

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *March 24th & 25th, 2018* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN

Palm Sunday



This week we celebrate the holiest of weeks in our church year. Today, we will shout cheers with the crowds who cry out: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" We will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, we will experience the tenderness of Christ as we watch him wash the feet of his disciples and remind them that they must do the same. On Good Friday, we will hear the story of the passion and will follow Christ on the road to Calvary. On Easter Sunday, we will hear the Alleluias and be told by the angel that "He is Risen" and be reminded that God always brings death out of life.

Yes, this week will be full of joys and celebrations, heartbreak and betrayals, suffering and disappointment, life and death. We will see in each of the characters of the Passion someone much like ourselves with our weaknesses and strengths. This is our moment to step back and contemplate this story of God's love for us that brought Jesus to the cross.

As we come to celebrate these Holy days, I, once again, plead with people to come for the whole Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil or Sunday). This year, we are combining our Holy Thursday Mass with St. Charles so that I can be with both communities. Please humor me this year as I have changed a few things for Thursday. Holy Thursday, for me personally, is one of the most solemn days in our church year. I have always loved the rituals that surround this holy night and think, of all nights, this should be a time when we are in the church. Therefore, I'd like to start at 6pm with our meal and then have Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm in the church. One of the ancient rituals going back to the Gospel is footwashing. I understand the custom has been to shine shoes rather than wash feet. Although I understand the relevance of shining shoes, I think we miss a lot when we don't wash feet. To wash another's feet calls for a vulnerability on the part of the one whose feet are washed as well as deeper compassion from the one who is washing feet. I usually say before washing feet that if I've done anything to hurt anyone, I ask you to allow me to wash your feet. (I usually get a line!) All kidding aside, it is a powerful moment for me (and I believe for all the Ministers of Service) to have the honor to wash feet. So, when I invite anyone who wishes to have their feet washed, please don't be shy but come up and allow us the honor to wash your feet.

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: 3-26: Judy Dupre, 3-27: Rosanne Schwartz
3-31: Sr. Beverly Pettke, Nancy Silveri & Elaine Wois
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 3-25: Danny & Shivaun Wois

WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 31st & April 1st, 2018 Easter Sunday

Next week's Readings:
(Acts 10:34a, 37-43, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, John 20:1-9)

Lectors:

4:00
9:45 1. Sr. Elaine 2. C. Sutton

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 M. J. Accavitti, A. Calati,
J. Deisinger, R. Duddy,
C. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00
9:45 1. L. Cunningham
2. C. Gillespie
3. Sr. Elaine 4. J. Shovlin

Ministers of Service:

4:00
9:45 1. A. Clark 2. K. Hurt

MASS INTENTIONS

PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY, March 24, 2018

4:00 Bennie Sergent
(The Kulchy Family)

SUNDAY, March 25, 2018

9:45 Howie Meathe (Jean Meathe)
Gaby Elsey (Therese McGratty)

HOLY THURSDAY, March 29, 2018

POT-LUCK 6:00PM MASS 7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

SATURDAY, March 31, 2018

8:00PM MASS AT ST. CHARLES ONLY

SUNDAY, April 1, 2018

9:45 The Nativity Family

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Please gather on the Mary's Altar side of church for the blessing of the palms.

PROCESSING HYMN #293

Ride on, Jesus, ride. Ride on, Jesus, ride.
Ride on, Jesus, conquering King. Ride on,
Jesus, ride.

King Jesus rides on a milk white horse.
Ride on Jesus, ride. The river Jordan He did
cross. Ride on, Jesus, conquering King.
Ride on, Jesus, ride.

My Jesus lifted his throne above. Ride on
Jesus, ride. See his mercy and love. Ride on,
Jesus, conquering King. Ride on, Jesus,
ride.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God, you have given
the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a
model of humility. He fulfilled your will by
becoming man and giving his life on the
cross. Help us to bear witness to you by
following his example of suffering and
make us worthy to share in his resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and
ever. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, My God, why have you
abandoned me?

2nd READING: Philippians 2: 6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-15:47

OFFERTORY HYMN #431

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN #459

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 #365

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.....

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP EMPLOYMENT

Camps Connect, a collaborative between St.
Vincent de Paul Camps and Catholic Youth
Organization Camps, is hiring *camp
counselors, activity staff, and kitchen staff*
for summer 2018. The camps are located near
Carsonville, MI on the beautiful shores of
Lake Huron. Counselor and activity leader
positions are residential positions with a 5-9
week assignment, depending on position.
Staff receive time off during the week and
weekends. Training is provided! Applicants
must be at least 18 years of age for counselor
positions and at least 17 years of age for
activity staff and kitchen positions. Make a
difference in a child's life, and in your own!
For more information, please apply online at
www.campsconnect.org or contact Lori at the
Camps Office at 810-622-8744 or
admin@campsconnect.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't forget to sign up for the Holy
Thursday Passover Meal (Pot-Luck.) We
begin at 6:00PM with the meal.

We need a few strong people to help move
statues after 9:45 Mass. If you can stick
around for a few minutes we would
appreciate it.

ASSEMBLING EASTER BASKETS

We will be assembling the baskets on
Monday, March 26th beginning at
10:00AM. If you would like to help, please
sign up on the paper on the easel.

Mark Your Calenders

March 29th: Holy Thursday Pot Luck,
6:00PM Dinner, Mass at 7: 00PM **NOTE
THE CHANGE: DINNER BEFORE
MASS.** We will celebrate Mass and dinner
here at Nativity with our St. Charles Family .
March 30th: Good Friday, Stations of the
Cross 12:30PM, Service 1:00PM at Nativity,
7:00PM St. Charles
March 31st: Easter Vigil 8:00PM St.
Charles-No Mass at Nativity
April 1st: Easter Sunday Mass 9:45AM
Nativity, 11:30 St. Charles

Just a reminder that Good Friday is a day
of fasting and abstinence. Catholics over the
age of 18 and under the age of 60 are
required to fast, which means that they can
eat only one complete meal and two smaller
ones during the day, with no food in
between. Catholics who are over the age of
14 are required to refrain from eating any
meat, or any food made with meat, on Good
Friday.

