

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*December 15th & 16th, 2018\* Detroit,

## PASTOR'S PEN

### *Third Sunday of Advent*



Today we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent with the lighting of the rose candle. We light the more colorful rose candle this week as we rejoice because we know Christ is very near. And Christ is very near. He is as near to us as the people who love us, near to us as the smile of strangers, near to us as the comfort of friends when we're struggling with life, near to us as the innocence and excitement of our children during this season, near to us as the power of love wherever it shows up in our lives. Yes, we could light a rose candle everyday because Christ is always near but as we go through this season of Advent, we focus our attention in finding Christ in the midst of the ordinary events of our lives.

These next weeks will be very busy with last minute shopping, cooking and baking, parties and get togethers and all the things that make up this season. The days will be pretty empty, though, if we forget the reason we do all of this. We celebrate because the Divine wanted to be so close to us that He could tend to our quietest sob, enjoy our laughter, get close enough to see our eyes and to even get close enough to smell his sheep! Yes, God sent Christ to remind us that we are loved forever and no one is beyond redemption. Our God is not a far away God who lives in the heavens somewhere but the God who is near. So let's celebrate this week as we light the rose candle. Let's celebrate all the ways Christ comes to visit us throughout our days. Let's be vigilant, as John the Baptist was, as we watch for Christ and be ready to greet him when he enters our lives. As John the Baptist, we point to one who is so much greater than ourselves but calls us to be his messengers in the world!

### Christmas Schedule (in case you don't read inside the bulletin)

**Christmas Eve: 5pm Children's Mass at Nativity followed by Birthday Party for Jesus**

**8pm Mass: St Charles**

**Christmas Day: 9:45am Mass at Nativity**

**11:30am Mass at St. Charles. There is no 8:15am Mass at St. Charles on**

**Christmas Day**

**New Year's Eve: 5pm Mass at Nativity, 11pm Mass at St. Charles followed by a potluck Supper to welcome in the new year. No Masses on New Years 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:** 12/20: Jeanne Purrenhage & Kathy McDonald  
12/21: Mark Crawford

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE December 21st & 22nd Fourth Sunday of Advent

Next week's Readings:  
(Isaiah 7:10-14,  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24)

#### Lectors:

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

#### Ushers:

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

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

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

#### Ministers of Service:

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Third Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 14, 2019

**4:00** Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)  
Judee Danielak  
(The Kulchy Family)

SUNDAY, December 15, 2019

**9:45** George Scamihorn (Family)  
Matina (Betty) Salens  
(The Duddy Family)

THURSDAY, December 19, 2019

**11:00** James O'Hara (The Dietz Family)

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 21, 2019

**4:00** Kirtis & Rose Thomas (Family)  
Judee Danielak (Friends)

SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

**9:45** Billie Jean Jackson (The Thursday  
Food Pantry Volunteers)  
Joseph Grano (Family)

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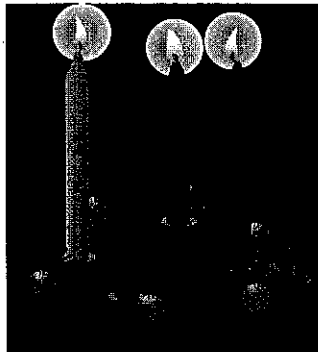
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**OPENING HYMN  
#231**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**



**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, come and save us.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** James 5:7-10

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia ...

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING:** Matthew 11:2-11

**LAMB OF GOD**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day. When hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

**CHORUS:** Dear Savior haste; Come, come to earth, Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for, Whom priest and prophet long foretold, Come break the captive fetters; Redeem the long-lost fold.

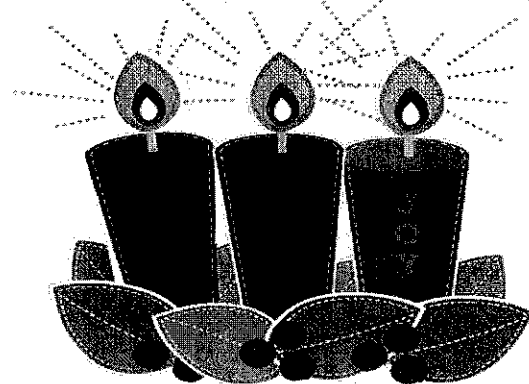
**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**COMMUNION HYMN  
#239**

**BIBLE EXCHANGE**

**CLOSING HYMN  
#240**

*Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent!*



**YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....**

**SUPER RAFFLE**

We have 200 tickets left to sell and the drawings start January 1st. If you want to be in the first drawings, you must have your order in by December 23rd. You may not have your ticket yet, but it will be assigned to you before the first drawing.

**Christmas Schedule:**

**December 15th: Bring Christmas Trees up to Altar.**

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

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

**Tuesday December 24  
(Christmas Eve),**

**5:00 pm Mass at Nativity  
(for both Nativity and St. Charles)**

**8:00 pm Mass at St Charles  
(for both St Charles and Nativity)**

**Wednesday, December 25  
(Christmas Day),**

**9:45 am Mass at Nativity**

**11:30 am Mass at St Charles**

**Regular Mass Schedule Dec. 28th & 29th**

**New Years Eve, Dec.31st.**

**5:00PM Nativity**

**11:00PM St. Charles**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you look around Mary's Altar, you will see all those boxes of food packed. Each box is for a family that will come this week to pick Christmas presents for their children. We need people to help the parent's shop, people to help wrap the gifts, people to help the families to their cars with all their stuff. And people to help do whatever needs to be done. If you could give us a couple hours Monday, - Saturday. Please sign up. We also will be cleaning up church and the basement on Friday & Saturday, there is a sign up for that too.

**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, John Deisinger, 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 & Jean 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