

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan * March 30th & 31st, 2019 * Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Today, we hear the story of the blind man being healed by Jesus as well as the choosing of young David to be King rather than his older brothers. It's a reminder to me that there is a difference between sight and vision. Sight is a physical thing but vision is being able to see the deeper meaning of our lives. It is seeing through the eyes of God. The choice of David, the youngest son of Jesse tending the sheep, gives us a little insight into the vision of God. He doesn't just see this youngster with no experience, but he sees a king.

In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't just see blindness and spend his time on the questions of why the man was born blind. What Jesus sees is a person, someone's child, who is struggling and needs compassion and healing. While those around him want quick answers to explain why this man is born blind, Jesus only cares about the individual. How many times did people pass this man by and blame his blindness on his own sin or the sins of his family? How many were not able to see beyond the disability? I think it's easy to label people and blame victims for their problems so that we feel justified in not helping. "He's alcoholic and he just needs to stop drinking," or "she's a single mother and, well, she's made some bad choices..." or "if he would just get a job, his mental illness would go away." Please know I think tough love is important and would not endorse enabling addictions and bad behavior but I'd like to consider what God's vision would be for these people? Wouldn't God see them with a vision of who they were meant to be? God didn't create anyone to be an addict or poor or end up in prison or in shelters or on a soup kitchen line. No, God created them for victory. When we make judgments on others and those judgments keep those people away from us, we are seeing with our limited sight. Maybe our prayer this Lent is to ask the Lord to help us to see as he sees. Perhaps, we ask for the vision to see more deeply into the struggle of those we have labeled as not worthy of our time or help.

The other question we may want to ask this week is what vision God has for each of us. Was God hoping that we would do greater things than we've done because we've settled for mediocrity? Is our playing it safe keeping us from living the vision of God? Are our fears keeping us back from living the full life God has envisioned for us? What are God's dreams for each of us and for those in our world? We will need some quiet time during Lent to try and understand the vision God is calling us to see. We will have to prepare our hearts so that we might allow ourselves to see life in new ways and from a different perspective. The question is do we really want to see in new ways or have we become comfortable with our short sightedness and blindness?

Reminder: Stations every Friday starting at 6pm at Nativity followed by Soup and Talk.

BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Wilmer	4-1	Jodie Barnes	4-13	Denise Staumbaugh	4-22
Shivaun Wois	4-4	Judee Danielak	4-13	Hermenia Adams	4-24
Lisa Bartnik	4-5	Charisse Hurt	4-15	Barron Scott	4-24
Therese McGratty	4-5	Diane Ferschneider	4-17	Aurie Mitchell	4-26
Chevonne Wheeler	4-5	Michael Kent	4-17	Alauna Hardaway	4-27
Ruby Gatson	4-7	Jordyn Barnes	4-20	Genevieve Krembel	4-27
Fran Kaucic	4-12	Christopher Scott	4-21	Melvin McCoy, Jr.	4-29
AnJanne Kennedy	4-12	Ken Stamper	4-21		
Charlie Gillespie	4-13				

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Louis & Helen Randall 4-21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 3-31: Sr. Beverly Pettke and Nancy Silveri

April 6th & 7th 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Next week's Readings: (Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45)

Lectors:

4:00 Mark Miller
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. M. E. White

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. M. Johnson 2. M.J. Accavitti
3. H. Wimble 4. T. Novara

Ministers of Service:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

THURSDAY, April 4, 2019

11:00 Alfred Pelham (Fran Carnaghi)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, April 6, 2019

4:00 Justin Carnaghi (Fran Carnaghi)

SUNDAY, April 7, 2019

9:45 Joan Semczak
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Glennis Deisinger (John Deisinger)

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.

OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

God of peace, we are joyful in your Word, your Son Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to you. Let us hasten toward Easter with the eagerness of faith and 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.

1st READING: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-136

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

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

We pray for God's healing

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 Frattini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-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, Trudy Shiemke'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.....

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

April 5th and April 12th

Sign up to bring soup, cheese, bread, etc...

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

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

April 28th: 9:45 Mass

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please let us know if you have an April Birthday or Anniversary that is not listed in the bulletin this week.

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

The 2019 Father Singer Memorial Scholarship process has begun. There are applications with guidelines in the back of the church, and applications for Higher Education scholarships available on the website. The deadline for submission is June 2nd. If you have questions, please contact Harry Wimble at: 586-872-7425.

Buddy's Pizza "Slice for Life" A Benefit for the Capuchin Soup Kitchens,
Monday, April 29, 2019
Any Buddy's Location!
Tickets available at Eventbrite.com
Adults: \$15.00 (Dine in or Carry Out)
Children: Ages 3- 9 \$7.00 (Dine in ONLY)