

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *September 22nd & 23rd, 2018* De-

PASTOR'S PEN

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Letter of St. James is strong, again, this week. He says:

“Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.”



Do you remember when Aretha sang at the inauguration of Barack Obama and wore that cool hat? People were flocking to the stores to get that hat. It's amazing how quickly fads can come and go. There are the newest toys on the market: iphones or watches or fitbits (I think that's what they're called) or self-driving cars or new appliances or whatever someone sees on TV and decides they can't live without! Advertisers understand this about the human psyche and so continue to play to that insecurity that says “if you don't have this item, you are less than the rest of us.” It's that world that breeds all kinds of jealousy and selfishness and violence and evil of all kinds.

I'm not saying its evil to have some stuff but when the stuff becomes more important than people, evil has entered. When we become greedy with our “stuff” and protect it at all costs, then maybe we have abandoned the wisdom of God. When we start to compare our lives with others by the “stuff” we own and either become inflated because we have more or jealous because we have less, then maybe we have to get perspective. Jealousy comes out of a deep sense that what I have or what I am is not enough. It's the need to fill that hole with something that will distract us for a moment. The problem is that jealousy is never satisfied and will always be looking for more. There will always be someone who seems better looking than us, more talented than us, more intelligent than us, etc. The wisdom of God says that we are created by the One who loves us as we are and rejoices in the beauty of our being. We don't have to be anyone else or be like anyone else. We just have to be the best version of us. Remember we wouldn't be here if we weren't enough for God. If we're enough for God, we're ENOUGH!

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: 9-24: Jarel Adams Jr., Jerry Alderman & Owen Johnston

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 29th & 30th
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings:

(Number 11:25-29, James 5:1-6,
Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48)

Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy
9:45 1. M. E. White 2. L. Cunningham

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Ministers of Service:

4:00 K. Hurt
9:45 1. C. Estes 2. D. Wois

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, September 22, 2018

4:00 Donna Crowe
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

SUNDAY, September 23, 2018

9:45 Majeski Girls & Guys (Family)
Bennie Sergent (Family)

THURSDAY, September 27, 2018

11:00AM

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, September 29, , 2018

4:00PM Fr. Jerome Singer
(The Kulchy Family)
Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, September 30, 2018

9:45 Clara Allen

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OPENING HYMN
#376 In The Name Of Jesus

GLORY TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

God in heaven, guide us, as you guide creation according to your law of love. May we love one another and come to perfection in the eternal life prepared for us. Grant 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: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord upholds my life.

2nd READING: James 3:16-4:3

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Mark 9:30-37

LAMB OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN
#361 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

COMMUNION HYMN
#760 One bread One Body

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

#592 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Barb Dubiel, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee Jones, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Kathleen Rivard, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, , Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Mary VanPoucker, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sisters, Pat & Mary Therese, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly , Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Roseann Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

YOU ARE INVITED

Dear Nativity Family: In appreciation for all your prayers and support during my knee surgeries and recoveries we invite you downstairs to enjoy some tasty treats and refreshments after the 9:45 Mass on Sunday, October 7th.
Sincerely, Lisa Bartnik and Hugh Cairns

The signup sheets for the Anniversary/Homecoming Mass Reception on October 14th are posted by Mary's altar. This is an important day as we celebrate our parish anniversary and we welcome back past parishioners. Did you know Nativity is 107 years old this year? In the past we have had a low attendance of current parishioners for this Mass. Who knows why? This year, let's show the Alumni and past parishioners how strong Nativity is today by attending. Let's all strive to make this a super celebration.

Don't forget that on Friday nights we gather at the corner of McClellan and Gratiot at 9:00PM to pray for the end of violence in the city.

I want to thank my Nativity Family for your prayers and support during my recent illness. I am very grateful to you as I continue my recovery.
Thanks again, Rosemary Oldani

WHAT'S HAPPENING

We would like to Thank all our parishioners who are so faithful about bringing a dish for funeral luncheons whenever we need them. And THANK YOU! to the wonderful crew that works them. The families are always amazed at the spread we put out.

NEXT SUNDAY!

Nativity Blood Drive

Sunday, September 30th

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sign up at: redcross.org

(put in Nativity at Find a Blood Drive)

Faith Formation

Registration Forms are available this weekend to register your children for Faith Formation classes.

At the end of last week we sent out a letter to the Alumni and the parishioners. If you haven't received one, please let us know. We try to keep our records current, but someone seems to be missed somehow.

Nativity of Our Lord Class of 1966 is having a 70th Birthday Party Celebration October 13, 2018 at Villa Penna Banquet Hall. For more information please contact Janet Briggs Mitten (586-709-3829) or Rina Babusci Martinez (586-260-3401)