

November 7, 2021

Hello Parish Family,

We are looking forward to welcoming Fr. Dan for his first Mass at Nativity this weekend. We will also be remembering our loved ones whom we have lost in the past year.

Please don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. Also, we want to alert you that I94 will be closed in both directions between I75 and Gratiot on Sunday.

The Thanksgiving Mass schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at St. Augustine St. Monica.

Wednesday, November 24th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo.

We are sad to tell you that Daniel Foy, the great nephew of Trudy Shiemke, has died. We have prayed for Daniel for many years as he battled a heart condition that ultimately took his life at the age of 21. May he rest in peace. Please remember Daniel and his family in your prayers.

This month has been designated as **Black Catholic History Month**. Each week we will highlight a notable Black Catholic by offering a brief biography for your consideration and, beginning next week, we will also have pictures of them on display in church. This week we highlight **Venerable Pierre Toussaint**.

Did you know that a former slave who worked as a hairdresser in New York more than two centuries ago is on track to become the first Haitian-American man canonized as a saint from the United States?

Pierre (pee-YAIR) Toussaint (too-SAHNT) was born and raised as a Catholic slave in Haiti when it was still a French colony. To escape the slave rebellions that eventually drove out the French government, Toussaint's owners fled, with him, to New York. He was assigned as an apprentice to one of the city's leading hairdressers, and became quite successful. When his slave-owner died, Toussaint quietly supported his owner's widow. She, in gratitude, freed Toussaint from his slave status. Toussaint later married and used his considerable wealth to support charitable causes, including work against religious and racial prejudice. Toussaint's death in 1853, at age 87, sparked widespread mourning. Just 13 years ago, Pope John Paul II declared Pierre Toussaint, Venerable-the first step to becoming a saint.

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Have a good week and know that we are praying for all of you,

The Parish Team