

Nativity of Our Lord

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www.nativityofourlordop.com

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

Deacon Sam Puleo, ext. 142

Assistant Priest

Msgr. George Brennan

Business Manager

Robert M. Joslyn, Sr., ext. 125

Director of Life Teen

Patrick Murphy, ext. 131

Director of Music

Mr. Robert T. Kiersz, ext. 116

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

[www.nativityofourlordop.com/Faith Formation](http://www.nativityofourlordop.com/Faith%20Formation)

Nativity of Our Lord School

S-4414 South Buffalo St. • 716-662-7572

Principal: Miss Ruth Frost, ext. 122

www.nativityschool.net

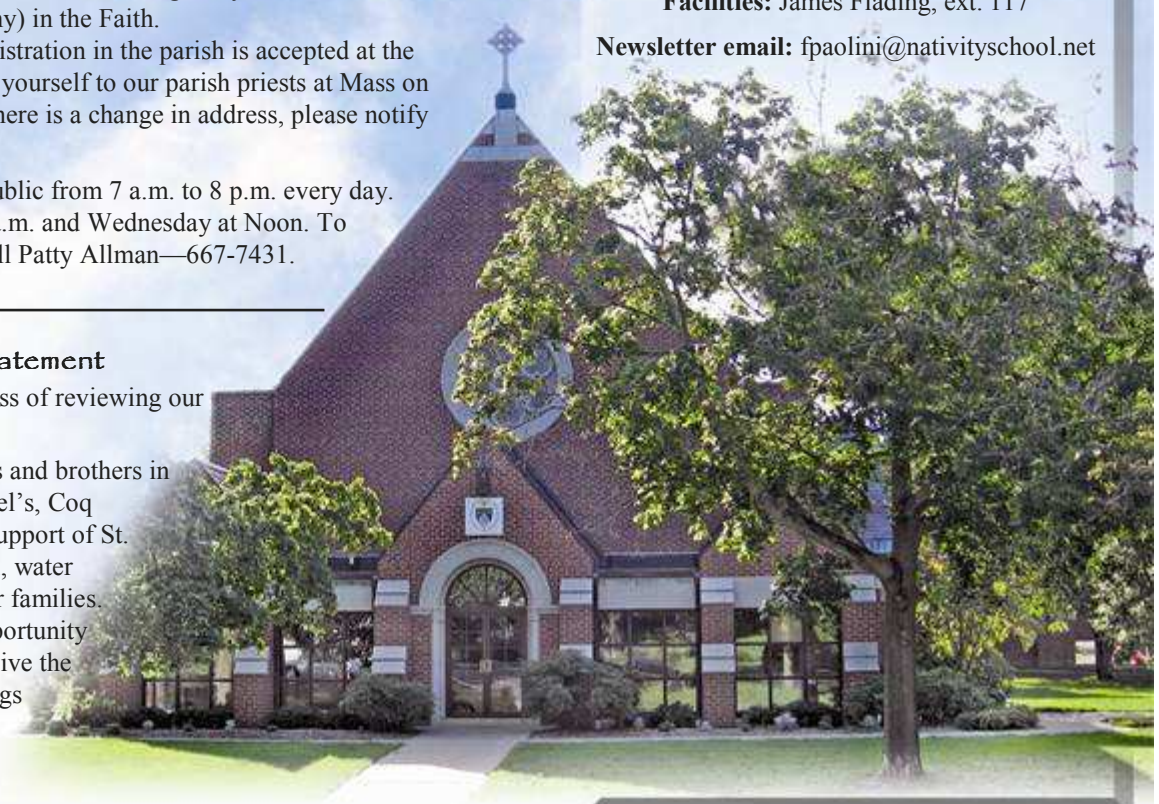
School Hall: 667-2132

Msgr. Beasley Center: 667-2132

Cemetery Office: 43 Argyle Place, 662-9339

Facilities: James Flading, ext. 117

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT
SEPTEMBER, 2010**

Monthly Needs for September, (4 wks).....	\$84,000.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 9/05	\$24,952.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 9/12	\$20,374.50
“Sunday Collection” Week of 9/19	\$19,818.40
“Sunday Collection” Week of 9/26	\$17,694.01
Favorable<Unfavorable> for the month.....	<\$1,161.09>
Favorable<Unfavorable> for the year.....	<\$1,161.09>
Monthly Needs for October, (4wks).....	\$83,000.00

