

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *January 20&21, 2018* Detroit, MI



Pastor's Pen

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, we have stories centered around repentance.

Jonah is calling the people of Nineveh to repent even though he really didn't want them to repent. They were the enemy and I'm sure Jonah would love to have seen God's wrath come upon them! Jesus also calls people to repentance but in a little different way from Jonah. He proclaims, "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."

We will hear words around repentance in a few weeks as we enter the season of Lent. (I guess the Church is getting us "warmed" up for Lent). Whenever I hear the word "repentance" it seems like it will mean deprivation and painful changes in my life. Jesus also adds that we are to believe in the Gospel. The Gospel is the "good news" of our salvation. It's the reminder that we are loved so deeply that Christ came and laid his life down for us. To believe that we are loved that deeply is difficult to take in and maybe that's where the repentance comes in. Maybe we are to repent of the belief that we're not that lovable that anyone would die for us. Maybe we have to repent of the belief we won't be forgiven for the things we've done wrong in life. I think it's sometimes easier to believe in a hard, judgmental God than in one who loves us in our imperfections and sin.

The question today is "what do I have to repent of to truly believe in the Good News?" What is holding me back from living a full life? What obstacles are in my way that keep me from receiving God's love and giving love? What insecurities keep me guarded and hard and difficult to love at times? Do I have to repent of the fears that keep me from trying anything new or to take some risks in my life? Do I have to repent of being apathetic or sour or ungrateful? Where am I on this Sunday in January and where is the Lord calling me to "repent?"

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: Jewel Banks & Michael Peeples

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 27th & 28th, 2018

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty

9:45 1. S. Carson 2. M. Johnston

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 D. Wois

9:45 1. A. Buford 2. W. Adams

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, January 20, 2018

4:00 Sr. Mary of the Immaculate Heart
(Family)

SUNDAY, January 21, 2018

9:45 Bennie Sergent
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

THURSDAY, January 25, 2018

11:00 AM The Sick of the Nativity Family

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, January 27, 2018

4:00 Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, January 28, 2018

9:45 Denise Bailey (Rosa & Mike Gracey)

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THOUGHT FOR WEEK

Please make sure you received a hymnal on your way in and leave it at the door as you leave church. We hope this will encourage everyone to participate more fully in the singing.

GATHERING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who governs all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

1st READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Teach me your ways, O Lord

2nd READING:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: John 1:14-20

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

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, Barbara Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, Lee Keenan, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Gary Krueger, 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

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

Friday night we will gather at the corner of McClellan and Gratiot at 9:00PM to pray for the end of violence in the city.

FAITH FORMATION

1. Religious Education classes meet each Sunday immediately following mass in the parish rectory for grades 2nd through high school. Parents with children in grades K-1st please see Mrs. Scott as she has weekly lessons that can be done at home.

2. Sunday School for Adults meet each Sunday following mass in the parish rectory. Tom Davis and Pamela Davis use the book "At Home With the Word," to lead and guide the discussion.

3. If your child is in need of receiving the Sacraments, and if any adults are interested in learning about the Catholic Church please speak with Joni Scott.

4. If parents are interested in their child being in the Youth Choir please speak with Coleman Ward.

FAMILY FAITH FELLOWSHIP, Friday, February 16, 2018 From 6pm – 8pm at St. Charles Borromeo. A light meal is served at each gathering.

Believe in the Good news that you're loved beyond your wildest dreams!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The 2017 Tax statements are ready. If you need a printed statement please sign up. If you just need your donation amount, Anne can email that to you. Just let her know.

On **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 at 4:00PM** there is a special Mass to end the violence in the city of Detroit. It is at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Keir Ward has composed a Gospel-style setting of the Mass as a gift to the church. This Mass will end the New Year celebration and launch Black History Month.

Nativity 400 Club

You may purchase raffle tickets after Mass. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$100. We have sold 320 tickets. You can purchase with cash, check or credit card. The drawing is March 17, 2018. The prizes are: 1st \$5000.00 2nd Prize \$2500.00, and 5 Prizes of \$500.00.

Mark Your Calendar:

Sunday, February 18th is our Blood Drive. Sign up anytime on-line at REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG or after Mass with Mary Miller or Chris McLaughlin. Appointments are from 8:00-2:00PM.

Ash Wednesday: February 14th: Mass at 10:30AM at St. Charles and 7:00PM at Nativity.

Shelter Weekend: February 23-25. More information in the coming weeks.