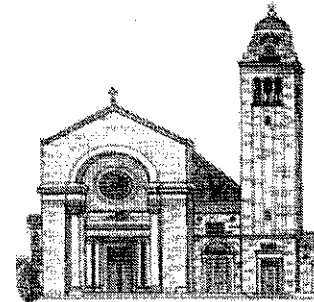


NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *January 18th & 19th, 2020* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here we are in the second half of January and Christmas already seems like a blur. Most of us have put away our Christmas decorations (OK, not all of us) and we continue to move on through 2020. Our New Year's Resolutions may have already been broken and we are back to business as usual and "ordinary time." In the midst of these ordinary days, we are hit with a serious question about our mission in life.

In all three readings there is an assigned mission for each person. In the first reading Isaiah speaks of the servant who is called to be a light to all the nations and Paul, in the second reading, is called to be an apostle of Christ. In the Gospel, John the Baptist had the mission of being the messenger of the Messiah. Last week, we talked about the importance of our own baptism and the call it puts on each of our lives. This week, the readings seem to follow that theme as if to say: "this is what your ancestors have done to bring light into the world in which they lived. What will you bring to the time and place where you have been planted?" What special thing will you bring to the world in this moment?" As we continue to contemplate new year's resolutions, we are asked to, once again, look at our lives and to see what holy work we are being called to this week, this year, and the rest of our lives.

This weekend we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He knew his mission and had the courage to step up for justice, whatever the cost. Here are a few of his words which, in the midst of these days, have great power.

"I am concerned about a better world. I am concerned about justice. I am concerned about brotherhood and sisterhood. And when one is concerned about that, one can never advocate violence...And I say to you, I have decided to stick with love, for I know that love is ultimately the only answer to humankind's problems. And I am going to talk about it everywhere I go. I know it isn't popular to talk about it in some circles today. And I'm not talking about emotional bosh when I talk about love. I am talking about a strong, demanding love. For I have seen too much hate. And I say to myself that hate is too great a burden to bear. I have decided to love. If you are seeking the highest good, I think you can find it through love. And the beautiful thing is that we aren't moving wrong when we do it because John was right: God is Love. Those who hate do not know God, but those who love have the key that unlocks the door to the meaning of the ultimate reality."

Dr. King knew his mission. May we know ours!

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

Please let the Parish staff know if your birthday or anniversary is in January and it wasn't listed.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE January 25th & 26th, 2020 Third Sunday of the Year

Next week's Readings:
Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

Lectors:

4:00 M. Miller
9:45 1. S. 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 M. Miller
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott
3. G. Scamihorn 4. J. Brooks

Ministers of Service:

4:00 A. Clark
9:45 1. C. Estes 2. J. Dupre

MASS INTENTIONS 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 The Sick of the Nativity Family

THURSDAY, January 23, 2020

11:00 Kathy Walsh

Third Sunday of the Year

SATURDAY, January 25, 2020

4:00 Ezra Adams (The Kulchy Family)
Kirtis III & Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, January 26, 2020

9:45 Jean Meathe
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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.

1st READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

2nd READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: John 1:29-34

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 -



Mass
2020

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020
Prelude: 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 P. Hanchin, M.Div.

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

For more information, contact Vickie Figueroa
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Dominican Literacy Center needs volunteer tutors. Help one person move toward employment, GED, high school completion, higher education, vocational training. Help one person read, do math or learn basic computer skills. Give two hours a week. Open M-Th, 8AM-8PM; F-Sat. 9AM-2PM. Call 313.267.1000 or thompson_dlc@yahoo.com. www.dlcliteracy.org. Location: Samaritan Center, 5555 Conner, Suite 1414, Detroit, MI 48213. Orientation monthly, Tutor Training Workshop Saturday, January 25th 8 am to 4 pm.

Super Raffle Tickets

We still have Super Raffle Tickets left. You have only missed three drawings, so you still have about 140 chances to win.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

As announced in Mass a couple of weeks ago, Carole Clemons passed away December 29th. Next Saturday, January 25th we will be having a Memorial Mass for her at 11:00AM. We will be having a luncheon for the family following the Mass. If you can bring a dish, it would be greatly appreciated. The sign up is on the music stand.

Online Giving

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

Commitment Sunday

We will have Commitment Sunday on the weekends of January 24-25 and February 1-2. There are green sheets explaining the help we need, near the entrances by the bulletins. Please take one and think about what commitments you would like to make this year.

A "Send-Off"

Please join us after Sunday Mass on February 2 to wish Mark Crawford & Kentrell Gabriel, Jr. blessings and good wishes as they enter the military.

"Celebrating the Spirit of the Church in the City."

The 12th Annual Urban Spirit Awards will be on February 12th at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church.