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“Sunday Collection” Week of 10/3	\$27,964.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 10/10	\$18,946.50
“Sunday Collection” Week of 10/17	\$18,545.00
“Sunday Collection” Week of 10/24	\$20,674.57
Favorable<Unfavorable> for the month.....	\$3,129.54
Favorable,Unfavorable> for the year	\$1,968.45
Monthly Needs for November (5 wks).....	\$112,000.00

Fiscal Year is September 1 to August 31

The average weekly envelopes in September were 731 compared to 744 last year and in October they were 730 compared to 762 last year. The total money received in the collection for September was \$86,866.91 and October was \$88,792.07; \$82,839.91 in September and \$86,130.07 in October was the Weekend Collection amount. \$4,225.01 was loose cash not in envelopes in September and \$4,214.07 in October that was included in the “Sunday Collection” amounts. The special collections were \$4,027.00 and \$2,662.00. The special collections in September and October included \$2,002.00 for Peter’s Pence, \$2,203.00 for Catholic Education, \$2,474.00 Mission Sunday and \$10.00 for Christ the King Seminary.

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**. The year end financial report was published in the October, 2010 and appeared in the November newsletter. If you missed it you can see it on the internet in the November issue of the newsletter.

Stewardship: The parish is currently in the middle of a stewardship renewal for this next calendar year. Please find in your heart the **time**, as we approach this Advent season, to share your valuable time with your family and friends and of course reserve some of your day for prayer. Volunteering your **talent** also strengthens the Catholic Church especially through parish ministries and activities. Right now there is a need for Monday Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and new members for the parish Finance and School Advisory Councils.

Finally, the wise management of our financial resources called **treasure**. If every family who receives the parish newsletter were to increase their giving just \$1.00 a week (.15 cents a day) for the whole year, our receipts would increase \$100,000.00. Some parishioners have already increased their giving; others might still be considering it. If you are fearful of giving more because you might need it, then, if you do in the future, contact the business office and we will return your increase. All that is asked is that you reflect on your gifts that you have received from God and then decide how you will return the first fruits of your bounty, off the top, back to God. (Finance Committee)

By-the-way, invite a friend to Nativity

FATHER BERNARD’S NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP:

As related in my sermon in October at all liturgies, these principles should be emphasized:

- ✠ That we have grown in each other’s trust, counsel and good judgment and should build upon this strength.
- ✠ That we are living within our means, not being frivolous, and we all are committed to remain so. Some very wonderful suggestions have been coming in to improve Nativity through our pastoral council and we could process these—especially for better lighting in the sanctuary, and railings and more evenings of recollection, retreats at the seminary, etc.
- ✠ That stewardship become for all of us a way of life. This is why our parishioners on finance relate the formula of 5% of income to the parish, 1% to the diocese and 4% to other charities. This formula is not unique to Nativity but is a National trend among Catholic parishes throughout the USA.
- ✠ This trend of 5-1-4 for a household income of \$80,000 relates to \$4,000 (for Nativity), \$800 (for the diocese) and \$3,200.00 (for other charities). Nativity’s charitable outreach as a parish continues to be outstanding and our faith development for each other needs to be sustained so that we remain a gift to others. Very critical for our society’s development and culture’s morals, the people of Nativity bear the burden of this very serious responsibility.

Nativity parishioners are a very talented, gifted and socially concerned people. The need to develop a solid foundation for our young and a spirit-nourishing community for each other is essential. The world out there needs us, needs you. I am deeply committed to you so that you become a greater gift to others.

I am not asking you to “give to the Church” but to be a part of the mission of Jesus Christ by investing yourselves (including time, talent and treasure) in giving meaning to your baptismal vocation; I am asking you to be the church to complete the work God has called you to do. We have a choice to either spend more on stuff or on experiences...and spending on experiences builds lifelong satisfaction. This is a calling by the Gospel and what better opportunity as the year of St. Matthew’s Gospel opens up a challenge in the Sermons on the Mount to invest joyfully in the experience of faith. Living the Gospel this Matthean year will open the mind to greater self-awareness, to become more fully ourselves. Our stewardship is founded on a transformation from a life-style of stuff/debt to a way of life that is graced, free and meaningful. This is why “investing in experiences” allows Nativity to nurture our souls. We through the experience of Christ become an island of sanity in an often upside-down world.

