

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *September 15th & 16th, 2018* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



On Saturday, we buried one of the pillars of Nativity: Clara Allen. Although I didn't know Clara very well, I did get a chance to visit her just before she passed away. I could understand what folks meant when they spoke of her as a truly kind, beautiful woman. Although her body was weary and breaking down, you could see in her smile and in her eyes the depths of her spirit. She knew, like Peter, who this Jesus was in her life. She, like Peter, would say "You are the Christ!" And Clara would add her own personal testimony, "You are my Beloved Savior and Lord!"

As I prepared for her funeral, I was able to read the sheet she had already prepared with her choice of readings and other comments. Both readings she picked were about love: God's love for us and our response to that love. She understood early on that it was about our relationships with God, ourselves and one another. Once we realize we are truly loved, we don't have to prove it or work for it or earn it. She chose the reading from Corinthians which is used at many weddings.

"Love is patient. Love is kind.; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Clara lived that well but now calls all of us to do the same. St. James reminds us that faith without works is dead. Faith without works is not a real faith because a deep faith moves us to do more not because we're trying to earn God's love but because we already have God's love. When the love of God is at our core, then we automatically move toward one another with love. So often times we allow our egos to get in the middle of our good works and then all kinds of things happen: jealousy, judgment, resentment, arrogance and gossip. As you may have remembered from Corinthians, these are all the sins, love drives out. Clara and so many others have shown us what falling in love with Jesus looks like...May we allow Christ to love us more this week!

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: 9-15: Anne Crowe & Renee Heimes, 9-19: Mia Halthon, 9-20: A.J. Blair, 9-21: Sharon Bezel, 9-22: Emile Wheeler

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 22nd & 23rd
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings:
(Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, James 3:16-4:3,
Mark 9: 30-37)

Lectors:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. C. Sutton 2. M. Johnston

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 R. Gatson, P. Adams, N. Danzie,
A. Milligan, M. Peeples

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mark Miller
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott
3. L. Cauty 4. M. J. Accavitti

Ministers of Service:

4:00 L. Bartnik
9:45 1. J. Dupre 2. K. Hurt

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, September 15, 2018

4:00 Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)
Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)

SUNDAY, September 16, 2018

9:45 Juanita Farley
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

THURSDAY, September 20, 2018

11:00AM Patricia Cichowski (Family)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, September 22, 2018

4:00PM Donna Crowe
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

SUNDAY, September 23, 2018

9:45 Majeski Girls & Guys (Family)
Bennie Sergent (Family)

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OPENING HYMN

#576 I Woke Up This Morning

GLORY TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

God in heaven, Creator of all, look down upon your people in their moments of need, for you alone are the source of our peace. Bring us to the dignity which distinguishes the poor in spirit and show us how great is the call to serve, that we may share in the peace of Christ who offered his life in the service of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 50:5-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

2nd READING: James 2:14-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

LAMB OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

#409 God Will Take Care of You

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

COMMUNION HYMN

#757 Gift of Finest Wheat

BIBLE EXCHANGE

We will hear Your Word one in love.
We will live Your Word one in love.
We will spread Your Word one in love.

CLOSING HYMN

#613 I have Decided To Follow Jesus

We pray for God's healing for:

Clara Allen, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Barb Dubiel, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee Jones, Lee Keenan, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe & Rosemary Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Kathleen Rivard, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Nancy Siveri, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Mary VanPoucker, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sisters, Pat & Mary Therese, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Roseann Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

**THIS THURSDAY!
International Day of Prayer for Peace Service**

Thursday, September 20, 7pm

People of all faiths and cultures are invited to a prayer service to celebrate the International Day of Prayer for Peace. It will take place at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1491 Baldwin St., Detroit. Security and lighted parking will be available. This year's theme is I dream a world free of fear. Dr. Charles Gilchrist Adams, pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit will be the keynote speaker. www.TheCapuchins.org

Faith Formation

Registration Forms are available this weekend to register your children for Faith Formation classes.

Many have asked about how to get in touch with Brother Robert. Here is his current address.

Br. Robert Wotypka
Capuchin Community Services
PO Box 5830
Milwaukee WI 53205

To Our Nativity Parish Members,

Thank you for your good wishes and prayers. It has been 11 weeks of slow recovery. Thanks again, Bob & Louise McKenzie

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't forget that on Friday nights we gather at the corner of McClellan and Gratiot at 9:00PM to pray for the end of violence in the city.

The Office of Black Catholic Ministries is once again sponsoring: "We Are Witnesses (Taking Back the Night-Taking Back Our Community" **Monday, September 17, 2018 to Friday, September 21, 2018 9:00 PM-9:00 PM** St. Mary's of Redford 14750 St Marys St Detroit, MI 48227 at 9:00pm.

Nativity Blood Drive

Sunday, September 30th
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sign up at: redcross.org
(put in Nativity at Find a Blood Drive)

At the end of the week we sent out a letter to the Alumni and the parishioners. If by the end of next week, you haven't received one, please let us know. We try to keep our records current, but someone seems to be missed somehow.

Nativity of Our Lord Class of 1966 is having a 70th Birthday Party Celebration October 13, 2018 at Villa Penna Banquet Hall. For more information please contact Janet Briggs Mitten (586-709-3829) or Rina Babusci Martinez (586-260-3401)