

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *July 14th & 15th, 2018* Detroit, MI

Pastor's Pen

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Poor Amos, the dresser of sycamores and a gentle shepherd, was content with his quiet life but the Lord called him to be a prophet. I'm sure Amos wondered why God chose him to go up against the King and to call the people of Israel to repentance.

How often does God call us from the comfort of our routines to take on another role which seems way beyond our abilities and our strength. How many people have had to put their lives on hold to care for a sick relative? How many have had to take the role of parent to their grandchildren after a parent dies or is taken away from the children for some reason? How many have had their lives uprooted because of illness? How many have had to face unemployment when they only had a few years until retirement? These are the things we have little control over and we are called to respond as courageously and faithfully as we can. In these situations, there doesn't seem to be whole lot of room for choice. We know we have to do it.

There is another call that is a bit more subtle and requires a choice. It is the call to respond to situations where we see injustice. It's the times when we know we should stand up for what we believe but we are either too tired or too frightened to move from the place that feels so comfortable. Amos was comfortable in his lifestyle and could have stayed there for the rest of his days but he knew that he had to stand up against the evil being done in Israel. He had to speak out about Israel's oppression of the poor and their failure to practice justice for all the people. We are all called to speak the truth in different ways. It may not mean marching on a protest line or getting arrested but we have to do something. We can all write to our Representatives over laws that are unjust or discriminatory. We can also build relationships (not charity) with people who are struggling. Let's hear the call of Amos and continue to challenge one another to do something that brings about the Reign of God!

"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have know better, the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most, that have made it possible for evil to triumph." Haile Selassie

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

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 7-15: Temara Ragland, 7-16: Ed Brenner, 7-17: Gala Melton, 7-19: Kathy Alderman, Gloria Austin & Pieta Faulkner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 7-15: Paul & Kim Schmitt

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 21st & July 22nd

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Next week's Readings:

(Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34)

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 J. Brooks

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 R. Gatson, P. Adams, N. Danzie,
A. Milligan, M. Peoples

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mark Miller
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott
3. L. Canty 4. M. J. Accavitti

Ministers of Service:

4:00 C. McLaughlin
9:45 1. H. Adams 2.

MASS INTENTIONS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, July 14, 2018

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)
Mary Carnaghi (Family)

SUNDAY, July 15, 2018

9:45 Nancy Silveri and Bob McKenzie
(The Nativity Family)

THURSDAY, July 19, 2018

11:00AM NO MASS

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, July 21, 2018

4:00PM Carl Miller (Family)
Allison and Alex Swim (Family)

SUNDAY, July 22, 2018

9:45 Patricia Cichowski (Family)

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