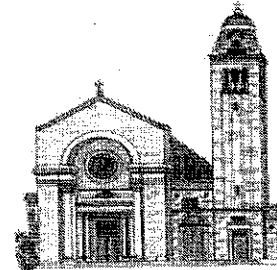


NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *July 13th & 14th, 2019* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, Jesus presents us with the story of the good Samaritan. He is the unlikely hero when put up against a levite and a priest but he is the one who gets it. He realizes what is most important at that moment. The most important part of his journey was tending to the person who was suffering. Why didn't the others get it? Maybe it didn't even strike the priest and levite because all they could see were the responsibilities of the day. They were responsible for many people and many details in their lives. If they were to stop for this poor soul, they would disrupt their schedule and many people who be effected. I'm sure if they had any qualms of conscience, they rationalized their decision not to help the man because what they were doing was more important than tending to the wounds of some stranger on the road.

Each day we are given opportunities to meet strangers on the roads of our lives. We often are too busy to even realize they are in our midst but they are there and Christ is there waiting on our response. There are a million rationalizations as to why we can't help someone (i.e., "I may make things worse," or "who knows, maybe it's a set up and they don't really need help," or "I would help if I just had a little more time," or "I helped someone last year, let someone else do it," or "they look like they could help themselves," or "aren't there agencies or professionals that can help them, why should I have to do it," and the list continues. I have used all of these excuses at one time or another. To stop and help someone takes commitment and sacrifice. It will take our time and some of our energy but it will be worth it. Each time we give ourselves away for another in love, something changes in us.

I often wonder if a situation like this occurred, would the injured man seek the Samaritan out to thank him? Would they have become friends and met each other's families? Would they go back and forth to each other's homes to feast on a good meal? (Remember...Samaritans and Jews were enemies). What would this Jewish man think of Samaritans after this experience? Wouldn't he always remember how good this man was to him and stick up for Samaritans when his Jewish friends would talk about how awful those Samaritans were? There will be wounded folks on our road this week. It may not be as obvious as this story but they will be suffering. Will we stop and care for them or will we be too busy and pass by on the other side of the road?

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: 7-14: Christopher Banks 7-15: Temera Ragland, 7-16: Ed Brenner, 7-19: Kathy Alderman, Gloria Austin, and Pieta Faulkner
Happy Anniversary: Kim & Paul Schmitt

WORSHIP SCHEDULE July 20th & 21st FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

Next week's Readings:
Genesis 18:1-10, Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Lectors:

4:00 Mark Miller
9:45 1. C. Sutton 2. M. Johnston

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGovern
9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie
3. M. Traub 4. J. Shovlin

Ministers of Service:

4:00 J. Dupre
9:45 1. D. Wois 2. S. Wois

MASS INTENTIONS

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, July 13, 2019

4:00 Fran Busacca
(Buzz Busacca)

SUNDAY, July 14, 2019

9:45 Clara & Frankie Sellors
(Nancy Silveri)

THURSDAY, July 18, 2019

11:00 Dolores Ferschneider (JoAnn Cohen)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, July 20, 2019

4:00 Rose Onacki (Therese McGratty)
Judee Danielak (Friends)

SUNDAY, July 21, 2019

9:45 Dolores Ferschneider
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

LET US PRAY

God our Creator, your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ. May all who follow him reject what is contrary to the gospel. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

2nd READING: Colossians 1:15-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

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, 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, Diane Wingo's friends Krista and Pantulu, and brother in law, Armando, Sr. Ellen's niece Carole & brother Paul, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, Kathy Walsh's sister, Mary Ann, Joyce Shahady's granddaughter, Edith, The Benigni and Chida Families

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PARISH PICNIC

The Parish Picnic is less than a month away on August 11th. Mass on that day is at 11:00AM on the front steps of church. Bring your chairs.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

As you have read in previous bulletins, the picnic is here on the parish grounds and is open to the neighborhood. This means that more people than just the committee are needed. There are sign ups to look over and see what you can do to help. If you prefer, the committee is accepting monetary donations as well.

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

Thanks to all who have contributed to the CSA. Letters will be going out soon to all those who haven't responded to the CSA.

If you haven't given and would like to give on line, go to give.aodcsa.org and be sure to choose Nativity. You can give by credit card or electronic funds transfer and can do it as a one time gift or choose a pledge option to pay quarterly or monthly throughout the year if you prefer.

AGAIN, THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

**NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 21st
ARE YOU ON THE BONE MARROW
REGISTRY?**

On Sunday, July 21st from 1:00-4:00 PM there is a Bone Marrow Drive Registry Drive. It will be held at St. Lucy Catholic Church on Jefferson/Marter Rd. (23401 Jefferson, 48080.) They are seeking donors in the age group of 18-44. You can also register on line at: <https://join.bethematch.org/GabesAngelArmy17> or text GabesAngelArmy17 to 61474. If you don't meet the age requirement, please spread this message. It is a swab test to get tested. This drive is with hope that a donor can be found for Anne Crowe's great nephew Gabriel who has acute lymphoblastic leukemia or anyone else in need. Gabe was diagnosed 9 months ago and he is now 18 months old. Any questions please call Melissa at 586-864-7897.