



### BIRTHDAYS



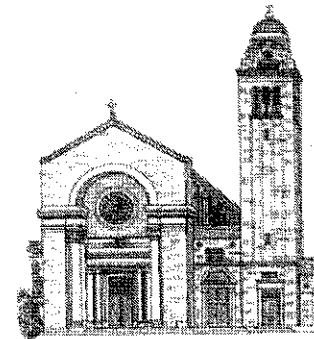
Connie Candela	12/01	Mary Ellen White	12/05	Phyllis Treece	12/23
Teresa Ragland	12/01	Billy Dombrowski	12/08	Nikki Woodfork	12/24
Sr. Marcia Haggins	12/02	Lisa Benberry	12/08	Don Bezel	12/25
Hermenia Romaine	12/02	Jeanne Purrenhage	12/20	Anthony Sierengowski	12/25
Paula Dombrowski	12/03	Kathleen McDonald	12/20	Martell Stephens	12/26
Larry Shelton	12/03	Mark Crawford	12/21	Louis Randall	12/29
Robert Campernel	12/04	John Pierick	12/22	Dolores Kein	12/30
Terra Jones	12/04			Michael Mondalek	12/31

### AND ANNIVERSARIES

Melvin & Theresa McCoy	12/03		Karl & Rosanne Schwartz	12/31
Michael & Wendy Kent	12/29			

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \* December 1st, 2019 \* Detroit, MI



## PASTOR'S PEN

### *First Sunday of Advent*

#### *Lighting of Advent candle*

*All powerful God, you show your strength in the way you love us. May Christ find an eager welcome in our hearts by the way we love one another. At his coming may Christ call us to his side in the Kingdom of Heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

**December 7th  
& December 8th  
2nd SUNDAY of Advent**  
Next week's Readings: (Isaiah 11:1-10,  
Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12)

**Lectors:**

4:00 T. McGratty  
9:45 1. Sr. Ellen 2. J. Brooks

**Ushers:**

4:00 S. May  
9:45 T. Bailey, W. Lewis, R. Patrick,  
T. Roberts, D. Scott

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

4:00 T. McGratty  
9:45 1. Cunningham 2. Gillespie  
3. Traub 4. Shovlin

**Ministers of Service:**

4:00 C. McLaughlin  
9:45 1. C. Scott 2. C. Estes

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

SATURDAY, November 30, 2019

4:00 Marty Carnaghi (Family)  
Kirtis III & Rose Thomas  
(Family)

SUNDAY, December 1, 2019

9:45 Rev. Larry Pettke  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

THURSDAY, December 5, 2019

11:00 Shannon & Kevin Brophy  
(Therese McGratty)

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

SATURDAY, December 7, 2019

4:00 Fr. Jerome Singer  
(Nativity Family)

SUNDAY, December 8, 2019

9:45 Joe Oldani  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Leo Bartnik (Lisa Bartnik)

### MISSION STATEMENT

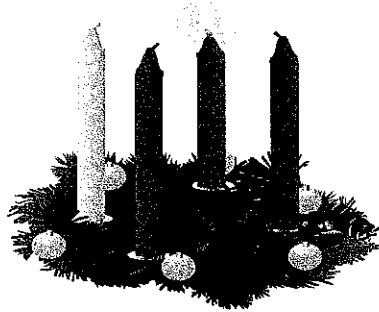
*Nativity is a diverse and inclusive Catholic Faith Community on Detroit's eastside dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing God's love through commitment to social justice, service to the neighborhood, the community and each other.*