✠ Presented by fellow laity the weekend of Nov. 6&7: As a member of our parish finance committee I wish to witness “Stewardship” as a way of life, where we can give back to God through **TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE**. Our Christian vocation is essentially a call to be a disciple of Jesus and stewardship is a part of that vocation.

We give back to God for God’s unconditional love. We are the Body of Christ, this body’s health and well being remain the responsibility of us all—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We are all stewards of the Church and our participation takes different forms according to our varied gifts and offices. The fundamental obligation arises from the sacrament of Baptism; that we place our gifts, our resources—ourselves—at God’s service in and through the Church.

Our Stewardship Program at Nativity is based upon three principles: (see page 3)

†**Time**—Using my time on earth wisely; making time for personal prayer, family prayer, and quality time with friends and loved ones.

†**Talent**—Using my God—given abilities to strengthen the Church and help others, especially through parish ministries and activities.

†**Treasure**—The wise and just management of my financial resources; giving a proportionate amount of my income to the weekly parish offertory. Our parish goal at Nativity is giving 5% of income to the parish, 1% to the diocese, and 4% to other charities.

Finally, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says: “Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one God will use for you.” Based on that promise, we believe that the Church should be supported by each of us according to his or her means—a generous portion “off the top.” Everyone in this church can be a disciple, a steward of God’s Church. Thank you and God bless you!

TREASURE

MAKING A CONSISTENT GIFT TO THE OFFERTORY

In thanksgiving for God’s gifts, each household at Nativity of Our Lord is asked to give a specific percentage of income based on the biblical tithes:

†5% to Nativity of Our Lord 1†% to the Diocese †4% to charity

WEEKLY GIVING BASED ON PROPORTION OF INCOME

At Nativity of Our Lord, each household is asked to work toward a significant financial gift based on a just proportion of income. Use the chart below to find the proportion of your current gift, and try to increase incrementally until you reach your goal.

% of Hshld. Income:	Weekly Giving Chart			
	10%	5%	4%	1%
Household Income	Amount of Weekly Gift			
\$30,000	\$58	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$50,000	\$96	\$48	\$38	\$10
\$70,000	\$135	\$67	\$54	\$14
\$100,000	\$192	\$96	\$76	\$19

In next months newsletter, we will present suggestions for Time and Talent.

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

As a result of Mary Murphy’s call-to-action on the weekend of Oct. 30/31, the Center here in O.P. will benefit from Nativity’s Stewardship in Treasure, (now over \$4,000.) Time and Talent (volunteers). Additionally, clients/families picked up the courage to change. All of Nativity prays for these families and individuals to have the perseverance and humility to transform their lives. Be assured of God’s help through the Incarnate communities in times of deep darkness.

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

The weekend of December 11/12, the Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be taken up.

Salaries and stipends to religious were earmarked primarily for good works, new ministries, and training and education that would ensure adequate staffing and administration for ministries rather than retirement. Church and diocesan pension plans did not include religious institutes, which are organized separately. Today, however, elderly religious who are retired from paid ministry far outnumber wage-earning religious. Health care costs have skyrocketed and the number of elderly religious in assisted living or nursing facilities has risen dramatically.

PARISH CLOSINGS

There have been some questions in the past as to whether certain events are cancelled or not when school is closed. To ensure that all parishioners are kept informed when the school is closed then all other parish events including meetings, Faith Formation, social events, gym and the business office are also cancelled and closed. Mass and funerals will go on as scheduled unless specifically announced on the radio and television. If those events that were cancelled due to the school closing need to be rescheduled, please contact the business office at 662-9339, ext. 110.

FR. BERNARD’S NOTES:

www.mklaymissionaries.org

www.jesuitvolunteers.org

www.cfcausa.org

Check out the above websites for becoming a volunteer; enjoy breaking out and feeling good about self. Consider a dental/medical/carpentry-maintenance/mission, to St. Michael’s Haiti. These opportunities as well as an excursion to help in New Orleans—parish based near the French Quarter are all open to you with partial support from Nativities families. See Father Bernard!!

A new year of the Liturgy beginning Sunday Nov. 28th introduces us and the world to the Gospel of Matthew, once considered by early church fathers as the oldest Gospel account and subsequently first in the New Testament. This account has venerable origins, organization skill and unforgettable images.

Only in Matthew’s account do we find the Lord’s Prayer as known today; or a complete Sermon on the Mount as the heart of Jesus’ teaching; or the declaration by Christ of Peter as the rock upon which the church is built. We will enjoy this year of Matthew who relates what it means to be the Church, how to live the Christian life, and his shaping our understanding of who Jesus is.

