center will rely on the generosity of the community to expand hours at the Satellite. Donations will enable this critical work to continue and grow. Sister Beth can give you more information including how to volunteer. Call her at 662-1302 at the Outreach Office. Taking the tour will be a moving experience, one you will never forget and one that may very well change a life.

Welcome



WELCOME

Please welcome the following new members to our Nativity of Our Lord Parish Community: Carol Cecere, Edward Strebel, Karyn Selbert, Robert & Christy Stephenson, Michele Macanka, Brendan & Wendy Giglio, Andrew & Sherry Major, Thomas & Jacqueline Wischerath, and James & April Donoghue.

DISCIPLES OF DIVINE MERCY

Disciples of Divine Mercy will come and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for your loved one who may be sick or dying. For more information call Terry at 662-2323 or Patricia at 662-4931.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE GLORY DAYS KINGS

The Bishop Burke K. of C. defeated Lunetta's Restaurant 9-5 and won the Glory Days 50+ Wood Bat Softball League Championship on Sept. 1 at J.P. Nicely Memorial Park in West Falls. A large crowd watched game MVP Mike Hallinan hold Lunettas scoreless from the hill after the 3rd inning as he also drove in 3 runs with a triple, double and single to pace the Knights attack. The Knights, the oldest team in the League with an average age of over 59, finished the season with an overall 12-3 record. The underdog Lunettas squad ended at 6-9.

Both teams came out smoking at the plate. Lunettas scored 3 runs in the top of the 1st inning as Phil Teibel and Lim Larivey doubled with Tim Bajdas and Dave DiPietro stroked key singles. The Knights stormed right back and almost blew the game open as their first 6 batters all scored in the bottom of the 1st inning. Al Schum and Hallinan tripled while Jim O'Brien, Al Malke, Pete Rich, Mike Baetzhold, Dave Stepien and Sam DeJohn all poked singles in the inning for a 6-3 lead.

The Knights made the score 7-3 in the 2nd when Rich drove in Schum with a sacrifice fly. Lunettas wouldn't quit and scored twice in the 3rd to make it a 7-5 game. Darryl Szarpa singled to open the inning and later scored on a 2 RBI single by Greg Bajdas.

With a 7-5 lead after three innings, the Knights defense held Lunettas scoreless on just 5 singles for the balance of the contest. The Knights added scores in the 5th and 6th as both Kevin Larson and DeJohn scored for the Champs!

Rich Nassoij and Gary Preischel each made big plays in the field for the Knights in their strong defensive effort. For Lunetta's, Bob Hanlon had a perfect 3 for 3 day at the dish, Teibel went 3 for 4, Dave Carlson had an RBI and Denny Collins needed a bit more defensive support as he pitched a great game in defeat.

ENGAGED COUPLES

The Diocese of Buffalo requires all engaged couples to participate in a marriage preparation program approximately six months prior to your wedding date. You can attend a one day program available to you at Nativity of Our Lord Parish on October 15th. Please call the parish office at 662-9339 to register.

THANK YOU



A very special thank you to the 33 individuals who donated blood at our July blood drive. As many as 99 people will benefit from those donations. Our next drive is scheduled for January 16, 2012.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Father Bernard, Fr. Peter, Msgr. Brennan and the Parish Community would like to express deep and profound condolences to the family of: Tammie Dempsey, Frances Opoka and Alice Bores.

UNITED IN CHRIST



Our parish community announces with joy the upcoming marriage of Jennifer Masterson and Mark Ketchum on October 8.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sean Paul Fleming will be ordained to The Order of Deacon on Friday, November 4th at Christ the King Seminary. All are welcome. Deacon Sean will be serving here at Nativity two weekends per month.

