

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *February 2 & 3, 2019* Detroit, MI 48213

PASTOR'S PEN



Jeremiah reminds us of the Lord's strength in our life:

*"Stand up and tell them all that I command you.
Be not crushed on their account,
as though I would leave you crushed before them;
For it is I this day who have made you a fortified city,
a pillar of iron, a wall of brass,
against the whole land:
Against Judah's kings and princes,
Against its priests and people,
They will fight against you but not prevail over you,
For I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."*

The reminder to Jeremiah is the same reminder the Lord has for us. Many times we will feel we are not equal to the tasks we are called to but the Lord stands with us and gives us the strength we need. God says something like this to us: "Remember, I knew you before you were formed in the womb. I have been walking with you all this time. Who do you think has been protecting you up to this point? Please just keep walking and I will take care of everything else." We have the power to do great things.

It's easy to say that God is our strength when life is easy but in those moments when life beats us down or the road seems too steep, we call on these words to surround us like a shield and ask the LORD to remind us of his power and mercy. As we begin Black History month and think of all those who have been part of the struggle for justice and equality, we realize none of us are bystanders. God has put his Word into our hearts and our baptism calls us to be a prophetic voice in our world. Like Jeremiah, we are called to choose. Will we say "yes" to our mission to be part of the movement for justice or will we choose to just be a bystander?

Calling all writers!! We will be inviting people from Nativity and St. Charles to choose a Station of the Cross and provide a short reflection and prayer for our Lenten services. The Stations become so much more meaningful if we adapt them to our life in 2019. Please consider taking on the responsibility of choosing one Station and writing a reflection on it. Please see Lisa Bartnik or Sr. Ellen for further details and the template we will use for each station.

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: 2-2: Drew Gulewicz, 2-03: Frank Candela, 2-5: Thurman Bailey
2-6: Margaret Sebastian, 2-7: Theresa McCoy

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 9th & 10th 2019
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8,
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 I. M. Peoples 2. M. E. White

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 T. Bailey, W. Lewis, R. Patrick,
T. Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Ministers of Service:

4:00 A. Clark
9:45 1. H. Adams 2. W. Adams

MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, February 2, 2019

4:00 Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, February 3, 2019

9:45 Dorothy Scamihorn (Family)

THURSDAY, February 7, 2019

11:00

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, February 9, 2019

4:00

SUNDAY, February 10, 2019

9:45 Joseph & Josephine Novara
(Tony Novara & Nancy Silveri)

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God, help us love you with all our hearts and to love all people as you love them. 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: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will sing of your salvation

2nd READING:

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Luke 4:21-30

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

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, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, 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, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Mickala Lewis, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povititz, Anne Purrenhage, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, 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, Kathy Walsh's sister, Mary Ann, Joyce Shahady granddaughter, Edith, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

ONLINE GIVING

Do you pay bills on-line? Have you ever gotten to church and realized you forgot your envelope? If so, you might be interested in On-Line Giving directly to Nativity. We'll have more detailed information in next weeks bulletin but if you want to take a look at the site, it is giving.parishsoft.com/nativity. You choose "First Time" in the upper left for New Registration. The money goes directly into the Nativity bank account and your tax deductible contribution is recorded automatically. Watch for more information next week.

Dominican Literacy Center needs volunteer tutors. Help one person move toward employment, GED, high school completion, higher education, vocational training. Help one person read, do math or learn basic computer skills. Give two hours a week. Open M-Th, 8AM-8PM; F-Sat. 9AM-2PM. Call 313.267.1000 or thompson_dlc@yahoo.com. www.dlcliteracy.org.

Location: Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner, Suite 1414, Detroit, MI 48213. Orientation monthly, Tutor Training Workshop Saturday, January 26th 8 am to 4pm.

Save the Date

March 2nd: 5:30 PM: Mardi Gras 2019 hosted by the Social Committee. Check your calenders, mark the date because the sign up sheets will be up next weekend to sign up if you will be coming.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

If you would like parish envelopes, please take a parish register form (located on the table by the envelopes) home and fill it out. Just drop in the collection basket and the following week you will have envelopes.

We are getting the 2018 Parish Contribution Statements ready. If you need a printed copy please sign up today, the sheet is on the music stand.

BRICK PAVERS

Valentines Day is right around the corner. Thinking about what to get that special person? What an honor & lasting gift to have a brick paver with a personal inscription on it. A gift that would be a reminder to you & everyone who passes that you are thought of in a special way. Not only will this be an outward expression of love for someone, but, you will be financially supporting our parish & all the goodness & love we attempt to extend to others. Think about it. We could use your help. We can also provide an acknowledgement card if you like. Thank you for all you do.

We appreciate each & everyone one of you. The Fund Raising Committee