

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *January 12th & 13th, 2019* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Baptism of the Lord

Today we take down the tree and the decorations and the ornaments and watch as the Christmas season fades away for another year. All the hurrying and busyness of the season is over and now we settle in to the cold days of winter. It can seem kind of depressing when all you see in the future is snow and cold and the flu and all the wonderful things that make up these months! But we are reminded by Isaiah and by Paul that our God has not abandoned us but the message of Christmas continues throughout our year.

We may put away the lights on the tree but the light of Christ's love burns in our hearts as we take care of each other through the ups and downs of 2019. The beauty of the ornaments and the festive mood of the season may no longer be here but we are called to celebrate our lives with birthdays and dinners and weddings and baptisms and first communions and feasts of all kinds! Yes, the manger scene may be put into storage but we will see the face of the Christ child in the beauty of our children and our grandchildren and maybe, if we're lucky, our great grandchildren! We will see the Christ child in their wonder and awe and joy for life. Christ will be born again and again in their innocence and giggles. We may not hear the story of the flight into Egypt but we will hear the stories of immigrants who will need our comfort and compassion. We may not hear the story of the Magi until next year but we will bring our gifts of gratitude and praise to Christ each week as we approach the altar.

Yes, we put away the trappings of the Christmas season so they will not distract us from the deeper reality that Christ is within us shining brightly like the star on the top of our tree. He is there to warm our hearts and comfort us on the cold days when we feel there will be no end to winter. He will send us angels this year to bring good news to us and remind us of his love. He will also send our closest friends and family to whisper in our ears, "Did you know that you are my Beloved in whom I am so well pleased?"

There is no reason for depression or nostalgia for the Christmas season because we are celebrating it all year long. So put away the ornaments and sweep up the pine needles and wrap up the creche once again for they are merely reminders of a deeper reality.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone....For a child is born to us, a son is given to us." Let's celebrate the reality of Christmas all of 2019!!

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: 1/13: Ann Purrenhage, Geoff Shahady, & Delores Susko

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 19th & 20th, 2019
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5,
1 Corinthians 12:4-13, John 2:1-11

Lectors:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. J. Brooks 2. M. Peeples

Ushers:

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

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 L. Bartnik
9:45 1. S. Estes 2. C. Scott

MASS INTENTIONS

The Baptism of the Lord

SATURDAY, January 12, 2019

4:00 Kathleen Hurt (Family)
Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

9:45 Mary VanPoucker
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

THURSDAY, January 17, 2019

11:00 Mrs. Tull (Therese McGratty)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, January 19, 2019

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)

SUNDAY, January 20, 2019

9:45

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and revealed him to us at his baptism in the River Jordan. Grant that we, who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

2nd READING: Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Though they have been attending for awhile, they have officially joined the parish.

Dan & Charlene Goeddeke, Mary, Tiffany & Anthony Marshall, Gail Northcutt, John and JoAnne Pierick, and Mary Traub.

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, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, 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, Mickala Lewis, 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, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sisters, Pat & Mary Therese, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, Kathy Walsh's sister, Mary Ann, Joyce Shahady granddaughter, Edith, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

Dominican Literacy Center needs volunteer tutors. Help one person move toward employment, GED, high school completion, higher education, vocational training. Help one person read, do math or learn basic computer skills. Give two hours a week. Open M-Th, 8AM-8PM; F-Sat. 9AM-2PM. Call 313.267.1000 or thompson_dlc@yahoo.com.

www.dlcliteracy.org.

Location: Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner, Suite 1414, Detroit, MI 48213. Orientation monthly, Tutor Training Workshop Saturday, January 26th 8 am to 4pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

We are looking for help after Mass this Sunday to take down Christmas decorations in church and in the basement. If you could stay around for a little bit and help, it will be appreciated.

There are still 2019 parish envelopes that haven't been picked up. Parish numbers have changed, so please do not use old envelopes. It makes it so much easier for record keeping if you use envelopes. Thank you!

If you would like parish envelopes, please take a parish register form (located on the table by the envelopes) home and fill it out. Just drop in the collection basket and the following week you will have envelopes.

Just a reminder: The Parish Council will meet this Monday, January 14th at 7:00pm in the parish house. We ask all members to attend.

We are getting the 2018 Parish Contribution Statements ready. If you need a printed copy please sign up today, the sheet is on the music stand.

