

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *September 21st & 22nd, 2019* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our second reading, Paul asks for "prayers, petitions, supplications and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity." He later says, "It is my wish, then, that in every place the people should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument."

In this day and age, we have only to say the word "politics" and we can stoke a tremendous hornet's nest. We appear to be more divided now than in any time I can remember. We can get blood boiling over the mention of certain names and both sides of issues are just as passionate. This makes for difficult and strained family dinners. It causes friends to veer away from any topics that may be controversial if they wish to keep their friendship. Many of us have gone to our corners and are not budging and are waiting for the other side to come to their senses! Maybe we are the people Paul is talking to in this letter to Timothy. Maybe Paul is asking us to pray for the people we are diametrically opposed to and pray that somehow we may all come closer to the Gospel.

This is not to say that we don't stand up for justice for those most vulnerable among us or call out injustice and cruelty when we see it. Maybe if we were grounded in prayer, we may confront injustice in a more compassionate way. Maybe we could see the other through the eyes of faith and begin to see as God sees. Maybe we would not only see our differences but also the brokenness and vulnerability of the other and realize we are all a broken people. I find myself often preaching about welcoming all people but then I think of how often I judge people unmercifully who I deem closed minded and not thinking the way I do. How open am I to hearing their point of view? As I get older I realize that none of us have all the answers and, believe it or not, I may not always be right, (I'm sure that comes as a great surprise to many of you!!) We are all evolving. We all have blind spots and although we may think we have the answers on everything, we don't. So, maybe Paul is right. Maybe we should be praying for each other and for ourselves. Let's put away our egos and bring a clean heart to God and allow God to show us the way. Who knows what may happen?

The Feast of St. Francis is coming up on October 4th. We will have the pet blessings on October 5th and 6th after Mass. So, please bring your hamster, goldfish, cat, dog, mule, pheasant, mouse, etc. to be blessed and loved that day!

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: 9-23: Michael McIntyre
9-24: Jarel Adams, Jr., Jerry Alderman, and Owen Johnston

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 28th & 29th, 2019
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

Next week's Readings:
(Amos 6:1, 4-7, 1 Timothy 6:11-16,
Luke 16:19-31)

Lectors:

4:00 J. Urso
9:45 1. T. Novara 2. C. Scott

Ushers:

4:00 Sol May
9:45 P. Adams, K. Alderman, J. Deisinger, T. Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Ministers of Service:

4:00 D. Wois
9:45 1. C. Scott 2. A. Clark

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

THURSDAY, September 26, 2019

11:00 Rita Burns (Therese McGratty)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
SATURDAY, September 28, 2019

4:00 Rev. Jerome Singer
(The Kulchy Family)

SUNDAY, September 29, 2019

9:45 Elizabeth Maher
(Matthew Brenner)

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OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

LET US PRAY

God our Creator, guide us, as you guide creation according to your law of love. May we love one another and come to perfection in the eternal life prepared for us. 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: Amos 8:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will rise and go to my father.

2nd READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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

LAST CALL FOR TICKETS

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.....

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.
October 27th: Halloween Party with the Haunted Tunnel. We will have an inside Trunk or Treat. Table space is available for you to decorate and pass out candy. It will be immediately following Mass. Lunch will be served.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

A hearty congratulations are in order for Nancy Silveri and members of her Fundraising Committee for the outstanding job Chairman Silveri and her committee did on the sale of brick pavers for the Father Jerome Singer Memorial Garden, the Memorial Mass for Father Singer, and the dinner festivities at Penna's on June 8, 2019.

As of June 30, 2019 (the end of the fiscal year), the Committee's fundraising efforts realized \$38,223 in net profit for the Nativity family.

Nice going and thank you all!

Sincerely,
John R. Urso
(Chairperson of the Finance Committee)