

Nativity of Our Lord Church

605 West Street Road, Warminster, PA 18974
site: www.nativityofourlord.org

December 25, 2011
The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)



*A
Savior
has been born
for you*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Noon
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 AM
Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30 AM & 8:00 AM
First Friday 9:00 AM (October thru May)
Saturday: 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

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

DAYTIME OFFICE HOURS-PARISH CENTER

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - Noon
& 1:00 - 4:00 PM

RECTORY ~ BY APPOINTMENT

Monday - Friday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
& 6:30-7:30 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Rev. Angelo R. Citino, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. William J.J. O'Donnell, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Henry C. Graf, Weekend Minister
Rev. Michael H. Sptizer, Weekend Minister
Deacon Daniel Dwyer
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second and Fourth Sunday* of the month at 1:15 PM. Parents are asked to come to the Baptismal Instruction the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Conference Center located behind the church. Please call the Parish Center to register for the Baptismal Instruction. ***No Baptisms on Christmas Day.**

We, the Parish family of Nativity of Our Lord, proclaim that by our Baptism we have received the message of Christmas *the great love God has for all people* and proclaim that love to all we meet, and so to make present the Kingdom of God on earth by service to others and by working for justice and peace.

Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate the joyous event of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a time to reflect upon the many graces, blessings, and gifts we have received from our God. The greatest of those gifts being His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This feast is a time for families and friends to come together to celebrate. I hope that all the parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord will have the opportunity to share the warmth and joy of this season with loved ones.

I also hope that all of us, as the family of Nativity Parish, will join together to celebrate our salvation in the greatest form of worship and celebration, the Mass. I personally look forward to praying with and for all of you.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cooperation and support over this past year. Your love and loyalty to our parish is evident.

I pray that the Child of Bethlehem, our Savior, will bring you and your loved ones grace, peace and strength during this holy season and throughout the new year.

Merry Christmas!

Happy Feast Day, Nativity Parish

Father Citino



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

- 4:30 PM ~ Mass of the Christmas Vigil
- 4:30 PM ~ Overflow Mass in Church Hall
- 6:30 PM ~ Mass of the Christmas Vigil
- 8:00 PM ~ Mass of the Christmas Vigil
- 12:00 AM ~ Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00 AM and 11:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday, January 1, 2012

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & Noon

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING ~ TITHING

Sunday Collection for

December 18, 2011 ~ Will be posted next week

Thank You for your support! Fr. Citino

The Gospel for All Ages

Feast of Christmas, December 25, 2011

Sunday Readings: Isaiah 9.1-6; Titus 2.11-14;
Luke 2.1-20

Question from Life: Who are the lowly that most concern you this Christmas?

Question from the Gospel: How is Jesus a gift to humankind?

Prayer Requests ~ 9AM - 11AM

Dolores 215-674-1966

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Here are Pope Benedict XVI's prayer intentions for December:

Peace Among All Peoples: That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

Children and Youth: That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

†SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES†

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Monday: St. Stephen
- Tuesday: St. John
- Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
- Thursday: St. Thomas Becket
- Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Saturday: St. Sylvester I

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 - Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 - Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 - Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
 - Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
 - Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 - Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16
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THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY

TUESDAY– December 27, 2011

6:30 PM Legion of Mary ~PCC-K

WEDNESDAY - December 28, 2011

7:30 PM Prayer Group ~ PCC

Nativity of Our Lord Parish Winter Health Care Series ~ Thursday, January 12, 2012

NUTRITION & STAYING HEALTHY AS WE AGE

Healthy Hearts ~ Stroke Assessments & Blood Pressure Screenings

Managing Diabetes

Presenter: *Mary Alice Shane, RD, LDN, is a member of Nativity of Our Lord Parish Health Care Ministry. She has over 30 years experience as a Registered Dietitian and is an instructor at Montgomery County Community College.*

Pre-registration required. Cost \$5.

Call: 215-675-1925

7:00 PM ~ Nativity Church Hall ~ Please enter by back parking lot.

Neumann Adult Spiritual Enrichment Program

On The Way To Community

The topic is based on the importance of developing and maintaining the cardinal virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance as the spiritual “hinges” on the doors of our hearts as we pursue what leads to justice, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit and to building up one another as servants of Christ in the kingdom of God. (cf Romans 14: 17-19)

Presenter: Deacon Jim Fowkes serves as a Permanent Deacon currently assigned to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Doylestown. He has an extensive background in education leading up to the Diaconate.

