

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*February 8th & 9th, 2020\* Detroit, MI

## PASTOR'S PEN ON RETREAT



Brother Ray is on retreat this week. As we observe Black History Month, we offer these two saints lives for your prayerful reflection.

### We celebrate the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

St. Josephine Bakhita was born around 1869 in Sudan and was raised in the Islamic faith. She was kidnapped at the age of seven by slave-traders who gave her the name, "Bakhita," which means "lucky one." She was sold to a number of owners until she was purchased at the age of twelve by the Italian Consul, Calisto Legnani. He brought her to Italy and, while serving as a nanny, she was sent to live with the Canossian sisters in Venice. There she was formally introduced to the faith, baptized Giuseppina, and eventually granted her freedom. In 1896 she joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and for some fifty years, she served them as cook, seamstress, and portress of their houses in Venice, Verona and Schio. She was especially beloved by the students at the Sisters' schools for her sweet nature and musical voice. After a long and painful illness, she died in 1947. Pope John Paul II canonized this first Sudanese Saint on October 1, 2000 as a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom.

### St. Martin de Porres

Martin was the son of a freed woman of Panama, probably black, but also possibly of indigenous stock, and a Spanish nobleman of Lima, Peru. His parents never married. Martin inherited the features and dark complexion of his mother, which irked his father, who finally acknowledged his son after eight years. After the birth of a sister, the father abandoned the family. Martin was reared in poverty, locked in low level of Lima's society. When he was 12, Martin's mother apprenticed him to a barber/surgeon. There he learned how to cut hair and draw blood, care for wounds and administer medicines. After a few years in the medical apostolate, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a "helper," not feeling worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer, penance, charity and humility led the community to request him to make full religious profession. His days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor. It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race or status. When his Priory was in debt, he said, "I am a poor mulatto. I am property of the order. Sell me!" Martin is patron of mixed race persons, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers and many others. Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> canonized Martin in 1962. In the midst of so much racism these days, may Martin help us to have compassion for all people.

### 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:** 2-09: Sr. Ellen, 2-10: Hugh Cairns, Kassidy & Kyle Hurt,  
2-14:Helen Randall

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** 2-13: Hugh Cairns & Lisa Bartnik, 2-14: Ray & Mary Miller,

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**February 15th & 16th, 2020**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Next week's Readings:

Sirach 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

#### Lectors:

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

#### Ushers:

4:00 S. May  
9:45 J. 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 A. Clark  
9:45 1. H. Adams 2. C. McLaughlin

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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)

THURSDAY, February 13, 2020

11:00 Richard Jungwirth  
(Therese McGratty)

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, February 15, 2020

4:00 Jean Meathe  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Michael Burns  
(The Kulchy Family)

SUNDAY, February 16, 2020

9:45 Frank & Leon Accavitti  
(Family)

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## OPENING HYMN

### OPENING PRAYER

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unyielding care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Isaiah 58:7-10

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING:** Matthew 5:13-16

### 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, Yvonne Rottach, 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, 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.....

### Super Raffle Tickets

We still have Super Raffle Tickets left. You have only missed six drawings, so you still have about 134 chances to win. So far 4 parishioners have won, pretty good for only six drawings done.

### Father Singer Memorial Scholarship

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](mailto:wimble85@comcast.net) or 586-872-7425.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

This Wednesday, February 12th is the 12th Annual Urban Spirit Awards at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. Danny & Shivaun Wois are the nativity recipients.

### 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.

Dear Nativity Family,  
Thank you so much for your prayers & support during my health challenges. I truly felt "lifted up", & blessed to be part of this prayerful, caring community. God is good, & all is good with me, Kathy (Kathleen) Walsh.