

NATIVITY NEWS



5900 McClellan *March 16th & 17th, 2019* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN

Second Sunday of Lent

Here we are in the Second Sunday of Lent and I've just heard the news that 49 people were killed in a mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand with many more injured. According to reports, the shooter was a white nationalist who decided the Muslims were invading his "space," and trying to replace white people. Trying to make sense of this horrific act is very difficult. How can someone be filled with that much hatred and rage as to gun down all of those innocent people because they were different from him? How many times will this happen before we realize that something has to change? When anyone who looks different or speaks in a different language or has different customs becomes a threat, something is very wrong.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to see the struggle of our brothers and sisters as our own struggle. It's not enough for us to just sit by and take care of ourselves. We can't just make sure our families are as safe as possible and think that's the end of our responsibility. Our world is filled with fear these days but we can never allow fear to rule our lives or be our motivation in the decisions we make. Each Sunday we celebrate the One who refused to be allow fear to stop him from doing what he knew was right. As his followers, we cannot allow fear or prejudice or anything to separate us from one another. Jesus called for a world where we love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. He reminded us so many times throughout the scriptures that we are to embrace the stranger and show hospitality to all people but in a special way to those who were suffering the most. Let us take time this Lent to realize our responsibility as followers of Christ. Let us work for a world that is not divided along any type of lines but let us, through our example, show that there is a different and courageous way to live. How many times throughout the scriptures are we cautioned not to be afraid. So let us be bold witnesses of peace and inclusivity. Let us tell the world that we are never afraid to love our brothers and sisters and that with the beauty of diversity comes the Reign of God!

Just a reminder that our Stations of the Cross are at 6pm each Friday followed by Soup and an inspiring talk by Jesse Cox at 7pm. We will be at St. Charles one more Friday (March 22nd) and then at Nativity for the following three Fridays. Please try to make some of these Fridays. They will give you strength and courage to allow Christ to work on your heart!

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: 3-18: Dominique Archer,
3-19: Jessica Awan, Lisa Miller, Debra Marshall, 3-23: Brenda Banks
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 3-21: Jim & Ruth Duddy

WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 23rd & 24th 3rd Second of Lent

Next week's Readings:
Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy
9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. M. Peeples

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mark Miller
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott
3. T. Marshall 4. M. Marshall

Ministers of Service:

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

MASS INTENTIONS Second Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 16, 2019

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)
Pat Couture (Therese McGratty)

SUNDAY, March 17, 2019

9:45 Daniel Medellin
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Dorothy Scamihorn (Family)

THURSDAY, March 21, 2019

11:00 For Those Struggling

Third Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 23, 2019

4:00 Howie Meathe (Family)
Kevin Urso (Family)

SUNDAY, March 24, 2019

9:45 George, MaryAnn, & Tony Danial
(Family)
Donna Brenner (Family)

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OPENING HYMN

LET US PRAY

God our Creator, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st READING: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd READING: Phillippians 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honor to you Jesus Christ,
Glory to your name.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

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 Campemel, 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, Mia Halthon-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 son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, Kathy Walsh's sister, Mary Ann, Joyce Shahady's granddaughter, Edith, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross
(written by parishioners of Nativity and St. Charles)

Light Meal of Soup

Jessie Cox : Weekly Speaker after Meal
We will begin with the Stations at 6:00PM.

March 15th and 22nd
at St. Charles

March 29th, April 5th and April 12th
at Nativity.

His Last Days, a story in song about the last days of Christ here on earth, will be presented Sunday, April 7th at 3:00pm at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe. All are welcome for this inspiring musical concert presented by members of various Parishes.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 18th: Holy Thursday Pot Luck, 6:00PM Dinner, Mass at 7:00PM. We will celebrate Dinner and Mass here at Nativity with our St. Charles Family.

April 19th: Good Friday, Stations of the Cross 12:30PM, Service 1:00PM at Nativity, 7:00PM St. Charles

April 20th: Easter Vigil 8:30PM St. Charles-No Mass at Nativity

April 21st: Easter Sunday Mass 9:45AM Nativity, 11:30 St. Charles

BRICK PAVERS

Please make sure your order for a brick paver is turned in this weekend to Fran Carnaghi or Nancy Silveri.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

We need help with the laundry from the shelter. Can you help by taking a bag home to wash and return? The bags are on the back pew by the elevator on your way out. When you bring them back in the next couple weeks, just put a sign that says clean on the bag please.

DCPA

We would like to invite your parishioners to our March Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at Christ the King Parish, 20800 Grand River, Detroit, 48219 Fellowship will be at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a 50/50 drawing with a minimum take home prize of \$400.00 as well as the ground work of our strategic planning and visioning process! We need and want your input!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Sunday, March 24th after Mass, the youth of our parish will lead us through the Stations of the Cross. Please plan on staying and taking this journey with them.

Are you a Kroger shopper? Did you know you could link your Kroger Rewards to Nativity and we would benefit? Then go to: 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. There is also a link on our website.