

Many Parishioners are already caring for their neighbors. H.O.P.E. is an attempt to augment this service and to assure that all who need help know what assistance is available. This ministry is one way for Nativity of Our Lord Parishioners to carry out our Parish Mission Statement:

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

WORKS OF MERCY AND JUSTICE

CORPORAL

Feed the hungry.
Give drink to the thirsty.
Clothe the naked.
Shelter the homeless.
Visit the sick.
Visit the imprisoned.
Bury the dead.

SPIRITUAL

Instruct the ignorant.
Counsel the doubtful.
Admonish sinners.
Bear wrongs patiently.
Forgive offenses willingly.
Comfort the afflicted.
Pray for the living and dead.

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing that we bless,
Is it not a participation in the
Blood of Christ?

The bread that we break, is it not a
Participation in the Body of Christ?

Participation in the Eucharist is not passive, it is active. The cup we bless and the bread we break are actions that enable us to be a part of the body of Christ. As the Body of Christ, we are Christ's presence in the world, and as such we continue His mission of service and love. In this we too are poured out and broken open, just as Jesus' blood was poured out and his body broken during crucifixion, in service to others and to the world.

How am I being challenged to live in service to others in my day-to-day life?

(Pray in these words or your own.)

Jesus, source of life and salvation, fill me with your life that through my service in your name I may more fully be Christ to others.

H.O.P.E.

Helping Other People Everyday



**For the greater glory of God,
we joyfully share our time,
talent and resources
in the works of mercy and
justice.**

**Nativity of Our Lord
Warminster, PA**

WHAT IS H.O.P.E.?

H.O.P.E. is a group of concerned parishioners who are willing to volunteer to help others. We serve anyone in the geographical boundaries of the Church of Nativity of Our Lord. H.O.P.E. is active in over thirty Parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

DOES NATIVITY NEED HOPE?

There is a need in our community for Parish services to help others. All of us will be faced with challenges and crisis at some point in our lives. It may be a chronic illness, a sudden emergency or help with transportation. Due to our transient society, family and friends may not be available to help. H.O.P.E. provides an alternative.

***We are a support system,
not THE support system.***

HOW IS H.O.P.E. ORGANIZED?

Starting the weekend of August 2/3rd, 2014, A HOPE Captain's name and number will be printed in the bulletin and on the website. This is the person you should call to make your request. The Captain will change weekly-- Sunday being the first day of the week. So for example, a particular Captain will be on call from Sunday August 3-Saturday August 9. If you do not have access to the bulletin or website, you may call the parish center and ask for the HOPE Captain on call that week: 215-675-1925.

WHAT DO H.O.P.E. VOLUNTEERS DO?

- Share time and visit with shut-ins.
- Drive to medical appointments not more than 30 minutes away and no later than a 3:00PM appointment.
- Do grocery shopping, pharmacy pickup and deliver.
- Prepare meals on an emergency basis.
- Take people to Mass on a Saturday or Sunday one day a month.

WHAT H.O.P.E. VOLUNTEERS CANNOT DO.

- We CANNOT transport people in wheelchairs.
- We CANNOT be called as an emergency ride.
- We CANNOT do personal care (feeding, bathing, toileting, house cleaning or respite care).
- We CANNOT respond on short notice.
- We CANNOT transport Minors without a parent or guardian

VOLUNTEER FOR H.O.P.E.

Please call the Parish Office at 215-675-1925 or return one of the attached forms (can be dropped into collection basket).

VOLUNTEER FOR H.O.P.E.

Yes! I would like to become a H.O.P.E. volunteer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am available for:

Preparing & Delivering Meals

Transportation

Visits

Mass on weekends