

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *March 3rd & 4th, 2018* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN

Third Sunday of Lent



We're at the third Sunday of Lent already! How are you doing on the Lenten sacrifices you promised on Ash Wednesday? If you've fallen already, don't lose heart. Just get up and keep trying! Today we see Jesus getting angry with the moneychangers in the Temple. They were no longer being guided by the ten commandments we hear of in the first reading. Religion had become a business and the spirit of faith and compassion had gone. I suspect there was also some cheating and overcharging going on in the temple as well. I think what happened to the moneychangers and those selling oxen, sheep and doves is that the routine lulled them into a sense of security with their faith. As long as they performed the rituals each week, they were fine with God and they could go about their lives as they wished.

I think the same thing happens with us. We become complacent in our routines and Mass each week becomes one of the many routine rituals of our lives. We grocery shop, get gas for the car or an oil change now and then, or pick the kids up from practice or other activities, and go to Mass. They are all important responsibilities in our lives and when they're completed, we feel better and know we've accomplished something. Christ comes during this season to turn over the nicely set tables in our lives or the activities we do that hurt others and reminds us that our faith has to be moving forward. It can't become routine. Somehow, we should be better people after this season with more compassion for others and a deeper sense of God's presence in our lives. Maybe this week, change your routine a little and give God a little more of your time and your heart.

This week we share great news!! The Parish Council at their last meeting unanimously nominated **Kim Milligan** to receive the Spirit Award at the Annual Urban Parish Award ceremony on March 15th at 7pm at Sacred Heart. Kim is often behind the scenes working to make an event successful. She is usually our decorator for any of the parties the parish throws. Although I enjoy giving Kim a hard time, I truly see Kim's wonderful heart that gives even when it's difficult. Kim embodies the spirit of generosity and goodness and we are blessed to have her at Nativity! Please come out on the 15th to show your gratitude to Kim. Thanks, Kim, for all you do at Nativity!

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: 3-05: Sr. Barbara Bouchard & Jimmy Duddy,
3-06: Eric Dombrowski, 3-07: Willie Clay**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 10th & 11th, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

Next week's Readings:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty

9:45 1. J. Urso 2. M. Brooks

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller

9:45 R. Gatson, P. Adams, N. Danzie,
A. Milligan, M. Peebles

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty

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. L. Bartnik 2. H. Adams

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, March 3, 2018

4:00 Tom Mudloff (Family)

SUNDAY, March 4, 2018

9:45 Lyle Daudlin
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

THURSDAY, March 8, 2018

11:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, March 10, 2018

4:00 Denise Bailey (The Kulchy Family)
Dick & Pat Couture
(Therese McGratty)

SUNDAY, March 11, 2018

9:45 Denise Bailey (The Ushers)

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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

God, our Creator of peace, we are joyful in your Word, your Son Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to you. Let us hasten toward Easter with the eagerness of faith and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Exodus 20:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

2nd READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

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, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, 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

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

March 9th

Youth Stations of the Cross
Light Meal of Soup

Jessie Cox : Weekly Speaker after Meal

March 2 & 9 Nativity

March 16 St. Charles

March 23 Nativity

We will begin with the Stations at 6:00.

Soup to follow

Jessie Cox at 7:00

During the series we will be praying on the corner immediately following, so 8:00ish.

Grow Detroit "Summer Youth Employment Program"

Summer jobs program aims to employ 8,000 youth ages 14-24; Applicants and employers can sign up at www.GDYT.org. Please see website for more information.

Nativity 400 Club Raffle



Two Weeks until the Winners are drawn!
Do you have a ticket for your chance to share the pot of money?
27 tickets left! Get yours today.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thank you, thank you to all who helped with housing the homeless last weekend. This truly is a major undertaking for the parish. Anyway you pitched in helped.

The **FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES** is at Nativity this Friday. There are sign up lists if you are coming and if you can bring something for the meal. Please take a few minutes after Mass to look them over.

We have once again invited the neighborhood to our Easter Mass. We are going to be filling Easter Baskets for the children again this year. If you could help by taking a tag from the board for an item or two that would go in the baskets, it would be greatly appreciated. We need all items back to us no later than Sunday, March 25th.

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