

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *May 12th & 13th, 2018* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN

Feast of the Ascension



On this Feast of the Ascension, we also celebrate Mother's day. It seems to be a good combination of feast days as Jesus sends his disciples into the world to spread the Gospel. He leaves them in his bodily form but promises to send the Holy Spirit to be their comforter, their advocate, their helper and their guide. Jesus reminds them if he doesn't leave, they will never know the power of the Spirit in their lives. Jesus had been preparing them from the time he first called them to be his disciples to be ready for this moment of farewell. He wanted them to have the strength, courage and love to be his disciples in the world.

Our mothers are much like Jesus in preparing us for the times when they will no longer be with us. They teach us lessons about life and share the wisdom they've learned from their experiences. They love us as best they can so that we will know we are all worthy of love. They give us the strength to be perseverant and courageous so we will be able to stand up to adversity when it comes into our lives. They give us compassion and a sense of justice to always protect and defend the most vulnerable among us.

Yes, on this feast of the Ascension, Jesus sends his disciples into the world armed with all of the wisdom and compassion and grace they need for their journey. Our mothers too, whether living or deceased, send us into the world to be valiant under hardship, loving when others are harsh, compassionate with those who are broken and hopeful for those who feel overwhelmed by life. Jesus, and our moms, send us into the world to be heroic champions. Let's not let them down!

P.S. For you, whose mothers were too wounded and broken to love you as they wanted to, know that God, who is mother and father to us, waits with open arms for you, Her beloved child. You are deeply loved by God.

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: 5-13: Barbara Kelly, 5-16: Norma Danzie & Serenity Jones,
5-18: Mashauna Adams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 5-19: Jerry & Delores Susko

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 19 & 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

Next week's Readings:

(Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13,
John 20:19-23)

Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy

9:45 1. M. E. White 2. T. Novara

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller

9:45 J. & K. Alderman, L. Canty,
M. Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty

9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. C. Scott
3. L. Canty 4. M. J. Accavitti

Ministers of Service:

4:00 L. Bartnik

9:45 1. A. Clark 2. C. Estes

MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, May 12, 2018

4:00PM Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)

SUNDAY, May 13, 2018

9:45 Women of the Nativity Family

THURSDAY, May 17, 2018

11:00AM Sr. Mary Kelly
(Frances Carnaghi)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SATURDAY, May 19, 2018

4:00PM Mary Frattini (Family)
Sandra Turnbull
(Therese McGratty)

SUNDAY, May 20, 2018

9:45 Patricia Cichowski (Family)
The Confirmation Class

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven,. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Acts 1:11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd READING: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-20

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, Ann Carr, 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, & Nikki Zapinski

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

Please take a moment to go to the back of church to make your CSA donation. Since Nativity keeps 100% of the amount over our quota, we are hoping to use the 2018 CSA as a fundraiser. One time donations are great. Pledging is a way to give a larger donation and spread it over up to 9 months. A \$200 donation, with a \$20 initial payment would be \$20 for 9 months starting in July; a \$300 donation, \$30 initially and \$30 for 9 month. Or you can pay nothing upfront and divide your pledge over up to 9 months.

If you prefer, you can give online at give.aodcsa.org. Make sure you designate Nativity as your parish. You can create an account, make a one time payment by credit card or electronic funds transfer or pledge over a number of months. There is also a Quick Give option on the bottom right where you can make a one time payment by credit card.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 25th –July 20th

Sign up lists for volunteers and registration forms are available on the table by the easel. Please fill out the forms as soon as possible. If you plan on volunteering or have a teen (8th-12th grade) wishing to volunteer (great way to earn service hours), there are Protecting God's Children workshops that you must attend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The deadline for the 2018 Father Singer Nativity Scholarship program (June 1st) is less than three weeks away. Application forms and guidelines are available in the back of the church, or via email request to the committee at wimble85@comcast.net. **If you have previously received an award, you can still be eligible.** To date, only one application has been received.

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.

SAVE THESE DATES

May 20th: Confirmation: Bishop Gumbleton will preside.

June 3rd: Blessing of children, teens, and Catechists.

June 10th: Blessing of the Graduates at Mass

For Detroit residents: Community Recycling Workshop. 1:30PM St. Charles

June 30th: Thank You and Good Bye Pot-Luck for Brother Robert after Mass.

Brother Robert will be leaving us at the end of the month. He has been assigned by his Capuchin Order to minister at "Capuchin Community Services" in Milwaukee, WI. We are grateful for all he has contributed to Nativity. Besides celebrating liturgies with us, he has been very involved in the Religious Education Program. He will be missed.