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## Wednesday March 5 -Wednesday April 16, 2014

There is a hunger in the lives of many people, both in and out of church communities, to be in deeper relationship with God. This is precisely what is promised by Jesus and Christianity. Jesus is the way to come to know God personally, intimately and reliably, like a loving parent...like a father or mother.

PrayWorshipServe represents the three practices that are the foundation for a disciples' Rhythm of Life. These disciplines will not only satisfy one's desire to serve and please God, but are in fact the very means by which we come to know and love God better.

**20+1+4 = three ancient practices, commended to all by Holy Scripture and perfected by countless years of human experience:**

- 20 - Pray twenty minutes a day.**
- 1 - Worship one hour a week.**
- 4 - Serve four hours a month.**

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## *From the Dean's Desk...*

Do you find yourself running from one thing to the next, finding it difficult to find time to be in the present?

Do you sometimes feel that the shifting sands of life and its circumstances keep you off balance?

Does your household (like mine) sometimes seem to lack a rhythm that keeps you from enjoying the present and receiving what it has to offer?

Is your life and the ordering of events focused on the “next” meeting, “next” event, “next” activity in a way that is sometimes overwhelming or at least exhausting?

Do you long for stability? Would you “sign up” for an adventure that promised “peace” “nurture”, and a sense of joy?

St. Benedict, the 5th century monk who spawned a “way” of spiritual life that has been an invitation to people seeking a way to find “stability” in the midst of the unpredictable human experience. His “simple little rule” is a pattern and discipline to living life “to better love God, self and one another”. To this passage of scripture from John’s gospel, “walk while you have the light of life, that the darkness of death may not overtake you”, Benedict inserted the word “run”! Run while you have the light of life!

Now we all run in our culture for sure, from one thing to the next, one event to the next, sometimes missing out on the opportunity to receive the gifts of the present. This lent again I invite you to join me in taking the Lenten challenge extended by the Rev. Christopher Martin, the “Abbot” if you will, and leader of The Restoration Project, a movement to invite folk into a deeper spiritual life.

Christopher has deepened his discovery of sharing ancient practices of prayer, worship, and service found in Benedictine and other monastic experiences. The gift of such ancient practices is “stability”, that is finding a spiritual stability where your rootedness in the present moment with Christ gifts you with buoyancy, resiliency, steadfastness, and yes, joy even as life’s changes and chances continue.

Take the challenge! Visit [www.prayworshipserve.com](http://www.prayworshipserve.com). Find there wonderful resources to aid you in taking on your practices.

Blessed Lent!

## **DIOCESAN CONVENTION AND ORDINATIONS MARCH 1 AND 2 AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Saturday, March 1, the Cathedral will host a special convention of the diocese to consider the election of the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Bethlehem. The Convention will assemble at 10:00 A.M. for Eucharist, take on the short ordered business of election, and enjoy lunch together. Bishop Rowe currently serves as Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Pennsylvania (Erie) You can read more about Bishop Rowe and his family on page 6.

March 2, at 4:00 P.M. Bishop Rowe will ordain three persons to the Diaconate in the Cathedral. This will be a great day for the Cathedral as Elizabeth Yale, candidate for Holy Orders from this Cathedral and Michelle Moyer, our seminarian from Christ Church Reading will be ordained as transitional deacons. We are delighted and look forward to seeing everyone present for this big occasion!

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

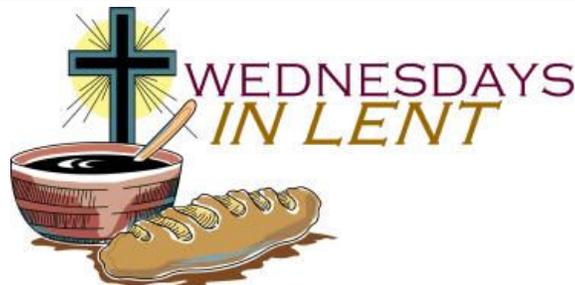
### Ash Wednesday Services March 5, 2014

Liturgy for Ash Wednesday and Holy Eucharist

7:30 A.M. Good Shepherd Chapel (lower level Sayre Hall)

9:00 A.M. Good Shepherd Chapel (lower level Sayre Hall)

7:00 P.M. Cathedral



### Wednesdays in March - Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>

5:45 P.M. Holy Eucharist and Taize Music Cathedral

6:15-7:00 P.M. Covered Dish Supper

7:00-8:00 P.M. Lenten Discovery Series- Personality Type and Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Jane Williams and students from Moravian Seminaries spirituality studies program will lead an exploration of personality type and prayer. Using the Myers Briggs Personality Indicator as a method of discovery of personality type, participants will be led on a journey of discovery of various approaches to prayer and meditation designed to invite one closer to God, self, and neighbor. Register by picking up a registration in the back of the Cathedral or Sayre Hall or by calling the office or emailing [dsmith@nativitycathedral.org](mailto:dsmith@nativitycathedral.org) Registration cost is \$10. If you need childcare please indicate when you register

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY MARCH 22!

