

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *September 20, 2020* Detroit, MI 48213

PASTOR'S PEN



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On this beautiful Sunday morning, we celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Reniah Fielder. Reniah is the daughter of Lorenzo Byrd and LaShonda Fielder. Her sponsor is her sister, Mia Fielder. Although Reniah and her family are members of St. Augustine/Monica, Reniah joined our Confirmation group with Nativity and St. Charles. Reniah ended up being the sole Confirmandi in the group. We are so very grateful to share this sacrament with you, Reniah. May the Holy Spirit be your guide when you need wisdom to make good decisions, comfort in the hardest of days, strength when you feel weak and courage when you must stand up for what is right. We are blessed to have you with us, Reniah. May the Spirit continue to blow through your life giving you courage, strength and passion for the Gospel!

Our second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians closes with Paul's exhortation to the people of Philippi and to us: "Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ." Are our lives worthy of the gospel of Christ? Our judges will be those who are the "favorites of God." The judges are those who are poor, hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, despised, and looked down upon by society. Will these "favorites of God" see in us a brother or sister rather than a judge? Will the immigrants experience us as a compassionate presence to them as they ran to us for safety after horrendous conditions in their own country? Will the hungry remind the Lord that we not only gave them surplus food but that we shared our own bread with them? Will those who have little clothing remind the Lord of how we gave away our second coat because we saw their need? Will those who have been prisoners of all types sing out our praises for sitting with them in their incarceration? Will addicts remind Christ that we stood in their corner even when they couldn't believe in themselves? Will people be able to see in us a generous spirit for others even when it's inconvenient? Will others see in us a community who stands up for injustice and becomes the voice for the voiceless? Will our neighbors realize that we have something deeper than just a superficial religion? To be worthy of the gospel of Christ will take all that we have and all that we are. Are we up for that type of challenge? If we allow the gospel of Christ to take us into difficult situations, we will know a joy that is beyond what we have ever experienced. Let's say yes to the Gospel!

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: 9-21: Sharon Bezel, Emile Wheeler, **9-23:** Michael McIntyre, **9-24:** Jarel Adams, Jr., Jerry Alderman. Owen Johnston, **9-27:** Mike Peralta,

We pray for God's healing for:

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, 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, Kathy Walsh's sister, Marianne, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

9:30 Dorothy Kroetsch
(Family)
Kirtis III & Rose Thomas
(Family)
RoseMary & Joe Oldani
(Mary Jane Accavitti)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

9:30 Fr. Jerome Singer
(The Kulchy Family)
Edna Boyd
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara
Sheila Gibbs
(Therese McGratty)
Joyce Berns (The Vantiems
and the St. Paul's Antiques RoadShow)

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