I also wish to commend our volunteers who have been helping Lukasz with the English language. Luke is a seminarian studying at Christ the King Seminary and lives with us as a "home parish." Please continue your support and prayer for vocations, future priests and seminarians.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, October 9 from 9:30am to 3:30pm, the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph will sponsor a retreat, *Autumn: Transition into New Life.* We will celebrate liturgy and reflect on the lesson autumn teaches us—all that grows and lives must give up life but in death there is rising. A fee of \$20 includes presentations and lunch. The retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception Convent, 5229 South Park Ave., Hamburg. Deadline for registration is October 1. Contact Sister Sharon Goodremote at sgoodremote@fssj.org or 649-1205.

BISHOP KMIEC REFLECTS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

As we reflect on the tragic events of September 11, 2001, we continue to pray for the repose of the souls of the victims whose lives were cut senselessly short. We offer thanksgiving for the first responders who gave so selflessly in rescue and recovery efforts, and we continue to pray for all whose lives were touched in some way by this dark day. But out of darkness comes light, and we need to continue to work together to build a society filled with acceptance, understanding and peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God." (Matthew 5:9) What we U.S. bishops wrote 10 years ago holds true today. This is a time for witness to live our values of mutual respect, human dignity and respect for life and security without resorting to discrimination. It is a time for hope in God's grace, in ourselves, and in one another. May God bless America.

ANNULMENT SEMINAR

Are you interested in finding out more about the annulment process? What is a church annulment? How do I begin the process and fill out the papers? Bring all your questions to St. Bernadette Church Community Room, 5930 South Abbott Rd. on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7pm. Hosted by Sacred Heart and St. Bernadette. Please register by calling Sister Rosemary at 649-3090 ext. 109 by Monday, Sept. 26.



ROSARY TRIDUUM 2011

The Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, 335 Doat St., Buffalo will hold a Rosary Triduum September 29 through Oct. 2. The Dominican Nuns invite you to join them for the Rosary, vespers, homily and benediction on Thursday, Sept. 29, Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1 at 4pm. The Solemn Closing of the Triduum will be celebrated with Holy Mass on Rosary Sunday, Oct. 2 at 10am. Father Ezra Sullivan, O.P. will be the homilist.

“AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT” BY FR. JOHN BOYLE

“And with your spirit” will be the first change that people will notice when the new English translation of the Mass comes into effect in Advent. Why the change?

First of all, because the new text is the correct translation of the Latin: “Et cum spiritu tuo.” The Latin for “And also with you” would be something like: “Et etiam tecum.” But that is not what it says. Why not?

For some time there was a movement to diminish in the minds of the faithful the distinction between the common priesthood of all the faithful and the ministerial priesthood of the priest. When he is ordained, the priest receives an indelible “seal” upon his soul which makes him a “priest forever” (cf. Psalm 109 [110]). We call this an “ontological change,” a change at the heart of one’s being. He becomes something he was not before. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, the priesthood of the ordained differs not just in degree but in essence from the common priesthood of the faithful. This means that the priest is not simply more of a priest than the lay person. He is a different kind of priest. Whereas we are all members of Christ’s mystical body (and if we are members of Christ, we all share in the priesthood of Christ), the ordained priest is identified with Christ the head of the Church at once serving (sanctifying) and directing (teaching and shepherding) the operations of the members of the body. The ordained priest’s priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood of all the faithful. Their (Your) priesthood depends on the ministry of the ordained priest.

You will notice that, even in the revised translation, the priest will never refer to your spirit. He will never say: “*The Lord be with your spirit.*” He will continue to say: “*The Lord be with you.*” But you will respond: “*And with your spirit.*” So there must be a difference between you the lay person (or indeed the priest who may be attending or concelebrating at Mass) and the one who is celebrating the Mass. When you return the greeting “*And with your spirit*”, you are expressing a prayer that the Lord will be with the celebrant in his priestly spirit as he carries out his triple function of sanctifying, teaching and shepherding the flock; that he be able to offer the Holy Sacrifice in a manner that contributes to the sanctification of the people present and that of the whole Church; that he be able to exercise his prophetic ministry in proclaiming and breaking open God’s Word (which is why the priest or deacon also says “*The Lord be with you*” and all respond “*And with your spirit*” before the Gospel is proclaimed; and that he be truly identified with Christ the Good Shepherd in whose Name he gathers the flock together around the altar of sacrifice.

