

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*July 20th & 21st, 2019\* Detroit, MI

## PASTOR'S PEN



### *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First of all, we thank Joni Scott and her wonderful band of volunteers from Nativity and St. Charles for all their blood, sweat and tears making VBS a great experience.. Although I wasn't able to be around much, I noticed the joy and laughter of the children. Where there is joy, there is goodness and so I know VBS was a grand success. Thanks to all of you for your generosity and goodness!

This week our readings talk about the hospitality of Abraham and Sarah waiting, on the three men who come to visit their tent and the hospitality of Mary and Martha who welcome Jesus into their home. The open their hearts and homes to their guests. In both situations, they are blessed for their hospitality. Sarah is told that she will conceive a child in her old age and Mary receives the words of Jesus as she sits at this feet.

These stories from scripture today are much more than just serving house guests. They are asking us to look at ourselves and see if we are hospitable to life. Do we take the time to welcome the new day? Do we allow God to speak to us through the joy of our children? Are we hospitable to the stranger or the person who is struggling? Are we hospitable to a new way of looking at life? Are we hospitable to view points that are not like ours? When we are open to the day with all of its graces and hardships, we begin to realize that all of life is here to teach us something. We learn patience when things don't work out as we had hoped. We learn compassion when we see the pain in those we love and in all of those who are suffering. We learn humility when we realize that life is bigger than us and we can't control everything. We learn goodness when a friend offers us some help at a difficult moment. We learn gratitude when we realize how many times we have been blessed.

These last two weeks we have welcomed our children in both churches for Vacation Bible School. Hopefully, they come away with the reality that they are truly loved by God. They may not remember all the books of the Bible or all the holy days of obligation or who is the patron saint of what, but they will remember if people welcomed them and made them feel special. Let's be open this week to welcoming the Divine in the daily moments of our lives

### 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: 7-24:** Michele Bezel, Anthony Griggs, **7-25:** Wendy Bryant  
**7-26:** Aimee Sergent

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE July 27th & 28th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

Next week's Readings:  
Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

#### Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty  
9:45 1. R. Cunningham 2. M. Peeples

#### Ushers:

4:00 Sol May & Ray Miller  
9:45 R. Gatson, P. Adams, N. Danzie,  
A. Milligan, M. Peeples

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

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

#### Ministers of Service:

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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)

#### THURSDAY, July 25, 2019

11:00 Br. Ray (The Thursday Group)

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### SATURDAY, July 27, 2019

4:00 Rose Thomas (Family)

#### SUNDAY, July 28, 2019

9:45 Br. Ray (The Nativity Family)

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**YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....**

**ARE YOU ON THE BONE MARROW REGISTRY?**

THIS Sunday, July 21st from 1:00-4:00 PM there is a Bone Marrow Drive Registry 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 just a swab in your mouth 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. Please pass this on to anyone you know in the age range they are seeking.

**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.

**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.**

**BRICK PAVERS**

We wanted everyone to know we are planning a second installation of brick pavers in September. So if you're thinking about purchasing one consider doing it soon so your paver can be placed in the garden at that time. This will be the last time until Spring, 2020. By now you probably have all had the opportunity to visit the garden & experience it's beauty & peace. The brick pavers are a big part of it. It's nice to walk around, read the inscriptions & feel the love all around you. The brick paver is the perfect way to honor someone you love & cherish, whether it's a memorial or a gift to a living loved one. The forms are in church near Mary's Altar & of course, if need be, you can contact the parish house to have a form sent to you. Thank you for your continued support. We'd love to hear from you. **Deadline is Sunday, September 1st to guarantee installation.**

The Fund Raising Committee

**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 Fratini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Jounnee Jones, Mia Halton-Jones, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsey, Dolores Killwald, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Mickala Lewis, Clarence Lewis, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathie, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povitz, Anne Purtenhage, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Trece, Sr. Jolene, Nikki Zapinski, Tom Zarro, 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 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

**OPENING HYMN**

**GLORY TO GOD**

**LET US PRAY**

Lord, be merciful to your people. Fill us with your gifts and make us always eager to serve you in faith, hope, and love. Grant 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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Colossians 1:24-28**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia ...

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**LAMB OF GOD**