Evensong in Thanksgiving of St. Patrick: 4:00 PM Cathedral

Holy Eucharist: 5:00 PM Good Shepherd Chapel

*followed by*

# THE SPAGHETTI DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

**Sunday, March 22 ~ 5:00 P.M.**

**\$10/ticket**

***Proceeds benefit Nativity Youth Camp***



# MARCH LECTIONARY

**March 2**  
 Exodus 24:12-18  
 2 Peter 1:16-21  
 Matthew 17:1-9  
 Psalm 2 or  
 Psalm 99

**March 5—Ash Wednesday**  
 Joel 2:1-2,12-17  
 or Isaiah 58:1-12  
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-21  
 Psalm 103 or 103:8-14

**March 9**  
 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11  
 Psalm 32

**March 16**  
 Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
 John 3:1-17  
 Psalm 121

**March 23**  
 Exodus 17:1-7  
 Romans 5:1-11  
 John 4:5-42  
 Psalm 95

**March 30**  
 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
 Ephesians 5:8-14  
 John 9:1-41  
 Psalm 23

# PARISH REGISTER



**Deaths:**

Eleanor Lewis - 01/21/2014

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 4 from 5:30 to 7 PM  
Sayre Hall

\$6/High School Age & Up and  
Younger Children Free

Proceeds Support Nativity Youth Camp

Entertainment provided by "The Dixieland Five"



### Come on and hear...live music by the Dixieland Five!

Opening with "When You're Smilin", they will play some all-time favorites including "Just a Closer Walk", "Darktown Strutters Ball," "Mamma don't 'low no music like that in here, but we gonna play it anyhow", "Bill Bailey," and of course, "Saints". Let your requests be made known, and the band may have a go at them, in New Orleans style, by heart, with no sheets of music. When is the last time you heard a band do that?

The group is led by Ken Clauser on the plectrum banjo. If you want to know what that is, come and ask him. Ken was staff photographer for the Morning Call for many years, and has photographed numerous weddings at the Cathedral, in addition to taking many photos for our former dean.

On clarinet is Burt Swayze, whose clarinet has very special keys. Come have a look. Burt also was a staff photographer for the Morning Call.

On trumpet is Henry Long, who also has a jazz band a bit north of here. Henry was a printer for the Morning Call. Yes, they used to have a band at the Morning Call, and they played in the basement after work.

Trombonist is Jack Bond from Allentown, former manager at Almart's Store, who also plays with Henry's jazz band.

On bass, with the big white sousaphone, is Charles Drum (they call him Charlie) of the Cathedral, who also plays with the 3-2-1 band and others. In New Orleans, you will see many white sousaphones, many brass ones and lots of street bands.

## VESTRY SNIPPETS



The Vestry met on Monday, February 17, 2014.

On Saturday March 1, 2014 the Diocese will be holding a special convention at the Cathedral to elect Bishop Sean Rowe as our provisional Bishop. He will serve between 1 to 3 years. There will be a special Eucharist at 10:00 am followed by the meeting of the delegates. Lunch will be provided.

On Sunday March 2, 2014 you are all invited to join Bishop Rowe as he ordains Elizabeth Yale and Michelle Moyer. The service will begin at 4:00pm in the Cathedral. A reception will follow the service. Please come and wish our newly ordained well.

The Dean and the Vestry would like to thank everyone who has continued to serve during this season of unpredictable weather. They also wish to thank those who have stepped up to fill positions of need. Your valuable service has made sure that the missions of this Cathedral continue to thrive.

The Vestry will meet again on Monday, March 17, 6:30pm.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR VESTRY!

Each month we will feature a profile of a current member of the Vestry. This month we invite you to learn more about **Ray Vernon**.

Ray Vernon is completing his 2nd term on the vestry and will not be eligible to be re-elected. He is married to Mary Louise and has three children, Katherine, Andrew and Matthew, all of whom grew up at Nativity. His two grandchildren, Bo and Natalie were recently baptized at Nativity.

Ray grew up in the rural South and attended public school in North Carolina. He came of age during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s and the Vietnam War. After attending Wake Forest University and its Law School, Ray worked as an attorney in private practice and in banking in North Carolina and South Carolina before moving to the Lehigh Valley for work in 1981. In 1998, he completed his Master of Social Work degree and worked as a social worker/therapist in the residential childcare industry. Ray retired in 2008.

