

NATIVITY NEWS



5900 McClellan *September 27, 2020* Detroit, MI 48213

PASTOR'S PEN

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul's letter to the Philippians today encourages us to take the high road even if others are not at their best:

“Brothers and Sisters: if there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for their own interests, but also for those of others.”

We are in troubling times these days with divisions of all kinds. We hear of violence each day, injustices in our legal system to persons of color, political divisiveness, and just plain mean spiritedness towards one another. With the death of Ruth Bader Ginsberg last week, I was thinking of how offensive it must have been to her family when within hours of the reports of her death, all the political camps were making statements as to who and when a replacement would be filled on the Supreme Court. Some were in favor of the quick replacement and others ready to fight. It saddened me to realize we could not wait until after her funeral to talk of such things. Then I heard about her relationship with Antonin Scalia. Scalia was the polar opposite of Bader Ginsberg, yet they were friends who respected each other and could put their differences aside and enjoy each other's company and goodness. They were able to disagree on the interpretations of the law without disrespecting each other. It's that respect and ability to see beyond our differences to the wonder of the other that I hope for all of us. We have been through (and continue to go through) the COVID 19 pandemic. That should be enough to remind us that each of our lives are precious and honorable and good. As Paul reminds us, it's not about us but about the other person. Let's try to be kinder this week and continue to remember the common goodness that unites us.

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: 9-27: Mike Peralta, **9-28:** Tom McGovern, **9-29:** Peter Iwu, Roz King, Andrea Milligan, Lenore Mondalek, **9-30:** Cookie Kulchy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 9-30 Barbara and Adrian Gabriel

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, Karen Foy, 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, John Stuart, 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, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

MASS INTENTIONS

**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)

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020**

9:30 Sr. Jolene VanHandel
(The Nativity Family)

Margaret Sebastian
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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