

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *April 21st & 22nd, 2018* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



As we celebrate all God's creation on Earth Day, I share excerpts from some poetry and adapted prayers:

*Most gracious and loving God,
we thank you and bless you for the beauty of the Earth. We bless you for the brightness of the sun that wakes us in the morning. We are awed by the deep blue skies on a day when we can see no clouds. We thank you even for the storms, with lightning and thunder, which speak of your incredible power. We are grateful for those days when the snow has just fallen and we experience your exquisite beauty as all is decorated in white and we feel the soft powder beneath our feet. We thank you for the oceans and seashores, the majestic mountains and the green valleys, the first buds of spring and freshly mown grass, the lush green forests and the magnificent deserts, the smells of spring and summer, the vivid colors of leaves before they fall from the autumn trees, the moonlit nights and the starry nights in December when the stars are twinkling and call us to the edge of eternity. It's all of this and so much more that we have taken for granted and call on you. Lord, to open our eyes to the power and beauty of all creation around us.*

We also ask forgiveness of the Earth for all our sins against her; For our violence and poisoning of her beauty.

We pray that we have a change of heart to stop harming our planet. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we might have the passion and wisdom to work effectively to restore your creation. Give us strength to continue on with this work when it is difficult and requires sacrifice. Bless this Earth and all its life in every way. We ask this through Christ our Lord...

Our Mother Earth, who continually brings life from death and gives us infinite chances even in our abuse, is a small reflection of the extravagance of God's love and care for us. May we take time to appreciate her beauty and do one thing today (and everyday) to show that appreciation.

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: 4-24: Hermenia Adams & Barron Scott, 4-26: Aurie Mitchell, 4-27: Alauna Hardaway & Genevieve Krembel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 4-22nd: Tony & Barb Calati

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 28th & 29th 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Next week's Readings:

(Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24,
John 15:1-8)

Lectors:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. M. Peeples 2. T. Calati

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 P. Adams, K. Alderman,
J. Deisinger, T. Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Ministers of Service:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, April 21, 2018

4:00 Sandra Turnbull (The Varzi Family)

SUNDAY, April 22, 2018

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

THURSDAY, April 26, 2018

11:00AM Patricia Cichowski (Family))

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, April 28, 2018

4:00PM Dorothy Mudloff (Family)
Louis & Helen Randall
(The Nativity Family)

SUNDAY, April 29, 2018

9:45 The Deceased of the Mudloff,
Kresmery, and Johnston Families
(Family)

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, give us new strength from the courage of Christ our shepherd, and lead us to join the saints in heaven. 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 4:8-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

2nd READING: 1 John 3:1-2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

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

"A TOAST TO LITERACY"

A Fundraiser for Epiphany Education Center

Next Saturday, April 28th, 6:00PM at Sacred Heart Activities Center

Wine Tasting, Desserts, Silent Auctions & Vendors

Tickets are \$30.00 and can be purchased at Epiphany Education Center or at time of event.

Let's make a plan: Attend 4:00 Mass here, hang out for a little bit, and then head to the fundraiser!

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

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

IHM Sisters' Royal Blue Classic Golf Outing

Monday, June 18, Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, Plymouth, MI
Proceeds Benefit IHM Ministries.
Visit www.ihmsisters.org for more information or call 734-240-9860

ST. CHARLES DINNER DANCE

Friday, September 21, 2018 Cocktail Hour: 6pm - 7pm Dinner: 7pm
Assumption Cultural Center 21800 Marter Road St. Clair Shores. Ticket Pricing Information: Early Bird (March 1, 2018 - August 1, 2018) \$55 per person OR \$500 for Table of 10. Call Rhonda: 313-331-0253 for more information.