

# NATIVITY NEWS

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,  
Detroit, MI 48213

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**Nativity:**  
Sunday 9:30 AM

**St. Charles:**  
Sunday 11:30 AM



## **REFLECTIONS WITH FRAN**

**March 17, 2024  
5th Sunday of Lent**



Today we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Irish and all who wish to be Irish for the day! Patrick was not Irish, but rather from Briton which is present-day England. His grandfather Potitus was a priest — long before the days that the Church required priests to be unmarried — and so Patrick was raised as a Christian. In his teen years, Patrick rebelled and moved away from his faith. He was captured at 16, most likely by Irish Celtic raiders, and taken to tend sheep in the hills of Ireland. After some time, he experienced a conversion and in his sixth year there, he responded to a dream telling him to escape and find a ship that was ready for him on the coast. He found the boat and returned to his Briton home where his parents welcomed home their Patrick, their own lost sheep.

Soon after his return however, Patrick desired to return to the people of Ireland who he had come to know and love and who were without the Christian faith since the Irish Celts were not Christians. After becoming a priest and eventually a bishop, he returned to Ireland to be with the Irish people for the rest of his life. Patrick loved the Scriptures especially John's Gospel that proclaims our identity and full union in Christ. He absorbed this Gospel so deeply that he became the human embodiment of its message of the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Patrick had a heart for social justice that is proclaimed in the Gospel. He worked with the Celtic social structures and practices and not against them. He was a gentle and approachable prophet who spoke truth to power, but with invitation, not condemnation; with love, not fear. We need more Patricks in our world today who will speak with Christian voice that warns against power and profit over people, exclusion over inclusion, and consumerism over care for our earth. So let us read the Lenten text for today in Jeremiah, "I will place my law within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God and they shall be my people," and welcome a bit more of Patrick into our lives.

I want to recommend a beautiful Irish song entitled, "The Deer's Cry." If the link does not work, you can Google it or go to YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qp\\_pvYTLp94](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qp_pvYTLp94)

I can imagine St. Patrick encouraging us to meditate on the words of the song that include:

"I arise today...

Through Gods strength to pilot me, God's eye to look before me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, From all who shall wish me ill, Afar and anear, Alone or in a multitude, Against every cruel merciless power That may oppose my body and soul.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me. Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me. I arise today."

Happy St. Patrick's Day,

Fran Pelham Carnaghi

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

**Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider: Fr. Don Archambault

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Pls email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link]

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** Nativity church basement 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. John Carlin

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preuss

## WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!



### How Do I Join Nativity Parish?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 313-922-0033 or complete a registration form available in the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs? Contact Joseph Taylor at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.

### Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

In today's Gospel, Jesus has come to Jerusalem for the Passover for the last time. Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast were seeking to see Jesus, but when their request was told to Jesus by Phillip and Andrew, Jesus answered them, "*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.*" What does the statement, "whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life" mean to you? Are their things you love in this life that are contrary to your life of discipleship? We are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our Lenten journey – a good time to remove obstacles on our path.

Reference: [Jn 12:20-33](#)

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Create a clean heart in me  
O god.*

**Second Reading:**

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

**Gospel Reading:**

*John 12:20-33*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Palm Sunday

**First Reading:**

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*My God, My God, why have  
you abandoned me.*

**Second Reading:**

*Philippians 2:6-11*

**Gospel Reading:**

*Mark 14:1-15:47*

## 2024 FATHER SINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Application Submission Period:** March 15, 2024 - June 1, 2024

**How to Obtain Applications:** Application forms can be downloaded and printed from our Nativity website at [nativitydetroit.org](http://nativitydetroit.org) (click on the About Us / Work tabs; select appropriate application)

Donations can be submitted at [Give \(parishsoft.com\)](http://Give.parishsoft.com) under the Fr. Singer Memorial Scholarship Fund. We thank you in advance for your support.

**For further questions, please contact Charvala Adams-Wheeler via phone 313-590-2172 or email [nativityscholarshipinfo@gmail.com](mailto:nativityscholarshipinfo@gmail.com).**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Food Pantry Items Needed This Week:** Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need Soup, Tuna, Snacks.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SOUP SUPPER:** Every Friday rotating with St. Charles  
**You can sign up to attend and/or bring soup to either church.**

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: St. Charles

### **LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS:**

**MONDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00 PM: Email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) or Hermenia Adams @ [Hermenia32@yahoo.com](mailto:Hermenia32@yahoo.com) to receive the Zoom link

**SATURDAY Mornings:** Parish House 9:30 AM beginning February 17- March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Easter Triduum/Mass Schedule - 2024**

Holy Thursday	at St. Charles 6:00PM
Good Friday	12:30PM/Stations 1:00PM Service
Easter Vigil	at Nativity 8:30 PM Mass
Easter Sunday	9:30 AM Mass

### **Please Join Us!**

#### **Strangers No Longer 3rd Annual Banquet**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Time: 1:00-3:30**

Ukrainian Cultural Center 26601 Ryan Road Mi 48091  
Donation: \$30.00 per person

For tickets contact: Linda Cunningham (313) 8192867  
Mike Clyne (313) 5701471 or [jmclayne@comcast.net](mailto:jmclayne@comcast.net)

Share in a celebration of SNL's achievements and growth with friends, food, entertainment, and fundraising baskets and auction.



## **WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR**

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Erin Cronin, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Jansen Family, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, George Kent, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Olga Ludwick, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Melvin & Theresa McCoy, Jennifer Mondalek, Richard Morecki, Gail Northcutt, JoAnne Novara, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Jim Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Barron Scott's mom, Vicky, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, the Benigni and Chida Families, and Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-in-law, Victoria, and all those who need our prayers. **(Please notify Anne Crowe at the Parish Office when a name should be removed from this list.)**



*Lord, you are the source of health and healing. In you, there is calm and true peace. In pain, anxiety, or fear, teach us to yield ourselves to your care knowing that your love and power surround us to give us health and strength through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

### **On the Rise Bakery Cafe**

At the Solanus Casey Center  
1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207  
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30AM to 4:00PM  
**GLUTEN FREE TREATS AVAILABLE ALSO**

## REMINDERS:

The Live-stream 9:30 Sunday Mass is on the Parish Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>  
Sunday Mass can also be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@NativityofOurLord-cm8we>  
Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of the church.  
Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcome. The jug is located in front of the church near the collection basket  
Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org>  
Parish Instagram Page: [https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch\\_detroit/](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/)



[DONATE HERE](#) or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

## MASS Intentions

### Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

Trudy Shiemke (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Dorothy Scamihorn (Family)

Diane Reece (Ben & Anita Flores)

### Palm Sunday March 24, 2024

Frank & Helen Silveri (Family)

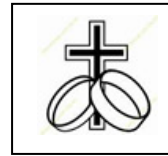
Chico Mondalek (Family)

Alfred Pelham & The Deceased of the Pelham Family  
(Frances & Laura Carnaghi)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

**3-19:** Jessica Awan, Debra Marshall,  
& Brenda Banks

**3-23:** Jim Turnbull



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**3-21:** Jim & Ruth Duddy

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

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## Nativity's 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 a commitment to social justice, and service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.*