

NATIVITY NEWS



5900 McClellan *May 31st, 2020* Detroit, MI 48213

Pastor's Pen

To those who have come to our first public Masses today, **“Welcome Back.”** Please know how good it is to see everyone. I have missed all of you. To those who are watching from bed, we miss you but are very glad you are being cautious and safe. As some of us return from being in our “upper rooms” for the last eleven weeks, we come to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Just as the Spirit blew through that upper room and moved the disciples to go out to the people, so the Spirit comes to us today to renew us, enflame us with passion for the gospel and give us the gifts to be bold disciples in the world.

These last three months have been a time we have never seen before. I don't ever remember the church closing for any reason in my lifetime. There were heavy snows and power outages, but we kept the doors open and those who could venture out made it to Mass. During this Pandemic, we have been quarantined and homeschooling and working from home. Our routines have been displaced with new ways of going through our days. For some, it has been a welcome relief from the busyness of life while for others it has been sheer torture and loneliness. Wherever this Pandemic has taken us, the Spirit has been accompanying us on this journey. For some, these last months have seen loved ones ravaged by this disease and taken from them. It was there that the Spirit was the Comforter. It was that Spirit that inspired friends and neighbors, and maybe people you didn't even know, to rally around you with compassion and let you know you were not alone. For some who have had to be full time work at home employee, mom or dad and teacher, the days may have been filled with weariness and lack of patience. It was there that the Spirit gave you perseverance and allowed yourself to see the comical moments and be able to laugh with your children and spouse! For some, the Spirit has been there to give you the patience and gift of understanding to listen to a friend or relative who is afraid. For some, the Spirit has given you the ability to reverence the day. Maybe, as you have had a break from your daily routine, the Spirit has revealed the Divine in the beauty of a sunset or the stars shining brightly on a cloudless night. Whatever you've experienced these last months should not just be yours, they are to be shared. What have you learned as the Spirit blew through your life in these last months? What life lessons have you learned? Generations after us will be talking about the COVID 19 Pandemic. I would hope we would have more to say than how to quarantine. The Spirit is teaching us these days. What have we learned? I hope in the weeks to come we can learn from each other how the Spirit has blown through our lives during this sacred moment. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!

Happy Birthday to those born in June!

Russell Stambaugh	6-01	Gary Colett	6-12	Julian Sergent	6-21
Mickey Dietz	6-04	L. J. Kendricks	6-12	Christine Adams	6-22
Mary Miller	6-04	Tom Davis	6-13	Kyle Hurt	6-22
Marty Gulewicz	6-05	Virginia Ferrante	6-13	Kim Milligan	6-22
Eric Bezel	6-06	Edward Banks	6-15	Jeffrey Woodfork	6-22
Mary Traub	6-06	Kori Gabriel	6-16	Joni Scott	6-23
Ric Bezel	6-09	Clarence Lewis	6-17	Ray Miller	6-25
Mesha Adams	6-10	Evan Crowe	6-17	Sr. Elaine Hartnett	6-27
Judy Brooks	6-10	Keith Crowe	6-19	Patrick Elmore	6-29
Bill Brooks	6-11	David McIntyre	6-20	Deborah Morrison	6-29

And Happy Anniversaries!

6-12: Harry & Pat Wimble 6-16: Mark & Lisa Miller 6-17: Ken & Gloria Stamper
6-18: Russell & Denise Stambaugh 6-23: Kyle & Charisse Hurt

We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Patrick Jansen, 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, 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, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, Kathy Walsh's sister, Marianne, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

MASS INTENTIONS PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, May 31, 2020

9:30 Mae Johnston (Family)
Mr. & Mrs. Al Mudloff (Family)
Carl Williams (Family & Friends)

TRINITY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, June 7, 2020

9:45 Mert & Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)
Patty Godin & Tom McLaughlin
(Nancy Silvderi & Tony Novara)

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