

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *November 24th & 25th, 2018* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



I hope everyone had a wonderful thanksgiving and had time to be with family and friends. I hope you also ate too much and splurged a bit and just had some fun! These are the moments that make up our lives and I think we're called to savor these precious times and take time to enjoy the goodness around us.

The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the church year. Next Sunday begins the season of Advent and it all begins again. It seems like it was just a hot summer day in July a few days ago and now we've already finished our turkey dinners and are heading for Christmas at full speed! These holidays are wonderful and fun and exhausting. For me, time just seems to be going by so very fast. I remember older people saying that to me when I was young and I never believed them. Now I do. It seems I was in my 20s a few days ago and now people look out for this old man and ask if I need assistance! How dare them! I'm still a young kid in my own little mind!

Our lives are filled with endings and beginnings. We end the day and rest ready to rise again and begin a new day. Nothing stays the same and life continues to move along with or without us. Think about all of the endings and beginnings that have happened in your life. Maybe we can take the quiet of this week between Thanksgiving and the Christmas rush to look back on our year and see those areas of our life that have changed. Maybe things have ended so new life can come. Maybe for some it's been bitterly painful endings as we've lost one we've loved. Maybe we've ended treatment for cancer and we are beginning to get our life back to normal. Maybe we've ended a job and have begun a new adventure with a new employer. Maybe we have moved this year and have closed the chapter on one part of our life but have begun with the excitement of a new chapter. Endings and beginning are part of life. We see the trees losing their leaves as they ready themselves for the cold of winter. We see birds flying south and squirrels hiding their stash of nuts and all creations seems to be getting ready to end one season and begin another. The wonder of it is that we know that Spring will come again and as dismal as it may seem in the middle of winter, buds will sprout come Spring. Change is inevitable in our lives and some endings are so very difficult but nature and our faith remind us that new life is coming again no matter how stark our lives look. The second reading from the Book of Revelation reminds us that the Lord is "the Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was and who is to come." He is the beginning and the end of all the changes in our life and we can be sure that Christ will be with us to strengthen us in our endings and rejoice in new beginnings!

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: 11-28: Arias Clark 11-29: Karen Scamihorn, 11-30: Selena Houston
12-1: Connie Candela, & Theresa Ragland

WORSHIP SCHEDULE December 1st & 2nd First Sunday of Advent

Next week's Readings:
(Jeremiah 33:14-16,
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2,
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy
9:45 1. M. Peeples 2. J. Brooks

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 M.J. Accavitti, J. Deisinger,
R. Duddy, C. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie
3. Sr. Elaine 4. J. Shovlin

Ministers of Service:

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

MASS INTENTIONS Feast of Christ The King

SATURDAY, November 17, 2018

4:00 Marty Carnaghi (Family)
Rose Merlo (Family)

SUNDAY, November 18, 2018

9:45 Al Mudloff (Family)
Rose Thomas (Family)

THURSDAY, November 29, 2018

11:00 The Deceased of the Nativity Family

First Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 1, 2018

4:00 Donna Crowe (Therese McGratty)

SUNDAY, December 2, 2018

9:45 Lucille Pierce
(The Accavitti Family)

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OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

Father all powerful, God of love, you have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life, resplendent in glory as King of creation. Open our hearts, free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love. Bring all humans together in Jesus Christ your Son, whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Daniel 7:13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty.

2nd READING: Revelation 1:5-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: John 18:33-37

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Each Sunday during Advent children and teens that are in the Religious Education program will bring up symbols for the Jesse tree during the procession. On December 2nd children ages 3 to First Communion will be in the procession and a short paragraph will be read by Owen Johnston about the Jesse Tree.

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, Bob Campernel, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferscheider, Douglas Frattini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Bart Houston, 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, Marilyn Shepherd, 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.....

The Funeral Mass for Mary VanPoucker will be Saturday, December 1st at 11:00AM. We will have a funeral lunch afterwards. An email will go out next week for food dishes.

CALLING ALL SHOPPERS!

There are tags in the baskets on the Altar for children in our Christmas Assistance Program. All gifts need to be back by December 16th. Please do not wrap the gifts. Gifts can be placed along the Communion rail of Mary's Altar. Thank you for your support.

JOHN THORNE IN CONCERT

Join John J.F. Thorne in "Sounds of the Season," an evening of praise and worship, on Sat., Dec. 8 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Activities Building. Tickets are \$10.00 online at: <https://johnjthorne.eventbrite.com>

Advent Little Blue Books: Once again the Advent & Christmas Season Daily 6 Minute Meditation Books are available at the doors. They are a great way to spend a few minutes each day reflecting on the season.

Just a reminder that you still have time to purchase a brick paver for the Fr. Singer Memorial Garden. You can avoid the hassle of traditional shopping & best of all it's a perfect way to let someone special know you care. We will have holiday acknowledgement letters available for you to give the recipient. It will include the inscription on the brick & (donors name) your name. It's a fundraiser for Nativity and a great way to honor a loved one. Might even be a good Christmas gift for the person on your list who is hard to buy for! Forms are by Mary's altar.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

With what we were told people were bringing and an unexpected donation, for we are all set on Turkeys and Hams. Thank you so much.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

December 14th: Special Liturgy Soup Supper. A spiritual evening away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We will enjoy wonderful warm soup and pray an Advent Stations of the Cross.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Though the families don't come in to shop until the week of December 17th, there is a lot of work to do before hand. Beginning after Mass on Sunday, December 9th and throughout that week we will be sorting, and setting up. If you can give us some time that week it will help tremendously.

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 3:00PM all week.