

NATIVITY NEWS

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PASTOR'S PEN



This week we have seen our Governor as a target in a kidnapping attempt. It sounds like an action/ suspense thriller! Who could have believed all of this? Some white supremacists have decided that the mandates and executive orders Governor Whitmer had enacted were infringing on their rights. Wow...in the midst of the pandemic, face coverings and closing down in order to keep people safe is tyrannical. What are the real issues? It's usually about fear. Fear of change or losing power can move people to violence and see others as the enemy. In the midst of the Black Lives Matter movement and other calls for equal justice before the law and the possibility of a woman of color in the second position in our government has brought out many fears. People can see that the world is changing and they become fearful that they may not be able to hold on to the power they once had. As their name implies, white supremacists are claiming that the supremacy of the white race is crucial and all other races and peoples are inferior. Although we may have great disdain for white supremacists, they call me (and us) to look at our own implied biases.

These are my questions and they may not be yours, so please take no offense. As a white man, do I feel the same way when I see a group of white youths coming toward me as I do of a group of black youths? Do I wonder when I see a person of color in a position of power how they have achieved that position? Would I think that way with a white person in a position of power? What do I think when I see a person of color in an expensive car or an expensive suit or living in a prestigious community? Do I wonder how they attained that wealth? Would I even think about that if it were a white person? I can hear some saying, "here he goes again!" but I ask these questions because if I'm honest with myself, I have to admit that some of these questions are just below my surface. They are so deep within my psyche that they are there even before I have time to think about what they imply. They call me to continue to look at my own worldview and how I see the other person who may look a bit different from me. Most of these issues have laid dormant for many years and now we have seen Charlottesville, Mother Emmanuel Baptist Church, and now the white supremacists wanting to kidnap the governor and topple the state government. As frightening as these times might seem, they are also a time for personal conversion in our own lives. Systemic conversion can only come when we, personally, confront our own prejudices. May we continue to search our hearts and minds for areas of blindness within ourselves so that our world may be a safer and sacred place for all people.

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: 10-11: Kathy Walsh, **10-12:** Abigail Turnbull,

10-14: Dorcas Scott, **10-15:** Sr. Barbara Brownell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 10-11: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHURCH

10-12: Theresa & Major Ragland **10-13:** Anita & Ben Flores

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

9:30 The Nativity Family
and Alumni

Edna Boyd (Gail Osborne)

Al Mudloff (Family)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

9:30 Eleanor Carbery (Family)

Joyce Berns (The Vantiem's
and the

(St. Paul's Antique Road Show)

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