

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *April 14th & 15th, 2018* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN

Third Sunday of Easter



As we enter the third Sunday of Easter, we hear of another sighting of the Risen Christ. Jesus breaks into the lives of his disciples as they were on the way recounting what had happened on the road to Emmaus and how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Although the disciples were startled and fearful, Jesus reassures them that all is well and that He is right there with them. The disciples needed Jesus to be there as they tried to understand the stories they were hearing about Jesus rising from the dead. Can you imagine hearing this and trying to believe this resurrection story? It had to be difficult but then they experienced Jesus themselves. He had truly risen!

Jesus breaks into our lives as we're "on the way" through the days and moments of our life. He is there for us in the good word of a friend who loves us or in the joy of the one who makes us laugh or in the compassion of the one who sits with us in our hardest days or in the child who looks at us so lovingly after drawing us their best artwork. Yes, he is risen and continues to break into our lives and we experience him when our eyes and hearts are open.

Today we will celebrate two baptisms at Sunday's Mass. We will welcome into the church two sisters: Serenity and Terra Jones. They will both go through the waters of baptism and be reminded that Christ, who rose from the dead, is real and will be in their lives forever. He will walk with them as they travel on the road of their lives. He will come to them in their parent's love and in all of those at Nativity. The sacrament of baptism is not some magical ritual that's done and then we're finished. No, it's the beginning of a relationship with Christ and Serenity and Terra will believe if they see the faith of those around them. Their parents and family will be their first and best teachers. They will watch them and the rest of us to see if our faith is life giving or empty. They will be able to tell whether our words match our deeds. They will see us in times of struggle and distress and either be inspired by our way of handling adversity or disappointed that our faith is very shallow. Yes, today, we celebrate not only the baptism of Serenity and Terra but the call of our baptism to be faithful disciples who live our faith always believing in the Risen One!

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: 4-15: Charisse Hurt, 4-17: Diane Ferscheneider, & Michael Kent, 4-20: Jordyn Barnes, 4-21: Chris Scott & Ken Stamper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 21st: Louis & Helen Randall

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 21st & 22nd 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Next week's Readings:

(Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18)

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty

9:45 1. J. Brooks 2. C. Sutton

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. Canty 4. M. J. Accavitti

Ministers of Service:

4:00 C. Estes

9:45 1.K. Stamper 2. C. Scott

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, April 14, 2018

4:00 Judee Danielak
(The Nativity Family)
Mary Beth Dietz
(Therese McGratty)

SUNDAY, April 15, 2018

9:45 Mary Mercer (The Nativity family)
Glennis Deisinger (John Deisinger)

THURSDAY, April 19, 2018

11:00AM John Rooney (Therese McGratty)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, April 21, 2018

4:00PM Sandra Turnbull (The Varzi Family)

SUNDAY, April 22, 2018

9:45 Barbara Hill Rawski
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, may we look forward with hope to our resurrection, for you have made us your sons and daughters, and restored the joy of our youth. 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.

1st READING: Acts 3:13-15, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your face shine on us.

2nd READING: 1 John 2:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

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

We pray for God's healing for:

Clara Allen, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Juanita Farley, Dolores Ferschneider, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, Fran Kaucic, Lee Keenan, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Gary Krueger, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Emmie Roth, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Chris Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Mary VanPoucker, Willie Williamson, Maura Corrigan's sister, Pat, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Roseann Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' student Jacqueline, Norma Danzie's sister, Bonita

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

April 16th: Buddy's Pizza "Slice for Life" A Capuchin Soup Kitchen fundraiser. More information at: http://www.cskdetroit.org/events/42nd_annual_slice_for_life

April 20th: Faith Family and Fellowship: Monthly Gathering for families from both parishes at St. Charles. We will be celebrating Earth Day 2018, "Beyond a Throwaway Culture: Reduce Waste—Grow Community." Our guest will be youth from Our Lady Star of the Sea. Please join us from 6pm—8pm. *BRING YOUR OWN NON-DISPOSABLE CUP TO REDUCE WASTE!

April 22nd: A 1000 Cranes for Peace display will be on display in church.

SAVE THESE DATES

May 6th: First Communion Sunday

May 6th: St. Pat Senior Center's 41st Annual Irish Festival. From 1:00-9:00PM.

May 20th Confirmation: Bishop Gumbleton will preside.

June 3rd Blessing of children, teens, and Catechists

Vacation Bible School will be a four week program, two weeks at Nativity and two at St. Charles beginning June 25th and ending July 20th. The first two weeks will be held at Nativity. More details to come.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

There are immediate openings for the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's Senior Network Trip to Niagara Falls (May 30-June 1, 2018). \$275.00 (Double Occupancy) / \$380.00 (Single Occupancy). Trip includes: Deluxe Bus Travel, accommodations at the Holiday Inn by the Falls (4 meals), Casino Trip and shopping! To register or for more info call: John Thorne at: 313.922.1435 x. 10

The 2018 Father Singer Nativity Scholarship Program application forms and guidelines are available in the back of the church, or via email request sent to the scholarship committee at wimble85@comcast.net

Did You Know? One of our ongoing fund raisers for Nativity is participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program? You can support this fund raiser by registering your Kroger Loyalty card and shop as usual. The best part???? It doesn't cost you anything extra! Follow these directions at www.krogercommunityrewards.com

The Finance Council reports that collections for the first quarter were short by \$9,685 (27%). Our February weather and Easter being April 1 may account for part of this but we are down fiscal year-to-date also by 17% and the fiscal year ends in June. Anyone able to increase their monthly donation, even by a small amount, would help us balance the budget. Thanks to everyone for supporting Nativity in so many ways!

Jan-Feb-Mar Collection Budgeted: \$35,772
Jan-Feb-Mar Actual Collection: \$26,087
Shortfall: \$9,685