When: January 11, 2012 at 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM, in the Parish Conference Center.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY December 24, 2011

8:00 AM Raffaella Sammaritano

SUNDAY December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

MONDAY December 26, 2011

6:30 AM **NO MASS**

8:00 AM Hilda Schuler

TUESDAY December 27, 2011

6:30 AM **NO MASS**

8:00 AM Josephine Malone

WEDNESDAY December 28, 2011

6:30 AM **NO MASS**

8:00 AM William Gaskill

THURSDAY December 29, 2011

6:30 AM **NO MASS**

8:00 AM Cernuto Family

FRIDAY December 30, 2011

6:30 AM **NO MASS**

8:00AM* Dolores Luciani

SATURDAY December 31, 2011

8:00 AM Agnes Devlin ~ 20th Anniversary

5:00 PM Regina Owen

SUNDAY January 1, 2012

8:00 AM Richard J. Fulton

10:00 AM David Thompson

12:00 PM Annella “Nellie” Susic

***Only the First Friday mass will be at 9:00 AM, October, 2011 thru May, 2012.**

Our Parish family is asked to pray:

for a safe and blessed New Year

*The Sanctuary Lamp in the
Church burns*

In loving memory of

Karen Reavill

We Love and miss you, your family

*The Sanctuary Lamp in the
Holy Innocent Room Burns in loving
memory of*

Gerald Sweeney

Love and miss you,

Karen Sweeney—Reilly

Nativity Youth

The Nativity Junior CYO Board would like to wish everyone and Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Women of Faith~

A Retreat Weekend with the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer

Explore the presence and action of God in your life during a winter retreat weekend for young single women interested in discovering more about discernment and religious life. **Friday, January 6th to Sunday, January 8th.** Sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer. For more info or to request a brochure, contact: Sr. Ana Dura, CSR 215-914-4109; vocations@holyredeemer.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Let us give each other the nicest gift we can give for the holidays. Ourselves to each other. Time to renew and refresh each other in our marriage. Our next Encounter Weekend will be January 29-31, 2012. For more information or to register, call: 1-800-456-8330.

Nativity of Our Lord Mothers' Group



Babysitters Needed!

The Nativity Moms' Group is in need of a babysitter to watch our children on the third Wednesday of the month from 9 am to 11am in the months of January through May. We are looking for someone to have all of the clearances necessary to be a school volunteer, or someone who will have completed them by January. Moms, Grandmoms, Aunts... if you love children, will you please consider helping us once a month? **If you are interested or have any questions, please email Angela Shammo at teacher527@hotmail.com or call Cathy Krzywicki at 215-675-1925.** Our first official meeting of 2012 will be Wednesday, January 18 at 9 am.

REVISED ROMAN MISSAL

New Words . . . Deeper Meaning, Same Mass

Eucharistic Prayer I

To you, therefore: The Latin takes care to link one prayer with the next, for what we say now is consequent upon what we have said before. It is because Christ has come to us *in the name of the Lord* that now we too, through Christ, approach the Father in prayer.

...**most merciful Father:** God looks upon us with kindness and clemency, despite our sins.

...**we make humble prayer and petition:** Literally, we bend the knee before you and beg you to hear our plea. It is good for us to do so, for "God opposes the proud/ but bestows favor on the humble" (1 Pt 5:15). Man never stands so tall as when he is on his knees.

...**these gifts, these offerings/ these holy and unblemished sacrifices:** Exactly as in the Latin. The sequence of nouns builds to a climax. A *gift* may be given by one person to another; an *offering* is given to one's superior; a sacrifice, only to God. But these sacrifices are holy and unblemished, because they are the Lord's own gift of himself, the unblemished Passover Lamb of God.

Be pleased to grant her peace: We wish for more than a kind of truce, or absence of strife. We wish for the favor of God, in whose will alone we find our peace, for God himself is "the Lord of peace" (2 Thes 3:16), and "he is our peace" (Eph 2:14). Therefore we beg that God will be *pleased* to grant peace to us, his Church, taking us under his loving wing.

...**govern her/ throughout the whole world:** The phrase "throughout the whole world" has been reunited with its verb. We do *pray* that the Church may be made one. But we complete our prayer by begging that God will be the one who governs her wherever she may be found.

...**your servant:** The phrase has been restored. The pope is our guide on earth because he is a *servant* of God, literally a member of the household.

