

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *October 13th & 14th, 2018* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Welcome Home

It's that time again when our beloved Alumni and Friends of Nativity come back to celebrate the richness of this parish. Yes, the second Sunday in October is the time to reconnect with classmates, reminisce about the "good old days," and see the goodness of the parish in 2018. These days are always times for me to reflect on the power of a parish community. I know that Nativity, in its day, was the hub of the neighborhood. Most could walk to the parish and much of life was lived around the parish activities and events.

On Saturdays, I often try to get to church early before the 4pm Mass. The church is so quiet before our parishioners begin filing in for Mass. As I sit there in the midst of the quiet beauty of the sanctuary praying for the parish, I often think if these walls could talk how much they would tell us. They would share the power of all the people who have prayed in this same place for over 100 years. I think of the innocent prayers of the first communicants each year as they prepared to receive communion for the first time, or the prayers of mothers worried about children or loved ones fighting in wars far from home, or the excitement of parents bringing their babies to the waters of baptism, or the quiet prayer of a bride and groom as they professed their love for one another on a Saturday afternoon, or the heartfelt prayers of a widow or widower as they processed behind the body of one who was their soulmate. All the moments of life were brought to prayer in this space. It's a bit daunting to think of all of those people who have gone before us and have struggled and rejoiced about all the events of their lives just as we do in 2018.

Yes, Nativity is a sacred and holy place. Its sacred character does not come from the warmth of its beautiful architecture but from all of the simple and good people who have brought their hearts to this place and met Christ in their prayer and in the sacraments. We can become nostalgic for the good old days when Nativity was in its prime but we must remind ourselves that the Spirit is alive and well in 2018!

I would ask all of the friends of Nativity to pray for this parish. Nativity still has a mission on the corner of McClellan and Cairney and just as in former days, the neighborhood still needs us to be a light of hope and unity for all the people living around this church. We have just begun conversations with the Principal from Catherine Blackwell School (Nativity's former High School) and we're excited that she may be able to give us an opening to support school families and their children living near Nativity. My hope would be to build good relationships with these families and help them to see the goodness of this parish. May God bless you for all you have done for us!

MISSION STATEMENT

Nativity is a diverse and inclusive Catholic Faith Community on Detroit's eastside dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing God's love through commitment to social justice, service to the neighborhood, the community and each other.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 10-14: Dorcas Scott, 10-15: Sr. Barbara Brownell, 10-18: Barbara Grouse & Justin Scott

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 20th & 21st
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings: (Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45)

Lectors:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. Sr. Ellen 2. T. Roberts

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 R. Gatson, P. Adams, N. Danzie,
A. Milligan, M. Peeples

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGovern
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott
3. L. Cauty 4. M.J. Accavitti

Ministers of Service:

4:00 W. Adams
9:45 1. C. Estes 2. C. McLaughlin

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 13-Weekday
4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)
Lucille Pierce
(The Nativity Family)

SUNDAY, October 14, 2018

9:45 The Nativity Family and Alumni

THURSDAY, October 18, 2018

11:00AM Those Struggling

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 20, 2018
4:00 The Kresmary Family (Family)

SUNDAY, October 21, 2018

9:45 Justin Carnaghi (Family)

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OPENING HYMN

#538 Lead Me Guide Me

GLORY TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, our help and guide, make your love the foundation of our lives. May our love for you express itself in our eagerness to do good for others. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Wisdom 7:7-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we sing for joy!

2nd READING: Hebrews 4:12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Mark 10:17-30

LAMB OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

#602 Blest Are They

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

COMMUNION HYMN

#512 Taste and See

BIBLE EXCHANGE

We will hear Your Word one in love.
We will live Your Word one in love.
We will spread Your Word one in love.

CLOSING HYMN

#637 This Little Light of Mine

We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Barb Dubiel, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee Jones, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, , Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Mary VanPoucker, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sisters, Pat & Mary Therese, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly , Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Roseann Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

Journey for the Entire Parish
RCIA

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Faith?
Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic?

Here is a way to help a friend, relative or spouse find the answers they seek! Invite them to Inquiry secessions with Joni Scott and our team of Catechists. Topics include What Do Catholics Believe? What is the meaning of the Mass? The Bible, The Saints, Mary, Catholics and Prayer, Catholic Practices, and much, much more.

Contact Joni Scott—313-922-0033

Religious Education Save the Dates

October 21st: Mercy In Action

October 28th: No Class 'Trunk or Treat' following Mass in the parish hall. Children will come to Mass dressed as their favorite saint, angels, etc.

The Tuskegee Spirit Program is a hands-on career exploration opportunity for young people ages 9—14 sponsored by the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance. Students will participate in a building project using many machines including band saws, jig saws, routers, sanders and drill presses. In the process of building, they will learn to measure and apply that skill to correctly assemble the product. Sessions will be held at St. Elizabeth Center from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturdays—November 3, 10, 24 and December 1. **Registration is required.** Please call John Thorne at the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance, 313-922-1435. If you have questions, call Sr. Cathey DeSantis at 313-995-0092. Registration will be closed on October 30.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

2018 Ballot Proposals Forum
Monday, October 15 at 6:00PM
Sacred Heart Activities Building
3451 Rivard, Detroit, 48207

MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are excited that our plan to install a Memorial Garden in honor of Fr. Jerry Singer is ready to become a reality. Please take a minute to view the landscape architect's drawings (in the front of the church) that show what the finished garden will look like. The garden will include brick pavers that can be purchased to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion, etc. After the Alumni Mass, we will have tables set up both up and downstairs so you can purchase paver bricks today if you would like to do so.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE:

Effective immediately, the "Take Back the Streets" group will no longer meet every Friday night at the corner of McClellan and Gratiot. Instead, the Parish Council has decided that beginning in November, the group will only meet on the FIRST FRIDAY of every month at 8:00 P.M. Please note that this is not only a change of nights, but also of time. Hopefully this change will encourage more people to gather to pray for the end of violence, especially gun violence, in our city.

Accepting Donations for our Mercy in Action Project for October 21: See the flyer in the bulletin.