



### BIRTHDAYS



Liam Dombrowski 9-03  
 Linda Cunningham 9-06  
 Ruth Duddy 9-06  
 Barbara Gabriel 9-06  
 Karl Schwartz 9-06  
 Dick Couture 9-07  
 Zettie Kelly 9-07  
 Evan Kent 9-07  
 Robert Dege 9-09  
 Sara Bezel 9-11  
 Cheryl Dandridge 9-11

Bob Dandridge 9-12  
 Joyce Shahady 9-12  
 Malcolm McIntyre 9-13  
 Bert McAlister 9-14  
 Anne Crowe 9-15  
 Renee Heimes 9-15  
 Marty Gulewicz 9-16  
 Mia Halthon 9-19  
 Sharon Bezel 9-21  
 Emile Wheeler 9-21  
 Michael McIntyre 9-23

Jarel Adams Jr. 9-24  
 Jerry Alderman 9-24  
 Owen Johnston 9-24  
 Mike Peralta 9-27  
 Tom McGovern 9-28  
 Peter Iwu 9-29  
 Roslyn King 9-29  
 Andrea Milligan 9-29  
 Lenore Mondalek 9-29  
 Cookie Kulchy 9-30

### AND ANNIVERSARIES



Barbara & Adrian Gabriel

9-30



# NATIVITY NEWS



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## PASTOR'S PEN

### *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

A Parishioner gave me the book *Across That Bridge* by John Lewis. In his introduction he speaks of the most important lessons he has learned in his years in the Civil Rights movement. It seems appropriate at this moment as we celebrate the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the March on Washington and we see the demonstrations throughout the country crying out for a system of justice which is fair for all people. Lewis says:

“The most important lesson I have learned in the fifty years I have spent working toward the building of a better world is that the true work of social transformation starts from within. It begins inside your own heart and mind, because the battleground of human transformation is really, more than any other thing, the struggle within the human consciousness to believe and accept what is true. Thus to truly revolutionize our society, we must first revolutionize ourselves. We must be the change we seek if we are to effectively demand transformation from others. It is clear that the pot is being stirred and people are beginning to breathe in the essence of change that will lead the soul to act. Who will emerge at the forefront of the struggle in the twenty-first century? Perhaps it will be you.”

One of the greatest nonviolent weapons we have is our vote. Our first call is to make sure we are well informed which means that we don't always listen to the same station but get viewpoints from other stations as well (maybe listen to the BBC for more objective news). Our second call is to pray and ask the Spirit for wisdom. We should be looking at the candidates in terms of how they will have a preference for those who are poor. “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was naked and you clothed me; ill and you cared for me; a stranger and you welcomed me. Whatever you did to those who society called the “least,” you did for me.” That has got to be our litmus test. Will those who are poor have a better chance with the candidate we choose? Will all people have a place at the table if our candidate is chosen? Will our candidate use their power to lift up those who have been beaten down by life? Will the earth be revered by our candidate? No candidate is perfect, and most will promise us the world. We will not agree with either candidate on all the issues, but we have to decide which candidate may be able to bring some equity to our world. This is a sacred moment and generations after us will have to live with our decisions. May we all pray for the wisdom and compassion to choose well. It begins with each of us.

**We pray for God's healing for:**  
 Mary Jane Accavitti, 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**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**SUNDAY, August 30, 2020**  
 9:30 Glennis Deisinger (Family)  
 Tom Zarro  
 (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
 Joan Nessehauf  
 (Therese McGratty)  
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**SUNDAY, September 6, 2020**  
 9:30 Tom Zarro (Mary Jane Accavitti)  
 Doris Pelham (Fran Carnaghi)  
 Darius May (Therese McGratty)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**8-30:** Tyrone Kelly, Denise Reddick, Maya Thompson, 9-03: Liam Dombrowski  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
**8-31:** Bob & Louise McKenzie

### 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.*