

NATIVITY NEWS



5900 McClellan *February 14, 2021* Detroit, MI 48213

PASTOR'S PEN

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: 2-14: Jack Pierick, **2-16:** Jerry Susko,
2-14: Ewan Dombrowski & Carmen Patton
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 2-17: John & Sharon Estes

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR SUNDAY, February 14, 2021

9:30 For those we love
and
For Those who need to be loved

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021

10:30AM at St. Charles
7:00PM at Nativity

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY, February 21, 2021

9:30 Frank & Helen Silveri
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara
Tom Mudloff (Family)
Kirtis III & Rose Thomas (Family)
Peter Demaire (Fran Kaucic)

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To all who will be celebrating with your "valentines" this weekend, we, from the lonely hearts club, wish you a wonderful time with your beloved! The rest of us will be eating ice cream and watching TV in case you are interested. Truly, hope it's a nice weekend for all who are celebrating.

It's hard to believe we are beginning Lent this week with Ash Wednesday on the 17th. In some ways, it feels like we have had Lent since we separated last March. It has been a difficult year filled with illness, and struggles, and even death. We have been through the desert of loneliness as we've quarantined for so many months. We have prayed for so many who have become ill from COVID over this last year. Many of us have fasted from friends and family all through the holidays, birthdays, anniversaries and all the events of life. Brides and grooms have given up their dreams of big weddings and beautiful venues filled with all those they love because of the pandemic. Some have been separated from loved ones in nursing homes and others have not been able to be with those they love at the last moments of their life. Funerals have been cut to a few family members and those who should have received a wonderful celebration left us with little fanfare. In spite of all these hardships, we have helped each other with shopping, phone calls, cooking and baking, homeschooling, caring for sick family members who have fallen ill to COVID 19 and all the other acts of kindness people have done to ease burdens during this difficult moment.

Maybe this Lent should be a bit different since we have spent this last year praying for each other, fasting from the joy of being together and giving "alms" to all of those who were struggling. Many people have said, "I can't wait until we can come together and have a party or a Christmas in July or a Thanksgiving in August or New Year's Eve Party in September!" On Ash Wednesday we will hear the word "repent" as we are marked with the ashes. Repent means to take another path, another route, and Lent means "springtime." Maybe our Lent in 2021 should be a time of hope and renewal. Maybe we need to take a new path of hope and joy. Maybe this year, we fast from any negativity and speak with positive, lifegiving words for one another. Maybe the alms we give this season are our love and gratitude for one another as we celebrate the fact that we have survived such a tough year. Yes, we have been through our Lent and we are running as fast as we can to the Easter Mystery. Let's make room this year for Christ to open our hearts in a new way to see the wonder of resurrection and new life!

We will have Mass on Ash Wednesday at both parishes: St. Charles at 10:30am and Nativity at 7pm. We will also have zoom sessions with Jesse Cox each Friday night at 7pm. Stations will not be in person this year but we will be sending you some virtual Stations for meditation and prayer.