It is fitting that Matthew’s account presents Jesus as having the last word giving us all the commission to “make disciples of all nations.” The divine Teacher calls his disciples to be teachers as well.

WELCOME

Please welcome the following new members to our Nativity of Our Lord Parish Community: Jennifer & John Patterson, Kylee & Peter Echeverria, Linda Pogorzelski, Jacqui Galluzzo, Carmen Aquila, Karen & Richard Bonetto, Nancy & Bill Damin, Alesia Nemece, Brian Crawford, Richard Chojecki, Debbie Wendel, Mary Schnorr, Edward Greenauer, Joseph Grey, Sylvie & Mathias Cuvelle.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Under the direction of Robert Kiersz, our choir and area church choirs will unite to present Advent Lessons & Carols at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 5pm. (We are planning Tenebrae together with area churches for Good Friday, April 22nd here at Nativity)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Psalm 46:2

Open AM Hours: Sunday—1&2, Monday—1&2, Friday—3, Saturday—3&4

Open PM Hours: Monday—1, Wednesday—11, Thursday—10, Friday—9, Saturday—2 & 7.

If you feel you can offer an hour of prayer and adoration to the Blessed Sacrament, please call Patty Allman—667-7431.

We are making a new sub list if you want to be on it or remain on it, please call Patty Allman and leave a message.

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

The Nativity co-ed soccer team who was undefeated in the regular season and in the play offs, and the Girls Varsity Volleyball both won the Diocesan Championship in their sport. Congratulations to all!!

This year Nativity had a Cross Country team for the first time. They came in third in the championship meet. Great job for your first year participating!!

Nativity 8th graders interested in Catholic High Schools took their Entrance Exam on Saturday November 20th. They will receive their results in January.

The annual Nativity School Christmas program will be Friday, December 17th at 7:00pm in the gym. All are welcome to attend.

St. Francis High School band will be performing in our gym for the students on December 20th at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

Thank you very much to all of our parishioners and Nativity school parents who have so generously donated to our Box Tops for Education collection and contests. Our latest submission from the summer and fall collection was \$421.00. Please consider recruiting friends and family to collect for us. Every little bit counts and the money generated goes directly to our school!

Upon further reviews – A few years ago the Diocese conducted at great expense an extensive research and study of our schools throughout the eight-county diocese. Two outside groups, Meitler followed by a Verdi study, evaluated the entire Catholic School System at all levels, demographics, etc. These studies and trends are now being made known. Nativity School is strongly re-affirmed for its quality, sustainability and value. The validation of our school by outside consultants has to be a great lift to our parents, alumni and staff.

To further this mission of education and “investment in experiences,” we again ask for volunteers for our school advisory committee, especially from non-parents or alumni, as well as for a great Home School Association (School #662-7572) always in need for volunteers.

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

- Dec. 5: L.O.F.T./Mass—11:15am
- Dec. 6: Children’s Connection—4-5pm
- Dec. 8: Children’s Connection—**SCHEDULE CHANGE***
- Dec. 9: Y.E.S.—7-8pm
- Dec. 12: L.O.F.T.—11:15am
- Dec. 13: Children’s Connection—4-5pm
- Dec. 15: Children’s Connection—4-5pm or 5:30-6:30pm
- Dec. 16: Y.E.S.—7-8pm
- Dec. 17: L.O.F.T. Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 19: L.O.F.T.—11:15am
- Dec. 20: Children’s Connection—4-5pm

*Families are invited to celebrate as the Body of Christ at 5pm. Mass will be for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be light refreshments in the school cafeteria following Mass. Catechists will not meet with children for the usual Faith Formation Sessions at 4 or 5:30pm.

OUTREACH

Christmas Angel Project/Christmas Cookies: Due to my recent back surgery and being out of work for a while, I will not be having the usual Christmas projects this year. Each of the organizations that we helped have other resources, so I know they are taken care of.

School Food Drive: I wish to thank all the parents and children at Nativity for their wonderful response to the recent food collection they sponsored for local food pantries.



FAMILY PROMISE: EASING THE PAIN OF HOMELESSNESS

Being without a safe, warm place to sleep, eat and care for children; being without the security of familiar people and belongings—that’s what it’s like to be homeless. Family Promise is an organization of churches throughout the country who open their places of worship to homeless families in need. In our area, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church houses these families, four times a year for a week at a time. Nativity of Our Lord Church hosts the families one evening during each of these weeks.

