

### 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: 8-9:** Anita Reddick, **8-13:** Vanden Dombrowski, **8-14:** Pat Wimble, **8-15:** Rashid Buford  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 8-12:** Bill & Judy Brooks

### We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Marianne Boe (sister of Kathy Walsh), Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Bill Dietz, 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, Deborah Marshall, 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

#### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY SUNDAY, August 9, 2020**

**9:30** Francesco Samoya  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Jean Meathe  
(Therese McGratty)  
Tom Zarro (Sr. Jolene)  
Marty Carnaghi (Frances Carnaghi)

#### **TWENTIETH SUNDAY SUNDAY, August 16, 2020**

**9:30** Darius May  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Patty Godin & Tom McLaughlin  
(Jim & Cookie Kulchy)  
Sr. Barbara Johns, IHM  
(Frances Carnaghi)

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# NATIVITY NEWS

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## PASTOR'S PEN

### *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



It is with great joy that we welcome twin sisters to the waters of baptism this weekend. They will be baptized in a private service on Saturday due to the coronavirus threats. They are:

***Violet Grace Mergener***  
***Belle Rose Mergener***

Violet and Belle are our next door neighbors at the rectory and so we know them well. They are children of Matt and Karen and are full of life! We are so grateful that they will be part of the life of St. Charles and part of the greater Catholic church. We need their joy, goodness, excitement, and innocence to renew our own hearts. May Belle and Violet find in the community of St. Charles and all the other faith communities the face of God. Welcome, Belle and Violet. We are so glad you're here!!

This is the third baptism in two weeks!! It really is a wonderful thing during this time of fear and uncertainty to see couples opt to get married even when the celebrations are scaled down drastically. It's with that same faith and strength that families are bringing their children to the waters of baptism without big Christening parties and all the fanfare that often make up baptisms. While I'm all for celebrations, these days remind us of what is most important. It is the power of our love and the strength of our faith which are the things that truly matter. If we have those two gifts, we can do anything in spite of the hard things life may bring us. Those are the gifts we pass on to our children. Those are the qualities we vow to our spouses in the wedding ceremony.

None of us could have predicted life would be like this in August, 2020. If someone had said we would be wearing masks and keeping six feet apart from each other, we would have laughed it off. The bottom line is that none of us know what tomorrow will bring but we do know that Christ gives us the strength to be a loving and faithful people. When we allow the power of that love and faith to guide us through our lives, we will certainly find God and live in the promise that there is always hope. As we baptize Belle and Violet this weekend, we offer them, and all those baptized in Christ, the faith that gets through the storms and our deep love that surrounds them now and always. Violet and Belle, do great things with your life and always remember that you are part of a story of love: the love of God that created you, redeemed you and lives in your hearts now and forever!