



HE IS  
RISEN

CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR



From the desk of Fr. Joe .....

## **The Lord is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!**

I first heard this Easter greeting when I was a college student at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. One of our professors told us that in the Eastern Rite churches, the people would greet each other with these words. The first person would say, "The Lord is Risen!" and the response was, "He is Risen, Indeed!" For the rest of the semester, that is how we greeted one another.

Wouldn't it be great if we all would adopt that greeting on a regular basis? How much impact could it have on our society if we greeted each other in His name? Secondly, it would keep the reality of the Resurrection in the forefront of our minds.

Let the joy of the Easter Season fill our hearts and minds with the love that the Risen Lord, Jesus, has shown us through His passion, death and Resurrection. Let us share that same love and mercy with one another.

On this Feast of the Resurrection, Fr. Mekonnen, Fr. Friel and I wish you a very Happy Easter.

### **Nativity of Our Lord Church**

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekdays:** 6:30AM (T-F)  
8:00AM (M-S)  
**First Fridays:** 9:00 AM (October thru June)  
**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

#### **CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday:** 7:30 AM - 7:50 AM  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

#### **PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday:** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
**Friday:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
**Saturday:** By appointment only.

#### **CONTACT NUMBERS**

**Parish Center /Rectory:** 215-675-1925  
**School:** 215-675-2820  
**Religious Education Office:** 215-672-5316  
**Precious Friends Day Care:** 215-773-8399



### **The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church**

*Dec'd members of Maiorino and  
Ciannamea Families*

### **H.O.P.E. Captain:**

**April 2 —April 29**

**Janene Raisman @ 215-674-0685**

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

Sunday Collection for April 9 and 16, 2017  
will be printed in the April 23, 2017  
Sunday Bulletin.

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

#### ***Celebrants for MASSES on April 22 and 23***

*(Subject to Change)*

5:00 PM	Father Watson
8:00 AM	Father Mekonnen
10:00 AM	Father Watson
12:00 PM	Father Mekonnen

## Life Changing Seasons

*To everything there is a season....*

***"...a time to be loved..."***

***"...a time to be born..."***

*Gianni Beckett Murtha*

*Gemma Mary Kulp*

*Charlotte Michelle Waldner*

***"...a time to be healed..."***

Marie Andinolfi, Bill Doyle,  
Norma Doyle, Colin Neville, Janeen Harper,  
James Hildebrand, Matthew Hogan,  
Joseph Laskowski, Jeanneen Meakim,  
Alfred Micco, Noah,  
Jack O'Dell, Jeffrey Osinski,  
Justin Pallozzi, Ann Quinn,  
Kevin Rakszawski, Edward Reidinger,  
Alfio Rossillo, Chris Scott,  
Angela Shammo, Dorothy Smedley,  
Laurie Stahowicz, Joseph Yates

*and all the sick of our parish*

***...a time to die***

## NATIVITY SENIORS

Usually meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.

This month's meeting will be held  
Thursday, April 20, 2017  
at 12 Noon  
in the Community Center  
(Weather Permitting)



A pizza, dessert and a  
beverage  
will be served for lunch  
at a cost of \$4.00 per person.

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

## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, April 15, 2017**

8:00 AM No Mass

8:00 PM Holy Saturday Vigil

**SUNDAY, April 16, 2017**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM People of the Parish

12:30 PM People of the Parish

**MONDAY, April 17, 2017**

8:00 AM Anna and William Lennon

**TUESDAY, April 18, 2017**

6:30 AM Harry Lieb

8:00 AM Mark Meeks

**WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2017**

6:30 AM Mary Claire McIntyre

8:00 AM Eileen and Patrick Fenton

**THURSDAY, April 20, 2017**

6:30 AM People of the Parish

8:00 AM Bernard Finn

**FRIDAY, April 21, 2017**

6:30 AM Raymond and Eleanor Clark

8:00 AM Robert Dee

**SATURDAY, April 22, 2017**

8:00 AM Mark Meeks

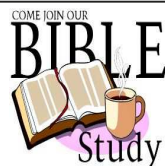
5:00 PM George Shammo

**SUNDAY, April 23, 2017**

8:00 AM Marie Lambert

10:00 AM Members of the Devine Family

12:00 PM Rita Sabatelli



***Evening Bible Study....***

***... will continue to experience  
the amazing visions of the  
Book of Revelation.***

Nativity's Evening Bible Study meets at 7 PM on  
the first and third Thursday of each month in the  
Multi-Media Center with a big screen for viewing  
the biblical Power Points.

***April 20***

***May 4 and 18***

***June 1 and 15***

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## Parish News

*Join us for a memorable evening!*  
Saturday, April 22, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Nativity Community Center

### Nativity of Our Lord Art Show and Auction

Enjoy food from local vendors, dessert, beer and wine.

Live Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. featuring Art and Sports memorabilia in all media and price ranges provided by the Marlin Company. Raffles and a Silent Auction will also available.

