

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *April 6th & 7th, 2019* Detroit, MI 48213

PASTOR'S PEN

Fifth Sunday of Lent



On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we are given a preview of what is coming in the weeks ahead. We hear of the death of Lazarus and the pain of losing a friend. We are all reminded of the sting of death and the finality it brings to our lives. "I will never see this loved one again," or "how could God take this person from my life?" is often the refrain I hear as I try to sit with people in their grief. We remember today, as we hear the scriptures, that just as death was not the end for Lazarus, so too, death is not the end for us. Jesus has much in store for us.

Some would say that thinking of life after death is just "pie in the sky" or wishful thinking or a crutch to get us through a tragedy. Maybe.... but then I see the crocuses breaking through the ground in the last week. In soil that was as hard as concrete, much was going on under the surface. What seemed like barren wasteland and death was just an illusion. There was tremendous life just waiting to burst forth. If our reality is only based on what we can see with our own eyes, then we will have to disregard love which cannot be seen but has the power for one person to give their life for another. I have seen the power of love and hope and faith and I know they're real. Love reminds us there is more than meets the eye. Our faith reminds us that there is life under the hard surface of what seems hopeless.

As we enter into these holiest of weeks, we're asked to look beyond the physical. We're asked to see with the eyes of faith. We are asked to look for resurrection and new life even when all seems to be over and there is no hint of hope. That's when our faith calls us to be heroic and stand on the faith that Moses had when he marched his people out of Egypt or the love of Bishop Oscar Romero as he sat with the suffering peasants in Salvador and shared their plight or the faith of Mary at the cross when she held on to the sure hope that this was not the end of her son's story. We stand on the shoulders on many faithful ancestors who in the face of suffering and death stood up straight and became a light of hope for the people around them. Let's be that light of hope, ourselves, as we head for another holy week and Easter. Let's not allow the sting of death or the hopelessness of situations in our lives or the violence in our world to have the last word. No, let's stand in the face of death and seeming hopelessness, remembering the One who rose from the dead, and shout **LIFE!**

Bring hope to someone this week!

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: 4-7: Ruby Gatson, 4-12: Fran Kaucic & AnJanne Kennedy, 4-13: Charlie Gillespie, Jodie Barnes & Judee Danielak

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**April 13th & 14th
PALM SUNDAY**

Next week's Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:5-11,
Luke 22:14-23:56

Lectors:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. E. Burkhardt 2. J. Brooks

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 T. Bailey, W. Lewis, R. Patrick,
T. Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Ministers of Service:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

THURSDAY, April 11, 2019

11:00 Sr. Carol Quigley, IHM
(The Nativity Family)

Palm Sunday

SATURDAY, April 13, 2019

4:00 Judy Danielak
(The Nativity Family)

SUNDAY, April 14, 2019

9:45 Fred & Eleanor Carbery (Family)

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OPENING HYMN

LET US PRAY

Lord, enlighten your chosen ones with the word of life. Give them a new birth in the waters of baptism and make them living members of the Church. Grant 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: Ezekiel 37:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2nd READING: Romans 8:8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

OFFERTORY HYMN

#285

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

#492

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

#622

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 Ferschner, 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, 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.....

THIS SUNDAY!

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.

The Presentation of "The Last Supper" will be presented Sunday April 7th following the 11:30 am mass at St. Charles in the church. Our aim with this presentation is simply to invite the children into that upper room, to give them an opportunity to see and hear what happened there on that very holy night. Our interactive presentation will be followed by a light meal and a craft activity that will be completed at home.

NEXT SUNDAY

The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir will present "Worthy Is the Lamb" at 3:00PM. Our own Kim Milligan has a solo in this performance. It is a free will offering event. It will be at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 19800 Pembroke, Detroit, 48219.

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

FILLING EASTER BASKETS

We are trying to get those living in the neighborhood to join us for Mass each week. One thing we have planned is to specifically invite our neighbors to Easter Sunday Mass. Since we always have baskets for the kids that day, we need help to make sure there will be enough. We are hoping to assemble 50 baskets. There are post-it notes on a bulletin board, with items needed for baskets, for you to take and bring back anytime between now and April 14th. The Dollar Stores are stocked with all items listed. We appreciate anything you can do to help. We will be filling the Easter baskets on Tuesday, April 16th at 10:00AM if you want to help.

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.