

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *February 24th & 25th, 2018* Detroit,

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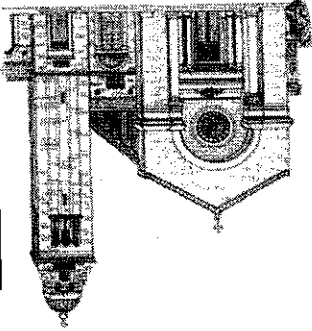
Second Sunday of Lent

Today, the Gospel speaks of the Transfiguration. Peter, James and John go up the mountain with Jesus and Jesus is transfigured before their eyes. Peter is so awed by the event that he wants to set up tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. I suspect if he had a camera phone, he would have taken a "selfie" with Jesus, Moses and Elijah!

Moses and Elijah!

Like Peter, we want to hold on to the moments of transfiguration in our lives. We want to keep hold of those events that are of great joy and celebration: weddings, graduations, births, special milestones in our lives, etc. and not let them go. We want to set up tents where we can hold on to the events permanently. When these moments come into our lives, often unexpectedly, we experience the Divine who comes to dance with us. I can think of so many moments in my life where God has snuck up and surprised me. It may have been a beautiful sunrise one morning or a full moon when I was taking the dog for a walk at night. It may have been the children saying something deeply profound in their innocence or seeing the depths of holiness in a person from the streets. It may have been the love of a friend whose eyes just surrounded me with love and compassion when I was in a bad moment. It may have been the moments of laughing so hard with a friend to the point of total exhaustion. These are profound moments but they don't last forever. They are gifts to us.

Jesus had Peter, James and John experience the Transfiguration because he knew Mount Calvary was coming. He knew they would be completely shaken by the events that would unfold there and hoped they would remember this transfiguration moment. It's the same with us. We are given moments when the Divine comes into our life and overwhelms us with love and awe. They are the moments to keep close to our hearts for comfort when the Calvarys come. Maybe take time this week to reflect on your transfiguration moments and live with gratitude for all God has given you.



Happy Birthday to those born in March!

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| 1 John Deisinger | 13 Evelyn Bledsoe | 24 James Turnbull |
| 5 Sr. Barbara Bouchard | 13 Airyana Robinson | 24 Gail Urso |
| 5 Jimmy Duddy | 15 Daniel Adams | 25 Sarah Awan |
| 6 Eric Dombrowski | 15 Edna Boyd | 26 Judy Dupre |
| 7 Willie Clay | 19 Jessica Awan | 27 Rosanne Schwartz |
| 10 Mark Miller | 19 Lisa Miller | 31 Sr. Beverly Petke |
| 11 Peggy Gulewicz | 23 Brenda Banks | 31 Nancy Silveri |
| 11 Sierra Jones | 23 Joshua Adams | 31 Elaine Wois |

And Happy Anniversaries!

- 21st: Jim & Ruth Duddy
25th: Danny & Shivan Wols

March 4, 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-7,
1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25

4:00 Mark Miller

9:45 1. D. Scott 2. M. E. White

Ushers:

4:00 R. Miller & S. May

9:45 M. J. Accavitti, A. Calati,

J. Deisinger, R. Duddy,

C. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mary Miller

9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie

3. Sr. Elaine 4. J. Shovlin

Ministers of Service:

4:00 J. Dupre

9:45 1. S. Estes 2. C. Scott

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, February 24, 2018

4:00 Tom Mudloff (Family)

Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, February 25, 2018

9:45 Michael Gillespie

(Therese McGratty)

Peter DeMaire (Fran Kaucic)

THURSDAY, March 1, 2018

11:00 AM Carol Fratini (Nativity Family)

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)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

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

If you have a March Birthday or Anniversary and you are not listed on the back of bulletin, please let Anne know.

Nativity 400 Club

Do you realize there are only 3 weeks until the drawing for the 400 Club Raffle? There are 34 tickets left to sell. If we can sell those tickets, it will help keep the operating budget in balance. Can you help? Will you take a form and ask someone or a group of people if they would like to purchase a ticket? Your effort is greatly appreciated.

Mark Your Calendars

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

THIS WEEKS BIRTHDAYS

Chris Pentrack 2-25
 Carol Fratini 2-29
 John Deisinger 3-01

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.GDVT.org.

New this year is a pilot program to include career-specific instruction year round. Process for Successful Applicants: After an individual applies through GDVT.org, the applicant will be screened. 2018 Program Timeline January 31: Application Process Begins at GDVT.org. April: Applicants contacted, start of employer "Match and Interview" process May - June: Job Readiness training and orientation sessions. Early July: Work begins.

In case you're wondering.....

Two jobs are currently being done in church which you may be interested in knowing about. Due to the height of the church, both involve scaffolding. You may have noticed that the altar has seemed rather dark lately. That is because we have a number of lights out. Unfortunately, they are all about as high as the pillars or higher so scaffolding is needed. We hope to have the lighting completed soon. Secondly, you will notice that pieces of a few stained glass windows have been removed. They need to be repaired and in order to do that, they have to be taken out, repaired and then allowed to set for a few weeks. We should have this completed and them back in place in a month.

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

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.

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 Killwald, Gary Krueger, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oidani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povitz, Emmie Roth, Phil Scamthorn, 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, Ian Shovlin's sister, Joan. & son Bradford, Shivanu Wois student Jacqueline

GATHERING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, help us to hear your Son. Enlighten us with your word, that we may find the way to your glory. 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:

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

2nd READING: Romans 8:31-34

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honor to you Jesus Christ. Glory to your name.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

CLOSING HYMN