

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*January 11th & 12th, 2020\* Detroit, MI

## PASTOR'S PEN

### *Baptism of the Lord*



I was reminded by a friend at Jean Meathe's funeral that she had received instructions to come into the Catholic faith by a Capuchin at the monastery. My friend said, "It was almost like full circle. The Capuchins welcomed Jean in to the faith at the monastery and the Capuchins prayed her home with the Nativity family" It's like that at Baptism. Christ welcomes us to the waters and promises he will be with us forever and then on our funeral day, we are sprinkled with the waters of our baptism and reminded that the same Christ who met us at the waters will carry us safely home. Our baptism reminds us that we will be loved, unconditionally, for all eternity.

Do you remember Sally Field's words at one of the Awards ceremonies? I don't remember if it was Oscars, Emmys or something else. She exclaimed, somewhat bewildered, as she received her award: "They like me. They really, really like me!" People held on to that line because it resonated with most of us. Isn't that the struggle of our lives? It's hard to believe that we are lovable with all the warts and wounds and bad habits. We spend our lives trying to show the world that we are competent, holy, intelligent, in control, cool, strong, funny, pretty, handsome, kind, generous so that maybe, just maybe, people will find us worthy enough to be loved, or at least, respected a bit. Baptism is the reminder, like Sally Fields realized on that night of the Awards ceremony, that God likes us. God really, really likes us!! It's the reminder to all of us that we are the beloved children of God. Just as Jesus heard his Father say, "this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," so, we, too, hear those words about our own lives. Somehow, in the midst of our mistakes, poor choices, selfishness, imperfections and broken lives, we are still the beloved children of God!

On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, maybe we can remember the words that Jesus shares with us on this special day. Wouldn't it be great if that could be our mantra throughout the whole year? In those moments when we feel like we've failed ourselves or failed our children or grandchildren, maybe we can counteract those negative thoughts with the realization that no matter what, we are still the beloved children of God. Our weaknesses and mistakes, our imperfections and foibles cannot interfere with the truth of our baptism: "You are my beloved and in you I am so well pleased." We have nothing to prove to anyone because we already know who we are by virtue of our baptism. So, go and scream at the top of your lungs that you are the **BELOVED CHILD OF GOD** because **YOU ARE!**

### 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:** 1/12: Jarel Adams, 1/13: Geoff Shahady & Delores Susko

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE January 18th & 19th, 2020 Second Sunday of the Year

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6,  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

#### Lectors:

4:00 J. Urso  
9:45 1. C. Sutton 2. M. E. White

#### Ushers:

4:00 S. May  
9:45 J. & K. Alderman, L. Canty,  
M. Johnston

#### 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 L. Bartnik  
9:45 1. S. Wois 2. D. Wois

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### The Baptism of the Lord

SATURDAY, January 11, 2020

4:00 Dorothy Mudloff (Family)  
Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)

SUNDAY, January 12, 2020

9:45 Anne Purrenhage (Friends)

THURSDAY, January 16, 2020

11:00 For those alone in the world

#### Second Sunday of the Year

SATURDAY, January 18, 2020

4:00 Judee Danielak (Friends)  
Buzz Busacca  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

SUNDAY, January 19, 2020

9:45

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## OPENING HYMN

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Acts 10:34-38

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING:** Matthew 3:13-17

### 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, 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 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, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

## YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

**- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY -**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020**  
Preface: 9:45am / Mass: 10:00am  
CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT  
9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202  
(Reception to follow immediately after mass - Parish, Room B.)

**Celebrant**  
Most Rev. Donald E. Hauck, M.Div.

Presented by the  
Archdiocese of Detroit  
Catholic Ministries Office and  
Black Catholic Affiliates

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Parish Council is scheduled to meet Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish House. All members are asked to attend.

Since this is the Baptism of the Lord that means the official end to the Christmas Season. We will need volunteers to help take down the Christmas decorations after Mass on Sunday.

Please take as many poinsettia plants home with you today as you would like. They all need a new home.

There are still 2020 parish envelopes to pick up. Please stop by the table today and grab yours. And let's make a New Years resolution to use them. It makes it so much easier for record keeping. Or you can chose to donate online, just follow the directions below:

Login to the Nativity online giving website: [giving.parishsoft.com/nativity](http://giving.parishsoft.com/nativity) Follow directions to sign-up: If you have any questions, call Chris McLaughlin.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back  
with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost;  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among all,  
To make music in the heart."