

# NATIVITY NEWS



5900 McClellan \*February 21, 2021\* Detroit, MI 48213

## PASTOR'S PEN

### *First Sunday of Lent*

As we hear of the devastation in Texas and the arctic blasts that are raging through our country and throughout the world, we realize the climate is changing. It is changing because of our negligence and our lack of respect for the earth. In this season of Lent, may we look in deeper ways to live in harmony with the earth by the way we live our lives. I received this poem from my good friend, Teresa, and it calls us to be more reflective on how we see our part in all Creation.

*“Receive this cross of ash upon your brow  
Brought from the burning of Palm Sunday’s cross;  
The forests of the world are burning now  
And you make late repentance for the loss.  
But all the trees of God would clap their hands,  
The very stones themselves would shout and sing,  
If you could covenant to love these lands  
And recognize in Christ their Lord and King.  
He sees the slow destruction of those trees,  
He weeps to see the ancient places burn,  
And still you make whatever purchases you please  
And still to dust and ashes you return.  
But hope would rise from ashes even now  
Beginning with this sign upon your brow.”  
Malcolm Guite, The Word in the Wilderness*

*“In a daring and beautiful creative reversal,  
God takes the worst we can do to Him  
And turns it into the very best He can do for us.”  
Macolm Guite, The Word in the Wilderness*

### 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:** 2-21: Sharon Estes & Adrian Gabriel  
2-22: Giuseppina Darolfi 2-24: Terrell Halthon

### 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

#### 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)

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**SUNDAY, February 28, 2021**

**9:30** Carol Frattini  
(The Nativity Family)  
Joanne Gunn  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Doris Pelham & Benjamin Pelham  
(Frances Carnaghi)

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