Volunteers from our church and other supporting congregations in the Southtown's prepare and serve meals, play with youngsters, help with homework, set up and take down accommodations and serve as overnight hosts to families in transition. Through these activities, volunteers participate in an outreach ministry to help homeless families achieve independence.

The real success of Family Promise depends, to a great degree, upon the caring efforts and enthusiasm of our volunteers. It is not always easy to spend time with folks with whom we may feel we have little in common. However, the reward of seeing a homeless youngster smile when given attention, or hearing a tired mom say thanks to a volunteer who lends a helping hand, makes the volunteer experience a very worthwhile one!

Please consider joining our group of volunteers. For more information, call Marge Starosielec at 662-1325 or Kalene Borowski at 662-1644.

GRATITUDE TO OUR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

Commendations and gratitude to our Confirmation volunteers: John DaPolito, Susan Donohue, Stella Dortch, Ann Grisanti, Mary Hugar, Darren Longboat, Monica Lucarelli, Lisa McCabe, Diane Melerski, Joseph Murphy, Jane Reukauf, and our substitute facilitator, Pat Hayes.

With the celebration of our beautiful Confirmation Liturgies on November 20 and 27, we concluded another year of leading our parish community’s young people to affirming their faith and discipleship with Jesus Christ. This was a real team effort and we wish to thank each of you for your role in this most important work. We can only accomplish this when we all work together as we have. Not only have you given of your time and talents, but you have shared something more—your faith, which is priceless. We have utmost respect and gratitude for the faith-filled, generous people each of you are.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Wafers will be available in church the weekend of December 11/12—Third Sunday in Advent.

The Christmas Wafer commemorates a custom which is many centuries old. The custom is especially observed by people of Polish heritage who share the Oplatek as part of the Christmas meal. Breaking and sharing the Christmas Wafer in traditional ways is a sign of best wishes to family and friends accompanied by expressions of forgiveness. May almighty God’s deepest love expressed as the Christ Child born of the Blessed Virgin Mary enter your hearts with the glory of His divinity. As He embraces you with His heart, may the holy babe bless you with His outstretched hands of love.

HOLIDAY GIFT SUGGESTION—MAKE A GIFT DONATION THAT WILL ASSIST FAMILIES IN HAITI

Our 2009 Christmas Gifting program was very successful. \$9,355.00 was raised for our twin parish in Coq Chante, Haiti, to provide livestock, tuition, school and medical supplies, and sanitation facilities. To participate in the 2010 program, use the donation form below to select the specific gift contribution(s) that you want to make. Our display in the back of church also provides gift cards for you to give your gift recipient to inform them of the donation made in their name and what the donation specifically provided to a family in Haiti. The display and gift cards will be available through December 22nd. After the 22nd, you can contact Frank Lewandowski at 652-9118 or Lynne Thornton at 667-1524 to assist you with last minute gift donations.

To provide your gift donation:

1. Drop off this gift request form and donation in the weekly collection in an envelope marked “Haiti Gifts”
2. Mail this gift request form and donation to: Nativity of Our Lord Church, Attn: “Lisa Ricotta/Haiti Connection”, 26 Thorn Ave, Orchard Park, NY 14127.
3. If your child attends Nativity School, send this request form with your donation to Suzanne Kennedy’s attention; Suzanne will send gift cards home with your child. Suzanne can be contacted at 662-5804 for school order inquiries.
4. Faith Formation Families may donate in the manner indicated at numbers 1 or 2 above.

Please be sure to take a corresponding gift card from our display at the back of the church.

Make checks payable to: Nativity of Our Lord Church Haiti Fund.

<u>Donation to Haitian Family</u>	<u>Donation Amt.</u>	<u># Gifts</u>
3 Chickens	\$10.00	
1 Goat	\$25.00	
1 Pig	\$40.00	
Medicines for 5 Families	\$40.00	
6 Months of tuition for a child	\$60.00	
Full year tuition	\$120.00	
1 Sanitation Facility for a Family	\$120.00	
	Total Amt. \$	

Please provide your name, address and phone number:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone or email address (optional) _____

BPO AT HILBERT

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra will give a special concert performance celebrating the holiday season at 7pm on Dec. 7 in Hilbert College’s William E. Swan Auditorium. Paul Ferington will conduct the festive program featuring holiday works. Soprano Emily Helenbrook will join the orchestra. Tickets: 885-5000 or visit www.bpo.org.

