



# Turn to Me

*Cut this section off and place sign in the front window of your home as a witness to your faith and a reminder to others.*

Dear Parishioners,

*This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It is the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is a time of penance, prayer and meditation.*

*Through **Penance** we realize God's great mercy and our need for it. **Prayer** is our communication with the Lord, our relationship with Him. **Meditation** is pondering the mysteries of God and the purpose of the gift of life He has given us.*

*Our world is in need of good holy people to lead and guide by example. All of us are called to holiness and goodness. Through our knowledge of, love for, and relationship with the Lord we grow in holiness and goodness.*

*I hope we will all take advantage of this Lenten Season to deepen our relationship with the Lord, to grow in holiness and goodness, and to take our proper place in the world as followers of our Savior, Jesus Christ continuing to make His message and His name known to all by our example.*

*Enclosed in this weeks bulletin please find the schedule for Ash Wednesday, and the rules for Fast and Abstinence.*

*I pray that Lent will truly be a time of grace for all of us.*

*God bless us all! Father Citino*

## **FAST AND ADSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2015**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed is especially recommended.

Baskets are available at the doors of the church for the poor during Lent.

## **GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING ~ TITHING**

**Sunday February 8, 2015**

Sunday Collection: \$17,389.28

Online Giving: \$ 3,468.00

Total Sunday \$20,857.28

**Thank You for your support! Fr. Citino**

## **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

### **270. Who is the minister of Confirmation?**

The original minister of Confirmation is the bishop. In this way the link between the confirmed and the Church in her apostolic dimension is made manifest. When a priest confers this sacrament, as ordinarily happens in the East and in special cases in the West, the link with the bishop and with the Church is expressed by the priest who is the collaborator of the bishop and by the Sacred Chrism, consecrated by the bishop himself.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Flowers for the Blessed Mother  
in loving memory of*

**Jennie Missewicz**

*On your 1st Anniversary*

*Flowers for the Sacred Heart*

*Happy Birthday*

**Paul Corr**

*We Love & miss you, Marian & family*

*Our Sanctuary Lamp in the Church  
burns in loving memory of*

**Eleanore Billas**

*3rd Anniversary*

*Our Sanctuary Lamp in the Holy Innocent Room  
burns in loving memory of*

**Buz Lange ~ 22nd Anniversary**

## **H.O.P.E.**

**Captain for the week of 02/07 - 02/21 is**

**Linda Conti - 215-364-9172 & 215-817-9276..**

## **GOSPEL FOR ALL AGES:**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 15, 2015

Sunday Readings: Leviticus 13.1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1; Mark 1.40-45

Question from Life: When have you felt alone and isolated?

Question from the Gospel: How can you reach out to isolated people as Jesus does?

### THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY

#### **MONDAY ~ February 16, 2015**

7:00 PM ~ Pro-Life - PCC-K  
7:00 PM ~ Catholics Returning Home-PCC  
7:00 PM ~ Aids for Friends Group Cook -H

#### **TUESDAY ~ February 17, 2015**

8:30 AM ~ *Adoration*  
9:30 AM ~ Legion of Mary - PCC-K  
7:00 PM ~ World Meeting of Families - PCC  
7:00 PM ~ Winter Book Club - Drexel Room

#### **WEDNESDAY ~ February 18, 2015**

6:00 PM ~ PREP  
7:30 PM ~ Prayer Group - PCC

#### **THURSDAY ~ February 19, 2015**

12:00 PM ~ Senior Luncheon - PCC  
7:00 PM ~ Bible Study - PCC

#### **SATURDAY ~ February 21, 2015**

7:00 AM ~ Saturday Morning Bible Study-H

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **SATURDAY February 14, 2015**

8:00 AM Leo McBride  
5:00 PM Peg & Joe Schisselbauer

#### **SUNDAY February 15, 2015**

8:00 AM Angela Powell ~ 1st Anniversary  
10:00 AM Kane Family  
12:00 PM Buck & Josephine Grant

