

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *July 12, 2020* Detroit, MI 48213

PASTOR'S PEN

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The readings this week have to do with sowing the seed and allowing God to do the rest. It reminds me of this writing which had been attributed to Oscar Romero but later attributed to Marianne Williamson. It is a good reminder that all we can do is sow the seeds and then surrender to God's greater vision for the world.

It helps now and then, to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds, already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We produce yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the Master Builder and the worker.

We are workers, not Master Builders. Ministers not messiahs, we are prophets of a future not our own. Amen

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: 7-12: Stanley Grouse, 7-14: Christopher Banks,
7-15: Tamara Ragland, 7-16: Ed Brenner, 7-17: Gala Sims

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 7:15: Kim & Paul Schmitt

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, July 12, 2020

9:30 Marty Carnaghi
(Frances Carnaghi)
Katie Estes

(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Edna Boyd (Mary Jane Accavitti)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, July 19, 2020

9:30 Deceased Family Members of
the Kresmery, Johnston and Mudloff
Families (Family)

Cindy Santilli
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Darius May (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

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