WINTERCAMP 2010

The Catholic Diocese of Buffalo invites boys and girls ages 7-15 to sign up for WinterCamp at Camp Turner! The Camp is located in the beautiful Quaker Area of Allegany State Park and runs from Monday, Dec. 27 at 10am through Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 6pm. This 3-day, 2-night event is ideal for first time campers! A round trip bus is available with stops in Hamburg and Williamsville. Activities include a sledding trip, cool wintry crafts, hiking, etc. Visit www.CampTurner.com or call 716-354-4555 for details or registration information.

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, Baby Danica, Joseph Bono, Jason Borguzewski, Isabella Searone, Joey Stack, Dawn Tomaski, Maxine Paoletti, Grace Cosentino, Michelle Sylves Berry, James Ryan, Bernie Muscato, Brandon Vegra, Mary Mahoney, Zachary DeVole, Sylvia Davies, Teresa Coppola, Jim Lasker, Maria Evancho, Gifford Walker, Haley Ann Suda, Janet Smith, Linda Smith, Dorothy Mazurchuk, Linda DeNisco, 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, Aadyne Booker, Cathy Hays, Ellen Grudza, Cindy Fitzpatrick, Marjorie Lambrix, Daniel Kowalewski, Fred Raska, Julie Raska, John Leach, Mary Ann Chernowski, Nancy Dowrey, Laura Merrit, Rachel Reusch, Anne Waligur, Clara Pliszka, Renee Srader, Shari Bauda, Dorothy Kowalewski, Alice Leahy, Kristin LaJoie, David & Diane Schaeffer, Greg Weiss, Evelyn Tighe, 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, Tammie Dempsey, Donald Kill, Jack & Family, Connie Reinhardt, Mary Cirelli, Ed Warren, Wanda, Dan Rojek, Christian Scherr, Garrett Weeks, Helen Hilliver, Catherine Smardz, Stephan Bilowus, Ann Marie Gensler, Francesca Speranza, Jill Bainbridge, Cathy Washington, Rose Hellinger, Winifred Casciano and Geraldine Wiess.

IDEAS FOR A GREEN CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR GREEN TEAM!

We can celebrate a Green Christmas by using these ideas (and lots of your own!)

1. Make your own gifts. Food gifts cut down on the “stuff” people don’t need.
2. Don’t buy paper/plastic tableware—use real tableware and tablecloths.
3. Wrap gifts in the Sunday comics—they’re colorful and fun!
4. Give the lasting gift of stainless steel water bottles or reusable cloth bags.
5. Plant a tree or give to a tree-planting organization.
6. Buy a living Christmas tree and plant it outside after Christmas.
7. When decorating, use LED lights and timers. Make your own decorations.
8. Eat vegetarian meals. Donate to the Food Bank or ...
9. Donate to your favorite charity in someone’s name.
10. Re-gift—it’s become quite fashionable as most people try to cut down on “stuff”.
11. Support the Heifer Foundation (helps buy an animal for people in need).
12. Use your feet instead of the car.
13. Adopt a family. Get a name from your parish or ministry.
14. HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

KIDS/TEEN GRIEF GROUP

Open to boys and girls ages 5 and above who have lost a family member or friend. Children are broken up into age appropriate groups. Groups meet at Circle of Daughters Inc., 4263 St. Francis Dr., Athol Springs. For information on dates and times, call 716-507-6281. Program is free; donations appreciated.

ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS OF THE CELEBRANT

Wednesday, Dec. 1

7:00 a.m. William Kulas by his daughter Peggy
9:00 a.m. Ann S. Dore by Barbara & Joe Russell

Thursday, Dec. 2

7:00 a.m. Edward Cieslinski
9:00 a.m. Kathryn Fallis by Mary Frances Lovelace

Friday, Dec. 3

7:00 a.m. Helen Clabeau by Joe and Judy Moscato
9:00 a.m. Joseph Sweeney by his Family

Saturday, Dec. 4

8:00 a.m. Alban and Erna Dreher by their Children
4:30 p.m. Norma & George Rieman by Dale & Shirley Eckl
7:00 p.m. Jim Sellers by the Adelsberger Family

