

NATIVITY NEWS



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PASTOR'S PEN

We welcome our newest member of the parishes into the waters of baptism. (Since COVID, I feel that both parishes have come together in a new way. Some come to the earlier Mass at Nativity and others later to St. Charles. Both parishes are working together with the Christmas program. It just seems right, then, to celebrate a birth in either parish!) Our newest member is **Audrey Ann Boivin**. She is the daughter of Marcus and Shannon Boivin and the granddaughter of Patty Scully. Marcus and Shannon began coming to St. Charles just before COVID hit and have stayed at home during these months. We are delighted to have Audrey with us and pray that her baptism opens up a deep relationship with Christ.

On this second Sunday of Advent, the letter of St. Peter states: "Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." This gives me hope that God is not finished with any of us, yet. God continues to hope in us and looks for ways to bring us to a deeper union with him and one another. How many people have said, after going through a difficult moment in their lives, that they would never have asked for such a cross but the graces that came from that moment were tremendous? We would never ask for sickness, death, unemployment, a pandemic, and all the other ills that have come to us in this year. We have seen how the struggle of the pandemic has helped people to realize how important family members are in their life. We have seen neighbors helping neighbors and people just trying to look out for each other. We have seen the brutal death of George Floyd open up a consciousness among all kinds of people that our racism can no longer be tolerated. We are slowly realizing that one group of people cannot have privileges over others. We have seen those grieving from the loss of loved ones dying from COVID be a compassionate support to others who have lost loved ones. Yes, God is patient with us as we hear the Divine dreams in the next few weeks before Christmas. God longs for a world where everyone has a place, and everyone is at peace. God longs for a place that Isaiah writes about where the lion lies down with the lamb and the child plays in the cobra's den. Yes, God is patient with us in all of our fears, prejudices, selfishness, and sin. Our God is the God of second and third chances. Our God is like the teacher who lets us do our report over again or retake the exam so we get a better grade. God wants the world to experience the Kingdom of Heaven and God is so patient with us. In this Advent season, it may seem like God is late or taking his time to come and help us, but maybe God is just giving us more time to get it right. Let's not disappoint our Patient and Wonderful God!

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: 12-8: Billy Dombrowski

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, 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

9:30 Fr. Jerome Singer
(Nativity Family)

Bernice Ross
(Family & Friends)

Mae Johnston (Family)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

9:30 Mr. & Mrs. Mudloff (Family)
Judee Danielak (Family & Friends)
Joyce Berns (The Vantiem's and
The Antique Road Show)
John & Roberta Ancona
50th Wedding Anniversary

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