*Proceeds to Benefit Nativity of Our Lord School.*



**The evening will also include a separate art exhibit from local artists.**

(This is an adult only event)

\$20.00 per person in advance      \$ 25.00 per person at the door.

Or call Sharon Silvestri (215) 675-2820 option 7 or email [auktion@noolp.org](mailto:auktion@noolp.org)

Tickets may be ordered on line with a small additional service fee:

<http://nativityauktion.brownpapertickets.com>



### **NEW DATE**

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO  
Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine**

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

**\$40.00 per person**

**(includes all bus fees and box lunch)**

**Bus Departs: 8:30a.m. and will Return: approx. 4:00p.m.**

***Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine is devoted to spreading the  
authentic Message of Fatima***

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared 6 times to 3 shepherd children:  
Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta between May 13 and October 13, 1917.

***Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima  
Please call Ann Marie at 215-675-1925***



## ***Nativity of Our Lord Family***



**June 20 – 24, 2017**

Rides - Food  
Live Music – Bingo

**Mega 50/50 ~ \$5.00 donation for each chance you purchase  
Winner receives 50% of all monies collected.**

**Family Night Tuesday (6/21) & Thursday (6/23)**  
Ride bands are \$20.00 per night, per person (6:00 PM to 10:00 PM)



**MEGA PASS ~ ride all night/every night for only  
\$40.00 per person in advance / \$45.00 at Carnival.**  
(During all operating hours - height and age restrictions may apply)

**Carnival Packets should be arriving in your mailboxes soon.**

Be a part of the success  
Volunteer to help in the food tents and games.

**Mega 50/50 chances, volunteer, and mega pass forms can be returned  
to the Sunday collection or to the Parish Offices.**

## Parish News

"Grief is not handled well alone. God made us social beings, and when we lose a loved one, we desire and need the support of others." ... James R. White.

### **Nativity Grief Group Tuesdays 6:30 to 8 PM School Multi Media Center**

Park behind the school and follow blue balloons. Everyone experiencing a loss of a loved one is welcome. Any questions or for more information, please call the Parish Center (215-672-7691) or Dot Cassidy (1-267-607-2160).

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| April 18 | Emotions During the Grief Journey              |
| May 2    | Coping With Isolation and Loneliness           |
| May 16   | Spiritual Support in Managing Grief and Stress |
| May 30   | Secondary Losses                               |
| June 13  | Memories are Our Treasures                     |

## SCHOOL NEWS



### **Happy Easter!**

Our Nativity Parish School Family wishes all of you a happy and holy Easter! I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the school community to thank you, our partners in faith, who are so supportive of your parish school. The students and teachers work very hard to make sure your investment in the school pays off as an investment in their future. However, we know that it is not just about academics, it is about their formation in the faith.

Did you know that each Tuesday, our students spend some time in Church during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? Having adoration each Tuesday is a blessing for all of us as a faith community.

Recently, Father Joe and I had a meeting with someone from the Catholic Foundation. She was in my office when a fourth grader began the Angelus. She was so moved that we prayed the Angelus every day. We never know how our actions touch people's hearts.

For all of our blessings, thank you from the bottom of a very grateful



Roselee Maddaloni  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS



### **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD SCHOOL**

Now enrolling new students for 2017-2018– ALL Grades!

*Limited space still available for our excellent Preschool program*

5 days- full or half day options for 3 and 4 year olds

2011 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Faith-filled academic curriculum

including co-curricular instruction in

Spanish, Music, Physical Education and Technology

Call now for more information- 215-675-2820

**Make our school.....YOUR school!**

## PREP NEWS

### **Putting PREP into Practice:**

*“Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.”*

*-Ven. Fulton Sheen*

Alleluia! Easter is here! We have prayed, fasted, and reflected on Jesus’ Passion and death, and now it is time for us to celebrate his glorious resurrection. We experienced the somberness of Good Friday, and now we bask in the incredible joy of Easter Sunday. Jesus’ love for us is never ending. We’ve welcomed new members into our Church at the Easter Vigil. Our Easter elation fills the Church.

Take some time today to reflect on the joyful things in our lives. “Put PREP into Practice” by greeting our visitors and guests that join us in Church today. Celebrate with family and friends. Let the light of your faith shine for all to see. Offer prayers for those who may need it today.

May God’s loving joy fill your hearts today and throughout the Easter season.

God bless,

*Mrs. Jennifer Boag*

Director of Religious Education

# TEEN MINISTRY NEWS



**Jesus Christ is risen,  
Alleluia!!**

The teen ministry  
wishes you a  
happy, holy and blessed  
Easter!



**April 22 - 23**

Sticky Buns will be sold after all Masses  
(including the vigil)

**Raisin          Cream Cheese**

**Nut                Plain**

1/2 dozen box for \$8.00

2 boxes for \$15.00

Proceeds will benefit our Teen Ministry.  
Your support is greatly appreciated!

