

Worship at  
**NATIVITY**  
**CATHEDRAL**

The Day of Pentecost



28 May 2023

10:45 a.m.

*Our Mission:*

*to know Christ, to make Christ known,  
to serve all people according to Christ's example.*

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*



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*May God's Spirit rest upon you this day and every day!*

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# Gathering

**Prelude** Variations on Veni Creator Maurice Duruflé

**Processional Hymn** Salve festa dies Hymn 225

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* **One God, one Father of all.**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your

young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:** Psalm 104:25-35, 37 (sung by choir)

O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit,  
and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another

various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**Sequence**

Veni Creator Spiritus

Hymn 504

### **Gospel: John 20:19-23**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows*

*Sponsor:* I present *Isabella and Suehaily* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented*

Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate:* **I do.**

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Answer I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Answer I do.**

*When there are others to be presented, the Bishop says*

The other Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters:* I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate:* **I do.**

*Bishop:* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate:* **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with *those* who are committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *Isabella and Suehaily* who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for *Roman, Mark, Ella, Collin, Emily, Andrew, Hannah, Sienna, Thomas, Lynn, Bryana, Luz, Vincent, Alexander, Mimi, Shawn, Regina, Patti, and Bill* who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **At Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation**

*The Bishop says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **For Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.*, with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

## **For Reception**

*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

**N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray,

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one*

**N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.**

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## Peace

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## Announcements

## Offertory

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## Anthem

The Spirit of the Lord

Edward Elgar

The spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:

He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,

to preach deliver'ance to the captives and recov'ring of sight to the blind,  
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,  
the oil of joy for mourning,

the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness,  
that they might be called trees of righteousness;

the planting of the Lord; that He might be glorified;

and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth.

So the Lord God will cause righteousness  
and praise to spring forth before all the nations;

As the earth bringeth forth her bud.

# Doxological Hymn

### Hymnal 380, vs. 3

# Liturgy of The Feast

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

## Hymnal S128

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*                   **Christ has died.**  
                         **Christ is risen.**  
                         **Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

### Hymn at Communion

Down Ampney

Hymn 516

### Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All*           **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
                  **you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
                  **of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
                  **and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
                  **in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
                  **Send us now into the world in peace,**  
                  **and grant us strength and courage**  
                  **to love and serve you**  
                  **with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
                  **through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Sending**

### **Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

The National Hymn

Hymn 718

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Postlude**

Allegro (Veni Creator)

Maurice Duruflé

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols
Dean	The Very Rev. Jon Stratton
Curate	The Rev. Maryann Philbrook Sturges
Deacon	The Rev. Rodney Conn
Acolyte	Kathy Kucey, Stephen Kucey
Chalice Bearer	Bonnie Kuronya
Verger	Earlene Miller
Lectors	Tom Edwards, Greg Funfgeld
Ushers	Bob Lynn
Organist	Jim Derr
Choir	The Cathedral Choir
Videographer	Paul Fox
Altar Guild	Terri Miller (Chair)
Flower Arranging	Sarabel Conn, Jill Rothrock Angelica Baez

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**Those who are in need of healing** – Lillian Lewis; Robert; Susan Mast; Carol Czechowski; Bebe Lockwood; Dolores Caulier; Peggy Hilgert; Marion Chapman; Martha Golphin; Emilia Isaacs; Tracy Kehoe; Carol Trexler; Jon Knauss; Cornelia Miller; Judith Warner; James Reader; Lois Turner; William Bradley; Madeline Orellana; Cameron Arcario; Robert Stinson; Sarah King; Carl Chegwidden; The Rev. Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril; Philip Blythe.

**Those serving in the military and places of danger** – Nicole Albertson; Carlos Xavier Orellana; J.D.; Oriana Marcial

**Parish Cycle of Prayer** – Aiden, Terri, John Miller; Elizabeth, Emma, Wendy, Helder Moreira; Stacy, Daniel Moreland; The Revs. Michelle, Douglas Moyer; Charles, Michelle, Joseph Mozingo; Kingsley, Patty, Jonathan Muir.

**The Church and the World** – St. Matthew's Cathedral Dallas, Texas; St. James' and St George's, Jermyn; Kajo Keji; St. John Akuboro; The Extra-Provincial Churches; the outreach ministries of Nativity, especially The Diocese of Swaziland, Bishop Ellinah Ntfombi Wamukoya and the Swaziland Diocesan AIDS Program.

**For our Partner Cathedral** – Emmanuel Cathedral in Romogi, for Pianaleh their Dean, and for the people of that Cathedral church, that we may grow stronger in our partnership and in our faith.

**The Altar Flowers** this morning were designed by Michael Thomas.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph Knauss.

## NEWS and INFORMATION for the Week of May 28, 2023

**Covid Level GREEN** — Masks optional. We have been following the CDC's guidance for masking recommendations based on Covid-19 Community Levels. The Community Level in Lehigh and Northampton counties is now LOW, or level GREEN. At this level, people may mask at any time depending on your personal circumstances. Please remember to stay up to date with Covid 19 vaccinations. See our website [nativitycathedral.org](http://nativitycathedral.org) for complete guidelines.

