

NATIVITY NEWS



5900 McClellan *January 24, 2021* Detroit, MI 48213

PASTOR'S PEN

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we meet Jonah, the reluctant prophet, who is called to let his enemies, the Ninevites, know that catastrophe will befall them if they do not repent. I'm sure he would rather have remained silent and had a front row seat watching his enemies taste the wrath of God. How hard it must have been to see these enemies who showed no mercy to his people be shown mercy by God. Yet, to be prophetic, the call is to be an empty vessel and allow God to work through us. This surrender takes a lot of humility and faith to allow God to be God in our lives. How often do we feel God doesn't get it and our plan would work so much better than God's? The Saints are the ones who realize they don't run the show and all they can do is allow God to work in their lives.

This week we received the news of the death of one of those "Saints," Sr. Marie Roy, CSJ. Marie had started coming to St. Charles after the closing of St. Luke's Church on the westside. Marie was the Pastoral Associate at that parish. Most would know Marie as a woman, small of stature but tall in virtue, who often came by herself or, at times, would bring some parishioners from St. Luke's to Mass. She helped in our Vacation Bible School and was with us for some of the Lenten events and other events throughout the year. In the last years, she had struggled with illness and was not always able to do what she had done all her life. I suspect that might have been the hardest part for Sister Marie. But even though she was not able to do as much as she did before, I could see in her a wealth of compassion, wisdom, and deep faith. I suspect she would be the one people would go to with stresses of life, problems with family members, and difficult decisions. She was the grandmotherly type who exuded wisdom and compassion. I know she had to be a safe harbor and an anchor for many people throughout her religious life. The world is so much better because we were graced by Sr. Marie Roy. May she rest from her labors!

We will celebrate Marie's life at a Memorial Mass on Wednesday, January 27th at 5pm at St. Charles. Let's try to turn out for this wonderful and faith filled woman. She will truly be missed by so many of 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: 1-26: Michael Peeples, 1-29: Racine Adams
1-30: Monica Bezel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 1-27: Bill & Mickey Dietz & Chico & Lenore Mondalek,
1-29: Dan & Charlene Goeddeke

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY, January 24, 2021

9:30 Kirtis III & Rose Thomas
(Family)

Dick Dietz
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Mass In Thanksgiving & for
the Nativity Family (A Parish Member)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY, January 31, 2021

9:30 Gasper Ruvolo
Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

PARISH DIRECTORY

5900 McClellan, Detroit, MI 48213

Parish Phone: 313-922-0033

Website: nativitydetroit.org

Email: nativityol@sbcglobal.net

Raymond Stadmeyer, OFM Cap-Pastor

Frances Carnaghi & Chris McLaughlin

Pastoral Ministers

Joni Scott Director of Faith Formation