A little word about gestures: when the celebrant says “*The Lord be with you*” he is directed to extend his hands. He is not extending his hands towards the faithful but rather extending them in the priestly fashion of raising a priestly prayer to God the Father. There is no direction given to the faithful to extend or do anything at all with their hands. So there is no need for the faithful to extend their hands towards the priest as they return the greeting. I shall address the question of gestures and postures in another edition. There are gestures and postures which unite us as one people, but there are also those that distinguish the priest/celebrant from the rest, and it is important that, at Mass, we make only those gestures that the Church directs and avoid the introduction of gestures that confuse our distinctive identities in the People of God.

May the Lord God be truly with you and all your loved ones. May we all be aware of His never-failing presence among us.

Caritasveritas.blogspot.com/”And with your Spirit”

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to all Nativity School students and their families.

We are off to a great start. Grades 2,3,5,6, and 7 will be taking Standardized tests the week of October 3.

Our Book Fair will be October 17,18 19 with our annual Open House on October 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The HALLOWEEN Party will be Oct. 28 from 6-9 pm.

Our October School Mass will be Friday, October 7 at 9am.

NATIVITY IS SELLING GIFT CARDS

The gift cards are used just like cash. We carry national and local retailers (such as B is for Books, Tops, Delta Sonic, Mangia, Ricotta’s, Consumer Beverages, Tim Horton’s) where most of you already shop. You can use these gift cards to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials. They also make great gifts for that person who is hard to buy for.

Stop by on Tuesday mornings from 8-10 am in the school cafeteria and we’ll fill your order immediately. If that is not convenient, you can call Allison Mann at 662-1535 or email her at amagm@aol.com. She will fill out an order form for you and then make arrangements with you for pick up. We accept cash or checks payable to “Nativity HSA.” Unfortunately we do not accept credit cards. Try us out! We’ll make your shopping “fuss free.”

In addition to the retailers listed above, we also offer many others by special order at http://doclibrary.com/MS105/DOC/SCRIP_SPECIAL_Order_form_

JOB SEEKER

Are you or is someone you know out of work? Facing the challenge of being unemployed and working through this tough economy is tough enough. You don’t have to go it alone. Contact your Office of Family Life Ministries for your FREE packet containing practical resources, prayers, scripture support and programs designed to support you on your journey. Just call us at 847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org. Know we care.

SEEK HELP FOR DEPRESSION

Clinical depression affects more than 19 million Americans each year and can be treated effectively. Symptoms include persistent sad, anxious or “empty” mood, changes in sleep, reduced appetite and weight loss or the opposite, loss of pleasure and interest in once-enjoyable activities, restlessness, irritability, persistent physical symptoms that do not respond to treatment, difficulty concentrating, remembering things or making decisions; fatigue; feeling guilty, hopeless or worthless, or thoughts of suicide or death. Contact Catholic Charities Monsignor Carr Institute in Erie County at 835-9745 or the Catholic Charities offices in the other seven counties—our professionals can help you get started on a better road.

OUR KIDS PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Help is available for parents and their partners experiencing conflict over divorce issues. It can affect your children more than you may realize. Sign up for the Our Kids Parent Education program today to reduce conflict, become a better parent and learn to communicate effectively with your child’s other parent. Groups are available across Western New York. Separated/divorced parents do not meet in the same group. Call 896-6390.

