

NATIVITY NEWS

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PASTOR'S PEN



Just so you know...Christmas is two months from today! I don't know about you, but with the lockdown and quarantines and life anything but normal, I have lost track of the time. We have markers throughout the year to keep us on track (Advent, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, First Communion, Parish Block party/picnic, the Praise Dancers in November, Alumni Sunday, Thanksgiving and Christmas). Each of these markers gives us a focus throughout the year. They help us to celebrate life. Since March 13th, all of these markers are different. We did celebrate Easter this year, but remotely with just the musicians and myself in the church. We have had baptisms, which are wonderful celebrations during Mass, but lately, because of the virus, we have had small family gatherings on Saturdays. The first day of school was another day of parents trying to figure out zoom or other diabolic programs for the tech savvy! Some of us have had physically distant visits with family members in Nursing homes and weren't even able to give them a big hug like we always did. This week we hear from the experts that going home to family and friends at Thanksgiving is pretty dangerous and they are cautioning us to refrain from large family gatherings and just stay home with those under our own roof. So, what will it be like two months from today? Will we be able to celebrate Christmas with our families? How will I get my gifts?? None of us know but the odds are against a Norman Rockwell Christmas this year. All of this can leave us with "Covid fatigue" or "quarantine fatigue" or just the fatigue that says, "I want my normal life back!" It can feel pretty depressing. but under all of this is a wonderful movement of love. We have seen essential workers give up their lives for the sake of others. We have watched drive-by birthdays and anniversaries and, even, funerals. We have watched people singing to each other on balconies in Italy. We have seen a husband sitting for hours on the sidewalk outside his wife's hospital room as she went through a chemotherapy regime, with signs saying, "I Love you," "I miss you," "I am so proud of you." We have seen children making artwork for grandparents they weren't able to visit. We have seen neighbors prepare food for families suffering from the virus or others shopping for elderly, vulnerable friends. We have seen a bride and groom cutting back their reception and sharing their food with people at a homeless shelter. We have seen couples come together in marriage without the glitz but just wanting to shout to the world that they are in love with each other. Yes, the Pandemic is awful, and our normal way of living is not coming back anytime soon, but maybe the most **normal** part of who we are is our ability to love and care for each other. No Pandemic can take that "Normal" from 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:
10-25: Akira Buford,
10-27: Rosy Krembel, Mary Jo Brooks, & Tony Novara, **10-28:** Lisa Canty,
10-29: Amia Davis, **10-31:** Joe Sergeant, Sr.

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

9:30 Kirtis III & Rose Thomas
(Family)
Ida DeMaire (Fran Kaucic)
Justin Carnaghi (Family)

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

9:30 Aurie Mitchell
(Reggie & Pat Gaines)
Marianne Boe
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Our Deceased Loved Ones

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