

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *May 11th & 12th, 2019* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



A special thanks goes out to Therese McGratty and Barbara Kelly for sharing their reflections on Mother's Day. It's wonderful to hear the wisdom from these experienced mothers who have been through all the joys and difficulties of raising children and grandchildren. We truly appreciate your words today.

We are also very grateful for all our mothers and those who have been like mothers to us. They have made our lives secure and full and we stand on their heroic shoulders. They have sacrificed for us and have settled for less for themselves so that we might have better lives. They have stood back so that we might excel. They have loved us when we felt unlovable. They have believed in us when all thought we were a failure. They have been in our corner during the good moments while they cheered us on and in the difficult moments when they just sat with us in our pain. Yes, our moms have been our advocates, our greatest fans, our comforters, our rescuers, our greatest support and our best friends. They have loved us from our conception and will be there to greet us when we make it home.

For some, this holiday is so difficult because some mothers fall short of the ideal and are often too broken to care for their children as they would have, had they been well. Please know that their brokenness had nothing to do with your worth. Although they may not have been able to love you as they wanted, the God who created you has looked on you as a tender mother and always will. You will always be God's beloved!

For those who have lost children and find this day extremely difficult and sad, we just pray that the love you had for those precious ones comes back to you in some way on this day and throughout your life. Love never dies.

Lastly, for those who have not been able to have children and feel that tremendous ache, we thank you for all the ways you have been a "mother" to so many children along the way. You probably will never know until you reach the other side the effect you've had on children around you. May the love you've shared with those who were given to you along the way be a source of joy and comfort on this day. On this Mother's Day, we not only lift up mothers who have given birth but all those who have loved us so tenderly throughout our lives. We thank you for that tremendous gift!

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: 5-12: Olivia Thompson, 5-13: Barbara Kelly, 5-16: Norma Danzie & Serenity Jones, 5-17: Gail Northcutt, 5-18: Mashuana Adams

WORSHIP SCHEDULE May 18 & 19, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Next week's Readings:
Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 I. M. Peeples 2. Sr. Ellen

Ushers:

4:00 Sol May & Ray Miller
9:45 J. & K. Alderman, L. Canty,
M. Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott
3. G. Scamihorn 4. J. Brooks

Ministers of Service:

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, May 11, 2019

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)

SUNDAY, May 12, 2019

9:45 Women of Nativity

THURSDAY, May 16, 2019

11:00 Sr. Barbara Johns (Fran Carnaghi)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SATURDAY, May 18, 2019

4:00 Mary Frattini (Family)

SUNDAY, May 19, 2019

9:45 Lynn Maitland
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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OPENING HYMN

#732

GLORY TO GOD

LET US PRAY

Safe in your hand, O God, is the flock you shepherd through Jesus your Son. Lead us always to the living waters where you promise respite and refreshment, that we may be counted among those who know and follow you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

1st READING: Acts 13:14, 43-52

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

2nd READING: Revelation 7:9, 14-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: John 10:27-30

OFFERTORY HYMN

#271

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

Gentle Woman

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

#724

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 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, 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, Pat Wimble, Nikki Zapinski, 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, Sr. Ellen's niece Carole, 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.....

MOTHER'S DAY

Please join us downstairs for breakfast after Mass on Sunday.

DCPA

All are invited to the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's Annual Meeting on this Wednesday, May 15 at Sacred Heart Activities Center. Spaghetti Dinner at 6 and Meeting starts at 6:45. Dinner is free and you don't need to be a member to attend, though you can join that night if you wish (memberships start as low as \$5). Nativity Parish is a member of the Alliance. Come and hear about the good work of the Alliance!

RACISM is the elephant in our living room. It has been woven into the very fabric of our American society and unfortunately even into our church. The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance invites individuals to come and learn for 4 weeks about what racism is, how it works, and how we can find our voice to take a stand to hold up our corner. **All are invited. 4 Saturdays (May 18th, June 22nd, July 20th and August 17th) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Activities Building 3451 Rivard St., Detroit, MI 48207.** Cost is \$40 which will include materials and lunch for all sessions. Scholarships available. Call John Thorne at 313-922-1435 to register. Chris McLaughlin also has sign-up data and more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The 2019 CSA has begun. Please take a moment to go to the back of church to make your donation.

If you prefer, you can give online at give.aodcsa.org. Make sure you designate Nativity as your parish. You can create an account, make a one time payment by credit card or electronic funds transfer or pledge over a number of months. There is also a Quick Give option on the bottom right where you can make a one time payment by credit card.

FUNDRAISER: June 8th

You now have until May 24th to get your ticket for the Fundraising Dinner.

We are still in need of gift cards for our Silent Gift Card Auction.

IDEAS: Restaurants, Movie Theatres, Sporting Events, Nail Salons, Concerts, etc.. Pick something you love to do.

Please give your donation to Cookie (at 4:00 Mass) or Mary Ellen, Kim, or Nancy on Sunday.

The sign ups are in the corner on the elevator wall, if you can bring a dessert, or volunteer to help during the Fundraiser Dinner.

Again, we thank you for all that you continue to do to make Nativity a strong parish.

2019 Father Singer Memorial Scholarship

The deadline for submission is June 2nd. Applications are in the back of church. If you have questions, please contact Harry Wimble at 586-872-7425.