

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

February 17, 2019

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTORAL STAFF

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.
An appointment can also be made
by calling one of the priests.

OFFICES

Rectory (773) 764-0615
2324 W. Chase

Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

Parish Website:

www.smmchicago.org/parish
Parish School (773) 271-2008
Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

Holy Hands

(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

6th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man.”

- Lk 6:22

For the benefit of those who may have missed my article last weekend, I would like to announce one more time that we are beginning the Annual Catholic Appeal. This is the yearly appeal of the Archdiocese that asks every parish to raise a portion of its yearly ordinary income where parishioners make either a one-time contribution or a larger pledge that can be paid off within five months. This is also the same appeal that gives parishes a rebate of 100% of every amount collected over and above the parish's goal. For SMM, our goal for this year is \$18,596.40. I would again like to take this time to explain for where the funds for this campaign will be used.

I am sure that one of the thoughts on some peoples' minds might be, "Oh the Archdiocese needs the money to pay off legal settlements as a result of the sexual abuses." This can make some of us reluctant to give anything to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Contrary to what we or anyone might think, this is NOT the aim of the Annual Catholic Appeal nor will funds from the appeal be used in this way. Donations to the Archdiocese given either by parishes or by individuals are never used to pay for legal settlements.

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps the Archdiocese to share the Word of God through its support of Catholic schools, parishes in need, religious education programs, ministry formation, the protection of life, the promotion of peace and justice, and assistance for victims of natural disasters and/or wars through the Catholic Relief Services. Let us all take into consideration that our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal is a way for us to make certain that the faith is taught and proclaimed through education, defending the dignity of human life, and works of charity to the poor.

Again, 100% of funds collected over and above our goal of \$18,596.40 will go right back to the parish to address our local needs and ways in which we can better advance the gospel mission. At the Masses last weekend, I again made mention of just one of the many needs in our parish community. The stained glass windows in our church are in need of repair. There are sixteen tall windows plus the rose window on the south wall, the two smaller round windows close to the altar on both the east and west walls, and the three small windows above the crucifix in the apse of the sanctuary. Again, this is just one of the many needs on our local level which might be partially addressed through the funds we collect from the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The cost of repairing just one of the sixteen tall windows is \$6,000. This is why we are engaged in the raffle fund raiser to begin making those repairs. The nearest I can tell, we currently have enough funds in our To Teach Who Christ Is account to complete two of the windows. As I mentioned last weekend at the Masses, the hope is to raise as much money through the raffle fund raiser to complete the repairs to as many of the windows as possible. Depending on how much we raise over and above our goal of \$18,596.40 for the Annual Catholic Appeal, we might be able to add some more funds to the window project and have a couple of more windows repaired and restored.

Of course, maintaining the physical structures is just one of the needs that we have here at the parish but it is not the only one. We must also give due attention to ways in which we can deepen our spiritual lives as a parish community. Our task is to form ourselves into grateful disciples who are committed to living out the faith. This is measured by how much we give of our time, talent, and treasure in terms of living out the demands of our faith. The extra funds that we collect through the Annual Catholic Appeal can also help in this endeavor. When it comes right down to it, tending to our spiritual life is much more important than anything else because if we do not nourish ourselves and future generations to be good disciples, we will never be able to accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Jesus himself.

This weekend is simply the "Announcement Weekend" for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Next weekend will be the time when each of us will be asked to make a commitment to the appeal. Normally, we listen to a recorded homily from the Cardinal. However, I might take a different approach for the commitment weekend. The reason is two-fold. One, it is our hospitality weekend and I would rather not dampen the spirit of hospitality. Second, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, we will be recognizing our teen candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation along with the three teenagers who have requested to be baptized and received into the Church. Our prayer and support of their journey is just as important as our commitment to the appeal—perhaps even more so—which is again a reason why I would like to take a different approach in terms of making our commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal. I still have to work out the details but I am sure that it will all work out well in the end.



Fr. Tirso Villaverde, Jr.

SAVE THE DATE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Father Hal's **SPRING SCRIPTURE PROGRAM** will meet on the first Tuesday after Easter, April 23rd. Information about signing up for the program will be in the bulletin closer to that date.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to **Ryan Madayag** who achieved Summa Cum Laude honors in the first semester at Notre Dame College Prep.

COLLECTION REPORT

February 10, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,505.35
Loose Money	\$ 936.65
Total Collection	\$4,442.00
Variance.....	(\$4,500.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	114

SMM LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

SMM parishioners and friends are invited to make the traditional Lenten custom of visiting seven churches on

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Mass at SMM at 8:00 am
36 Pilgrims Maximum

Leave SMM at 8:30 am
Cost will be \$40/pilgrim

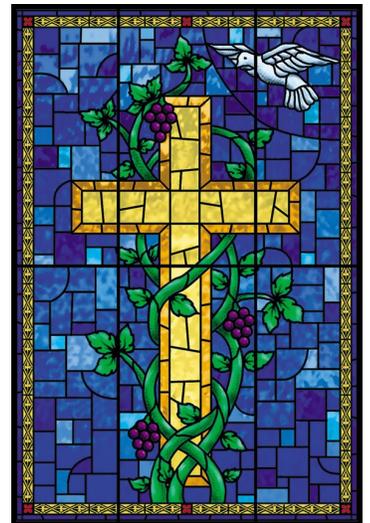
Return to SMM by 4:00 pm

Cost covers the coach bus and a bag lunch. Reservations will be on a first come/first serve basis, so sign up soon! For information, contact Fr. Tirso, 773-764-0615 or via email at tvillaverde@archchicago.org.