Sunday, Dec. 5

7:30 a.m. Robert & Elsie Stoye by Tom & Alice Stoye
9:00 a.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
10:30 a.m. Jean Schroeder by her Husband
12:00 p.m. Anthony and Laura Brese by Rosanne
1:15 p.m. Deceased Members of the Gardner Family by Hugh & Dottie Gardner
6:30 p.m. Christian Aubrecht by his Family

Monday, Dec. 6

7:00 a.m. Leo Noworyta by the Noworyta Family
9:00 a.m. John & Marion Lotito by Dennis & Rosemary Edwards

Tuesday, Dec. 7

7:00 a.m. Michael Myers by his Family
9:00 a.m. Kathy Espina by Elvira Diaz
4:30 p.m. Leo Stankard Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Cavanaugh

Wednesday, Dec. 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 a.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
9:00 a.m. Joseph & Florence Coppola by their Family
5:00 p.m. Art Dickman Jr. by Millie Henault
7:00 p.m. Edmund Burke by his Family

Thursday, Dec. 9

7:00 a.m. Frank Breese by Rosemarie Breese
9:00 a.m. Eleanor LaPenta by her Husband

Friday, Dec. 10

7:00 a.m. Neil Hartung by his Wife and Children
9:00 a.m. Donna Caci by the Marcione Family

Saturday, Dec. 11

8:00 a.m. Otto Schwartz by Jill and Dan Gradwell
4:30 p.m. Mollie Bakowski by her Sister
7:00 p.m. Peter A. Fasolino by his Family

Sunday, Dec. 12

7:30 a.m. Rex A. Brown by the Duryea Family
9:00 a.m. Msgr. Thomas Beasley by Dr. and Mrs. Choi
10:30 a.m. Joan Backhaus by her Family
12:00 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
1:15 p.m. Kathleen McPartlan by Margaret Meger
6:30 p.m. Patrick Maxwell by Nativity Faculty & Staff

Monday, Dec. 13

7:00 a.m. Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Henry Ignatowski
9:00 a.m. Olive Gannon & Carmen Chiarenza by Diane & Michael Melerski and Terry Gannon

Tuesday, Dec. 14

7:00 a.m. Alice Krillic by Dennis & Rosemary
9:00 a.m. John T. Igoe by his Daughter

Wednesday, Dec. 15

7:00 a.m. Anne E. Rebmam by her Family
9:00 a.m. Joseph Cullen by his Wife and Family

Thursday, Dec. 16

7:00 a.m. Gerald Naughton by his wife Agnes
9:00 a.m. Stella Gay by Tom and Bonnie Ameno

Friday, Dec. 17

7:00 a.m. Gerald C. Myers by his Family
9:00 a.m. Vita LoVerde by her Husband

Saturday, Dec. 18

8:00 a.m. Leonard Allman by Joe and Doreen Murphy
4:30 p.m. Frank & Margaret Hruby by Rosemarie Breese
7:00 p.m. David and Randy Laks by their Mom

Sunday, Dec. 19

7:30 a.m. Eli Rey by his Wife and Children
9:00 a.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
10:30 a.m. Jan Zurkowski & Edward Dreja by Irene Zurkowski
12:00 p.m. Edwin F. Panasiewicz by his Estate
1:15 p.m. Patrick J. Downing by his Family
6:30 p.m. Frances Griffin by her Family

Monday, Dec. 20

7:00 a.m. David O'Donnell by his Family
9:00 a.m. Gerard A. Adams by his Sister and Family

Tuesday, Dec. 21

7:00 a.m. Peter Russo by his Mom and Dad
9:00 a.m. Margaret and Al Schultz by their Daughter

Wednesday, Dec. 22

7:00 a.m. Edwin D. Duryea by his Family
9:00 a.m. Margaret & Edward Cosgrove by their Family

Thursday, Dec. 23

7:00 a.m. Evelyn Denzel by Tom and Dell Rollek
9:00 a.m. Marie Radice by her Family

Friday, Dec. 24

8:00 a.m. Katherine Obrochta by her Family
3:00 p.m. Church & 3:00 p.m. Gym All Souls
5:00 p.m. Church & 5:00 p.m. Gym All Souls
7:45 p.m. All Souls
10:00 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard

Saturday, Dec. 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m. All Souls
10:30 p.m. All Souls
12:00 p.m. All Souls

