

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*March 9th & 10th, 2019\* Detroit, MI

## PASTOR'S PEN

### *First Sunday of Lent*



On this first Sunday of Lent, we begin to look at ourselves to see what areas of our lives are tied up with difficulties and worries of all kinds. If you were at the Ash Wednesday Mass this week, you received small cords with five knots in each one. Our theme this year is to allow the Lord to untie the knots and let us go free. (If you weren't there, you will receive one this weekend.)

Do you remember the times when you have struggled with a knot in your shoe laces or maybe it was in the string on your sweatshirt or maybe it was a piece of thread or yarn that frustrated us. Think of all the ways your life may be in tight knots and you feel as if you can never loosen their grip but this season is about allowing God to loosen these knots and set us free. So what knots do you have in your life? Are your emotions knotted up in worry and fear? Do you have sleepless nights or days when you're so exhausted from worry and the stress of life? Are your finances knotted up and you're unable to pay your bills? Is your family filled with knots where members are no longer talking to each other over petty matters? Are you knotted up spiritually? Have you lost your way and feel your life has little meaning? Are you knotted up in your own needs and you've become selfish and self-absorbed with your own problems? Are you knotted up in bad habits of overeating, drinking too much, gambling, pornography, etc? Have you allowed one of these addictions to rule your life? Are you knotted up in physical and/or psychological struggles? Have you been taking care of yourself or have you put off going to the doctor? Have you put off the surgery that could help you have a fuller life? Have you decided not to deal with your emotional and psychological health and spend your life going in circles?

There are so many ways our lives can become "knotted up" and we're given this season to look to Christ to loosen the knots we find ourselves in. Many people would rather learn to put up with the knots and not try to be free. Our lives can be so much more if we allow Christ to set us free. Will we risk anything this Lent so as to have a fuller, richer life? It's up to each of us to make that decision.. Happy Lent!

*Just a reminder that we will have Stations and Soup each Friday during Lent. March 8, 15 and 22 at St Charles and March 29, April 5 and 12 at Nativity. We start at 6pm with Stations and then Soup and a talk by Jesse Cox.*

### 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:** 3-10: Mark Miller, 3-11: Peggy Gulewicz, Sierra Jones, 3-13: Evelyn Bledsoe, Airyana Robinson, 3-15: Edna Boyd, and Daniel Goeddeke

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 16th & 17th 2nd Second of Lent

Next week's Readings:  
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 9: 28-36

#### Lectors:

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

#### Ushers:

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

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGovern  
9:45 1. L. Canty 2. M. E. White  
3. N. Zarro 4. . Brooks

#### Ministers of Service:

4:00 J. Dupre  
9:45 1. C. Scott 2. C. McLaughlin

### MASS INTENTIONS First Sunday of Lent

#### SATURDAY, March 9, 2019

4:00 John Wois (The Wois Family)

#### SUNDAY, March 10, 2019

9:45 Denise Bailey (Kim Milligan)

#### THURSDAY, March 14, 2019

11:00 Mary Beth Dietz (The Dietz Family)

### Second Sunday of Lent

#### SATURDAY, March 16, 2019

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)  
Pat Couture (Therese McGratty)

#### SUNDAY, March 17, 2019

9:45 Daniel Medellin  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Dorothy Scamihorn (Family)

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## OPENING HYMN

### LET US PRAY

Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin Lent, make this day holy by our self-denial. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Romans 10:8-13

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honor to you Jesus Christ,  
Glory to your name.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 4:1-13

### OFFERTORY HYMN

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### LAMB OF GOD

## COMMUNION HYMN

### BIBLE EXCHANGE

### CLOSING HYMN

#### 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, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Mickala Lewis, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Anne Purrenhage, 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 son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, Kathy Walsh's sister, Mary Ann, Joyce Shahady's granddaughter, Edith, The Benigni and Chida Families

## YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross  
(written by parishioners of Nativity and St. Charles)

Light Meal of Soup

Jessie Cox : Weekly Speaker after Meal  
We will begin with the Stations at 6:00PM.

March 8th, 15th, and 22nd  
at St. Charles

March 29th, April 5th and April 12th  
at Nativity.

**His Last Days**, a story in song about the last days of Christ here on earth, will be presented Sunday, April 7th at 3:00pm at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe. All are welcome for this inspiring musical concert presented by members of various Parishes.

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 18th:** Holy Thursday Pot Luck, 6:00PM Dinner, Mass at 7:00PM. We will celebrate Dinner and Mass here at Nativity with our St. Charles Family.

**April 19th:** Good Friday, Stations of the Cross 12:30PM, Service 1:00PM at Nativity, 7:00PM St. Charles

**April 20th:** Easter Vigil 8:30PM St. Charles-  
No Mass at Nativity

**April 21st:** Easter Sunday Mass 9:45AM  
Nativity, 11:30 St. Charles

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

We would like to thank the Social Committee for a great Mardi Gras Party last Saturday. Much fun was had by all. The decorations were fantastic, the activities for the children were spot on, and the food was fabulous. And let us not forget the music played and the karaoke sung (why aren't some of you in the choir?) It was truly a remarkable parish family night.

Parish Council meets Monday night at 7:00PM in the Parish House. All members are asked to attend.

**WE HOST THE HOMELESS NEXT WEEKEND BEGINNING FRIDAY MARCH 15 THROUGH SUNDAY THE 17th.**

The sign up sheets are up for helping. We will need help setting up on Thursday night, food for dinners and lunch, people to prepare and serve meals, people for shifts through the nights, and clean up. If you can help in anyway it will be greatly appreciated. **This is a great way for teens accompanied by an adult to get service hours.**

#### BRICK PAVERS

Orders are due next Sunday if you want a brick installed in the spring.