...**or they offer it for themselves:** Here and continuing through to the end of the sentence, the priest suggests that the souls of the departed may be joining us in the Eucharistic sacrifice, beseeching God both for themselves and for those whom they loved on earth. "We are surrounded," says the author of the Letter to the Hebrews, "by so great a cloud of witnesses (Heb 12: 1). The souls of our beloved dead, who fell asleep in the hope of Christ, do not abandon us. The Church teaches us that they are with us still. We pray for them, yes, but they too pray for themselves and for us, in the confident hope that we will all be one again in the kingdom of God.

WINTER DULDROMS BOOK CLUB

Render Unto Caesar:

Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholics Beliefs in Political Life

By: Archbishop Charles Chaput

Few topics in recent years have ignited as much public debate as the balance between religion and politics. Does religious thought have any place in political discourse? Do religious beliefs have the right to turn their values into political action? What does it truly mean to have a separation of church and state? The very heart of these important questions is addressed here by one of the healing voices on the topic, Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

While American society has ample room for believers and nonbelievers alike, Chaput argues, our public life must be considered within the context of its Christian roots. American democracy does not ask its citizens to put aside their deeply held moral and religious beliefs for the sake of public policy. In fact, it *requires* exactly the opposite.

To survive, American democracy depends on an engaged citizenry – people of character, including religious believers. American Catholics and other persons of goodwill are part of a struggle for our nation's future, says Chaput. Our choices, including our political choices, matter.

Cost: \$20

WINTER DULDROMS BOOK CLUB ~ *Render Unto Caesar*
To order place your check (no cash, please) in an envelope
and put in the collection basket marked "Book Club."

Name _____ Phone _____

Pick up book _____ Parish Center (M-F ~ 9 AM – 4 PM) _____ Rectory (M-F ~ 4 PM – 7 PM)

LOVE

Let those who never loved before,
love now:

Let those who always loved,
love the more.

—Anonymous

Scrip Christmas Selling Hours

December 23 thru 27 - NO SALES

December 28 thru 30 - 6:30 to 7:30PM @ Rectory

December 31st - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM @ Rectory

January 1, 2012 - NO SALES



Church Memorial Fund

A donation has been made...

In Loving Memory of: Warren Keiser

By: Robert & Geni Chittum, Dianne Zinter,
Franklin & Vivian Lane, & Pat O'Hara

In Loving Memory of: James Reguera, Sr.

By: Ann Marie & Marcella Hand, Christine &
Marshall Coakley, Vanguard Group, Prieto
Family, Marge & Leon Machulski, Dot Lange
Frank Flamery, & Anna Maria Donnelly

In Loving Memory of: Francis McGorry

By: Marie Whren, David Montgomery &
Rita & Leonard Camp

In Loving Memory of: Cecelia Borghi

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County Pro-Life. Fran & Jackie McCafferty,
Dot Lange, Evelyn Pachuta, Maryanne Bigley
Pet & Jack Leven, & Cheryl & Kevin Kelleher

**For information on Church Memorials,
please call the Parish Center (215-675-1925).**

Growing in Faith

Catechism of the Catholic Church

109. In the Kingdom, what authority did Jesus bestow upon his Apostles?

Jesus chose the *twelve*, the future witnesses of his Resurrection, and made them sharers of his mission and of his authority to teach, to absolve from sins, and to build up and govern the Church. In this college, Peter received "the keys of the Kingdom" (*Matthew 16:19*) and assumed the first place with the mission to keep the faith in its integrity and to strengthen his brothers.

WEEKLY FAITH SHARING

Question of the Week

How does Jesus' Incarnation bring you joy?

Inviting Catholics Home

Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from your church?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Date: Monday, January 9, 2012

Time: 7:30 P.M.

**Place: Nativity of Our Lord Parish
Conference Center – building
in back of church – enter by
door across from the green and
yellow recycle bin.**

For more information, call Charlie Scally (267-884-2970).

Women of Nativity present the traveling Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady. Having Mary at your home for one week and praying the rosary to her will bring you many blessings as we have witnessed this past year. The Pilgrim Statue will be at Jack McCollum's home for the week of December 18, 2011. We thank all of you for having the Blessed Mother in your home. If anyone wants to have her in their home please call, Dolores at 215-674-1966 or Sandy at 215-957-1122.

