

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *September 7 & 8, 2019* Detroit, MI 48213

PASTOR'S PEN



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today our first reading from Wisdom paints a picture of the mystery of it all.

“And scarce do we guess the things on earth,
And that which is within our grasp we find with difficulty;
But when things are in heaven, who can search them out?”

The author of Wisdom reminds us that although we may think we know a lot, we know very little. We are merely a tiny dot in the vastness of eternity. We are part of a mystery so much greater than our individual lives. We ask ourselves why we fall in love with some people and not others. We ask ourselves why good people have to suffer. We don't understand why some people make us light up while others can set us off in a minute. Why do opposites attract? We have seen the power of nature churning in hurricane Dorian this past week. Why did the Bahamas get hit so terribly and Florida was spared? We used to say that many of these things were the punishment of God. So were the people in the Bahamas sinners while the Floridians were saints? (As a person who lived in Florida, I can attest to the fact that they're not all saints in Florida!)

We live in an age where Google can tell us just about any fact we need to know and it may give us a false sense of wisdom and control. The bottom line is that true wisdom is realizing the mystery of life is much bigger than ourselves. The call today is to allow ourselves the freedom not to have to figure out everything but to be at peace with the mystery. We can allow ourselves to enter into a glorious sunrise or the beauty of a full moon on a crisp Autumn night. We can enjoy the fact that our children are nothing like us or just like us. We can handle tragedies without having to understand all of it but to realize that even in the mystery, Christ is with us. I think that's the key. The mysteries of life are like the depths of the ocean and are over our heads and it can be scary when the current takes us out into the deep. It's in that moment of surrender that we realize we're ok because we know that Christ has a hold on us and no matter where the mystery takes us, we will not be lost in it. We can be at peace with what we don't understand or can't explain because of the Christ who loves us. So relish the mystery that surrounds you this week in the beauty of creation, in the laughter of your children, in the eyes of your beloved who still melts you, in the wonder of a song or poem that brings you to tears, in the mystery.....

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: 9-11: Sara Bezel, Cheryl Dandridge, Katie Mae Estes
9-12: Bob Dandridge, Joyce Shahady, 9-13: Malcolm McIntyre,
9-14: Bert McAlister

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
SATURDAY, September 7, 2019

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

SUNDAY, September 8, 2019

9:45 Aurie Mitchell (Tom & Nina Zarro)

THURSDAY, September 12, 2019

11:00 All those Recovering from Surgery

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)
Blanch Danzie (Norma Danzie)

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 14 & 15, 2019

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

Next week's Readings:

(Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32)

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty

9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. E. Burkhardt

Ushers:

4:00 Sol May

9:45 K. & J. Alderman, L. Canty,
M. Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty

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

Ministers of Service:

4:00 A. Clark

9:45 1. D. Wois 2. S. Wois

OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

LET US PRAY

God our Creator, you redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Look upon us, give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised. 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.

1st READING: Wisdom 9:13-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge

2nd READING: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

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, 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.....

**B E Y O N D B O R D E R S :
Resistance in a World of Walls
Sr. Ellen Burkhardt**

On Sunday, November 10, 2019, Meta Peace Team is sponsoring our Signature Event at Al-Malek Banquet Hall on Warren Ave. in Garden City. This Event will include a delicious Middle Eastern meal, auction and celebration honoring some local people. Even more exciting for me is the fact that we will have two amazing speakers, Huwaida Arraf, a Palestinian-American attorney, human rights activist and co-founder of the International Solidarity Movement, a Palestinian-led non-violent resistance movement which has twice been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize AND Nicole Ramos, an attorney and Director of the Border Rights Project of Al Otro Lado, a program which provides legal orientation to asylum seekers in Tijuana, Mexico and monitors human rights violations by state actors at the U.S. and Mexico border. Early bird pricing (before Oct. 1) is \$50/seat or \$450 for a table of 10. Pricing after Oct. 1 is \$60/seat or \$500 for a table of 10. I can also give you information for paying online. I know the price is prohibitive for some. If you are really interested but cannot cover the whole cost, let me know and I'll see what I can do. Please let Judy Dupre or Sister Ellen know if you want to reserve a seat or if you have any questions. (586 465-7991)

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Weekly bulletins are on our website!

nativitydetroit.org

And you can

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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.

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