FAITH FORMATION

- Oct. 1: Confirmation Rite of Election Mass—7:00 pm
Oct. 2: First Eucharist Family Gathering I (L-Z), 9:50-10:20 am
Confirmation Rite of Election Mass - 10:30 am & 6:30 pm
Oct. 3: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
Confirmation Classes—7:00-8:30 pm
Oct. 5: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
Oct. 6: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9, 7:00-8:15 pm
Oct. 12: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
Oct. 13: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9, 7:00-8:15 pm
Oct. 16: First Reconciliation Family Gathering (A-K), 9:50-10:20
Confirmation Retreat at C.K.S.—10:00 am-3:30 pm
Oct. 17: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
Confirmation Classes—7:00-8:30 pm
Oct. 19: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
Oct. 20: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9, 7:00-8:15 pm
Oct. 23: First Reconciliation Family Gathering (L-Z), 9:50-10:20
Confirmation Retreat at C.K.S.—10:00 am-3:30 pm
Oct. 24: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
Confirmation Classes—7:00-8:30 pm
Oct. 26: Children's Connection Grades 1-6, 4:15-5:15 or 5:45-6:45
Oct. 27: Y.E.S. Grades 7&8 & L.O.F.T. Grade 9, 7:00-8:15 pm

CONFIRMATION NEWS

As we begin the second month of our Confirmation preparation sessions, there are a few events our candidates will participate in which are listed below:

- 1) **ELECTION MASSES**—At these Masses, candidates choose to express publicly their desire to prepare for and receive this sacrament and to ask the Nativity community to pray for them during this period. A brief ceremony will take place after the homily. The Election Masses will be held on Saturday, October 1, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, October 2, at the 10:30 AM Mass and the 6:30 pm Mass. Candidates may choose to attend any one of these Masses.
- 2) **CANDIDATE RETREATS**—Also this month, each candidate will attend a retreat at Christ the King Seminary. This is a special time for the candidates to take some time away from their daily distractions to reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Christ and a full member of his Church. *Two retreats are scheduled, one on Sunday, October 16, and the other on Sunday, October 23.* The number for each retreat is limited so those who registered earliest will have their choice. The retreats begin promptly at 10:00 am and conclude at 3:30 pm. Retreatants will attend the 10:30 am Mass in the Seminary Chapel. Candidates' families and sponsors are invited to attend that Liturgy.
- 3) **CANDIDATE SESSIONS**—The immediate preparation sessions for this month will be held on the following Mondays: October 3, October 17, and October 24, 2011. These sessions will be held in the School Cafeteria from 7:00-8:30 pm.

ROMAN MISSAL (RM3)

On Oct. 15, at 6:00 pm in Church (before Mass) join us for spiritual revitalization and to deepen our experience of the Church's prayer by welcoming the Roman Missal Third Edition. A Representative from the Diocesan Office of Worship will be present to speak about the Why, What and How of RM3. A second opportunity will be offered on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 7-9 pm. The November topic will be "The Message and Meaning of the New Translations: Spirituality."



LIFE TEEN MASS

All ages are welcome to join us for our liturgy each Sunday evening at 6:30 pm. Life Teen Mass is run by teens who greet, read, sing and serve; and geared toward young people with modern music and tailored homilies.

LIFE TEEN MEETINGS

Life Nights are the full on hootenanny! There's crazy skits, games, kissing fish, runnin' round, small groups, talks, music, food, pies-in-the-face, toilet paper mummies, pirates, bible verses, squid, smelly markers, special guests, glow-in-the-dark dodge ball, insanity, unicorns, and best of all friendly people! Anyone in high school is welcome! Sundays from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Beasley Center.

EDGE MEETINGS

EDGE is the junior high equivalent to Life Teen. EDGE nights offer crazy skits, posters, games, music, small groups, food, and friends. Anyone in junior-high is welcome! EDGE is Monday's from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Bernadette's in the gym.

ANTIOCH HOURS

Every Wednesday and Thursday after school (2:00-5:00), come hang out with us in the Antioch Room. We have video games, snacks, movies, all sorts of stuff! There's even the occasional 711 field trip.

