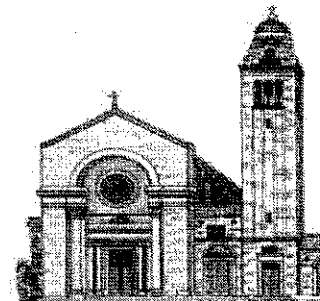


NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *December 8th & 9th, 2018* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN

Second Sunday of Advent



In Paul's letter to the Philippians today, he writes this line:

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."

God has begun "good work" in each of us and has confidence in us to carry out that good work until it's completed in our lives. So, what do you think this good work is in your life? What has God put in your heart to accomplish in this moment of your life? Do you feel you're accomplishing it or have you given up? Have you decided to take a seat and sit on the sidelines of your life? This is the season to dream once again and believe in the unbelievable! Who could have believed that God would come to us in the human person of Jesus! Yet, that is what we celebrate each Christmas: our God took flesh and became one of us.

It seems that as I age, I find myself becoming more cautious. I don't take the risks I took when I was in my early 20's. I am more sensible now (well, at least I try to be). My fear is that I may become too complacent and too cautious and too sensible and no longer desire to do that good work which has been placed in my heart. John the Baptist becomes our model today. He knew he was the voice crying in the desert to prepare the way of the Lord. He didn't care what people thought or what they said about him. All he knew was that his call from God was to announce the coming of the Savior. That was the good work placed in his heart and he was faithful even to death. He's the one this week who roots for us in our own discernment to find the good work God has put in our hearts and longs for it to be completed. I don't believe God wants any of us to just exist or just get through our lives but God calls us to an abundant life of grace and goodness. Maybe we can take some quiet time this week and ask God what the "good work" is that we are to complete. If we ask, God will certainly let us know. Have a peaceful second week of Advent!

Just in case you don't look any further than the front page:

Christmas Eve Mass is at 5pm and Christmas Day Mass is at 9:45am

Also, we will begin decorating the Church on December 16th after the 9:45am Mass. We need LOTS of help! Please stay a while on the 16th and help 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: 12-08: Billy Dombrowski & Lisa Benberry
12-14 Joe Oldani

WORSHIP SCHEDULE December 15th & 16th Third Sunday of Advent

Next week's Readings:
(Zephaniah 3:14-18,
Philippians 4:4-7,
Luke 3:10-18)

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 1. T. Novara 2. D. Scott

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 J. & K. Alderman, L. Canty,
M. Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGovern
9:45 1. C. Gillespie 2. M. E. White
3. N. Zarro 4. G. Stamper

Ministers of Service:

4:00 S. Wois
9:45 1. A. Clark 2. C. Estes

MASS INTENTIONS Second Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 8

4:00 Irene Mudloff (Family)
Sandra Turnbull (William Rex)

SUNDAY, December 9, 2018

9:45 Those Struggling with something

THURSDAY, December 13, 2018

11:00 Annie West

Third Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 15, 2018

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)

SUNDAY, December 16, 2018

9:45 George Scamihorn (Family)

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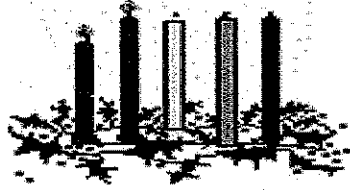
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OPENING HYMN

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



OPENING PRAYER

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Baruch 5:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd READING: Philippians 1:46, 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Luke 3:1-6

LAMB OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

Advent Reflection Question

What are we waiting for, hoping for, in our own lives this Advent? Or is there a rough road or a rough relationship that we need to work on?

We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Bob Campernel, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschner, Douglas Frattini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Bart Houston, 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, Marilyn Shepherd, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sisters, Pat & Mary Therese, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Rosanne 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.....

Stop and take a look at the acknowledgement letter you will receive when you purchase a brick paver for a Christmas present. It is on display in church by Mary's Altar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Grades 3rd - 5th Bridges of Faith

In the northern hemisphere the winter solstice is celebrated by many people because of the happy coincidence of the celebration of the birth of Jesus with the significant change of the seasons marked by the winter solstice....Just as the light of the sun begins once more to grow stronger at the winter solstice, so in our Advent prayers we greet the new light of Christ at his birth and ask for that light to increase in our lives.

Sarah Awan: Moses Ornament—the Burning Bush

Rosy Krembel: The Israelites Ornament—Lamb

Maliyah Elmore: Moses and Aaron Ornament—Tablets of the Torah

Terra Jones: Ruth Ornament—Grain Ruth's Faithfulness

Jarel Adams: Samuel Ornament—Crown

JUST WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!!!

Your 2019 Parish Envelopes have arrived. Please look for your name as some numbers have been changed. Also, please don't use them until 2019 for proper tax credit. If you would like envelopes, please let us know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

This Friday, December 14th is the Special Liturgy Soup Supper. 6:00-8:00PM A spiritual evening away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We will enjoy wonderful warm soup and pray an Advent Stations of the Cross.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beginning Sunday after Mass and for the next two weeks, there are many hours available to volunteer. You can choose to come help set up the Christmas Program, you can come help a mom or dad shop for their gifts or you can help wrap presents with families. All the sign ups are by Mary's Altar.

Christmas Schedule:

December 21st: Clean up Church and Basement

December 23rd: Decorate Church after Mass

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), 5:00 pm Mass at Nativity (for both Nativity and St. Charles)

8:00 pm Mass at St Charles (for both St Charles and Nativity)

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day), 9:45 am Mass at Nativity

11:30 am Mass at St Charles

December 27th: Kwanza Celebration

6-8pm. Sacred Heart Activities Center Regular Mass Schedule Dec. 29th & 30th

New Years Eve, Dec.31st. 5:00PM

Nativity

11:00PM St. Charles/With a Wedding