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Nativity BVM— Growing in Faith



Fr. Bell celebrates Mass for the parish schoolchildren.

A quick glance at the parish bulletin for Nativity BVM in Media shows six packed pages of activities, events, social gatherings and liturgies for every age group and possible interest.

For over 125 years this handsome, unassuming church, situated on a side street in Media, PA, has met the needs of an ever growing and diverse parish community.

Today, Pastor Edward Bell continues the parish's long and welcoming tradition. He calls bustling and charming Media "everyone's home town" and says Nativity BVM

makes its parishioners feel "at home."

And, even though Media is an area of comfortable homes and prosperous residents the welcoming spirit of the parish extends far beyond its borders.

After Hurricane Katrina struck, a large contingent of parishioners, led by Fr. Bell went to Biloxi Mississippi, to extend their welcome and help to those in desperate need.

Father Bell says the parish's sense of service to others "is not an option. It is the foundation of our faith." For that reason the parish

also has a St. Vincent DePaul society and HOPE, a program which lends a hand to those within the area needing assistance.

The school, just down the street from the church, is a major part of the parish's ministry. Recognized for its academic achievements in an area of many fine schools, it attracts a diverse and talented student body. The parish tenets of faith and service are much in evidence at the school. Each student is an individual here, and each has a chance to excel individually.

Fr. Bell says like all parishes, they face the challenges to spread and nurture faith, to meet financial tests and be relevant in often materialistic, valueless society. Fr. Bell depends on the ideas, solutions and collaboration of his parishioners. That is the key to why BVM is still, after 125 years "growing in faith."

Lynn's Thoughts...



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied Grace.”

(1 Peter 4:10)

Stewardship is a way of life. At Lynn Cummings Development

Consultants I must continually ask: “How are we using the gifts the Lord gives us and how do we give back out of our gratefulness?”

Others help me! **Dave Minnick, President of Parish Business Consultants**, serves many Delaware Valley parishes. He suggested my Increased Giving/Stewardship of Treasure Appeal would be both the financial and stewardship solution for Father Bell at Nativity BVM. I was happy to give a 5% discount in Dave’s name.

Sharing treasure is surely one of the ways we give back, but time and talents play an even bigger role in how I see my obligation to serve churches who hire me. Because Father Bell wanted to do a fall Increased Giving Appeal, my staff provided, at cost, a Fall Appeal (otherwise known as the annual “Block Collection”).

Working with **Mike Smith, of F.J. Remy Offering Envelope Company**, another friend and associate I was able to produce Nativity’s most successful block collection appeal ever.

Other friends and associates, **Amy Strain Mensch, and her Dad, Bob Strain of R & S Design**, helped extract the necessary data from the Parish Data Systems (PDS)



Lynn, Fr. Bell and Dave Minnick share a laugh

software to help the parish and their friends “in the business.”

Father Bell called again for help to design their first School Annual Appeal. My husband, **Jim Cummings**, a specialist in Annual Appeals, met with Father and the school committee as his gift to Nativity.

Each of us are separate companies, and friends. We have a strong sense of stewardship both for our personal lives and our businesses. Nativity is one of more than 20 parishes who have benefited from this Consortium. We look forward to serving many more.

Fall will be here before we know it. We are currently scheduling Fall “Block” Appeals, Stewardship of Treasure / Increased Offering Appeals, Feasibility Studies and Capital Campaigns. E-mail lcummings@lcdc.us or 856-330-3800. There is never any obligation!

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Stewardship Solutions

Dave Minnick, Mike Smith, Lynn Cummings, Amy Mensch and Bob Strain, can open doors for many parishes through the newly formed **Stewardship Solutions**, combining proven and effective “stewardship solutions” to enhance the financial and spiritual health of parishes. Their “holistic” approach covers virtually every aspect of parish stewardship and good parish business practices. They can and have done it all. Check them on the Web: www.StewardshipSolutions.us or call Lynn at 856-330-3800 for more information.