

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*September 6, 2020\* Detroit, MI 48213

## PASTOR'S PEN



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

Well, here we are on Labor Day weekend saying good-bye to a summer that was most unusual. These last six months have been a blur in some ways. As we were locked down, we have realized all the work that should be done on our homes and some of us, who are more ambitious, have taken on all kinds of projects. For many of us, the thought of those projects has catapulted us onto our couches to watch endless Netflix, Prime, Hulu and all the many escapes that have helped us catch up on all the series that didn't seem so important before the Pandemic! Anyway, whatever we've done, we have made it to Labor Day and for that there is reason to celebrate.

On this weekend, we celebrate the dignity of labor and the importance of the work that each of us is called to do. In these last six months, we have heard the term, "essential workers" used to designate those people whose jobs were essential in the midst of the Pandemic. We saw as "essential" those in the medical field (doctors, nurses, nursing assistants all hospital personnel) EMTs and firefighters, Nursing Home personnel, Funeral Directors, grocery store workers and meat packing factory workers, sanitation workers and public transportation drivers, delivery drivers and all the other behind the scene positions that were essential to keep us safe.. It was the work of all those people who put their health and lives on the line so others may be safe. Although we see medical professionals as being very essential and they certainly were and continue to be, we finally have lifted up the simple, low paying grocery workers and meat packing plant workers who could not opt out of work because they couldn't afford to stay home. So many of us were given options to work at home and find ways to protect ourselves and our families but there is a whole other segment of our population that didn't have that luxury.

On this Labor Day, we remember that all workers are "essential." We remember the essential workers fighting COVID-19 on frontlines of hospitals but we also remember the essential workers who are tutoring their children with zoom lessons or the son or daughter who is taking care of an ailing parent or those trying to reassure family member that all will be well through window visits in nursing homes where the comforting hug from those we love is not possible anymore. Yes, we are all "essential" workers in the grand scheme of things. We all have tasks to take on that only we can do. May we take on the importance of our day to day routines with as much passion and enthusiasm as we can muster in these difficult days. Let's remember how essential we all are to one another during this moment!

### 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: 9-06:** Linda Cunningham, Karl Schwartz, Ruth Duddy, Barbara Gabriel,  
**9-07:** Dick Couture, Zettie Kelly & Evan Kent **9-09:** Rob Dege  
**9-11:** Sara Bezel & Cheryl Dandridge  
**9-12:** Bob Dandridge, and Joyce Shahady

### 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 Wimple, Nikki Zapinski, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

**9:30** Tom Zarro  
(Mary Jane Accavitti)

Darius May  
(Therese McGratty)

Doris Pelham (Fran Carnaghi)

#### **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

**9:30** Lisa Sacino &  
Marissa Marroco-White  
(Vicky Ruhf)

Patty Godin & Tom McLaughlin  
(Therese McGratty)

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