Sunday, Dec. 26

7:30 a.m. Bill Couell by Connie Couell
9:00 a.m. Millie Denardo by Michael & Diane Melerski & Terry Gannon
10:30 a.m. Dr. Germante Boncaldo by his Wife and Children
12:00 p.m. For Parishioners by Fr. Bernard
1:15 p.m. Alice Krillic by Dennis & Rosemary
6:30 p.m. Marita Hoerauf by Sheila and Bill Drometer

Monday, Dec. 27

7:00 a.m. Stella Gay by Florence and Patty Gay
9:00 a.m. Jack Manley by his Wife

Tuesday, Dec. 28

7:00 a.m. Dennis Barone by his wife Deborah
9:00 a.m. Tom Gardner by his Mom and Dad

Wednesday, Dec. 29

7:00 a.m. Patricia McCarthy by David & Katie Hayes
9:00 a.m. Marie Kaczor by Bill & Ginny Lyons

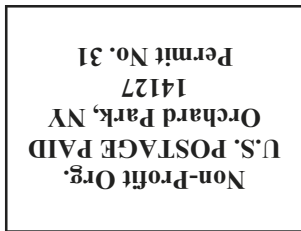
Thursday, Dec. 30

7:00 a.m. Mary Eberhardt by her husband Ronald
9:00 a.m. Margaret Allen by Carol & James Needham

Friday, Dec. 31

7:00 a.m. Alvena Wohlers by Nativity Altar & Rosary Society
9:00 a.m. Joseph Coppola by his Family

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FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass on Tuesday is at 4:30 pm. Mass on Wednesday is at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

- ✠ December 9th from 7-8:30 pm
- ✠ December 15th following Mass at 9 am—9:30-10:15 am
- ✠ Every Saturday—3:30-4:15, 6:35-6:55 pm
- ✠ Wednesday at 7:25 am

MAKING PLANS FOR CHRIST'S MASS

- December 24:** 3pm in Church & 3pm in the gym
5pm in Church & 5pm in the gym
7:45 and 10pm in Church
- December 25** 9, 10:30 and 12:00 noon
There will be NO Vigil Mass at 4:30 or 7pm
- December 26** Normal Sunday schedule including 6:30pm

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.

Pray the rosary daily

CONFIRMATION

Young Christians received the sacrament of Confirmation at mass on November 20 & 27: Elizabeth Alexander, Madeline Alfiero, Brian Arcara, Sarah Badagliacca, Nicholas Bammel, Courtney Beitz, Molly Bogolin, Jessica Brakefield, Christine Breindel, August Bruno, Taylor Buccilli, Emily Buerster, Sheridan Carlson, Jacob Carriero, Conner Chadderdon, John Chadderdon, Grace Coyle, Matthew Craw, Colleen Daley, Mary Deacon, Corinn Deibel, Kevin Donohue, Franklin Downing, Kyle Druz bik, Kathryn Ennis, Iestin Evans, Neil Farrell, Stephanie Fasolino, Taylor Ferrino, Katherine Filipski, Sarah Filsinger, David Fininzio, William Frantz, Kristen Gmerek, Shannon Grajek, Nicole Harrington, Matthew Hart, Brian Hayes, Devyn Helak, Cody Hernek, Alexander Holden, Victoria Hutton, Jason Jablonski, Darrean Janes, John Januszkiewicz, Kelly Jasiura, David Jepson, Sean Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Nathan Klaes, William Klas, Ryan Klass, Ryan Koch, Hannah Kohl, Jessica Kohl, Lindsey Kreuzer, Alyssa Lieberman, Courtney Livecchi, Joseph Loecher, Damaris Lopez, Jake Lucarelli, Kevin MacKrell, Brendan McCabe, Katherine McGarrity, Marissa Maggioli, Eddie Mas, Emily Mielcarek, Daniel Minogue, Jacob Muscarella, Jennifer Orie, Stephanie Orie, Mary Owczarczak, Graham Patterson, Alexis Pingtella, Hanna Pollak, Ryan Raccuia, Emily Radder, Matthew Reilly, Olivia Reindl, Monica Reiser, Dominic Ricottone, Emily Robbins, Elyse Rozsa, Benjamin Rutowski, Myah Schlee, Bradley Schurr, Chelsie Noelle Sears, Madeline Shiley, Sherilyn Simon, Rhiannon Slowik, Jordyn Smith, Jacob Stearns, Kassandra Stout, Anna Tomani, Katherine Turner, Hans Weisansal, Emily Wienczek, Nicholas Winnert.