Ray enjoys singing. He has been a member of the Concord Chamber Singers since 1982 and occasionally joins the Lehigh Choral Union for their performances. He gardens and builds models of late 18" century sailing ships in his spare time.

Ray came to Nativity in 1986 on his faith journey as a Methodist, Southern Baptist, Unitarian, and finally Episcopalian. He says that he was attracted by the men and boys choir with the hope that he would be able to participate with his sons and by the need to "get on his knees before" the mystery of the universe and life. He also appreciates the traditions which are inclusive of a liberal social agenda and tolerate ambiguity in religious life,

Ray believes his most notable contribution to Nativity has been as a choir member and chalice bearer. He is proud of the work the vestry has done in stabilizing the financial affairs of the church, and supporting the current Dean.



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**B**ishop Sean Rowe wasn't looking for more to do. He was already the leader of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, father of a now-17-month-old daughter and deep in the throes of his doctoral dissertation when he got a call from Bishop Clay Matthews. Matthews, bishop for pastoral development in the office of Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, had a proposal for him: how would he like to become the provisional bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem while remaining bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania?

The Standing Committee in Bethlehem had already embraced the idea of calling a provisional bishop to lead the diocese through a period of reflection on its future in the wake of the retirement of Bishop Paul Marshall, and now Matthews wanted to know if Rowe was interested in the job.

"It was entirely unexpected," Rowe remembers. "Out of the blue. But the more I explored it, the more I felt a sense of call. What spoke to me about it was the opportunity to work collaboratively with another diocese, to experiment with a different model of ministry. The church has talked a lot about that, but someone has to take the plunge."

Rowe is not one to "Lone Ranger" a decision, he says, and so he took the offer first to his wife, Carly, a longtime Christian formation professional, and then to the Standing Committee in Northwestern Pennsylvania. Somewhat to his surprise, he discovered that they liked the idea too.

"I thought it was a kind of challenge that was just out of left field enough and just hard enough that it was probably of God," said the Rev. Adam Trumbley, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Sharon and secretary of the diocesan council and diocesan convention. "It seemed to me that

Northwestern Pennsylvania was in a place that the bishop could take on that challenge and that he has the gifts that are necessary to help the Diocese of Bethlehem to get through the challenges it is facing." With the backing of those who mattered most to him, Rowe agreed to be the Standing Committee's nominee for provisional bishop at the diocesan convention on March 1, 2014.

The Diocese of Bethlehem has a history of generosity and a willingness to try new things," Rowe says. The diocese's partnership with the Diocese of Kajo-Keji in South Sudan, where it has built seven schools and a theological college, is particularly impressive, he adds, and the small parish collaboration encouraged by the Under One Roof program is precisely the sort of initiatives the church needs to explore.

## INTRODUCING PROVISIONAL BISHOP NOMINEE

# SEAN ROWE



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## DON'T MISS UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS 9:35 SUNDAY MORNINGS IN SAYRE HALL



**Sunday March 2**—Rick Hamlin, Executive editor of Guideposts Magazine, and author of *Ten Prayers you can't Live without*.

In his new book, *10 Prayers You Can't Live Without*, Rick Hamlin celebrates the idea that prayer isn't something you "have to do," but rather is something you "get to do." Prayers is a gift that we can use on our own, anytime and anyplace. And yet we can deepen and enrich our personal prayer life by listening to the life-changing and heartwarming experiences of others, and finding out what Scripture has to tell us about the divine connection with our God.



**Sunday March 9** - First Sunday of Lent Intergenerational Lenten Prayer Centers All generations meet in Sayre Hall as the Church school leads us in discovery of various forms of prayer and different activities to help lead us in our prayerful reflection during Lent.



**Sunday March 16** - Celtic Spirituality led by the Rev. Canon Ginny Rex Day

Christian spirituality and its expression among the ancient celtic people's was greatly influenced by both indigenous practices that invited relationships with creation, the rhythm of the seasons and days, and a Christian spirituality found in the disciplines of monasticism. Canon Ginny Rex Day leads us in an exploration of the gifts of the celtic spirit.



**Sunday March 23**—Discovery of Benedictine Spirituality, led by The Rev. Laura Howell, Obl.S.B.

St. Benedict of Nursia established his first monastic community in Italy in 526 A.D. St. Benedict's "little rule to better love God, self and another", invites a deepened faith through a discipline of worship, work, study, personal prayer and conduct. Mother Laura Howell, rector of Trinity Church Bethlehem, and oblate of Saint Benedict leads us in a discovery of the spirit of Benedictine practice.



