

# NATIVITY NEWS



5900 McClellan \*March 23rd & 24th, 2019\* Detroit, MI

## PASTOR'S PEN

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

The first reading from Exodus reminds us of human nature as the Israelites grumble against Moses and against God. They have already forgotten how the LORD saved them from the hand of the Egyptians and took them out of that bondage. They have forgotten how the Red Sea opened allowing them to pass. Now they wonder whether God is with them or not.

This incident in the desert where the people questioned and quarreled because things didn't work out the way they expected reminds me of our own human nature. We are quick to overlook the many blessings that come our way each day (i.e. we wake up each day, we're able to walk and get dressed, many of us have a job to go to, many of us have a car to drive so we don't have to walk, many of us have loving families who support us, and the list of blessings that we take for granted goes on and on). We quickly take all of those blessings for granted but just let us get a flat on the way to work or we wake up with a cold or a headache or the furnace breaks down and we scream out, "Why Me, God???"

Lent may be a good time to be more conscious of the many unnoticed blessings that come to us throughout the day. When we live in a spirit of gratitude, we will be less likely to complain and grumble about the little stuff that comes our way. I have been inspired by friends who are going through terrible life threatening illnesses and have reason to grumble and question God but they don't. They talk about how blessed they are because they know deep in their soul that the same God that brought them this far will not ever leave them but will be with them even if their illness results in death.

I wish I could say that I never grumble or complain or question God but I do. I take the many blessings for granted and zero in on what I don't have or what's gone wrong during the day. I ask you to join me in taking time each day this week to look over the day and thank God for all the ways we have been blessed. If one of your knots on the rope this Lent is negativity or a lack of gratitude then this is the moment to undo that knot and begin to live in a new way. We will all find greater joy when we realize how much we've been given. Let's not let the blessings of our lives pass us by this week and when we find ourselves ready to grumble or complain about something or someone, let's stop and just thank God for all the goodness in our lives!

*Don't forget!! Stations of the Cross will be at Nativity for the next 3 Fridays starting at 6pm followed by 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:** 3-23: Brenda Banks, Joshua Adams & James Turnbull,  
3-24: Gail Urso, 3-25: Sarah Awan, 3-26: Rosanne Schwartz  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** 3-25: Danny & Shivaun Wois

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 30th & 31st 4th Sunday of Lent

Next week's Readings:  
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
Ephesians 5: 8-14  
John 9:1-41

#### Lectors:

4:00 Mark Miller  
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. C. Sutton

#### Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller  
9:45 P. Adams, K. Alderman,  
J. Deisinger, T. Roberts,

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 C. Kulchy  
9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie  
3. M. Traub 4. J. Shovlin

#### Ministers of Service:

4:00 H. Adams  
9:45 1. S. Wois 2. D. Wois

### MASS INTENTIONS Third Sunday of Lent

#### SATURDAY, March 23, 2019

4:00 Howie Meathe (Family)  
Kevin Urso (Family)

#### SUNDAY, March 24, 2019

9:45 George, MaryAnn, & Tony Danial  
(Family)  
Donna Brenner (Family)

#### THURSDAY, March 28, 2019

11:00 The Banks Family

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### SATURDAY, March 30, 2019

4:00 John Viniello (Therese McGratty)  
Rose Thomas (Family)

#### SUNDAY, March 31, 2019

9:45 Mary Dombrowski-Newlin  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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**OPENING HYMN**

**LET US PRAY**

God our Creator, you have taught us to overcome our sins by prayer, fasting, and works of mercy. When we are discouraged by our weakness give us confidence in your love. 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: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,**  
10-12

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise and honor to you Jesus Christ,

Glory to your name.

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

**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, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, Douglas Fratini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Jeanee Jones, Mia Halton-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 Purenhage, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Trudy Shtemke's sister, Rose, 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.....**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

After Mass on Sunday, the youth of our parish will lead us through the Stations of the Cross. Please plan on staying and taking this journey with them.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

**AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FRIDAYS 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.  
**AT NATIVITY NOW**  
March 29th, April 5th and April 12th

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**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.

**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**

Thank you to all who helped with hosting the homeless last weekend. Everyone had a hand in helping it run smoothly. Whether you helped with set-up, donated food for the meals, served the meals, monitored a shift, or cleaned up, this couldn't have happened without the parish support. So thank you for whatever you did.

We still have a few bags of bedding that need to be washed from the shelter. Can you help? The bags are on the back pew by the elevator on your way out. When you bring them back in the next couple weeks, just put a sign that says clean on the bag please.

**Are you a Kroger shopper? Did you know you could link your Kroger Rewards to Nativity and we would benefit? Then go to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Click "Enroll", Enter the required information, then click Enroll again. On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards." Enter your contact information and click "Save." On the next page enter BT041 or Nativity of Our Lord and hit Enter. Choose the correct organization, then click Enroll. There is also a link on our website.**

**A TOAST TO LITERACY**

**Saturday, April 27th 6:00PM**  
Epiphany Education Centers  
11th Annual Fundraiser

**Sacred Heart Activities Center**  
3451 Rivard, Detroit 48207

**Tickets: \$30.00**

**Call 313-451-0301**