

NATIVITY NEWS

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PASTOR'S PEN



First Sunday of Lent

Here we are, again! It's that time of year for fasting and abstinence, more prayer in our lives and more generosity in giving to our brothers and sisters in need. We begin the season of Lent and we ask each other, "So what are you giving up this year?" What favorite thing will you do without this season of 40 days? Lent is so much more than giving up stuff. It's a time to take a deeper look at our lives and our connection with God and all our brothers and sisters. Pope Francis, at his Ash Wednesday audience said:


"How often do we do things only to be recognized, to look good, to satisfy our ego? How often do we profess to be Christians, yet in our hearts readily yield to passions that enslave us? How often do we preach one thing and practice another? How often do we make ourselves look good on the outside while nursing grudges within? We need to be cleansed of all the dust that has sullied our hearts."

This season is much more than giving up candy or ice cream or potato chips. It's a journey through the desert of our lives allowing Christ in to the most vulnerable parts of who we are. As Pope Francis says, we may be able to put on a great front but if our hearts are not engaged, the rituals we will go through this season will be quite empty and meaningless. Our prayer, fasting and almsgiving should move us to conversion. If they are just an end in themselves, there will be little fruit. If what we do for Lent is just an obligation that we accomplish, it will not move us to conversion. But if our Lenten practice can become a door that opens us to the needs of the world and our own conversion, then they will have served us well. As I've said before, our fasting should not be a diet program but a means to realize how so many struggle just to have enough food for the day. It should help us realize the many children who go to bed hungry each night. Our almsgiving shouldn't be charity work that makes us feel satisfied with ourselves but it should call us to realize how much we've been given and how little others have through no fault of their own. It should help us look at social structures that keep others poor without enough resources to live on. Our prayer should take us to quiet places where we can allow ourselves to be vulnerable with God as we would with our best friend. Our prayer can make us more honest with ourselves and with others in our life. Yes, it's another season of Lent but this is Lent 2020 and this Lent is one that has never been nor will be again. Let's not allow these 40 days to just pass us by.

BIRTHDAYS

John Deisinger	3-01	Airyana Robinson	3-13	Joshua Adams	3-23
Sr. Barbara Bouchard	3-05	Daniel Adams	3-15	James Turnbull	3-23
Jimmy Duddy	3-05	Edna Boyd	3-15	Gail Urso	3-24
Eric Dombrowski	3-06	Daniel Goeddeke	3-15	Sarah Awan	3-25
Willie Clay	3-07	Dominique Archer	3-18	Judy Dupre	3-26
Mark Miller	3-10	Jessica Awan	3-19	Rosanne Schwartz	3-27
Peggy Gulewicz	3-11	Lisa Miller	3-19	Sr. Beverly Pettke	3-31
Sierra Jones	3-11	Debra Marshall	3-19	Nancy Silveri	3-31
Evelyn Bledsoe	3-13	Brenda Banks	3-23		

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Ruth Duddy 3-21  Danny & Shivaun Wois 3-25

March 7th & 8th, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Next week's Readings: (Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9)

Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy
9:45 1. C. Sutton 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. Johnson 2. I. Canty
3. H. Wimble 4. T. Novara

Ministers of Service:

4:00 1. H. Adams & M. Adams
9:45 1. L. Bartnik 2. S. Estes

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

THURSDAY, March 5, 2020

11:00

Second Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 7, 2020

4:00 Butch Liss (Family)
Buzz & Fran Busacca, Marty Carnaghi,
Louis Lamberti & Chuck Spezia (Family)

SUNDAY, March 8, 2020

9:45 Victoria Haggins (Sr. Marcia)
Wiley Adams & Shirley Scott (Families)

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

God our Creator, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection, and teach us to reflect it in our lives. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd READING: Romans 5:12-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honor to you Jesus Christ. Glory to your name.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

We will hear Your Word one in love.
We will live Your Word one in love.
We will spread Your Word one in love.

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-22nd: Homeless Shelter Weekend.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY'S DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross
(written by parishioners of Nativity and St. Charles)

Light Meal of Soup

Jessie Cox : Weekly Speaker after Meal
We will begin with the Stations at 6:00PM.

March 6th & 13th

at Nativity

March 20th, 27th, and April 3rd

at St. Charles.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Friday, March 6, 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

If you have a March Birthday or Anniversary and it is not in the bulletin today, please contact the parish office.

SATURDAY, March 7

Several weeks ago, Charlie Tazzia from St. Charles talked at the weekend Masses about an organization called "Strangers No Longer" which focuses on the issues immigrants face in our country and how we can be helpful. Last month, 20+ people from Nativity and St. Charles met here and learned more about the organization and the issues. Everyone is invited to a 2nd meeting which will be held here on Saturday, March 7th at 2:30. Please consider attending.

Unleash the Gospel LENTEN FAMILY PRAYER CHALLENGE

Text LENT20 to 84576 to sign up for the texts and emails or visit the website page below for the prayers and instructions.

<https://www.52sundays.com/lenten-prayer-challenge>

ON YOUR MARK

Get Set, Go--Vote! March 10, 2020 via Absentee Ballot or at the polls--just do it! Besides the Presidential Primary, many cities have important millages on the ballot.