**Set up a one-on-one meeting with Fr. Jon** - During his first year at Nativity, Fr. Jon is looking to meet one-on-one with as many parishioners as he can. This is a great opportunity to get to know our new Dean as well as share your own story with the Cathedral's newest pastor. If none of the times listed work for you, feel free to email Jon to set something up. He can be reached at [dean@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:dean@nativitycathedral.org) To set up a meeting [click here](#) or scan the QR code.



**Meet with Reverend Maryann** - Want to chat? Need to talk about something? Book a meeting with our curate, the Rev. Maryann Sturges. To set up a meeting [click here](#) or scan the QR code.



**Mark your calendars, find those walking shoes and/or donate!** On Saturday, June 3, ShareCare will be a participating nonprofit in the 2023 "Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community". Go for a walk and/or donate to support Sharecare Faith in Action! The 5K Walk starts at 9:00 AM; the 1-mile walk starts at 9:15 AM at DeSales University, 2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA.

Click on the link <https://www.walkforahealthycommunity.org>

Click on locations and registration.

Select LEHIGH VALLEY and DONATE NOW.

Click on SHARECARE FAITH IN ACTION; choose your participation level.

Please contact ShareCare for more information: 610-867-2177 or [sharecare8@aol.com](mailto:sharecare8@aol.com)

**Nativity Annual Parish Picnic & Bi-lingual Worship Service** will take place at **10AM, Sunday, June 11 at Lower Saucon Park, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015**. See on Google Maps [Here](#) or scan the QR code. Located behind

Town Hall off Old Philadelphia Pike (just west of Route 378). Hurray!

We will gather in-person for worship, to celebrate our parish, and to enjoy good food and fellowship. All are welcome! Grilled hamburgers, vegetable burgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert to share.



**Do you have any old magazines you'd be willing to donate for Nativity Youth**

**Camp?** - For the next two weeks, Bryana Beaird is collecting magazines that can be cut up for use in a large collage project the youth will be collaborating on during camp. If you have any magazines, you'd be happy to donate for this purpose, there will be a spot to drop them off in the vestibule on Sunday May 28 and Sunday June 4. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**Join Education for Ministry (EfM) to** - Deepen your Christian faith. Learn how to articulate that faith. Let that faith inspire you into action!

Through study, prayer, and reflection, trained mentors facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. More than Bible study, EfM participants read and discuss the Bible, Church history and theology. An EfM group meets at Nativity on Wednesday evenings from September through May. If interested or would like more information, contact the EFM Diocesan Coordinator and Mentor Cathy Bailey at [cathybaileynnp@gmail.com](mailto:cathybaileynnp@gmail.com) or EFM Mentor Olivia Tramontana at [otram77@gmail.com](mailto:otram77@gmail.com)

**The LGBTQIA Spirituality Group** - Are you looking to connect with others on the common ground of queerness and Christianity? The LGBTQIA Spirituality Group meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7P in the Dining Room! For more info and to stay in the loop, reach out to Vinny at [vincentchreptart@outlook.com](mailto:vincentchreptart@outlook.com)

**New Bethany Ministries** is restarting their in-person lunch services. The cathedral is looking for volunteers for a once-a-month time slot. If you're interested, please contact Maryann Philbrook Sturges at [mphilbrook@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:mphilbrook@nativitycathedral.org) for more details.

**Food Drive for Fountain Hill Elementary** Food pantry items needed: rice, canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), easy lunches (peanut butter, jelly, ramen, mac and cheese) and canned fruits and veggies. Place them in the boxes at the back of the Nave of the Cathedral. Or visit this Amazon Wishlist and order away!

[tinyurl.com/2p8z7nht](http://tinyurl.com/2p8z7nht)



**Creation Care TIP of the week:** Buy produce from local farmers' markets. For more information please visit this [website](#).

**\*\* Additions or changes to the Bulletin should be submitted to the Office by 5 PM on Tuesday. \*\***

## The week beginning May 28, 2023

<b><u>Sunday:</u></b>	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – Cathedral
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour – Dining Rm
	9:30 AM	Last Day of Sunday School – Ground Fl.
	10:45 AM	Holy Eucharist: Baptism & Confirmation – Cathedral & Virtual
	12:30 PM	Spanish Holy Eucharist: Baptism & Confirmation – Cathedral & Virtual
<b><u>Monday:</u></b>	7:00 PM	Prayer Bead Meditation – Zoom
<b><u>Tuesday:</u></b>	9:15 AM	Women's Bible Study – Goodwin Rm
	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting – Rm 23
<b><u>Wednesday:</u></b>	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist & Healing – Good Shepherd Chapel
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 2:00 PM
	1:00 PM	Yarns of Love – Dining Room
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer in Spanish – Virtual
	6:00 PM	EfM – Rm 21
	7:00 PM	Mindfulness Meditation – GSC
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm
<b><u>Thursday:</u></b>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 2:00 PM
<b><u>Friday:</u></b>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 2:00 PM
<b><u>Saturday:</u></b>	9:00 AM	Altar Guild Prep – Cathedral
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop open until 1:00 PM
	11:00 AM	Diocesan Ordination - Cathedral



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