

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *November 3rd & 4th, 2018* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



We've heard this Gospel reading many times and we have heard these words of Jesus when asked which is the greatest commandment:

"The first is this: Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This seems so easy and so basic. Of course, we are called to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. So why are we in such a divided world? I'm not sure but I think it has to do with our relationship with God and with one another. If we truly could enter into the love that God has for us, maybe that would change us. Maybe we'd finally believe that we are lovable as we are. As I've said in the past, I think our Original sin is the belief that we're not good enough or talented enough or lovable enough for God. If we live with that lie then our sense of God is one who judges us, condemns us and is always disappointed in us. How can we have a relationship with a God who is that harsh? When that becomes our core belief, then how can we really love anyone else?

Jesus' mission was to show us the love of the Father through his saving action on the cross. He came to tell us that love calls us to respond in the same manner. We are called to ask ourselves in each situation, "what is the most loving thing I can do at this moment?" Once we allow ourselves to feel God's love, then we begin to see each other with God's eyes. No longer do we see the other as foreigner, stranger, etc but we see them as brother or sister. We see them in their wonderful humanity as a mother's child or someone's father or one who reminds us of a niece or nephew. When we see with the eyes of God, we begin to love and all barriers break down. We gain sight of the reality that we are all one. When a child dies from hunger in a far away land, we all grieve. because we can't fathom losing our child to hunger. When there is injustice to those who are most vulnerable, we are outraged because we wouldn't want a member of our family to be treated in such a way. None of us can do everything but all of us can do something to bring goodness and grace into our world. When there's division among us, find something that unites. When there's a racist joke or comment, say something. When people go to lower levels of humanity, take the high road. Our world desperately needs us to choose LOVE.

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: 11-03: Tish Colett, 11-06: R.J. Buford, 11-07: Trudy Shiemke
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 11-07: Gary & Tish Colett

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 10th & 11th
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings: (1 Kings 17:10-16,
Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44)

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 1. M. Adams 2. M. Corrigan

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 T. Bailey, W. Lewis, R. Patrick,
T. Roberts, D. Scott

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. C. Gillespie 2. M.E. White
3. N. Zarro 4. G. Stamper

Ministers of Service:

4:00 A. Clark
9:45 1. D. Wois 2. C. Scott

MASS INTENTIONS

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, November 3, 2018

4:00 Mert Kroetsch (Family)
Ernestine Carnaghi (Family)
Our Deceased Loved Ones

SUNDAY, November 4, 2018

9:45 Our Deceased Loved Ones

THURSDAY, November 8, 2018

11:00AM

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, November 10, 2018

4:00

SUNDAY, November 11, 2018

9:45 Clara Allen (The Ushers)

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OPENING HYMN

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GLORY TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, source of all holiness, the work of your hands is manifest in your saints, the beauty of your truth is reflected in their faith. May we who aspire to have part in their joy be filled with the Spirit that blessed their lives, so that having shared their faith on earth we may also know their peace in your kingdom. Grant this 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. Amen.

1st READING: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

2nd READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Mark 12:28-34

LAMB OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

COMMUNION HYMN

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REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

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

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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 with Jesus Soup Supper
Thursday, November 8, 2018
6:00-8:00 PM at Nativity
Please see sign up sheet if you plan to attend.

If you need assistance with Christmas for your children, please call Anne at the parish offices this week.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

The week of December 17th is when the families in our Christmas Assistance Program will come in and do their shopping for their families' gifts. We will need volunteers from about 9:00AM to 3:00 all week. When you are setting up your schedules if you could block off a few hours that week to help us, it will be greatly appreciated.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir will perform this Sunday, at Triumph Church 2760 E. Grand Blvd at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults. See Kim Milligan for tickets.

