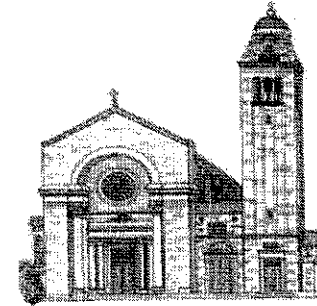


NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *February 22nd & 23rd, 2020* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN

Sr. Thea Bowman



Thea Bowman was born on December 29, 1937 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Her grandfather was born a slave, and she was raised in the Methodist faith. After her family moved to Canton, Mississippi, Bowman was enrolled in Holy Child Jesus school. While there, Bowman was drawn to the Catholic faith and asked her parents if she could convert at age 9. When she turned 15, she moved to La Crosse WI and joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA). She became the first African American member of the order. After attending Viterbo University, she pursued advanced studies at the Catholic University of America. She then spent 16 years teaching at all levels of education. After this career in Education, the bishop of Jackson MS, invited her to be a consultant in his diocese. She accepted the new position and worked for many years breaking down barriers. According to the FSPA's website, "In her role as consultant Sister Thea. gave presentations across the country; lively gatherings that combined singing, gospel preaching, prayer and storytelling. Her programs were directed to break down racial and cultural barriers. She encouraged people to communicate with one another so that they could understand other cultures and races." Thea Bowman made great strides in the United States, helping with the production of the first African-American Catholic hymnal and the foundation of the National Black Sisters conference, supporting African-American religious sisters.

She said once, reflecting on her heritage and Catholic faith, "What does it mean to be black and Catholic?...It means that I bring myself, my black self. All that I am. All that I have. All that I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as a gift to the church."

After struggling with breast cancer, Bowman died on March 30, 1990. She was revered as a holy woman throughout her life and has inspired many since her death.

Ash Wednesday Masses 10:30am (St. Charles) and 7pm at Nativity and Stations, Soup and Jesse Cox's reflections every Friday night starting at Nativity on March 28th at 6pm.

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: 2-22: Giuseppina Darolfi, 2-24: Terell Halthon-Jones, 2-29: Carol Frattini

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 29th & March 1st, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

Next week's Readings:
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. J. Brooks

Ushers:

4:00 S. May
9:45 M. J. Accavitti, J. Deisinger,
R. Duddy, C. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie
3. M. Traub 4. J. Shovlin

Ministers of Service:

4:00 A. Clark
9:45 1. M. Adams 2. C. Scott

MASS INTENTIONS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, February 22, 2020

4:00 Tom Mudloff (Family)

SUNDAY, February 23, 2020

9:45 Michael Burns (Therese McGratty)
Frank DeMaire (Fran Kaucic)

THURSDAY, February 27, 2020

11:00 Meri(Mary) Xhixho
(Therese McGratty)

First Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, February 29, 2020

4:00 Rose & Kirtis III Thomas
(Family)

Carol Frattini

(The Nativity Family)

Jim Northcutt (Gail Northcutt)

SUNDAY, March 1, 2020

9:45 Tom Mudloff (Family)
Trena Biebuyck (Tina Roberts)

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. 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.

1st READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd READING:

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Matthew 5:38-48

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.....

Save the Dates

March 20th weekend: Homeless Shelter Weekend.

Super Raffle Tickets Clearance Sale

We still have Super Raffle Tickets left, and all unsold tickets take away from the profit we make for this fundraiser. You have only missed eight drawings, so if you would like some extra tickets for the reduced price of \$20.00, there are forms available by the doors. Once it is received with payment, you will be in the next drawing.

2020 Census: Accurate Counts = Fair Representation

The 2020 census begins in March. It will determine Michigan's representation in Congress for the next decade—and Michigan is at risk of losing at least one of its fourteen seats. The count also influences how state legislative districts are formed. To ensure the voices of Michiganders are accurately reflected in government decisions, it is critical that the state's population count is as precise as possible. Census numbers affect everyone, from seniors to students, kids and parents, and businesses and communities. Learn more at www.micatholic.org/2020Census.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

February 26th: Mass at 10:30AM at St. Charles and 7:00PM at Nativity.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Nativity will host on February 28, March 6, and March 13.

St. Charles will host on March 20th, 27 and April 3rd.

We begin at 6:00 PM and will follow with a Soup Supper. Jessie Cox : Weekly Speaker after Meal

Sign ups are up for the February 28th.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Friday, February 28, 2020

(12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Location: Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mount Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207
The Solanus Casey Center invites you to our Weekly Bible Study. It will take place every Friday from Noon to 1 PM. The selected passages will come from the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings. Everyone is welcome! Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. You are welcome to bring a lunch. Participants are encouraged to bring their own Bibles. New American Bible (NAB) is preferred.