



BIRTHDAYS

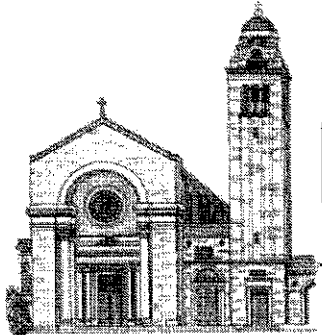


Drew Gulewicz	2-02	Sr. Ellen Burkhardt	2-09	Carmen Patton	2-17
Frank Candela	2-03	Hugh Cairns	2-10	Leila Lynch	2-19
Tiffany Marshall	2-03	Kassidy Hurt	2-10	Sharon Estes	2-21
Thurman Bailey	2-05	Kyle Hurt	2-10	Adrian Gabriel	2-21
Margaret Sebastian	2-06	Helen Randall	2-14	Giuseppina Darolfi	2-22
Pamela Ford	2-06	Michael Mondalek	2-16	Terell Halthon	2-24
Mary Marshall	2-07	Jerry Susko	2-16	Carol Frattini	2-29
Theresa McCoy	2-07	Ewan Dombrowski	2-17		

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Hugh Cairns & Lisa Bartnik	2-13	John & Sharon Estes	2-17
Ray & Mary Miller	2-14		

NATIVITY NEWS



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PASTOR'S PEN

As we begin this month of February and celebrate Black History month, it might do us all well to reflect on some of the African American heroes in the Catholic Church. One such hero was Fr. Augustus Tolton, who is on the road to canonization. (the following taken from US Catholic and written by C. Vanessa White.)

Augustus Tolton was born a slave in 1854 in Brush Creek, Missouri. His father, Peter Paul Tolton, escaped slavery to join the Union army (later dying as a soldier) and in the 1860s, his mother, Martha Tolton, fled with her two sons and an infant daughter, dodging Confederate bullets and traveling at night. The family eventually crossed the Mississippi River in a rowboat and made their way to Quincy in the free state of Illinois. Tolton's family had already been baptized Catholic, while in Missouri, and Martha tried to find a welcoming church community for her children, but for years Augustus endured ridicule and humiliation in Quincy's parishes and schools. The Toltons finally found a welcome at St. Peter Parish in town. At the age of 16, Augustus felt called to the priesthood but he was denied acceptance by every Catholic seminary in the country. Still he did not let that deter him from his call. Indeed, with the help of two Quincy priests and Catholic benefactors, he worked for the next ten years in tobacco factories and other jobs, until he was able to save enough money and travel to Rome to attend a seminary there. For the next 6 years he studied to become a missionary priest with the understanding he would be sent to minister in Africa, but God had other plans. On the night before his ordination in 1886, the Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, summoned Tolton to tell him that he was being sent back to America. The Cardinal said, "America has been called the most enlightened nation, We will see if it deserves that honor." Tolton was assigned to St. Joseph Parish in Quincy, and although he won the hearts of young and old alike, he suffered humiliation, isolation and condemnation from fellow priests who could not accept him. ...When a large number of white Catholics attended his parish, the jealous pastor of the neighboring parish told him he should not allow white people in his church. Tolton responded, "we open the doors to the church. We do not tell them to go out; we tell them to go into the church." Later he was invited to come to Chicago to minister to the emerging Black Catholic community, for whom he developed and built St. Monica Parish. His remaining years there were spent ministering to the poor, caring for the sick and hungry, and working tirelessly to raise funds for the community. Tolton's health suffered as a result of his tireless work, and in 1897, at the age of 43, he died from complications of heatstroke.

We pray that Fr. Augustus will fill us with his courage to be bold disciples even when the cross becomes heavy. He refused to give up or to allow injustice to win. May we have that same conviction and never be content until all God's children have a place at the table.

February 8th & 9th, 2020
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Next week's Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10,
 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy
 9:45 1. M. Johnston 2. T. Novara

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 C. Kulchy
 9:45 1. M. Johnston 2. L. Canty
 3. H. Wimble 4. T. Novara

Ministers of Service:

4:00 1. J. Dupre
 9:45 1. D. Wois 2. S. Wois

MASS INTENTIONS
Presentation of the Lord

SATURDAY, February 1, 2020
 4:00 Rose Jansen
 (The Nativity Family)

SUNDAY, February 2, 2020
 9:45 Michael Burns (Fran Carnaghi)

THURSDAY, February 6, 2020
 11:00AM Clara Allen
 (The Nativity Family)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, February 8, 2020
 4:00 Buzz Busacca
 (The KulchyFamily)

SUNDAY, February 9, 2020
 9:45 Aurie Mitchell
 (Reggie & Pat Gaines)

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.

OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

1st READING: Malachi 3:1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!

2nd READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Luke 2:22-40

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, Cheryl Dandrige, 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.....

The 2020 Father Singer Memorial Scholarship application period has begun. Applications are available for Higher Education, Secondary Parochial, and Primary Parochial students, as was the case last year. Additionally, this year there will be one Outreach Scholarship. Scholarship applications are available in the back of the church and contain additional information on each type of scholarship. Scholarship forms are color coded. Higher Education ones are green, Secondary Parochial are yellow, Primary Parochial pink and Outreach Applications are blue. Higher education application forms are also available on the *Our Work Tab* under the *About Us Section* of the website. Outreach applications and instructions are available on the bottom of the homepage of our website. Additional questions can be directed to Harry Wimble at: email: wimble85@comcast.net or 586-872-2475.

Mardi Gras 2020

Mark your calendar for February 22nd for our Annual Mardi Party. This is an evening you don't want to miss. More details to come in the weeks ahead.

Words cannot amply express my thankfulness to my Nativity family for all the cards, gifts, well wishes and especially prayers I have received over the last few traumatic weeks of my life. Be assured; knowing that you are here for me has helped me through this difficult time. And...I WILL be back soon!

*Love,
Kathy Alderman*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

If your February birthday or anniversary isn't listed in the bulletin. Please let the office know by calling or emailing. We try to keep current on those.

If you would like parish envelopes, please take a parish register form (located on the table by the envelopes) home and fill it out. Just drop in the collection basket and the following week you will have envelopes.

We are getting the 2019 Parish Contribution Statements ready. If you need a printed copy please sign up today, the sheet is on the music stand.

Journey with Jesus Soup Supper

Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM
at Nativity - Please see sign-up sheet in Church. The speakers are Richard Cunningham and John Urso.
All are welcome! Thank you!

"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. The Nativity recipients are: Danny & Shivaun Wois.

The family of Michael Burns would like to thank the Nativity Church family for all the support and love shown to us throughout his illness, death, and funeral over the past 3 weeks. Every prayer, word, card, visit is so appreciated as well as the funeral itself and the luncheon which followed. We felt loved and valued at our time of grief and loss. You are indeed church family and we remain sincerely grateful.

Family of Michael Burns