

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *March 17th & 18th, 2018* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN

Fifth Sunday of Lent



On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of Lazarus being raised from the dead and Ezekiel calling the dead to life from their graves. It's the cycle we see throughout our lives: from life to death and death to life.. We experience it in nature so often. Right now we see, from the hard winter ground, crocuses bursting forth from what seemed to be death. How could we have imagined a flower coming to life from that barren ground? Nature reminds us of the power of God in bringing life out of death.

In the story of Lazarus, we hear the grief of Mary and Martha over the death of their brother. We hear their cry, "Lord, If you had been here, my brother would never have died!" How many times in our lives have we questioned where God was when tragedy struck? How could God have let this happen? It's the question we all struggle with: why do bad things happen to good people? Why do the innocent suffer? Why does God permit suffering and death? I don't have those answers but it seems that suffering is part of our lives. We will all struggle with suffering and death, with disappointment and broken dreams, with hurts and betrayals, etc. We will all go through our days carrying the cross and experiencing our own Calvary. The good thing I realize as I get older and look back on my life is that we never get left in the suffering. God meets us there and carries through to new life. Our new life may not look like our life before the tragedy and it may be, as they say, the "new normal" but God's grace will be there to comfort us and strengthen us. How often have we said when looking back at a difficult time in our lives: "If you had told me I was going to go through that experience, I would have told you I couldn't do it. Yet somehow I had what I needed to get through." If you're going through hard days today, remember that it's only a moment and new life is coming. Grace is on its way and all will be well!

Congratulation to our winners in the 400 Club drawing this weekend. Please remember that the pastor gets 50% of your winnings!! We are truly grateful to Nancy Silveri and her team of leprechauns for organizing this event and working so many hours to make this drawing a great success for Nativity. Please know our gratitude and appreciation for all you've done.

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: 3-19: Jessica Awan & Lisa Miller, 3-20: Brenda Banks, 3-23: Joshua Adams, 3-24: Jim Turnbull, & Gail Urso

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 3-21: Jim & Ruth Duddy

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 24th & 25th, 2018
Palm Sunday

Next week's Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty

9:45 1. M. Johnston 2. R. Cunningham

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mark Miller

9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott
3. L. Cauty 4. M. J. Accavitti

Ministers of Service:

4:00 C. Estes

9:45 1. C. Scott 2. A. Buford

MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, March 17, 2018

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)
The Nativity Family

SUNDAY, March 18, 2018

9:45 Dorothy Scamihorn (Family)
Mary Beth Dietz
(Bill & Mickey Dietz)

THURSDAY, March 22, 2018

11:00 AM Don Dely (Therese McGratty)

PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY, March 24, 2018

4:00 Bennie Sergent (The Kulchy Family)

SUNDAY, March 25, 2018

9:45 Howie Meathe (Jean Meathe)
Gaby Elsey (Therese McGratty)

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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
(Silent Procession during Lent)

OPENING PRAYER

God, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, guide us by his example. 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Create a clean heart in me, O God.

2nd READING: Hebrews 5:7-9

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

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

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, 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

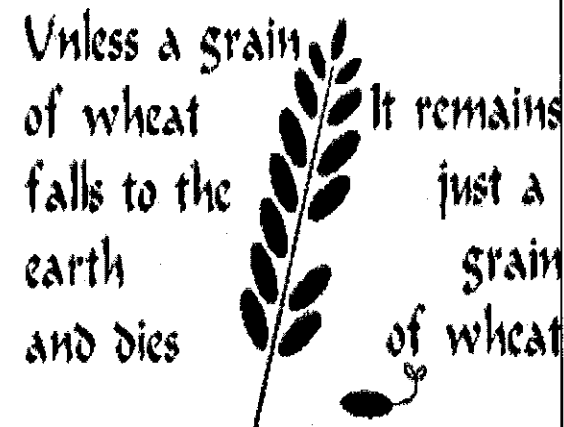
YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

Stations of the Cross
Light Meal of Soup
Jessie Cox : Weekly Speaker after Meal
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.

His Last Days, a story in song about the last days of Christ here on earth, will be presented this Sunday, March 18 at 7:00pm at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe. All are welcome for this inspiring musical concert presented by members of various Parishes.

If you miss Mass you can now read the bulletin on our website if you miss. Website: nativitydetroit.org It is usually up by Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday. Past bulletins are under the resource tab.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

FILLING EASTER BASKETS

Don't forget if you have items for the Easter baskets we need them back next weekend. There are still post-it notes on a bulletin board, with items still needed for baskets. The Dollar Stores are stocked with all items listed. We appreciate anything you can do to help.

We will be filling the baskets on Monday, March 26th beginning at 10:00AM. If you would like to help, please sign up on the paper by the tags to be taken.