

NATIVITY NEWS

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PASTOR'S PEN



On this Independence Day weekend as we celebrate with different types of get togethers, we pause to remember the power of this holiday. In the midst of a pandemic and massive protests for racial equality, I am thinking of the Declaration of Independence:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident,
That all (men) are created equal,
that they're endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights,
that among these are the right to life, liberty,
and the pursuit of happiness.*

As we go through this year, these lines haunt me as I hear them anew with all of the struggles of 2020. When a nation is endowed by its Creator with certain inalienable rights, what does it look like? Is it partial to some and not others? Does it care about the common good? Does it believe in the inalienable rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?" I think if we truly believe what we pledge in our allegiance to the flag as "one nation under God," then we must ask those who are struggling the most in our country if they think we are one nation under God. Do they feel that they have liberty to pursue greatness in their life? Do they feel they live under a just system that treats all people fairly? Do they feel their right to life (adequate health care), liberty (not being harassed or profiled), and the pursuit of happiness is equal to all others in our society? I think some, who have so much, are content with their own happiness and don't stop to make sure all can pursue happiness. It's one thing to survive from paycheck to paycheck with nothing left over and it's another thing to have money put away for a special meal, a week's vacation somewhere, a nice gift for a loved one, a house that you own and are proud of, a car that doesn't break down each week, and all the extra things that bring joy and satisfaction to life. The latter is the right to pursue happiness. On this Independence weekend, we are challenged by the Gospel to protect the rights of all our brothers and sisters. Wouldn't it be a grand world if we could see all people thrive and experience greatness in their lives? Happy 4th of July!!

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: 7-06: Maliyah Elmore, 7-09: Kim Schmitt, 7-10: John Estes, 7-11: Tiana Kennedy

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, 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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, July 5, 2020

9:30 Greg & Mary Ellen McCaffrey
50th Wedding Anniversary
(Friends of Nativity)

Clarice Silveri

(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Tom Zarro (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, July 12, 2020

9:30 Marty Carnaghi
(Frances Carnaghi)

Katie Estes

(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Edna Boyd (Mary Jane Accavitti)

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