

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *May 25th & 26th, 2019* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Today, we hear from the first reading the early church's struggle between the Jewish ritual of circumcision and the Gentiles converting to Christianity. Some thought they should go through all the Jewish rituals to be part of the community while others fought against it. Thank God, Paul took a more compassionate view of the situation. I like his words and how he and the Holy Spirit are on the same page!

"It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meat of strangled animals, and from an unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell."

We had this reading at Thursday's Mass and we talked about the unnecessary burdens that have been placed on people in the name of religion. How many have thought they were destined for hell because of a failed marriage or missing Mass on Sunday or eating meat on a Friday? Sometimes, we, as a Church, have shown little compassion for those struggling with the difficulties of life.

I think we often place undue burdens on ourselves and others. We place heavy expectations on ourselves and are constantly kicking ourselves for not achieving those unrealistic ideals. We can also place undue burdens of expectations on each other. I think a perfect example is our fundraiser in June. As we get closer to the date, the stress level of volunteers rises and we begin to pick at each other. Although a fundraiser is important and requires our work, it cannot be a source of stress between us. We are here to lift the burdens off each other rather than place more burdens on one other. Whether the fundraiser is a grand success or a flop is not the most important part of this journey. The most important part is that we build each other up, celebrate Nativity and find reason to laugh and enjoy each other!

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of our sister and friend, **Judee Danielak**. Judee has been a parishioner at Nativity for many years and has been a light of joy for those at the Saturday 4pm Mass. Judee has quietly taken on the unpleasant task of washing and ironing all of our altar linens. Judee, we will miss you terribly but may you now enjoy the wonderful and loving embrace of God!

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: 526: Buzz Busacca, 5-29: Zachary Schmitt & Deborah Fish, 5-30: Gloria Stamper & Laurie Murphy
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 5-28: Rashid & Airika Buford

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

THURSDAY, May 30, 2019

11:00 Kathryn Fielder
(Therese McGratty)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, June 1, 2018

4:00 Mr. & Mrs. Al Mudloff (Family)
Mert & Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)

SUNDAY, June 2, 2019

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

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 1st & 2nd, 2019
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Next week's Readings:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Luke 24:46-53

Lectors:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. T. Novara 2. C. Sutton

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 1. M. Johnston 2. M. J. Accavitti
3. H. Wimble 4. T. Novara

Ministers of Service:

4:00 J. Dupre
9:45 1. A. Clark 2. C. Estes

OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

LET US PRAY

Ever-living God, help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God let all the nations praise you!

2nd READING:

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

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 Campemel, 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.....

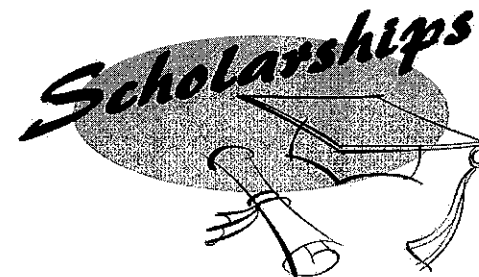
If you plant a garden, please help yourself to the plants in the side yard. We began with, a variety of different tomatoes, lettuce, zucchini, green beans, cucumbers, different colored peppers, rosemary, thyme, parsley, and basil.

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. One week away.



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

"MEN WHO COOK"

Are you ready for some fun? Our fund raising committee has planned a wonderful dinner at Penna's on June 8th. It will include a silent auction of gift cards and a 50/50 raffle. There will also be one live auction item. How would you like to host a dinner for ten provided by our own "Men Who Cook?" Brother Ray is leading the way in providing this item for your bidding pleasure. The Men Who Cook will supply everything needed to make this a memorable culinary experience! The lucky winner can host the dinner in their home or at the parish house. Don't miss the fun of the bidding. A few tickets (\$40 each) are still available for the June 8th celebration.

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

REMINDER: June 8th Mass is at 3:00PM.