**Sundays March 30 & April 6** - Spirituality and Sabbath led by Tori Aitchison

The biblical Sabbath is an invitation to God's people to find and rest in God's goodness. The ancient practice of keeping Sabbath is both an invitation to join in God's pattern of creation by resting and noting goodness and honoring God. Tori Aitchison, parishioner and student in the spiritual formation program at Moravian Seminary leads us on a journey to explore the spirituality of "Sabbath".

*Cathedral Classics presents*  
**"CELEBRITY ORGAN RECITAL"**  
**Raul Prieto Ramirez, Organist**  
 Sunday, March 23 4:00 P.M.  
 Donation \$10

Mr. Ramirez made his first U.S. tour in 2013 and is the first Spanish organist in recent times to establish himself among the elites of the international concert scene.

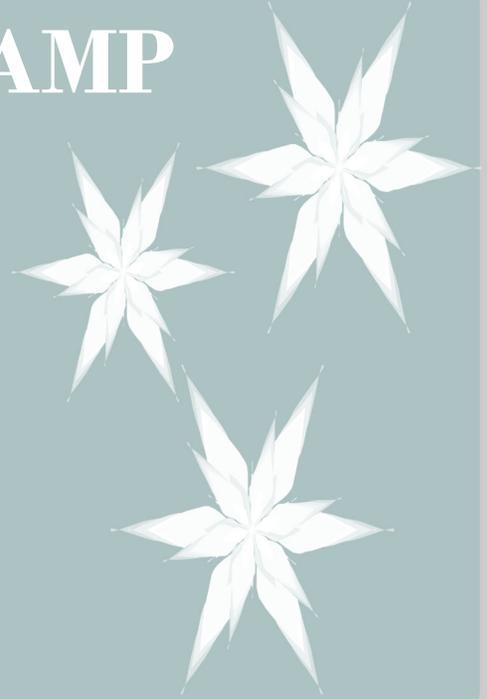
See more on Raul Prieto Ramirez on his website at [www.raulprieto.com](http://www.raulprieto.com).



# NATIVITY WINTER CAMP

*following*

the Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show



**MARCH 22–23, 2014**

**Saturday 4 P.M.– Sunday 9:30 A.M.**

**Cathedral Church of the Nativity—Sayre Hall**

**Open to children, youth and parents 2nd grade and higher**

Have you seen the abbreviation NYC floating around and wonder why some people at Nativity are constantly talking about the 5 boroughs?

Would it help if we told you that NYC stands for Nativity Youth Camp?

Would you be interested in finding out more about the 100+ year old tradition of Camp at the Cathedral?

Do you like Spaghetti, Sing-a-longs, Skits, and other Sainly Silliness? Then Winter Camp is for you! Join us for a taste of the Camp Experience right here in Sayre Hall. Consider it an appetizer for Youth Camp this summer.

Registration forms available in the Narthex, in Sayre Hall, in Sunday School Classrooms, the parish office, in this Parish Visitor Newsletter (page 9) and online at <http://www.nativitycathedral.org/> Please direct questions to Mr. Raymond Arcario at (rarcario@hotmail.com) or 610-517-7244

# Nativity Youth Winter Camp Application Form

## Spaghetti Supper Serving / Talent Show / and Overnight!

Saturday March 22 at 4 PM - Sunday March 23

(Please complete a separate form for each child attending camp.) Additional forms are available at the church or this form may be duplicated.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Select: Male Female

Participant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Group #: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents or Guardians should complete the following Medical Information and Release:

1. Any physical or emotional health problems the staff should know about (if more space is needed, attach additional page): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Any allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Any prescribed medications to be taken during the event (if more space is needed write on back of page):

Provide name of medicine, dosage, and frequency if not listed on medication. Please provide a sufficient supply for the period of this event \_\_\_\_\_

5. I give my permission for images of my child to be used in Cathedral Publications, online and in print for future events and promotions. These images may include still photographs or video images. \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Emergency contact during event (if other than above):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In case of a medical emergency, I permit the event staff and/or adult supervisors to obtain or authorize emergency medical/dental treatment for my child. I further authorize the medical personnel selected by the cathedral staff and/or adult supervisors to administer such emergency treatment, including injections, anesthesia, or surgery as they deem necessary. I understand I will be notified of this emergency as soon as possible.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, March 18 7:00 P.M. Goodwin Room

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would like the support of those who have also experienced loss, please join us.

Please invite any others you may know who may benefit from such a group.

## SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight savings begins on Sunday, March 9 at 2:00 A.M. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

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