

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *August 17th & 18th, 2019* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WOW...wasn't last Sunday's picnic/block party great? Kim and your merry band of volunteers, you truly outdid yourselves! What a wonderful event. From Mass on the steps of the church to bounce houses to great food and painted faces, we were Nativity at its best! So many parishioners have told me, "I was not in favor of changing from Metro to Nativity. I thought it was going to be a big flop but I was happily surprised that it was so much fun!" Watching the children laugh and enjoy themselves in the bounce house and seeing our wonderful parishioners painting faces and serving food was wonderful to behold. I just sat there at one point and took it all in and was so proud of us at Nativity. The last part was the best. I had my car on McClellan down the block and one of our neighbors called from across the street and thanked me and Nativity for having the party. He said it was a great day and made the neighborhood feel so good. For me, that was the confirmation that we got it right! Please know that all of your sacrifices were worth it. We did something great last Sunday and now for those in the neighborhood who didn't know about Nativity, they have seen us as a warm, welcoming, fun group of people. When we talk about evangelization and unleashing the Gospel, the Block Party was truly a concrete example of what it means to put ourselves out there for our brothers and sisters in the neighborhood.

We could have missed this wonderful moment of grace had we decided to stay at Metro and keep things as they've always been. We would have good reasons to stay there. It's closer to most parishioners than Nativity. It's familiar and an easy place to meet. We know what to expect (where we are meeting, parking, eating and bbqing, etc.) There is a comfort in the familiar but usually the familiar does not shake us up and move us to change. Jesus says he has come to light a fire on the earth and how he longs for it to be ignited. That fire sounds frightening until we realize that the spark is his love and passion. The spark of his love moves us from that which is comfortable to that which is daring. Last Sunday, we were daring and it really touched a lot of lives. May we hold this good memory in our hearts and minds so that when we are challenged again to do something new, we may be open to wherever God leads us.

I will be away next week and there will be no 11am Mass on Thursday. Have a great 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: 8-18: Charvala Adams, **8-20:** Marty Gulewicz,
8-21: Terri Wilson, **8-24:** Diane Wingo & Nina Zarro
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 8-18: Keith & Anne Crowe

WORSHIP SCHEDULE August 24th & 25th, 2019 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

Next week's Readings:
 (Isaiah 66:18-21, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13,
 Luke 13:22-30)

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty
 9:45 1. T. Novara 2. D. Scott

Ushers:

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

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 A. Clark
 9:45 1. H. Adams 2. W. Adams

MASS INTENTIONS

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 SATURDAY, August 17, 2019**

4:00 Judee Danielak
 (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

SUNDAY, August 18, 2019

9:45 Aurie Mitchell
 (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

THURSDAY, August 22, 2019

11:00 NO MASS

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 SATURDAY, August 24, 2019**

4:00 Judee Danielak (Friends)
 Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, August 25, 2019

9:45 Lynn Maitland
 (Terese McGratty)

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OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

LET US PRAY

God our Creator, may we love you in all things and above all things and reach the joy you have prepared for us beyond all our imagining. 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: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come to my aid.

2nd READING: Hebrews 12:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

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, Sandie Bezel, 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, Cookie Kulchy, 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, 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.....

DCPA Fundraiser

Silent Auction

Shed 5 - Eastern Market

Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00 PM

Tickets: \$50 each

If you want to sit at a Nativity table, let Chris McLaughlin or Fran Carnaghi, know or email the parish office by September 8.

Dominican Literacy Center needs volunteer tutors. Help one person move toward employment, GED, high school completion, higher education, vocational training. Help one person read, do math or learn basic computer skills. Give two hours a week. Open M-Th, 8AM-8PM; F-Sat. 9AM-2PM. Call 313.267.1000 or thompson_dlc@yahoo.com. www.dlclite.org. Location: Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner, Suite 1414, Detroit, MI 48213. Orientation monthly, Tutor Training Workshop, call for more information and upcoming dates.

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YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

THANK YOU!!

We wish to thank Kim Milligan (Chairperson) and the Parish Picnic Committee for all their hard work for the wonderful picnic last Sunday. Also thank you to everyone who helped that day in anyway. It was an awesome day and fun was had by all. We figure close to 300 people were there if we go by the amount of plates that were used. Events like this really show what we can do as a parish and how strong we are as an anchor in this neighborhood.

BRICK PAVERS

Deadline is Sunday, September 1st to guarantee installation in the fall.

If you are not receiving emails from the parish, or if you have a new phone, please let us know your accurate information. Also, a good way to be sure you are informed as to what is going on, is to register in the parish.

As you may have noticed, Edna Boyd hasn't been in Mass lately due to health issues. She is living at an assisted place now. Her new address is:
Edna Boyd
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