

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *July 26, 2020* Detroit, MI 48213

PASTOR'S PEN

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people
and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?”*



When Solomon is asked to name one thing he wanted and God would give to him, Solomon chooses an understanding heart. If God came and asked me to name one thing I wanted and He would give it to me, I'm not sure I would be as pure as Solomon. No, I'm absolutely sure I wouldn't be as pure as Solomon. An understanding heart would probably not be first on the list if it made the list at all. I think it was Steve Martin on Saturday Night Live who would go through his litany of wishes at Christmastime. It went something like this: He would start out with the noble wish of peace throughout the whole world and then he would decide that it was more important that all people be fed and then he changed to all people be fed and I receive a gift card to the finest restaurant in the world. He would then decide that he wanted a brand new Mercedes and then the Restaurant and then the feeding of all children and then, of course, peace in the world. Saturday Night Live was reminding us that although we have noble values, our humanity is often quite greedy and self-centered.

So, if you were in Solomon's position and you were given one wish from God, what would it be? Would it be peace in the world? Would it be health for yourself or a family member? Would it be a healthcare system where all people are cared for well? Would it be an end to racism or all the other "isms" we struggle with? Would it be an end to violence of all kinds? Would it be a wish that all the children of the world are cared for and nurtured? Would it be financial security for yourself and your family? Or would it be a bit baser? Would it be that oceanfront villa or the cabin up north? Would it be the car you've always wanted? Would you waste the wish on something which, in the grand scheme of things, seems pretty trivial? Most of us would say, "of course not!" but we often spend our lives going after things that are pretty trivial. Maybe we should all pray for the wisdom of Solomon to know what is most important in our lives!

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: 7-26: Aimee Sergent, 7-28: Wilma Wilmer,
7-30: Lousie McKenzie & Christopher Scott Jr.

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, Rose & Tom Sheehy, 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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, July 26, 2020

9:30 Kirtis III & Rose Thomas

(Family)

Paul Burkhardt

(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Darius May

(Mary Jane Accavitti)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, August 2, 2020

9:30 Sid Johnston

(Family)

Tom Scamihorn

(Family)

Leila Lynch

(Mary Jane Accavitti)

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