

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*February 16th & 17th, 2019\* Detroit,

## PASTOR'S PEN



**Jeremiah reminds us today about those who trust in the Lord:**

**“Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose hope is the LORD.  
They are like a tree planted beside the waters  
that stretches its roots to the stream:  
It fears not the heat when it comes;  
Its leaves stay green;  
In the year of drought it shows no distress,  
but still bears fruit.”**

Have you had enough of winter, yet? Have you had enough of polar vortexes and snow and ice that just wants you to slip? It's at this time in February when I long for Spring and Summer. Everything seems so cold and desolate and it begins to sap my spirit. I'm sure there's a few of us that just love these days and can't get enough of winter! I'm not one of them. For me winter becomes a great metaphor for life and faith. If I had never seen a Spring burst forth with flowers and watch as the temperatures rise and begin to thaw the hard earth, I would certainly think this was the end of the story. No life can come from this cold and frozen world. Yet, I've experienced and know it happens every year. It's the same with our faith. We can go through the terrible, harsh and relentless winters of life and feel, at times, that it will never end. We can't see any further than the cold winter day but that's when we tap into our God. We remind ourselves that the same God that has been with us all our life will be with us through this winter and will be there to celebrate the Spring with us.

For those of us who may be going through a harsh winter of grief or illness or financial distress, we are reminded that where there's winter, Spring is not far behind. We just have to hold on and allow the Lord to hold us and protect us until the winter and the storms and the ice and all the hardships of life pass us by. Let's continue to remind ourselves that we have Christ and all will be well. Spring will come again and the harshness of winter will be a faraway memory!

**Just a reminder...we still need writers for some of the Stations of the Cross for Lent. Please think about taking one of the Stations and sharing a reflection. See Sr. Ellen or Lisa Bartnik for further information. Thank you**

### 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:** 2-16: Jerry Susko, 2-17: Ewan Dombrowski, Carmen Patton, 2-19: Leila Lynch, 2-21: Sharon Estes, Adrian Gabriel  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** 2-17: Sharon & John Estes

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE February 23rd & 24th 2019 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Luke 6:27-38

#### Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy  
9:45 I. D. Scott 2. J. Brooks

#### Ushers:

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

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mary Miller  
9:45 1. M. Johnston 2. M. J. Accavitti  
3. H. Wimble 4. T. Novara

#### Ministers of Service:

4:00 H. Adams  
9:45 1. J. Dupre 2. L. Bartnik

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, February 16, 2019

**4:00** Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)

SUNDAY, February 17, 2019

**9:45** Frank & Leon Accavitti  
(Family)

THURSDAY, February 21, 2019

**11:00** Doris Pelham (Fran Carnaghi)

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, February 23, 2019

**4:00** Rose Thomas (Family)  
Tom Mudloff (Family)

SUNDAY, February 17, 2019

**9:45** Peter DeMaire (Fran Kaucic)

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## OPENING HYMN

### OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, you have promised to remain for ever with those who do what is just and right. Help us to live in your presence. We ask 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Jeremiah 17:5-8

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:**

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16:20

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING:** Luke 6:17, 20-26

### 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 Povlitz, 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

You can sign up for online giving by going to: [giving.parishsoft.com/nativity](http://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. If you have any questions, contact Chris McLaughlin.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The children will rehearse for Youth Mass after Mass today.

#### **Save the Dates**

**March 2nd: 5:30 PM: Mardi Gras 2019** hosted by the Social Committee. Please sign up if you plan on attending and how many are coming with you.

**March 6: Ash Wednesday:** Mass at 10:30AM at St. Charles and 7:00PM at Nativity.

**March 15th-17th:** Homeless Shelter Weekend. More details to come.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Are you a Kroger shopper? Did you know you could link your Kroger Rewards to Nativity and we would benefit? Currently we have 31 families that have chosen Nativity as their Community Rewards Organization. Our last quarterly reward check was \$114.51. This does not do anything to your fuel points, and is an easy way for the parish to benefit.

Ready to go? Then go to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) Click "Enroll", Enter the required information, then click Enroll again. On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards" Enter your contact information and click "Save" On the next page enter BT041 or Nativity of Our Lord and hit Enter Choose the correct organization, then click Enroll. You are now enrolled! (If you are having an issue with your password and or email address please call 1-800- KROGERS, press 5 for customer service, press 5 to speak to a customer service representative.)

**OUR ORGANIZATION NUMBER HAS CHANGED IF YOU ARE ALREADY REGISTERED. PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR ACCOUNT IS STILL LINKED. NEW NUMBER IS BT041**

### BRICK PAVERS

Are you planning on ordering a Brick Paver for the Father Singer Memorial Garden? We have heard people that say: "I need to get my paver order in." Well, now is the time. If you want your paver to be installed this spring, your order needs to be in no later than March 17<sup>th</sup>. We need to submit our order to the company to ensure a spring installation.