#### **MONDAY February 16, 2015**

6:30 AM NO  
8:00 AM Haynes & McGrail Family

#### **TUESDAY February 17, 2015**

6:30 AM Harry Lieb  
8:00 AM Joseph Porter

#### **WEDNESDAY February 18, 2015 ~ Ash Wednesday**

6:30 AM Kenny Townsend  
8:00 AM Philomena Smolcynski  
9:00 AM Bob Gallis  
7:00 PM Claire Turner

#### **THURSDAY February 19, 2015**

6:30 AM People of the Parish  
8:00 AM Jane Gibson

#### **FRIDAY February 20, 2015**

6:30 AM William & Debbie  
8:00 AM Apolive ~ 1st Anniversary

#### **SATURDAY February 21, 2015**

8:00 AM Viola Ludovici ~ 1st Anniversary  
5:00 PM Harry J. Mitchell

#### **SUNDAY February 22, 2015**

8:00 AM Christopher Ulmer  
10:00 AM Bill Fry  
12:00 PM Josephine Malone

### **ASH WEDNESDAY ~ MASS SCHEDULE**

*6:30 AM ~ Mass*

*8:00 AM ~ Mass*

*9:00 AM ~ Mass*

*12:05 PM ~ Prayer Service*

*7:00 PM ~ Mass*

### **†SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES†**

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Presidents' Day  
Tuesday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday  
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving  
Thursday: Chinese New Year 4713  
Friday: Abstinence  
Saturday: St. Peter Damian

"We too are called to withdraw at certain intervals into deeper silence and aloneness with God... not with our books, thoughts, and memories but completely stripped of everything, to dwell lovingly in God's presence – silent, empty, expectant, and motionless." (Blessed Teresa of Calcutta). Lent is a perfect time to Adore Him Who Loves you! Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday.

### **Our Parish Family is asked to pray:**

*that this Lent will bring many  
back to the Sacraments.*

*Prayer Requests ~ 9AM - 11AM  
Dolores 215-674-1966*

### ***Holy Hour for Priests***

St. Catherine of Siena Parish at 321 Witmer Road, Horsham, PA will hold a Holy Hour for Priests on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Upcoming dates are:

February 15th ~ March 1st and 15th  
April 5th and 19th

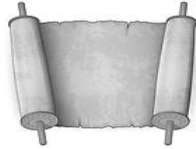
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Nativity's Bible Study

*Studying the Book of the Wisdom of Solomon continues. This last written Deutero-Canonical biblical book consider a special view of the Wisdom of God. It reflects the meaning of wisdom for King Solomon and also its meaning in the history of Israel.*

## Nativity's Evening Bible Study Schedule:



February 19

April 16

June 4 & 18

August 6 & 20

October 1 & 15

March 5 & 19

May 7 & 21

July 2 & 16

September 3 & 17

November 5 & 19

## NATIVITY SENIORS

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 12 noon in the Parish Conference Center (weather permitting).

Lunch will consist of a hot dog, baked beans, sauerkraut, a beverage and delicious home made desserts at a cost of \$4.00 per person.

For further information, please contact Grace at 215-394-5893.

## Theology on Tap Bulletin Notice

Bucks County Young Adult

Theology on Tap Series

Tuesday, February 24, 7:30pm

Giuseppe's Pizza

990 2nd Street Pike, Richboro, PA 18954

Bucks County Theology on Tap is beginning our Winter series! Come join young adults from across the county for a Catholic-based presentation series in a comfortable social environment. **Fr, Chris Walsh**, Pastor at St. Raymond of Penafort in Philadelphia, will present this month's topic, "**40 For 40: A Commoner's Guide to Lent.**" This series is a great way to meet new friends while enjoying fellowship and growing in faith. Also, be sure to visit our Facebook page, "Bucks County TOT," for more details on this and future events.

