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Dear Friend of Nativity of Our Lord Parish:

On Saturday, February 27th, we will host our annual **St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party**. You and your family, friends and neighbors are invited!

A traditional **Harrington's** corned beef dinner will be served family style. Entertainment includes the Shannon Rovers Pipe and Drum Band, Trinity Irish Dancers, and a DJ playing your requests. A night of dancing will cap the evening.

Dinner reservations are limited and necessary, and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for dinner reservations is Sunday, February 14th.

The minimum donation for dinner and entertainment is \$40. Tables of ten are \$400 (or any greater amount you wish). Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Admission for post-dinner libations and dancing will be available after 9:00 p.m. (\$10 fee; no RSVP necessary). Cash bar offering beer, wine and soft drinks will be available. If you would like to enjoy your favorite mixed drink, kindly bring your own bottle and purchase your mixers here.

We will also hold a raffle with valuable prizes. If you would like to donate a gift for the raffle (i.e., liquor, gift certificates, gift baskets, etc.), please call me, the event chairman, at 773/927-4479, or Fr. Dan Brandt, pastor, at 773/927-6263. Prize donations can be dropped off at the Fitzpatrick home (3743 S. Emerald Avenue) or at the rectory.

In conjunction with the party, we will of course be publishing an **ad book**. The book, which in recent years has been the largest ever, will be made available to parishioners and to all attending the party. A submission form is included with this letter. Please return your completed form to the rectory, or to my home, or place it in the Sunday collection basket. The deadline for ad book submissions is Sunday, February 14th.

Your support of this event and ad book greatly helps Nativity of Our Lord Parish in its proud 142-year tradition of service to the people of Bridgeport and beyond. **Thank you** in advance for your generosity!

Gratefully,

Kevin Fitzpatrick, *Chairman*

Nativity of Our Lord Parish

Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Chairman

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AD BOOK SUBMISSION

Thank you for your kindness to Nativity of Our Lord Parish! We greatly appreciate your **tax-deductible** donation.

Please PRINT your ad clearly in the space below or attach your camera-ready artwork.

OR use same ad as last year

Sponsor name: _____ Phone: _____

Address / City: _____

Please enclose a check payable to Nativity of Our Lord Parish in the amount of:

- \$100 Full-page ad**
- \$25 Quarter-page ad
- \$10 "In Memoriam" listing (PRINT name of deceased: _____)
- Anonymous donation (any amount: \$_____)
- \$50 Half-page ad
- \$10 "Well Wisher" ad

Submissions are due February 14, 2010. Due to third-party printing deadlines, we regret that we are unable to accommodate late entries. Again, THANK YOU!

From the Desk of the Pastor

In addition to our February 27th St. Patrick's Day party, please note the following:

February 17th is **Ash Wednesday**. Masses are offered at 6:50 a.m. (in the chapel), 8:30 a.m. (with our school children—in the church), and 6:00 p.m. (also in the church). For your convenience, we will also offer a prayer service (not a full Mass) at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Our regular Mass schedule is most accommodating to all busy lifestyles: daily Masses are offered at 6:50 and 8:30 a.m., and weekend Masses are celebrated at 5:00 p.m. Saturdays, 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Throughout Lent, we pray the **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays. Come a few minutes early as we meditate on the mystery of the passion Gospels before praying the Stations.

Palm Sunday is March 28th, and **Easter Sunday** is April 4th. At the Easter Vigil on April 3rd, we will welcome (through baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion) a dozen adults to the Catholic faith. They have been journeying through the conversion process since September. What a joyful time of continued growth for our parish and our universal Church!

On all four Friday nights of March, our Knights of Columbus will host an old-fashioned **Lenten Fish Fry** in the church hall. Come before or after Stations of the Cross and enjoy the delicious benefits of our newly-renovated kitchen. For more details, watch the bulletin in coming weeks.

Join the fun at **Bingo** every Wednesday, beginning at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Very large progressive jackpots are featured...also, two \$500 games...plus ten other games with varying generous prizes—not to mention great food, sweets and fun company.

To keep up with all the great things happening at Nativity of Our Lord Parish (Devotions, Food Pantry, Knights of Columbus, Blood Drives, Vacation Bible School, Bingo, Alcoholics Anonymous, Bible Study, Youth Group, etc.), please visit our website at www.nativitybridgeport.org. There, you can read our weekly bulletins (current and archived), be connected with worthwhile web links and submit Mass and prayer requests.

If there is *any* way the staff at Nativity of Our Lord may be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact us! And if you or a neighbor have school-aged children, please keep **Bridgeport Catholic Academy** in mind for a superior Catholic education.

Know that you are always welcome at Nativity of Our Lord!

GOD BLESS YOU,

Rev. Daniel J. Brandt, Pastor
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