MAN CLASS/LADIES NIGHT

These are nights designed to go a bit deeper in our faith. The next one will be Friday, October 21st from 7:00-9:00 pm. Ladies will meet in the Antioch Room while guys will be meeting in the Nugent Room at St. Bernadette's; all high schoolers are welcome! And there's always the option of grabbing a bite to eat afterwards.

PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

A summer experiment with great results. These are nights designed for getting together and simply praising and worshipping God. Our next night will be Wednesday, October 26th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Antioch Room, with the option to grab some food afterwards.



BLESSED 90'TH!!

Rev. Msgr. George Brennan celebrated the completion of his 90th year on Sept. 13th. After Mass at 9am, the daily morning community and Nativity School children served a light breakfast and birthday cake. Our parish prays in joyful gratitude to our Lord for Msgr. Brennan's gracious ministry, consistent service, prophetic witness, and deep love for the church. May God bring to perfection the good work begun in him; and may he know our profound consideration and desire for his continued ministry here at Nativity.

ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS OF THE CELEBRANT

Saturday, October 1

- 8:00 a.m. Lillian Lonczak by the Grisanti Family
- 4:30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving by Lee & Nancy Hartung
- 7:00 p.m. Mario & Beatrice Cirasunda by the Estate of Loretta Stevens

Sunday, October 2

- 7:30 a.m. Marian Poland by her Family
- 9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Sal Costanzo by the Hellinger Family
- 10:30 a.m. Frank Breese by Rosemarie Breese
- 12:00 p.m. Val Zuba by his Wife
- 1:15 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
- 6:30 p.m. Michael Swetz by John & Joyce Berdysiak

Monday, October 3

- 7:00 a.m. Alyce Potzler by her Family
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Repp by Mildred Koleczynski

Tuesday, October 4

- 7:00 a.m. Mary Ann Harp by Kathleen & Joe Campion
- 9:00 a.m. Joseph Cullen by Joe & Doreen Murphy

Wednesday, October 5

- 7:00 a.m. Msgr. Charles T. Griffin by his Family
- 9:00 a.m. Leichia Reilly by Mike & Ellie Auricchio

Thursday, October 6

- 7:00 a.m. Anne Hackling Brown by Karen & Paul
- 9:00 a.m. Colette Colello by Ronald & Mary Eberhardt

Friday, October 7

- 7:00 a.m. Rosemary Rooney by Pat & Suzanne Reilly
- 9:00 a.m. Florence Coppola by her Family

Saturday, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. Marion & Arthur Marks by Dorothy Rey
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding: Jennifer Masterson & Mark Ketchum
- 4:30 p.m. Rose & Louis Coppola by their Family
- 7:00 p.m. Robbie Rozeski by his Family

Sunday, October 9

- 7:30 a.m. Carmel Johnson by her Family
- 9:00 a.m. Dolores (Punkin) Downing by Dave & Donna Travers
- 10:30 a.m. Jerome T. Metz by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Metz
- 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Weigand by the T. Barniak Family
- 1:15 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
- 6:30 p.m. Carl & Maria Streit by their Estate

Monday, October 10

- 7:00 a.m. Ann Hunt by Terrance & Mary Ellen Keating
- 9:00 a.m. Neil Hartung by his Family

Tuesday, October 11

- 7:00 a.m. Helen Kulas by her Children
- 9:00 a.m. Raymond Formella by Mr. & Mrs. George Schichtel

Wednesday, October 12

- 7:00 a.m. Richard Lampo by the Adelsberger Family
- 9:00 a.m. Edward & Margaret Cosgrove by their Family

Thursday, October 13

- 7:00 a.m. Hildegard Flick by her Estate
- 9:00 a.m. Richard Schwamle by Hugh & Dottie Gardner

Friday, October 14

- 7:00 a.m. Marion Harman by Scott Sihler
- 9:00 a.m. Dr. Daniel Curtin by his Wife & Family