## Attention Nativity

### Artists!

We invite you display your artwork in our Spring Art Show scheduled for **Sunday, April**

**19<sup>th</sup> after the 12 noon Mass. (Note new date)**

We are open to a variety of art forms, paintings, drawings, photographs, sculpture, wood carvings, quilts needle point etc. If you have artist friends or family members, please invite them to display something. Please contact, Ann Marie Gervino, Director of Adult Faith Formation by **March 2 if you would like to include your work in our show.** 215-675-1925 or [agervino@noolp.org](mailto:agervino@noolp.org)



## The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers

is **Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18<sup>th</sup> and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. We encourage parish participation, individuals, and parish groups to attend and/or volunteer in assisting with all aspects of the Mass and reception. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass. **All are Welcome.**

To **RSVP** go to [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org), email [sr.kschipani@archphila.org](mailto:sr.kschipani@archphila.org) or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

**Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat:** Monday, May 4, 2015 at Malvern Retreat House, Bishop Timothy Senior will direct a retreat for mothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register or for more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400, or [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or Sr. Kathleen Schipani at 215-587-3330, or [sr.kschipani@archphila.org](mailto:sr.kschipani@archphila.org).

THE KINGS MEN " Second Annual SPRING GALA FUND RAISER will be held at the Blue Bell Country Club on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-10:30pm. Dinner, DJ/dancing, open/cash bar, live/silent auctions and a wonderful guest speaker! Tickets \$125 single, \$200 couple and \$900 table of 10. Limited to 250 guests. Order Tickets: Call 215-738-2372 Teri Molz OR email: [mark@thekingsmen.org](mailto:mark@thekingsmen.org)  
[www.thekingsmen.us](http://www.thekingsmen.us)

## NEUMANN ADULT SPIRITUALITY ENRICHMENTS PROGRAM

March 11, 2015 ~ Wednesday ~ 9:30 A.M. –  
2:00 P.M. ~ Nativity of Our Lord Parish  
Conference Center

### “HOPE FOR THE FLOWERS” THE PROMISE OF TRANSFORMATION

Novelist E. M. Forster wrote: “We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.” Using the paradigm of the metamorphosis of a butterfly and the contemplative vision offered in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, we will explore how it is that such experiences of “dying and rising” serve as the necessary prelude to transformation into Christ and the only way through which we can journey toward the true freedom that is resurrected life.  
Presenter: **Clare A. D’Auria, OSF**, as Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Astor, PA, currently ministers as a staff member at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA. For half of her almost fifty years in ministry, Clare has served in retreat work, offering spiritual direction, directed and conference retreats, as well as numerous workshops in Franciscan spirituality throughout the United States.

**Cost: \$20 pp (pay at door) ~ Brown Bag Lunch ~ Continental Breakfast, Coffee & Tea & Dessert Provided. Reservations are appreciated to help us plan the day. call: Cathy (215-672-2986) or Pat (215-675-3853). Or email: cathyandwalt2@verizon.net**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



**2014 Tax Statements** are now available by calling the Parish Office Center at 215-675-1925. Please leave your name, address and phone number. You will receive a phone call when your statement is available. Statements can be picked up at the Rectory, the Parish Office Center or can be **emailed** to you.

