

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *October 20th & 21st, 2018* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We've all heard of the "Prosperity Gospel" as preached by many TV evangelists. If we believe in Jesus (and maybe send in a nice tithe for the minister on TV), we can expect tremendous "blessings." The blessings they speak of are material wealth and higher status among our peers. Life will be great with Jesus! Perhaps, James and John had heard of the prosperity gospel in their time! That promise of wealth and status may have been what they expected with this Jesus. Jesus quickly lets them know he is not that type of Messiah. Jesus turns it around and asks them if they're willing to "drink the cup" of suffering and death which he will drink. He reminds us that when we say yes to discipleship, we are not joining a club but are putting our life on the line. We are saying that we will take the cup of suffering in our lives and try to find the new life through love. We are also saying we will sit with those who are suffering in the world and will not abandon them. That's tough stuff.

Our blessing in the midst of our struggles is that we have the Christ who loved us enough to share our life and to offer himself as One who suffers along with us. Christ didn't come to take suffering away or even to make our lives easier. Christ came to give us the truth about ourselves. He came to remind us that we are the beloved of God. We are loved so deeply...not just some of us but everyone! When we allow our hearts to be opened to that reality, then everything changes. We don't have to try and impress people with how important we are or how wealthy we are or how bright we are. No, we know we are loved and that's all we need to know. Christ won't take away our suffering but he will sit with us and love us and offer us hope in the midst of the darkness. And in that love, our suffering will help us to be more compassionate when the next person is suffering. That's our wealth!!

None of us would ever ask for any of the suffering we've endured throughout our lives. We would have done anything we could to shield ourselves or our families from the sting of suffering. Yet, as we look back on our lives, we will see the lessons learned, the courage that was built, the hearts broken allowing compassion in, and the wisdom that was gained on those most difficult days. Suffering in our lives reminds us that we are not in control and that life can change in an instant. It can give us a more humble spirit to take our lives as gift and enjoy each of the moments that we've been given.

Maybe this week, we can look back at our lives and see the darkest times and remember who was there to love us and support us. Those people were Christ and if you feel no one was there, then realize that Christ was there in the stillness of your broken heart and he, in his love, has brought you to this new day!

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: 10-21: Jeremy Heimes & Bob McKenzie
10-27: Rosy Krembel, Mary Jo Brooks, and Tony Novara

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 27th & 28th
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings: (Isaiah 53:10-11,
Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45)

Lectors:

4:00 Mark Miller
9:45 1. Sr. Elaine 2. T. Novara

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. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie
3. Sr. Elaine 4. J. Shovlin

Ministers of Service:

4:00 K. Hurt
9:45 1. L. Bartnik 2. S. Wois

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 20, 2018
4:00 The Kresmary Family (Family)

SUNDAY, October 21, 2018
9:45 Justin Carnaghi (Family)

THURSDAY, October 25, 2018
11:00AM Those on the Prayers for the Sick

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 27, 2018
4:00 Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, October 28, 2018
9:45 Ida DeMaire (Fran Kaucic)

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OPENING HYMN

613 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

GLORY TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God, Creator of all, you guard us under the shadow of your wings and search into the depths of our hearts. Remove the blindness that cannot know you and relieve the fear that would hide us from your sight. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 53:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you.

2nd READING: Hebrews 4:14-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Mark 10:35-45

LAMB OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

CHORUS: I give myself away. I give myself away. So you can use me. I give myself away. I give myself away. So you can use me.

Here I am. Here I stand. Lord, my life is in your hands. Lord, I'm longing to see Your desires revealed in me.

Take my heart. Take my life. As a living sacrifice. All my dreams, all my plans. Lord, I place them in your hands.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

COMMUNION HYMN

#668 I Need You to Survive

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

#772 Oh Happy Day

We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee Jones, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Mary VanPoucker, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sisters, Pat & Mary Therese, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Roseann Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

Journey for the Entire Parish - RCIA

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Here is a way to help a friend, relative or spouse find the answers they seek! Invite them to Inquiry sessions with Joni Scott and our team of Catechists. Topics include What Do Catholics Believe? What is the meaning of the Mass? The Bible, The Saints, Mary, Catholics and Prayer, Catholic Practices, and much, much more.

Contact Joni Scott—313-922-0033

The Tuskegee Spirit Program is a hands-on career exploration opportunity for young people ages 9—14 sponsored by the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance. Students will participate in a building project using many machines including band saws, jig saws, routers, sanders and drill presses. In the process of building, they will learn to measure and apply that skill to correctly assemble the product. Sessions will be held at St. Elizabeth Center from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturdays—November 3, 10, 24 and December 1. **Registration is required.** Please call John Thorne at the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance, 313-922-1435. If you have questions, call Sr. Cathey DeSantis at 313-995-0092. Registration will be closed on October 30.

The Parish Council is re-evaluating the committees for Commitment Sunday. This will be finished in early 2019. If you are willing to continue your commitments until then, please let your contact/chair know. Thanks for understanding!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Next Sunday after Mass we will have our **Annual Trunk and Treat in the church basement.** If you plan on attending, please sign up today. We need to know if you will be passing out candy and staying for lunch. Thank you!

Gather them Home: All Souls Day Community Memorial Service, November 2nd. The final expression of our faith as Catholics is the blessed and sacred burial in a Catholic Cemetery. It is our opportunity to rest among fellow believers, awaiting the Resurrection to life everlasting. Gather Them Home is a no-cost mission of the Archdiocese of Detroit to help those looking for a final resting place for a loved one's remains they currently have at home or in safe keeping. There will be three locations for the All Souls Day Community Memorial Services: • 9:00am Mass at Holy Sepulchre in Southfield • 11:00am Mass at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown • 2:00pm Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery in Monroe For more information and to register, please visit us online at www.gatherthemhome.org.

The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir will perform at Triumph Church 2760 E. Grand Blvd Sunday, November 4 at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults. See Kim Milligan for tickets. More information to come and a flyer is on the doors.