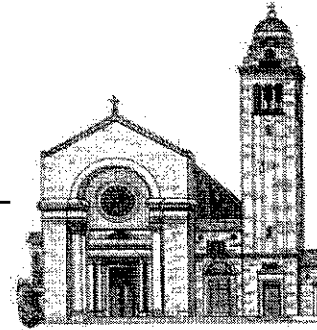


NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *August 4th & 5th, 2018* Detroit, MI



PASTOR'S PEN

I will leave the first reading and the Gospel for the homily but I was intrigued by the words in the second reading when Paul says to "put off the old self of your former way of life...and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

Changing any of our bad habits is a difficult task. We have only to ask smokers, dieters, addicts, and any others who have made significant changes in their lives. Paul makes it sound easy as if taking off an old shirt and putting on a new one. Changing behaviors is a difficult task. I have been inspired by the men who have come through the ROPE program. They have decided the "old self" doesn't work anymore. As the statement in NA goes: "they're sick and tired of being sick and tired." What the men have taught me is that you can't sit on the fence. You can't play at recovery. Either you give it all you have or you don't bother. They realize their recovery is not just about abstaining from alcohol and drugs but it's about embracing a whole new lifestyle. They realize they have to be honest and let go of old ways of scheming and manipulating people to get what they want. They have to stop using people and have to begin to look at issues that they have buried and medicated for many years. To take off the old self and put on the new self is not easy and takes a lot of sacrifice and determination. They continue to tell me that putting on this new self, although not easy, has given them a whole new perspective on their life and on the lives of those they love.

Putting on the new self and going through conversion of heart is not for the faint of heart. It's much more comfortable to stay in our sick patterns of behavior. To stay in those patterns is to allow our bodies and souls to slowly die. Christ calls us to new life today. So, what old parts of our selves do we have to leave behind so new life can come. Are we addicted to food or other substances? Are we constantly negative and fighting with those we love? Are we always fearful? Do we ever take a risk? Are we able to forgive and move on from some of the hurts in our life? Are we stuck in judgmental attitudes or self-righteous behavior? What new self is Christ asking us to put on this week? Will we have the courage to change? Please, let's work on one behavior that is old and stagnant and put on a new attitude that calls us to embrace life in a new way!

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: 8-08 Pat Dombrowski, 8-09: Barbara Calati, Anita Reddick, 8-10: Jean Meathe, 8-11: Tom Zarro, 8-13: Vanden Dombrowski, 8-14: Pat Wimble

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 8-04: Marty & Peggy Gulewicz

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 11th & 12th

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings:

(1Kings 19:4-8, Ephesians 4:30_5:2

John 6:41-51)

Lectors:

4:00 Mark Miller

9:45 1. R. Cunningham 2. T. Roberts

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller

9:45 T. Bailey, W. Lewis, R. Patrick,
T. Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mary Miller

9:45 1. C. Gillespie 2. M. E. White
3. N. Zarro 4. G. Stamper

Ministers of Service:

4:00 C. Estes

9:45 1. C. McLaughlin 2. J. Dupre

MASS INTENTIONS

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 4, 2018

4:00 Sandra Turnbull (William Rex)

SUNDAY, August 5, 2018

9:45 Marty Carnaghi (Frances Carnaghi)

THURSDAY, August 9, 2018

11:00AM Patricia Cichowski (Family)

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 11, 2018

4:00PM Carl Miller (Family)

SUNDAY, August 12, 2018

9:45 Sam Ferrante (The Nativity Family)

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, your Spirit made us your children, confident to call you Father. Increase your Spirit within us and bring us to our promised inheritance. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

2nd READING: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

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

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, Katie Estes, 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, Chuck Kroetsch, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Kathleen Rivard, Emmie Roth, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Mary VanPoucker, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sister, Pat & Mary Therese, 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

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

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.

**Theology on Tap
For Ages 18-35**
"Identity: Lies, Confusion, Truth"
Wednesday, August 8th
6:30-8:30pm
54 West
54 W 14 Mile, Clawson, MI 48017

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)

DCPA Fundraiser
Silent Auction
Shed 5 - Eastern Market
Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00 PM
Tickets: \$50 each
If you want to sit at Nativity table,
let Chris McLaughlin know by September 5.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

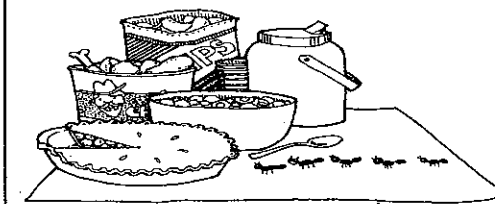
Tuesday is the State Primary.
The polls are open from 7:00AM to 8:00PM. Get out and vote!

**The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
August 15, 2018
Mass: 10:30 St. Charles Rectory
7:00PM Nativity Church

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY, August 19th 8:15 AM at St. Charles. MASS AT 1:00PM at METRO.
Only Saturday 4:00 Mass here at Nativity.

Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 19th at Lake St. Clair Metro Park (Metro Beach.) Mass is at 1:00PM. The Social Committee is chairing this event. If you have any questions please see: Danny Wois after 4:00 Mass or Norma Danzie or Kim Milligan after 9:45 Mass. The sign up sheets are out, please take a minute to look them over and sign up. **There will be games and a 50/50 Raffle.**

The cost to enter the park is \$10.00 for a day pass. Might be a good idea to carpool if people already have passes or to at least cut down on cost for all.



It's Picnic time!!