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

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

Fred Ade, William Allspach,, Patti Barrile, Jennifer Becker, Gloria Berbakov, Eleanor Billas, Pat Booth, Helen Bubka Stephen Burgess, Mary Rita Burns, Marie Callan, Charles Camut, Sandy Clark, Amy Clayton, Jack Cole, Florence Dagny, Dolores Devonshire, Rosemary Ellis, Donna Falato, Caroline Fanelli, Nathan Fryer, Father Harry Graf, Muriel Hayne, Carl Horner, Vincent Johnston, Frank Keaveney, Julia Kolarik, Gerald Kosyla, Debbie Kulp, Pat Lavelle, Kurt Linhart, Helen Lohin, Ann Mackey, Millie Masko, Joan McDonald, Jeff McDonald, Caitlin McAllister, Thomas McBride, Jessica McDermott, Jeanneen Meakim, Alfred & Chatty Micco, Norma Mirack, Bill Mulholland, Peg Mumford, Patricia Newton, Joanne O'Brien, John Opalka, Eileen Osinski, Jarrett Palm, Kim Pepper, Dolores Pers, Paul Phillippe, Betty Plantarich, Carol Regan, Stephan Roman, Hank Schmid, Frank Stellini, Elizabeth Thomas, Rickie Watson, & all the sick of the parish

"...a time to die..."

**Cardinal John Patrick Foley &
Rev. Msgr. John A. Sharkey**

Names remain on the sick list for three weeks. If you would like to have someone prayed for, please call the Parish Office Center at 215-675-1925.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
A PEOPLE OF LIFE!
A PEOPLE FOR LIFE!

The March for Life

Monday, January 23, 2012, Washington, D.C.

Please join Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. For the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 10:00 AM. A bus will leave Nativity of Our Lord at 7AM on January 23, 2012. For more information and to reserve a seat, please call Maria at 215-443-7436.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

For many years, a special Mass has been celebrated for our precious pre-born aborted babies on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. The year, the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Martino and concelebrated by Father Christopher Walsh (formerly of Archbishop Wood High School) and priests from all neighboring parishes. The Mass will be on Wednesday, December 28th at 7:00 P.M. at St. Cyril's of Jerusalem Church, Almshouse Road, Jamison. Please make an earnest effort to attend. Refreshments will be served. For further information, please call St. Cyril's at 215-343-1288



Merry Christmas

Each Christmas many parishes around the world will begin with these simple words from a much loved song, "In the little village of Bethlehem was born a child one day and the sky was bright with a golden light o'er the place where Jesus lay." There is a hush in the parish as the song is sung. It is both familiar and reassuring as we all sing together as a family. The words bring forth an image that is imprinted in our minds, the humble place where The Blessed Virgin Mary gave birth to the infant, Jesus.

Throughout the Advent season we have been immersed with new "words" of the Revised Translation of the Roman Missal for the Mass. Words that give us great images of holy Scripture and the essence of our faith. For many of us the change brought us closer to Christ and the deeper spiritual enlightenment.

For those who may have missed a few of the instructions or perhaps those who would like to reread some of the instructional leaflets that were in past bulletins during the advent season rest assured that you can go to our website (www.nativityofourlord.org) and become better acquainted on the actual changes in the Mass texts, especially the people's parts. All these changes are positive and they help to convey many of the rich biblical images and allusions in the original Latin text. These changes help to emphasize God's unconditional love, goodness, power and glory for us. When we become immersed with the meanings of the revised text we can better understand the Eucharist as the sacrificial memorial of Christ's death, and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The more we grasp the meaning of what we say and do at mass the better our encounter with Christ can be. The Liturgy will then be familiar and imprinted in our minds and heart with the great images of holy Scripture and the essence of our faith. Then a month, six months or a year from now, when we sit together as the Body of Christ, as a family celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we will be fully immersed as active participants.

A CATHOLIC FAMILY COOKBOOK

Recipes for Life! A Collection of Recipes To Fortify Families In Both Body and Spirit!

"As a collector of cookbooks, I am thrilled to use the *Catholic Family Cookbook*. The recipes are so easy to follow and use basic ingredients that are found in my kitchen. I especially love the different Saint pages throughout the book. They are both informative and a wonderful reminder of the history of our beautiful Church. Thank you, Nativity's Adult Faith Formation Ministry, for this delicious way of bringing Christ and fellowship into our kitchen." *Dorothy Arner, Nativity of Our Lord Parish*

A CATHOLIC FAMILY COOKBOOK ~ Recipes for Life! ~ Cost \$15

Name _____ Phone # _____

Number of Books _____ Amount of Check Enclosed (*no cash, please*) _____

I will pick the book up at: Parish Center (M-F, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.) _____ or
Rectory (M-F, 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.) _____

Place in the collection basket, or bring to school, or PREP, marked "Cookbook"

COVER SHEET

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