

# NATIVITY NEWS

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## PASTOR'S PEN



For those of you who are as ancient as I am, the feast day we celebrate today was called Corpus Christi (*latin* for the Body of Christ). It was certainly a celebration of the real presence of Christ in

the Eucharist and there were (and still are) processions with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of cities and towns. It was a wonderful moment to celebrate the power of the Eucharist in people's lives. As a child, most people during pre-Vatican II times saw the Eucharist contained in the tabernacle and in the monstrance. There was a divide between the sacred and the secular. The sacred was in church and in our private devotions and the secular was everything else. With Vatican II, we were given a new perspective. Yes, Christ is truly present in the sacramental bread and wine we receive each Sunday, but he is also present in the Word (Scripture) and in the Assembly (all the people gathered for Mass) and in all our brothers and sisters. In other words, the Eucharist we receive helps us to be the Body of Christ in the world. It gives us eyes to see him not only at Mass but in the struggles of our brothers and sisters, in the joy of our children, in the moments of forgiveness we share with one another, in the times we stand up for justice and in all of our relationships with the world. The deeper we enter into the mystery of this great love, the more we will be able to be and care for that Body of Christ in our world. What does the Body of Christ look like? The Body of Christ has many faces: the child who is poor and goes to bed hungry, the mother running from life-threatening situations and is at our border, the protestors who refuse to stop until justice comes, those who are trafficked for sex, the people who are part of the LGBTQ community, the COVID patients on ventilators this day, the families who were not able to be with their dying relatives, those unjustly condemned to prison, and in all those people who are suffering and those who stand with them. I don't believe Christ can be truly present in places that discriminate, in those people who divide rather than unite, in the bullies who prey on the most vulnerable in our society, in the racists who see their way as the only way, in the apathetic who are silent when others are suffering.

This feast day calls us to celebrate the Eucharist in all its forms. When we receive communion, either at Church or spiritually at home, the most important part is that we receive with an open heart allowing Christ to move us to new heights of compassion, kinship with all people, kindness in our daily meetings and hearts willing to go through conversion. As we go through these difficult days, we need the power of the Eucharist so that we might feed the world with our sense of justice, our compassion for the most vulnerable and our acceptance and love for all our brothers and sisters.

## 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:** 6-15: Edward Banks 6-16: Kori Gabriel

6-17: Evan Crowe & Clarence Lewis, 6-19: Keith Crowe

6-20: Robert Patrick & David McIntyre

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** 6-16: Mark & Lisa Miller 6-17: Ken & Gloria Stamper

## 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, 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

### THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**SUNDAY, June 14, 2020**

Mert Kroetsch (Family)  
Deceased residents of the  
Kundig Center  
(Family & Friends)

### THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**SUNDAY, June 21, 2020**

The Crowe Family (Friends)  
Alfred Pelham & Joseph Carnaghi  
(Family)  
The Men of Nativity

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