

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*July 19, 2020\* Detroit, MI 48213

## PASTOR'S PEN

### *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In the midst of these hard times and very, hot days, it's good, once in a while, to sit back, sip a cool drink and remember the wonder of God's love even in the difficult days. We had two weddings at St. Charles in the last three weeks. I suspect these couples will be telling their children that they were married during a pandemic when everyone had to wear a mask and be, at least, 6 feet apart from each other, and all the things that make up these days. Both couples had the same idea of how their weddings were going to be. Both expected many more guests and a lively reception with food, dancing, and lots of fun. It didn't quite work out that way and both have decided that being married was more important than a large wedding. I have been impressed by how well they adapted to this "new normal." They were able to separate the frivolous part of the wedding details from the joy of just being in love with their partner and getting excited about how their new lives will be. One said, "we will be able to concentrate more on the spiritual part of the marriage rather than all the details which we would have forgotten by next year, anyway." In the midst of the pandemic and the cry for equality for all people, these 4 people stand in the midst of fear, anxiety, anger, grief and, at times, a deep sadness for our world, and shout out that love conquers hate, that goodness prevails over selfishness and greed, that laying down one's life for a friend is the ultimate love and that there is an innate goodness in each of us that needs to be discovered and given back to the world.

The other moment that happened this week was on Friday. While getting things ready for the rehearsal, I opened the front doors of the church to try and get that small breeze in to bring the temperature down to 86 in the church! As I was moving some chairs, I heard a "hello" and saw our neighbor, Matt, with Belle, one of his twin girls. Belle had awoken from her nap and was a bit testy, so Matt decided to take a walk and came into the opened church. Belle was mesmerized by the fans and the lights and Matt just held her so gently and lovingly. He was the strong, tender father and it was inspiring to see. Again, these girls are spending their first year of life in the midst of an epidemic that we haven't seen in 100 years, but they are safe in their mother's and father's arms. And maybe that's our call on these hot, unpredictable and, often, scary days. We are called to love more deeply, be a comfort to those who are afraid, strength for those who are weak and hope for those who feel overwhelmed by life. Go spread some light and goodness this week! Be about kindness, joy, and goodness. Be Christ!!

### 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*

### THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** 7-19: Kathy Alderman, Gloria Austin, Pieta Faulkner,  
7-22: Ben Flores, 7-24: Michele Bezel & Br. Ray Stadmeyer, 7-25: Wendy Bryant

### 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

#### 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)

#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY SUNDAY, July 26, 2020

**9:30** Kirtis III & Rose Thomas  
(Family)

Paul Burkhardt  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Darius May  
(Mary Jane Accavitti)

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