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with the goodness of family and friends. As can be seen by the ads, Thanksgiving is over! We are now moving full throttle into the Christmas season with Black Friday behind us and mobs of shoppers in our future. Yikes! Our future: shopping and sales and baking and cooking and eating and more shopping and wrapping and gifts and parties and more eating and...It tires me out just to think about what we will cram in to these few weeks. Every year I tell myself that I won't get caught up in the commercial end of Christmas. I will be organized and prayerful and have time to truly appreciate the season. Well, I can bet that I will be on long line in Kroger's on the 24th with other sad souls getting the things I forgot to get. So how do we do it differently? I'm not sure but I think I may have to adjust my sense of priorities. I have to "wake up" as we hear in the Gospel today. What is most important as we celebrate the birth of our Savior? As we celebrate the fact that God wished to be one of us is reason to celebrate. The fact that God wanted to look us straight in the eye and tell us that we are truly loved more deeply than we can imagine is better than any gift. The Light that came in to dispel the darkness of our world is brighter than any lights on our tree. Yes, there is reason to celebrate and look forward to Christmas but it's got nothing to do with the superficial stuff. It's about the Christ who came into the world and showed his love for all humanity and the whole created world. We are all related to one another.

Yes, when we wake up to the wonder of that reality, then our eyes can be opened to what is most important. What is most important is that we realize we are loved extravagantly by the God who nurtured us from the first moment we were conceived, and the wonderful fact that the God who created us, created everyone else, and we are all kin to one another. So let's go prepare for Christmas in a new way this year. Let's celebrate by opening our hearts. Let's heal relationships in our families, bind old wounds that have disabled us and celebrate the fact that we are all loved by the God who became one of us!

## OPENING HYMN

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath



### OPENING PRAYER

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Isaiah 2:1-5

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Romans 13:11-14

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING:** Matthew 24:37-44

### 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, Edna Boyd, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, Katie Estes, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, 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, 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, Pat Wimble, 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, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, Kathy Walsh's sister, Mary Ann, Joyce Shahady's granddaughter, Edith, The Benigni and Chida Families

## FUNDRAISING

Do you need a gift suggestion for someone special or that difficult person to buy for?

How about a \$25.00 Super Raffle Ticket. Give someone 156 chances to win. We still have 300 tickets to sell.

You can avoid the hassle of traditional shopping & best of all it's a perfect way to let someone special know you care. Keep in mind you will be supporting our Nativity Parish at the same time. Your consideration is much appreciated. We couldn't make this happen without each & everyone of you.

The Fundraising Committee

## TURKEYS AND HAMS

It is that time of year again when we will start collecting turkeys and hams to save for our Christmas program for those in need. So again, we are asking, as you are shopping, if you see a good deal on turkeys and hams, to pick one up for us. We will reimburse you, so save your receipt. We cannot reimburse bridge card purchases. If you can store them for us until the week of December 15th, that would be great, just let us know you have one. We do have some space for some.

## CHRISTMAS TAGS

There are some tags in the baskets on the altar for those that like to help with our Christmas Program. Each tag is part of a child's gift or a household need, that is registered in the program this year. We also could use wrapping paper( even partial rolls you don't want to use again,) gift boxes, and gift bags. All gifts must be returned no later than December 15th, remember we need them unwrapped. More tags will be added next week.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's December Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 6 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church's Activities Building. Come and learn more about the Alliance, its programs and enjoy the food & fellowship with friends from across the city. The meeting begins at 6:30. There will be a raffle to be entered in for a \$50.00 prize just for coming.

## JOHN THORNE IN CONCERT

Join John J.F. Thorne in "Great God," an evening of praise and worship, on Sat., Dec. 7 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Activities Building. Tickets are \$10.00 online at: <https://johnjthorne.eventbrite.com>

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beginning next Saturday, December 14th, there are many hours available to volunteer. You can choose to come help set up the Christmas Program, you can come help a mom or dad shop for their gifts or you can help wrap presents with families. All the sign ups are by Mary's Altar.

## BOOK SHARING GROUPS

If you did not sign up to be in a group, please stop by after Mass to consider one of the 5 books available. Some groups have one or two members so we hope others will join. Thank you!

## Christmas Schedule:

**December 20th & 21st:** Clean up Church and Basement

**December 22nd:** Decorate Church after Mass

**December 24: Christmas Eve--**

5:00PM Mass and Jesus' Birthday Party

**Christmas Day:** Mass at 9:45 AM