



**BIRTHDAYS**



Jerry Wilmer	4-1	Charlie Gillespie	4-13	Ken Stamper	4-21
Shivaun Wois	4-4	Jodie Barnes	4-13	Denise Stambaugh	4-22
Lisa Bartnik	4-5	Charisse Hurt	4-15	Hermenia Adams	4-24
Therese McGratty	4-5	Diane Ferschneider	4-17	Barron Scott	4-24
Chevonne Wheeler	4-5	Michael Kent	4-17	Alauna Hardaway	4-27
Ruby Gatson	4-7	Jordyn Barnes	4-20	Genevieve Krembel	4-27
Fran Kaucic	4-12	Christopher Scott	4-21	Melvin McCoy, Jr.	4-29
AnJanne Kennedy	4-12			Anita Flores	4-29

**AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Louis & Helen Randall 4-21

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** 3-31: Sr. Beverly Pettke and Nancy Silveri

**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 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**

**PALM SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, March 28, 2021**

**9:30** Mass of Thanksgiving for the Nativity Family

Kirtis III & Rose Thomas (Family)

**EASTER SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, April 4, 2021**

**9:30** The Nativity Family

Alfred Pelham & Justin Carnaghi (Fran Carnaghi)

Mary Beth Dietz (Family)

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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# NATIVITY NEWS

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## PASTOR'S PEN

### *Palm Sunday*

Today we begin Holy Week and will hear the story of the Passion of our Lord proclaimed once again. The Responsorial Psalm will lament "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" It is that cry of desperation when all seems lost and God appears to have left us. It is that feeling that many have experienced throughout this year. Where is God as people we love die from this pandemic? Where is God when the gunmen in Atlanta or Boulder kill so many innocent people and leave families devastated with grief? Where is God when innocent children have to leave their own country and walk miles and miles trying to find a safe place to live? Where is God on the border with all the suffering that goes on there? Where is God in Syria, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Iraq and all those places decimated by war? Where is God in those starving children and families in sub-Saharan Africa who starve each day? Where is God in the suffering of the world? This is our age old question and the cry of Jesus on the cross. His cry of "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" comes from Psalm 22. The Psalm ends with a realization (line 20) that although the moment may seem overwhelming and bleak, our God is not far off.

*"But you, Lord, do not stay far off. My strength, come quickly to help me. Deliver my soul from the sword...For He has not spurned or disdained the misery of this poor wretch. He did not turn away from me but heard me when I cried out. I will offer praise in the great assembly...May your hearts enjoy life forever."*

It helps me to know that Jesus felt the sense of abandonment, but uses the words from the Psalm that calls us to hope in God even when it seems impossible to believe that goodness will come out of the pain of our lives. Although we will have those moments of darkness and despair, that's not the end of the story. We have to keep walking in order to see how the story ends for the God that we counted on is worthy of our trust. There will be a day of celebration, again! Good Friday happens but does not last forever. That is the story we celebrate this holy Week!

**Triduum Services for St. Charles and Nativity**

**Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass of our Lord's Supper (Nativity)**

**Good Friday: Noon: Stations of the Cross followed by Good Friday Service (Nativity) and 7pm Good Friday Service at St. Charles.**

**Easter Vigil Service (Saturday night) at 8:30pm (St. Charles)**

**Easter Sunday: 9:30am (Nativity) and 11:30am (St. Charles)**