

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *November 10th & 11th, 2018* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we hear the word that generosity will never go unnoticed by God. Regardless of whether others appreciate or realize your sacrifices, God does. In the first reading from the Book of Kings, God noticed the beauty of the widow of Zarephath who was on her last bit of flour and yet still agreed to prepare a little cake for her visitor, Elijah. Jesus noticed, with great love, the sacrifice the widow made in dropping her last coins in the treasury.

God has noticed all the times you've put yourself out for other people. God noticed the many times you have gotten up in the middle of the night with a sick child. God noticed the patience you've had (or tried to have) in answering the same question hundreds of times for a member of the family suffering from Alzheimer's disease. God noticed when you helped a parent with grocery shopping even though you were exhausted. God noticed when you have been there for your children when they've gotten into trouble. God noticed when you've sacrificed to send your children to good schools. God noticed when you have had to work two jobs to keep your family afloat. God noticed all your sleepless nights when you've been worried about someone in the family. God noticed all the times you've helped a senior neighbor shovel their snow or cut their grass. God noticed the time you opened your home for an aging parent to live with you. God noticed the sacrifices you've made just to get a dish to pass for the funeral luncheon of someone you didn't even know. God noticed the times you drove people to doctor's appointments, chemotherapy, dialysis, etc and never complained. God noticed the times you allowed someone else to get the credit for something you had done. God noticed the sacrifices it took to raise your children without a father. God noticed all the times you went without things for yourself so that your children would have enough. God noticed how well you took care of your grandchild because their parents were not able to care for them themselves.

Yes, just as God noticed the goodness of the widow of Zarephath and the widow who placed her last two coins in the treasury, God has noticed all your many sacrifices and your goodness to other people in your life. I'm not sure that God blesses us after every act of kindness but I know God never forgets and God's heart is moved whenever we love another. As generous as we may be, God will never be outdone in generosity and there will be a day when God will thank us for the goodness we've brought to the world. So, when you're having a day like the widow of Zarephath and feel like you're on your last ounces of flour and don't see a way that things are ever going to get better, please remember that God notices it all and is pleased with all of your love and sacrifice. And one day, either in this life or the next, God will surprise you with generosity beyond your wildest imaginings!

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: 11-10: Major Ragland,
11-12: Kathy McGovern & Chris McLaughlin, 11-16: Jim Kulchy
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jim & Cookie Kulchy

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 17th & 18th
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings: (Daniel 12:1-3,
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark 13:24-32)

Lectors:

4:00 Mark Miller
9:45 1. M. Johnston 2. C. Sutton

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 J. & K. Alderman, L. Canty,
M. Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Ministers of Service:

4:00 L. Bartnik
9:45 1. W. Adams 2. S. Wois

MASS INTENTIONS

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, November 10, 2018

4:00 The Sick of the Parish Family

SUNDAY, November 11, 2018

9:45 Clara Allen (The Ushers)

THURSDAY, November 15, 2018

11:00AM Fr. Jerome Singer
(The Pantry Volunteers)

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, November 17, 2018

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)

SUNDAY, November 18, 2018

9:45 Fr. Jerome Singer
(The Nativity Family)

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OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

1st READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Mark 12:38-44

LAMB OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th, Christmas Eve: 5:00PM
December 25th, Christmas Day: 9:45 AM

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, Douglas Frattini, 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 Povitiz, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, , Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, 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.....

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that helped to make a difference with two very important programs that we had in the month of October. The first program was 'Mercy Sunday' on October 21st. Many of you came wearing your green t-shirts and bearing gifts of socks, hats, gloves, scarves, and toiletries, for the children that attend Catherine Blackwell Middle School which is right next door to Nativity of Our Lord Parish. Your acts of kindness were so contagious that we have not been able to deliver the gifts because people keep asking if they could still bring in items that they too wanted to give.

Finally, we can make the phone call to the principal of the school as our last donation came in this past Sunday, but don't pack your t-shirt of yet, as I will be asking you to wear them again on the First Sunday of Advent, Sunday December 2nd as we will gather together to Pray for Peace.

Our second program, *Trunk or Treat*, was celebrated on Sunday October 28th with children from ages 3 to high school. There was a fun time for everyone that participated by decorating their tables and filling them with an abundance of all kinds of goodies. Our Third Order of Franciscans brought the hotdog grill once again and our teens eagerly assisted by bringing in hotdogs for everyone to enjoy! We were especially blessed to have so many families join us from the community. Let us continue to pray that they felt our welcoming sprit and will come back to worship with us. Once again thanks to everyone that helped to make these programs memories to cherish.

Peace,
Joni

WHAT'S HAPPENING

We are now taking names for our Christmas program for those in need. If your family needs help this Christmas, please contact Anne at the parish house by email or call her on Tuesday or Wednesday from 9-2.

It is that time of year again when we will start collecting turkeys and hams to save for our Christmas program for those in need. So again, we are asking, as you are shopping, if you see a good deal on turkeys and hams, to pick one up for us. We will reimburse you, so save your receipt. We cannot reimburse bridge card purchases. If you can store them for us until the week of December 16th, that would be great, just let us know you have one. We do have some space for some.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

THANKSGIVING MASS: Wednesday, November 21st. 10:30 AM at St. Charles 7:00PM here at Nativity.

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.

No 11AM Mass this Thursday, Nov 15
Brother Ray will be on retreat Thursday, November 15 so we will not have Mass this Thursday.