## CYO NEWS

**Summer and Fall Sports** - Adults wishing to coach these sports, need to have all Safe Environment documentation completed and submitted to Mrs. Donna Ludovico. For questions or concerns please call Donna at 215-773-8399.

**Modell's Spring Fundraiser - March 3, 2017 thru April 27, 2017**

Visit <http://www.nativitycyo.org> to download the coupon.

*Register on the website, [www.nativitycyo.org](http://www.nativitycyo.org), for all important CYO related emails.*

## *Happening Outside Nativity*

### ***Need a Miracle?***

Then join us on the fourth Friday of every month as we pray for miracles.

Starting March 24, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. we will pray, read and discuss, presenting our individual requests, and asking God to grant our miracles through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of the Legion of Mary.

Please come to the Nativity of Our Lord Parish Conference Center behind the Church.

Everyone is welcome!

### **NEUMANN SPIRITUALITY GROUP**

**May 10, 2017**

### **DAY RETREAT AT CRANALETH**

#### **The Ways of Prayer**

***Presented by: Sister Mary Anne Nolan, RSM***

The cost is \$50.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided.

For further information contact:

Pat (215-675-3853) or

Cathy (215-262-0265).

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## Happening Outside Nativity

**The 19th Michael S. Monaghan Memorial Scholarship Concert**  
Archbishop Wood High School  
Sophia A. Friedman Auditorium,  
655 York Road, Warminster, PA 18974  
**Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 7pm.**

Since 1998, the concert has raised scholarship money for Archbishop Wood students, and features Bill & Jim Monaghan, Celtic Pride, and many talented friends! This year also features the reunion of Bill & Jim's college band, Cadence, specializing in Classic Rock.

Adults - \$15 donation  
Children under 13 & Senior Citizens - \$10 donation  
Children 4 & under FREE

For tickets and scholarship information contact:  
**Bill Monaghan** at (215) 357-3370 or by  
e-mail: [tickets@monaghanmusic.com](mailto:tickets@monaghanmusic.com)

### NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

#### Spring Open House & Sneak Peek Art Show

Admission is Free and Open to the Public

**Wednesday ~ May 3, 2017 ~ 5:00 to 7 PM**

One-of-a-kind student art work will be displayed throughout our school along with the opportunity to attend music recitals.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP (attending only) at  
[www.nazarethacademyhs.org/springopenhouse17](http://www.nazarethacademyhs.org/springopenhouse17)

#### BEACH BAG BINGO!

An exclusive free event for 7th grade girls

**Friday ~ May 12, 2017 ~ 6:30 to 9 PM**

10 bingo games with prizes, pizza and summer themed refreshments

To register visit:

[www.nazarethacademyhs.org/7thbeachbagbingo](http://www.nazarethacademyhs.org/7thbeachbagbingo)

#### Pre-8th Grade Summer Enrichment Program

**For girls entering the 8th grade in Fall 2017**

**June 26th until July 20th**

**9 AM to 12:30 PM**

**Academic and Athletic Summer Camps**  
(also available)

For more information and to register, please visit:  
[www.nazarethacademyhs.org/summer17](http://www.nazarethacademyhs.org/summer17)

For additional information, please visit our website at [www.nazarethacademyhs.org](http://www.nazarethacademyhs.org) or contact Ms. Derassouyan at 215-268-1026.

### Archbishop Wood High School Alumni Events

**Friday, April 21 ~ Hall of Fame**  
**@ The Fuge ~ 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 23 ~ Alumni Mass and Garden Blessing ~ 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by blessing & breakfast**

**Friday, May 12 ~ Alumni Golf Outing**  
**Noon at Five Ponds Golf Course**

**For information, contact Mr. Tim Dunn at 215-672-5050 x227 or [tdunn@archwood.org](mailto:tdunn@archwood.org)**

**Mount Saint Joseph Academy** invites 7th grade girls to experience life at the Mount.

Join us for a morning visit. Half day visitations will continue through May 23rd.

A parent may go online to arrange a visit. Visit our website at [www.msjacad.org](http://www.msjacad.org) for more information.

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Please join us Saturday mornings after the 8AM Mass and pray the rosary with us for the special intention of Vocations.



### CYO Football Registration at Nativity

Saturday, May 20th after 5:00 Mass, & Sunday, May 21st after the 10:00 & 12 noon Masses. Registration will be outside of church and in the rear parking lot (in the school hall if inclement weather). There are two teams: JV is 5th & 6th grades, Varsity is 7th & 8th grades, there is no weight limit. All applicants must be registered in our Parish or an affiliated Parish and must attend Catholic School or be registered in our Religious Education Program. Registration fee is \$140, due at signing, camp fee is \$100, due in August. **YOU CANNOT REGISTER ONLINE FOR SAINTS FOOTBALL!!!!**

For more info go to [saintscyo.com](http://saintscyo.com) or contact  
Joe Meehan @267-250-3492 or  
Dave Armstrong @215-783-3587.