Saturday, October 15

- 8:00 a.m. Alvena Wohlers by Denny & Mary Atkinson
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding: Katie Markowski & Nicholas O'Hara
- 4:30 p.m. John Hrabacsak by the Soroka Family
- 7:00 p.m. Dr. Bernard Muscato by Dr. Carmen & Marie Todoro

Sunday, October 16

- 7:30 a.m. Frances Griffin by her Family
- 9:00 a.m. Peter Fasolino by his Family
- 10:30 a.m. Helen Wischerath by her Family
- 12:00 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
- 1:15 p.m. Terence J. Young by the Kane Family
- 6:30 p.m. Edna Chernowski by Mary Coppola

Monday, October 17

- 7:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Gerald J. Coughlin Family by his Estate
- 9:00 a.m. Joan Muscalino by her Family

Tuesday, October 18

- 7:00 a.m. Thomas Hebert by Tom & Jean Shanahan
- 9:00 a.m. Marjorie Lambrix by Alice Schaller

Wednesday, October 19

- 7:00 a.m. Thomas J. Maloney by his Wife & Family
- 9:00 a.m. Stella Gay by Florence & Patty Gay

Thursday, October 20

- 7:00 a.m. Dorothy Sikora by Bob & Mary Kresse
- 9:00 a.m. Rose Hellinger by Mr. & Mrs. Johann Pregitzer

Friday, October 21

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Palczynski by his Wife & Family
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Harp by the Geschwill Family

Saturday, October 22

- 8:00 a.m. Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bumbalo by Jackie & Jerry Schwartz
- 4:30 p.m. Mary Eberhardt by her husband Ronald
- 7:00 p.m. Helen Kulas by her Children

Sunday, October 23

- 7:30 a.m. Kathleen McPartlan by Carol Rich
- 9:00 a.m. Edmund S. Brown Jr. by Paul & Annette Cannon
- 10:30 a.m. Leonard Aronica by his Family
- 12:00 p.m. Josephine & Daniel Uwaifo by their Family
- 1:15 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
- 6:30 p.m. Mildred Zarcone by Anthony Zuppa

Monday, October 24

- 7:00 a.m. Doris Cramer by Mary & Bob Kresse
- 9:00 a.m. Shirley Wood by Don & Lore

Tuesday, October 25

- 7:00 a.m. Anne E. Rebman by her Family
- 9:00 a.m. Alban & Erna Dreher by their Family

Wednesday, October 26

- 7:00 a.m. Robert & Elsie Stoye by Tom & Alice Stoye
- 9:00 a.m. Thomas Weinert by his Wife & Family

Thursday, October 27

- 7:00 a.m. Norma Rieman by Dale & Shirley Eckl
- 9:00 a.m. Donald Mingen by Casey Bebak

Friday, October 28

- 7:00 a.m. Loretta Stevens by Amherst Dental
- 9:00 a.m. Donald Quinlan by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Cavanaugh

Saturday, October 29

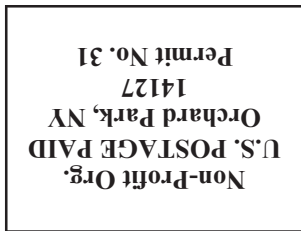
- 8:00 a.m. Kathleen LaPenta by her Husband
- 4:30 p.m. Deceased Members Nativity Altar & Rosary Society
- 7:00 p.m. Tom Gardner by his Mom and Dad

Sunday, October 30

- 7:30 a.m. Rose Hellinger by Glen & Nathalie Dick
- 9:00 a.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
- 10:30 a.m. John E. McGrath by Mary Ross
- 12:00 p.m. Coletta & Jerome Metz by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Metz
- 1:15 p.m. John G. Leyden by the Grisanti Family
- 6:30 p.m. M. Dutch Dalluge by Eric & Rose Lennert

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Monday, October 31

- 7:00 a.m. Clifford Franklin by Jim & Mary Campagna
- 9:00 a.m. Catherine Certo by the Hellinger Family
- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of All Saints—Holy Day of Obligation
Donald P. Sullivan by Clare Cavanaugh

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & ENTRANCE EXAMS

✚ Immaculata Academy, 5138 South Park Ave. Hamburg will hold their Open House On Sat., Sept. 24, from 10:30am—3:00 pm and Mon., Sept. 26, from 6-8 pm. Call Andrea Drabik, admissions director, at 646-9942 for more information or visit www.ImmaculataAcademy.com.

