

NATIVITY NEWS



5900 McClellan *September 14th & 15th, 2019* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Responsorial Psalm today is "I shall rise and go to my Father," When I hear this phrase, it brings me back to the story of the Prodigal Son. The son realized he had really messed up and decided to return to his father. As we remember the story, we remember the son had gone through all his father's money and was starving. In a moment of clarity he realized that his father who had always loved him would somehow welcome him back. What a wonderful image of God and us. When we have moments of clarity and realize we are not on our own or when we have made a mess of our lives and realize that our God will welcome us back, then we know who our God is.

In many of our personal theologies, we see God as the mad and disappointed father who would never be able to forgive us for what we have done. It is that theology which causes people to carry sins all their lives believing that God could never forgive them. Isn't it amazing that we would think that our great sin is greater than God's mercy? That sure gives us a lot of power. The only way God can't reconcile with us is if we never rise up and return to our Father. The only part we play is to ask for forgiveness and then watch our God shout with joy on our return.

So where are we at on this twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time? Are we holding on to something, afraid to bring it to God, for fear God will not forgive us? Are we thinking our big sin is too big for God? Have we been carrying guilt from some incident in our life all these years and it has now almost become part of our identity? What is weighing us down these days? I suspect it's either we need forgiveness or we have to forgive someone else.

Take some time this week, just you and God, and see any areas of your life where you may have gotten stuck and ask God to embrace that part of you and bring healing to you and anyone else that may have been involved. Just like the father in today's Gospel, God is waiting for us to come home and rest in his/her arms. As soon as we make the turn toward God, God will sprint to us and wrap us in his arms. Wow...what a wonderful God we have! So, Let's not carry any unnecessary guilt or bitterness or anger. God waits to embrace us!

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: 9-15: Anne Crowe & Renee Heimes, 9-16: Marty Gulewicz, & Mia Halthon, 9-20: A. J. Blair, 9-21: Sharon Bezel & Emile Wheeler

WORSHIP SCHEDULE September 21 & 22, 2019 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

Next week's Readings:
(Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-8,
Luke 16:1-13)

Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy
9:45 1. M. E. White 2. C. Sutton

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Ministers of Service:

4:00 C. Estes
9:45 1. W. Adams 2. H. Adams

MASS INTENTIONS

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
SATURDAY, September 14, 2019**

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)
Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)

SUNDAY, September 15, 2019

9:45 Dolores Ferschneider
(JoAnna Cohen)
Blanche Danzie (Norma Danzie)

THURSDAY, September 19, 2019

11:00 All those Suffering in Silence

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
SATURDAY, September 21, 2019**

4:00 Judee Danielak & Mary Zalewski
(Family & Friends)
Gary Kiihr
(Laraine Messing)

SUNDAY, September 22, 2019

9:45 Rosemary Oldani
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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OPENING HYMN
#495 Amazing Grace

GLORY TO GOD

LET US PRAY

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,
exultant you bring home the found.
Touch our hearts with grateful wonder
at the tenderness of your forbearing love.
Grant us delight in the mercy that has found
us and bring all to rejoice at the feast of
forgiveness. 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: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will rise and go to my father.

2nd READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-32

OFFERTORY HYMN
#643 Here I Am Lord

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN
#755 I Am The Bread of Life

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

#390 I Don't feel No Ways Tired

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, 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
Benign and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

The Motown Revue is a benefit for the
Capuchins at the Garden Theater
on Friday November 8 at 6:30pm. It will
feature young local talent and the Soup
Kitchen Choir. There will be a strolling
reception beforehand with beer, wine
and heavy hors d'oeuvres and dancing,
of course. Tickets are \$75 and include
drinks. Tickets are available at 313-579-
2100 ext. 159 or [www.solanuscenter.org/
motownrevue](http://www.solanuscenter.org/motownrevue). Or just ask me, Maura
Corrigan!

Last week, you either received an
envelope at Sunday Mass or one was
mailed to you about our Super Raffle
Fundraiser for this fiscal year. If you
didn't get one, it may mean we don't
have your current address or even though
you come all the time, you aren't
officially registered in the parish. The
letters and raffle forms are on a table by
Mary's altar along with a sheet of paper
to submit your name if you didn't get
one. We need that information to correct
our records.

DID YOU KNOW?

Weekly bulletins are on our website!
nativitydetroit.org

And you can

Follow us on Facebook at:
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YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

Frances Carnaghi will be selling 50/50
Raffle Tickets after each Mass for the
Detroit Catholic Alliance. The drawing
is September 18 at the Harvest Dinner.
They are \$1.00 each.

On September 22nd there will be a
parent meeting following Mass in
church for those in the Religious
Education program.

SAVE THE DATE

October 13th : Homecoming Mass-the
current Nativity Family welcomes back
past members, school graduates, and
friends of Nativity. A reception will
follow the Mass. We are hoping for a
great turn out of present and past
members.

Gather Them Home

November 2, 2019

9:00AM

A no-cost mission put forth by the
Archdiocese of Detroit Catholic
Cemeteries to properly lay to rest the
remains of all our loved ones who have
gone before us. For more information
and to reserve a spot visit:
www.gatherthemhome.org
Mass & Committal Services
Holy Sepulchre Cementery-Southfield