

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *May 18th & 19th, 2019* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Jesus reminds his disciples that he will not be with them for much longer but he reminds them of what is most important. He reminds them that they will give glory to God not by their persuasive preaching or by their beautiful rituals but simply by the way they love one another. That love will be the sign that they are followers of Jesus. Is that all? It seems pretty simple until we try to live it out.

Let's all spend this week abstaining from any negative talk about ourselves or one another. For some, negativity is the default setting that they go to at all times. When things are good, they can still find something wrong and when things are bad, they seem to relish the opportunity to point fingers at someone who they see as the cause of the problem. How often have we all been less than proud of ourselves for the attitude we have brought to family fights, work meetings, someone who cuts us off in traffic, correcting our children and on and on and on.

Jesus commands us to love one another. It is not an option for a follower of Christ. It is a necessary part of our lives. It is the most important part of our discipleship. I think, for me, it is continually being conscious of what I think and what I say and how I treat people who come into my life. With each encounter, I have to ask myself (and many times I don't and default to a negative response), "what is the most loving thing I can do at this moment?" At times the answer is to just be quiet and listen while other times, it's the call to forgive or offer a word of support and encouragement or just be more patient or try to see the issue from another's point of view.

There are many who call themselves "Christian" and are the most mean spirited people around. They've got the talk down and their rituals are beautiful but their hearts appear far from love and kindness. Let's work to inspire people by the way we love them because in the end that's all that really matters. I heard a quote that went something like this: "They may not remember what you said or even what you accomplished in your life but they will remember the way you treated them." Let's be EXTRA VAGANT with our Love 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: 5-20: Shonte Carson, Carole Clemons, & Brandon Wilmer
5-21: Alexandria Ragland. 5-22: Airik Buford & Candyce Estes,
5-23: Zane Kent & Traver Meathe, **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Jerry & Delores Susko

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 25th & 26th, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Next week's Readings:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy

9:45 1. J. Brooks 2. T. Roberts

Ushers:

4:00 Sol May & Ray Miller

9:45 R. Gatson, P. Adams, N. Danzie,
A. Milligan, M. Peeples

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 C. McLaughlin

9:45 1. S. Estes 2. C. Scott

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

THURSDAY, May 23, 2019

11:00 The Sick of the Parish Family

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, May 25, 2019

4:00 Rose Thomas (Family)
Mae Johnston (Family)

SUNDAY, May 26, 2019

9:45 Willie Harris
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

LET US PRAY

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have revealed to the nations your saving power and filled all ages with the words of a new song. Hear the echo of this hymn. Give us voice to sing your praise throughout this season of joy. 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 14:21-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

2nd READING: Revelation 21:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: John 13:31-33, 34-35

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

Cleo Bradley from the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance would like to get the community to help with cleaning up, painting the fence and bringing the original Memorial Garden spot by the 4H Center "back to new life." If anyone at Nativity is interested in helping, please call Cleo at 313-922-1435 or let Chris McLaughlin know.

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, 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.....

If you plant a garden, please help yourself to the plants in the side yard. We began with, a variety of different tomatoes, lettuce, zucchini, green beans, cucumbers, different colored peppers, rosemary, thyme, parsley, and basil.

DCPA

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have been told that Sr. Jolene will be visiting Nativity the weekend of June 29th/30th with some of her family. They plan on attending both Masses that weekend. We will have something after each Mass so everyone has a chance to say hello to them.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thank you, Thank you, to Horace and Tony for chairing the Mother's Day breakfast and to all the men/teens that helped. It was a wonderful meal and celebration of our ladies.

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.