*To everything there is a season and a time  
for every purpose under heaven.*

### “...a time to be healed...”

Helene Alexander, Leticia Alfredo, Michael Altomari, Oakley Amerman, Genevieve Arber, Ann Best, Lou Borghi, Shane Boyle, Craig Brennan, Mason John Burton, Ann Campbell, Joseph Carr, Maryjane Charlton, Michael Christiansen, David Chubb, William Chubb, Connie Dasconio, John Delaney, Alfonso DeLuca, Lucille Deissler, Janice Dockery, Angelo & Caroline Fanelli, Krissy Farabee, Jamie Ferrari, Sister Marie Fidelis, RSM, Joseph Finn, James, Fuges, Alma Gilbert, Ann Gomez, Janeen Harper, Ben Helfrich, Mickey Heston, Paul Hudimac, Betty Huf, Joseph Jenkins, Howard Kaness, Anna King, Cassidy Kmetz, Madeline Lahr, Jeanne Lambert, Ellie Larsen, Ed Little, Mary Lucci, Joe Maceyko, Leon Machulski, Ann Mackey, Dan Maffei, Julia Maher, Christopher Maiorino, Virginia Mallatratt, Frank Maransky, Nancy & Joe Marcinkevich, Herb Martin, Ann McCloskey, John McCollum, Joan McDonald, John & Jinny McIntyre, Matthew McKinney, John Mikulich, Bill Miller, Bill Mulholland, Ellen O’Donnell, Mae O’Donnell, Lauren Pastore, Ann Marie Pearson, Gary Peck, John Pemrick, Carol Pero, Dolores Pers, Louise Pfau, Patricia Plant, Sara Reguera, Kathleen & Joseph Reichart, Ernest & Barbara Renk, Margie Sarsfield, Bob Schaefer, Loretta Schmid, Dolores Selvey, Teresa Snyder, Kevin Stewart, Richard Sweeney, Johnny Tate, Frank Thomas, Kathy Tellado, Robert Tully, Carol Woltemate, Miriam Yochim, Mary Zuccarelli, & all the sick of the parish.

### “...a time to die...”

**Benjamin Romine, Robert Lanzetta,  
Leah Carbone & Donald Croke**

Religious life ought to promote growth in the church by way of attraction. The church must be attractive. Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living!....It is this witness that I expect of you. Religious should be men and women who are able to wake the world up.

~Pope Francis, *meeting with the Union of Superiors  
General, Nov. 29, 2013*

### WEEKLY FAITH SHARING

*Question of the Week*

**How do you show pity to those  
who suffer or are in need?**

# NATIVITY YOUTH

## CYO News

Please continue to visit our website during the school year for our new calendar of events and all CYO information.

Don't forget to register on the website for all important CYO related emails.

[www.nativitycyo.org](http://www.nativitycyo.org)

## SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

The spring sports registration is opening Monday, January 19 and will close Monday, February 23. The spring sports season includes track (grades K-8), softball (grades 4-8), and baseball (grades 5-8). Registrations can be completed at [www.wagdongs.com](http://www.wagdongs.com)

## LENTEN FUNDRAISER

The CYO is proud to partner with Pizza Plaza and Warrington Pizza to bring great deals on cheese pizzas and hoagies during the Lenten season. Hoagies are \$6 and cheese pizzas are \$11. Order forms can be found on our website.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 14, 2015 - For the Run of It! Nativity of Our Lord 5K is sponsored by the CYO. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Parish Community Center. Registration includes T-Shirt, refreshments and snacks. Please visit [www.nativitycyo.org](http://www.nativitycyo.org) for more information.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

**St Robert Bellarmine 6th annual Adult Trivia Night ~ Saturday, February 28th from 7 to 10pm. Doors open at 6pm. Individuals \$20/pp / groups of 8 to 10 at \$15pp**

Themes are optional. Bring your own food and drink and we guarantee a great time!

Door prizes, games, certificate for best theme and bragging trophy to the winners

All are welcome.....registration forms available by email at [mompalo@aol.com](mailto:mompalo@aol.com)

We are psyched.....proceeds benefit the teen ministry Steubenville trip.

## PREP Student of the Month for January

We would like to recognize and congratulate our PREP students who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit Award for Knowledge in the month of January. Students exemplifying the gift of Knowledge have the ability to get the facts straight so that he/she is able to recognize the difference between truth and error. This student practices sorting through what he/she learns in his/her education and from his/her experiences in order that he/she may come to know what is true.

