

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *January 27 & 28, 2018* Detroit, MI

Pastor's Pen

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the first reading from Deuteronomy, the Lord says to Moses that he will raise up a prophet after him and the Lord will put his words into his mouth. There are many competing voices these days and all say they are the truth. So how do any of us figure out who is speaking with authority and who is speaking from their own brokenness and need for power.

For me, one of the hard and fast rules is that often God's word in my life makes me feel uncomfortable and uneasy. It calls me to grow and it stretches me. That's usually an uncomfortable and scary call. When God's word sounds exactly like my words, I am usually smart enough to realize that it's really just my words. Because God's vision is much keener than mine and God's heart is exponentially larger than mine, God is always ahead of me calling me to keep moving and growing.

The other factor that seems to help me to know if it's God's voice or just our words is that it is grounded in love and compassion for the most vulnerable. Many of the voices today are grounded in a distrust of the other who may seem different. Often decisions are made out of fear and not love. God's voice is always about unity and peace. That doesn't mean a world of everyone just being "nice" to one another. No, the voice of God is also a call to struggle and wade through our differences honestly as we move toward the truth. It's the call for mutual respect as we try to discern the call of God in our lives.

The Responsorial Psalm today is: "If today you hear God's voice, harden not your heart." When we truly hear the voice of God in our lives prodding us to be better and more faithful to the Gospel, will we harden our hearts? Will we take the easy, comfortable path and just follow the loudest voice even if it isn't the voice of God? Or will we stay firm in our resolution to seek the voice of God wherever it leads us?

Happy Birthday to those born in February!

1 Clara Allen	9 Sr. Ellen Burkhardt	17 Carmen Patton
2 Drew Gulewicz	10 Hugh Cairns	19 Leila Lynch
3 Frank Candela	10 Cassidy Hurt	21 Sharon Estes
5 Thurman Bailey	10 Kyle Hurt	21 Adrian Gabriel
6 Margaret Sebastian	14 Helen Randall	24 Terell Halthon
6 Pamela Ford	16 Jerry Susko	25 Chris Pentrack
7 Theresa McCoy	17 Ewan Domrowski	29 Carol Frattini

And Happy Anniversaries!

13th Hugh Cairns & Lisa Bartnik, 14th Ray & Mary Miller, 17th John & Sharon Estes

February 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings: (Job 7:1-4, 6-7, 1 Corinthians 9:16-18, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39)

Lectors:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. C. Sutton 2. T. Roberts

Ushers:

4:00 R. Miller & S. May
M. J. Accavitti, A. Calati,
9:45 J. Deisinger, R. Duddy,
C. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Ministers of Service:

4:00 C. McLaughlin
9:45 1. S. Estes 2. W. Adams

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4:00 D. Wois
9:45 1. A. Buford 2. W. Adams

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

THURSDAY, February 1, 2018

11:00 AM Father Geller (Nativity Friends)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, February 3, 2018

4:00 Rose Jansen
(The Nativity Family)
Michael Gillespie
(The Kulchy Family)

SUNDAY, February 4, 2018

9:45 Mary Guntner (Patty Adams)

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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

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd READING:

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

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.

2018 Urban Parish Spirit Awards Thursday, March 15, 2018, Sacred Heart Church Activities Building 3451 Rivard Street, Detroit, MI 48207

FAITH FORMATION

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

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Racine Adams : 1-29
Monica Bezel : 1-30
Jasmine Adams: 1-30

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Mickey Dietz: 1-27
Chico & Lenore Mondalek: 1-27

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