

NATIVITY NEWS

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PASTOR'S PEN



Although, the church calendar tells us we are in ordinary time, these days seem anything but ordinary. We know the term “social distancing” very well, but someone said this week that we are not socially distant but physically distant. We are separated by physical distance, but are held together by a common bond that no miles can break. The hope is that as we make it through this pandemic, we will realize our own vulnerability and the need we have for one another. Ordinary time last year was ordinary and there was little to say that had not been said. This year, through the pandemic and the marches, God is calling us to look beyond the suffering to a new way of living. None of us are invincible and we’ve seen that as some we’ve loved have died from the Coronavirus. They call us from their place in Paradise and shake us to our core reminding us that our lives are precious and no one can be taken for granted. In Biblical times, when faced with a plague or a disaster of some kind, people saw it as the wrath of God and went through conversion. While I don’t see the pandemic as a punishment from God, I do see the grace that calls us to conversion. This conversion calls us to never take our lives for granted and to create a world where all people are respected by virtue of their humanity. What if our world could be more just, less judgmental, more compassionate and less greedy? What if everyone had a fair chance to thrive in this world where education, health care, proper housing and living wages were a given for all? That would truly be a change from a world that favors some and disregards others. We have, in our power and in our resources, the ability to create this world, but the question is “do we have the will?” Let’s create something beautiful in our generation. It’s time to do something great.

We celebrate our Fathers and all those who have been like fathers to us. We are very grateful for their love and support, their goodness and hard work to care for us. If some have had fathers who were not outstanding, may they realize that their fathers did what they could as they struggled with their own broken humanity. For fathers who have lost children, our hearts go out to you on this day. May God bring healing and life to those for whom this day is difficult. We love you, Fathers!

Lastly, but certainly not least, we welcome *Vivienne Rose Lord* to the waters of baptism today, She is the daughter of Julia and Jeff Lord and sister of David. Vivienne, we are so grateful you have come to this community of faith. As your parents will tell you, this parish is a bit quirky but there is deep faith here. May you find Christ in the midst of those who will pray with you in your need, stand with you when life gets tough and celebrate you in all your goodness. Welcome, Vivienne!

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: 6-21: Juliana Sergent,
6-22: Christine Adams, Kyle Hurt, Kim Milligan & Jeffrey Woodfork, 6-23: Joni Scott,
6-25: Ray Miller, 6-27: Sr. Elaine Hartnett
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 6-18: Russell & Denise Staumbaugh, 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, 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 TWELFTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, June 21, 2020
The Crowe Family (Friends)
Alfred Pelham & Joseph Carnaghi
(Family)
The Men of Nativity

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
SUNDAY, June 28, 2020
Kirtis III & Rose Thomas (Family)
Kathleen Girardot
(Family & Friends)
Judee Danielak
(Family & Friends)

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