



BIRTHDAYS



Rosa Gracey	08/02	Tom Zarro	08/11	Diane Wingo	08/24
Wiley Adams III	08/03	Vanden Dombrowski	08/13	Nina Zarro	08/24
Neidra Halthon	08/03	Pat Wimble	08/14	Bill Dietz	08/26
Dion Reddick	08/03	Rashid Buford	08/15	Mary Crawford	08/27
Wendy Kent	08/04	Andrea Liss	08/16	Laura Carnaghi	08/29
Reyna Jackson	08/07	Charvala Adams	08/18	Benjamin Schmitt	08/29
Pat Dombrowski	08/08	Marty Gulewicz	08/20	Tyrone Kelly	08/30
Anita Reddick	08/09	Terri Wilson	08/21	Denise Reddick	08/30
Jean Méathe	08/10			Maya Thompson	08/30

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Aimee Sergent	08/01	Bill & Judy Brooks	08/12
Jerry & Wilma Wilmer	08/01	Keith & Anne Crowe	08/18
Martin & Peggy Gulewicz	08/04	Robert & Louise McKenzie	08/31

AUGUST 5 18th Sunday

Next week's Readings:
(Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23,
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11, Luke 12:13-21)

Lectors:

4:00 1. M. Miller
9:45 2. J. Brooks

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 1. L. Canty, 2. M. E. White
3. N. Zarro 4. B. Brooks

Ministers of Service:

4:00 1. D. Wois
9:45 1. C. Scott 2. H. Adams

MASS INTENTIONS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, July 27, 2019

4:00 Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, July 28, 2019

9:45 Brother Ray
(The Nativity Family)

THURSDAY, August 1 - Weekday

11:00 Sid Johnston (Family)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 3, 2019

4:00 Marty Carnaghi (Fran Carnaghi)

SUNDAY, August 4, 2019

9:45 Tom Scamihorn (Family)

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.

NATIVITY NEWS

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PASTOR'S PEN



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Didn't we have a wonderful time at Mass last Sunday with the children from Vacation Bible School here to lead us in song and prayer? Again, thank you to Joni Scott and all of the volunteers from the Kitchen cooks to the teachers and teacher's aides to all who had any part in making the two weeks a grand experience for the children. I was able to see the crowd before they left for Cedar Point on Thursday and you could feel the excitement. It truly makes my day when I see the children having a great time. So, thanks to all who made it possible.

Today's Gospel shows Jesus teaching the disciples how to pray. The "Our Father" has become such a common prayer that sometimes we gloss over the words we are praying. A few weeks ago, the group from St. Charles who are preparing for baptism went over this prayer with Sr. Judy line by line. The part they and all of us decided was the hardest was the line, "and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." It really is an indictment on the way we forgive others. Lord, forgive as we forgive. Yikes, it would be a lot easier to say "Lord, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us." It's much like the scripture that says "with the measure (of mercy) which you measure will be measured back to you." I know the times I have not been forgiving or merciful and if that becomes the yardstick by which I am forgiven, I don't have a chance.

The reminder today is that forgiveness is freedom and when we carry all kinds of resentments and hurt within us, we only hurt ourselves and make our lives miserable. I know when I see the Lord, I will need a lot of mercy and forgiveness and so I don't have the luxury of holding back my forgiveness from those who have hurt me. I also know that forgiveness and healing from deep hurts don't just come because we want them to go away but they are wounds that can gradually heal if we tend to them. Maybe this week we can just look at the pain and hurts that hamper us from forgiving and invite Christ into those sacred wounds. The "Our Father" is not just a praise of God in heaven but it's a tremendous challenge to our lives and our brokenness. As we take each other's hands this week to pray this prayer, may we hear the challenge to begin to let go of some bitterness and hurt that may have been festering in our hearts for many years. Forgive us, Lord, and help us always to work at forgiving others. May God open our hearts this week to his love and forgiveness so that we might be able to bring forgiveness into our relationships!

OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator and protector, without you nothing is holy, nothing has value. Guide us to everlasting life by helping us to use wisely the blessings you have given to the world. 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: Genesis 18:20-32

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

2nd READING: Colossians 2:12-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

We will hear Your Word one in love.
We will live Your Word one in love.
We will spread Your Word one in love.

CLOSING HYMN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

7-28: Wilma Wilmer

7-30: Amy Jo Lubig, Louise McKenzie, and Chris Scott, Jr.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

7-28: Tom & Nina Zarro

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, 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 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

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

Holy Trinity, 1050 Porter St., Detroit is having a Mass for Families in Detention on Tuesday, July 30 at 6:00 P.M. All are invited.

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. 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

The Finance Council wants to report to the parish on the status of Offertory collections as we finish the fiscal year. The Archdiocese is on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 and not the calendar year.

Offertory Collection budget: \$155,000

Actual Offertory Collection: \$141,439

Amount Short of Budget: \$13,561

While we are short of our budget, if you look over 52 weeks, we are only short \$260 each week. Maybe we could all think about whether or not a small weekly increase is something we could do. A big "THANK YOU" to everyone for your generosity! Know that it is greatly appreciated!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please let us know if you have an August Birthday or Anniversary that is not listed on the back of the bulletin this week.

PARISH PICNIC

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The Parish Picnic two weeks away, on August 11th. **Mass on that day is at 11:00AM on the front steps of church. Bring your chairs.** Regular Saturday 4:00 Mass.

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.

Volunteers are needed to help grill, watch over the bounce houses, assist with games, etc.. Take a look at sign up sheets. We are asking for people to take one hour shifts.

Also we still need food as we are hoping for a whole parish turn out and neighborhood families.



It's Picnic time!!