Immaculata Academy will hold its placement exam review course on Nov. 7-9 and 15-17 (the course is all six days), from 4-6pm. Classes cover all essential elements of the exam and include practice exams. A \$100 fee includes the review book. Pre-register by Oct. 28. Eighth grade students interested in attending Immaculata Academy must register to take the placement exam on November 19, 8am-noon. The exam costs \$20. Pre-register by November 14.

✚ St. Francis High School, 4129 Lake Shore Rd., Athol Springs will host its annual Open House on Sunday, Oct. 2nd from 10:00am to 1:00 pm and Mon., Oct. 3 from 6 to 8 pm.

Students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades and their parents are invited to visit the school to meet faculty and staff members and join current St. Francis High School students for a tour of the campus. For more information call 627-1200, ext. 461.

COMPANIONS WITH THE SUFFERING CHRIST

Anna Caserta, Ilka Puig, Dolores Kaitnowski, Cheryl Dusel, Carol Doyle, James Burns, Kenneth Schwandt, Clem Denzel, Michael Webster, Dorothy Stanley, Joseph Bono, Jason Borguzewski, Isabella Searone, Joey Stack, Dawn Tomaski, Maxine Paoletti, Grace Cosentino, Michelle Sylves Berry, James Ryan, Brandon Vegra, Mary Mahoney, Zachary DeVole, Sylvia Davies, Teresa Coppola, Jim Lasker, Maria Evancho, Gifford Walker, Janet Smith, Linda Smith, Dorothy Mazurchuk, Ruth Schwandt, Marjie Prebble, Valerie Marek, Dale Smith, Norman Klas, Burton Kopaskie, Peter Tomasulo, Regina Moser, Linda Weyand, Delphine Wojtan, Ruth Klizek, Ellie Kalinowski, Richard Ireland, Christine Kukla, Marcia Jurkowski, Marcia McCarthy, Aadyn Booker, Ellen Grudza, Cindy Fitzpatrick, Daniel Kowalewski, Fred Raska, Julie Raska, Nancy Dowrey, Laura Merrit, Rachel Reusch, Anne Waligur, Renee Srader, Shari Bauda, Dorothy Kowalewski, Alice Leahy, Kristin LaJoie, Greg Weiss, Michael Melerski, Corey Lelonek, Frances Saraceno, Andrew Pawlak, Maureen Burns, Joann Brady-McMahon, Dora Kowalewski, Tom Ferris, Lucy & Marino Monaco, Frank & Margaret Spano, James Kisicki, Lindsey & Kelsey Kaitnowski, Donald Kill, Jack & Family, Connie Reinhardt, Mary Cirelli, Ed Warren, Wanda, Dan Rojek, Christian Scherr, Garrett Weeks, Helen Hilliker, Catherine Smardz, Stephan Bilowus, Ann Marie Gensler, Cathy Washington, Winifred Casciano, Geraldine Wiess, Rose Lally, Donna Bene, Jim Zitnik, Paige Ingrando, Jeanne O'Neill, Dorothy Aubrecht, Bill Heuer, Cathy Hays, Donovan Benzin, Esterina Sordo, Thom Sylves, Brayden Grant, Gina Fitzgerald, Mary Mahoney, Dorothy Moran, Karen Praczakajlo, Randy Zentz, Norma Wilson, Sean J. Hanley, Jr. and Melissa Addeo.