<b>Kindergarten:</b>	Justin Pallozzi
<b>Level 1:</b>	Sophia Raddi, Grace Walsh
<b>Level 2:</b>	Julia Clark, Bridget Foley, Anne Marie Pallozzi
<b>Level 3:</b>	Dominic DiGrosso, Bridget Merritt, Anthony Capozzi
<b>Level 4:</b>	Taylor Mensch, Kyle Smuszkiewicz
<b>Level 5:</b>	Jakeb Shaw, Owen Clark, Chase Dubzak
<b>Level 6:</b>	Michael Borkowski, Alex Boyle, Sara Lieb

Villa Joseph Marie High School will host 2 upcoming events for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls: a Practice Entrance Test on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and an Essay Contest on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, or to register, please visit [www.vjmhs.org/admissions](http://www.vjmhs.org/admissions).

## Mount Saint Joseph Academy

The Mount, a catholic college preparatory school for girls, invites all interested 7th grade girls to register for The **Pre-HSPT** to be given on **Saturday, March 28, 2015 ~ 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

The Pre-HSPT is a 7th grade edition of the actual Scholarship/Entrance Exam given to eighth grade applicants.

Registration is available **online only**. You will receive registration confirmation via email.

**Register at: [www.msjacad.org/practicetest](http://www.msjacad.org/practicetest)**

# World Meeting of Families Activities:

Study Group for Catechesis on the Family

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Center

February 17, Chapter 4 & 5

March 3, Chapter 7

April 7, Chapter 9

February 24 Chapter 6

March 17 Chapter 8

April 21 Chapter 10



## *Passion Play, Provence, and the Cote D'Azur*

*Italy and France with the Nativity of Our Lord Travelers*

June 17-27, 2015

11 days/09 nights

≈A quality, customized tour≈

*Estimated cost: \$4819 per person, double occupancy, including travel protection.*

*Like Oberammergau, Germany, the town of Sordevolo, Italy produces an unforgettable Passion Play. Join us for this memorable production. See the Holy Shroud of Turin, on display every five years. Then savor the best of Italy's Piedmont Region and the best of southern France in style, comfort, and glorious weather.*

VISIT: ITALY: Biella, Oropa, Sordevolo, Turin (Torino); FRANCE: Nice, Monaco, Eze, Saint Paul de Vence, Grasse, Aix-en-Provence, Avignon, Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Arles, Saint Remy.

**INCLUSIVE FEATURES:** 9 nights in First Class hotels. Round-trip air. Travel protection including pre-existing condition waiver. Reserved seats at the Sordevolo Passion Play. Breakfast daily. Five gourmet dinners with wine. Wine tasting. Grappa tasting. Celebrate Mass. Extensive touring. Local guides and entrance fees. Hotel taxes and service charges. Professional tour director. Premier Tours Professional Escort. Optional transportation church/airport/church. Please join us on this exciting tour.

For additional information contact:  
Premier Tours: toll free: 800 932 9213  
[premiertours@verizon.net](mailto:premiertours@verizon.net)



## Please join us for Nativity's Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Dennis O'Donnell

March 8, 9, 10, 2015

Nativity of Our Lord Church 7:00 p.m.



Father Dennis O'Donnell is the President and co-founder of the *Amigos de Jesus*, an orphanage in Honduras. He was ordained in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on May 18, 1974, & is currently the Director of Integrated Health Services at Holy Redeemer Hospital. From 1989 to 2006, Fr. O'Donnell served as the Rector & Spiritual Director at St. Joseph in the Hills, the Malvern Retreat House in Pennsylvania. Father conducts weekend retreats and days of recollection for many different groups (seniors, married couples, faculty, and students). He also conducts retreats for religious clergy and parish missions throughout the USA. Father O'Donnell's love for the 'least of us' has been the driving force behind *Amigos de Jesus*. He has been the organization's guiding light and foundation. Father travels at least four times a year to Honduras, where he spends time with the children and enjoys just being with them to see their smiling faces.

## COVER SHEET

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