

NATIVITY NEWS



5900 McClellan *October 19th & 20th, 2019* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When we're dancing with the angels, the question will be asked: in 2019, what did we do to make sure we kept democracy intact? Did we stand on the sidelines and say nothing?"
(Rep. Elijah Cummings)

Elijah Cummings, who passed away suddenly this week, made this statement during the hearings of the Judiciary Committee. I was so impressed by his passion and integrity as he continued to remind all of us that we are "better than this." We are people who are called to find what unites us rather than what divides us, what inspires us rather than what frightens us, what calls us to our best selves rather than what brings us to our lowest rung of humanity.

Moses, in our first reading, cannot continue to raise his hands to win the battle. He needs help from his followers. Aaron and Hur stand by him and support his arms so that the battle can be won. It's a great metaphor for the struggle for justice for all people. We can't do it as individuals. We need a community of support in order to win the struggle against evil and all of the "isms" of our day.

In our second reading, the letter to the Hebrews, we are reminded "to be persistent whether it's convenient or inconvenient; to convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." As Elijah Cummings reminds us in the quote above: we cannot sit on the sidelines and allow evil to flourish. We are called to stand up for the values of the gospel. If we've forgotten, it goes something like, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me a drink, in prison and you visited me, a stranger and you welcomed me... whatever you did to those who society considered the "least" you did to me." That, for me, is the core of the gospel and all our call is to base all of our decisions on how they will impact our brothers and sisters who are poor and struggling.

We come together every week to hold up each other's arms because the call of the gospel can make us very weary but we look to the One who brings light to darkness, hope to despair and new life to that which seems dead. As Elijah Cummings is now dancing with the angels, may he encourage us from his place in Paradise to live out the Gospel with passion and courage!

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: 10-21: Bob McKenzie

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**October 26th & 27th, 2019
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY**

Next week's Readings:
(Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18,
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14)

Lectors:

4:00 J. Urso
9:45 1. M. Peoples 2. Sr. Ellen

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Ministers of Service:

4:00 C. Estes
9:45 1. S. Wois 2. D. Wois

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 19, 2019

4:00 Fran Busacca, Justin Carnaghi, &
Butch Liss (Family)

SUNDAY, October 20, 2019

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

THURSDAY, October 24, 2019

11:00 Douglas Diggs
(Therese McGratty)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 26, 2019

4:00 Judee & Paul Danielak
(Patty Adams)

SUNDAY, October 27, 2019

9:45 Ida DeMaire (Fran Kaucic)
Delores Ferschneider
(Joanna Cohen)

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OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

LET US PRAY

Almighty and ever-living God, our source of power and inspiration, give us strength and joy in serving you as followers of Christ. 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: Exodus 17:8-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2nd READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

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, Edna Boyd, 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, Neidra Halthon, 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, Helen Randall, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Marianne Szymanski, 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.....

This weekend is the Mission Sunday Collection, envelopes for the collection are at the entrances. You may put your envelope in the collection baskets this weekend or next. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

Afternoon of Reflection

Saturday, November 9th: 1:30 - 3:45. We will finish before 4:00 Mass. See signs posted at doors or take home a small flyer for your reference.

MASS MOB

We will host the Mass Mob on November 17th with a reception afterwards. Sign ups will be up in a couple weeks.

SUPER RAFFLE

Thank you to all who have purchased tickets already. Your tickets will be mailed in the next week or so.

As of this week 541 tickets have been sold, that leaves 459 tickets for us to sell.

The Finance Council wants to report to the parish on the status of Offertory collections as we finish our 1st quarter of this fiscal year. The Archdiocese is on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 and not the calendar year. For June, July and August our c o l l e c t i o n s a r e :

Actual Offertory Collection: \$38,950
Offertory Collection budget: \$36,375
We slightly exceeded our budget for this quarter which is good. It's especially good right now since we need a new boiler. Thanks to everyone for your generosity and know that it is appreciated!

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

THANK YOU! We would like to thank the parish for their donations and hard work last weekend at the Anniversary Mass and Reception. It was appreciated by all who attended.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 27th is the Halloween Party with the Haunted Tunnel.

BOOK SHARING GROUPS

You are invited to join a book sharing group with other parish members. There is a list of recommended books that you can choose from. We hope you find this a time of fellowship and growing together as a faith family. Sign up will be the weekends of October 19/20 & 26/27, 2019 after each Mass. Please see Book Sharing handout for more details. Thank you!

DCPA NEWS

We are excited to install 28 new Ministers of Service on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles Lwanga. Maushana Adams will be installed as a Minister of Service for Nativity.

For caring thoughts and prayers, for cards and monetary gifts, for the generous meal, and for sharing in our celebration of our gift of Ezra Jude we say thank you!

With sincere Love and Appreciation,
Jarel, Christine & all the Adams Family