These are the churches we will be visiting:

- St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral
- St. John Cantius
- St. Michael in Old Town
- St. Vincent De Paul
- St. Clement
- St. Alphonsus

More information about each church can be found in the Gathering Space.



BELLARMINE JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

March 22-24, 2019

Retreat Master Mary McKeon
An Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Men

Knowing about Jesus is part of our faith development; coming to intimately know Jesus leads to spiritual depth and transformation. Scripture, silence, and prayer are key to meeting Jesus heart to heart. This retreat is about your personal response to the question Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

420 W COUNTY LINE RD • BARRINGTON, IL 60010 • 847-381-1261 • WWW.JESUITRETREAT.ORG

To register, visit us online at www.jesuitretreat.org, call the office, or complete this form and mail it to the address above accompanied with your **\$85 deposit**. If you are interested in *Flexible Funding*, please call the office at 847-381-1261.

I am registering for the following retreat (list date): **March 22-24, 2019 Men's Weekend Retreat**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Requests: _____

Room Requests: _____

Enclosed is my check payable to:
Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House, Inc. (Checks are preferred)

Please charge my credit card: \$ _____

Credit Card Type, if applicable: Visa Amex MC Discover

Card #: _____

Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Suggested retreat contribution: Weekend Retreat is \$285 per person (\$85 deposit); 4-Day Retreat is \$360 per person

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PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

EXERCISE CLASS meets in the Activity Center on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more information, call Bernadette Dunne, 773-764-9422

BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:15 to 9pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.



**IRISH
DANCERS**

FROM THE

**MULLANE
GODLEY
IRISH
DANCE
ACADEMY**



St. Margaret Mary Parish
Celebration of **St. Patrick** & **St. Joseph**
Saturday evening, March 9, 2019

In the Activity Center, immediately following the 4:00 pm Mass

Dinner \$40.00

Corned Beef Poached Salmon fillets
Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots
Catered by Max & Benny's

Dessert

donations requested for the dessert table

Italian Sweets & Pastries such as ...
Tiramisu - Biscotti - Cannoli - Pizzelle - Pignolo

Cash Bar... Beer or Wine ...\$5.00

Coffee & Tea

Water & Soft Drinks included

Tables for 6 to 8 guests.

**LIVE
MUSIC**



Name _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

Number of guests _____

We would like to sit with _____

*Checks may be made payable to St. Margaret Mary Parish
and placed in the Rectory mail slot or the Sunday Collection
in an envelope marked "Party".*

CYCLES OF FAITH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich? who are filled now? who laugh? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor? you who are now hungry? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses on
February 24
March 10

Any child between 3rd grade and 8th grade is welcome to become an altar server. Training will be for new altar servers, but current altar servers are welcome to help with the training.

For more information, please contact Fr. Tirso.

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Lucien Larue** for whom we promise our prayers that he may live in joy in His presence.



+PARISH DEVOTIONS+

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
Every Wednesday at 8:00 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday following 8:45 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

Please enter the middle door, school side.

(Become a regular, call

Mila Cobarrubias at 773-814-4282 or

Judith Seruelo at 773-764-0247.)

Mass at 7:00 pm on First Fridays;

Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 pm

on all other Fridays.

HEART OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in Rectory Hall.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Every 1st Friday of the month

beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.

Fellowship follows after Mass.

Contact person: Terry Luciano, 773-677-7347

FATIMA ROSARY

First Saturday of the month
immediately following 4 pm Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

Baptisms: On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month immediately following the 10:30 am mass. Please make arrangements at least one month in advance.

Preparation class held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the rectory

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and invite them to register at the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 17 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am George Meyers
 10:30 am John Conway
 James Ricker - anniversary
 Marie Schmid
 Mary Marren

Monday, February 18

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, February 19

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, February 20

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, February 21 St. Peter Damian

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, February 22 Chair of St. Peter

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, February 23 St. Polycarp

8:00am Deceased members of SMM
 4:00 pm Ann Donohue
 Eugenio R & Antonia L. Dias

Sunday, February 24 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Lawrence Little
 George Meyers
 10:30 am Mary Lou Plomin

Readings for the week of February 17, 2019

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/
 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21
 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b
 and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23
 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/
 Mk 9:2-13
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

CLASSIFIEDS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE: dn rm tbl w/5
 chrs, Belleek, leaded glass, mirrors, lamps, etc, 773-
 759-1942;

FOR RENT: sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo,
 perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24
 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or
 Neal.gallo.gznm@statefarm.com; 6.5 rm, 3rd fl of 3
 flt, cntrl ht/air, 1500 sq ft, now, Peg, 773-274-7534.

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, Feb. 18

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, February 20

Anne Schaefer

Saturday, February 23

Mila Cobarrubias

Lectors

Saturday, February 16

4:00 pm Art Blumberg & Mary Fallon

Sunday, February 17

8:30 am Janet & Tim Murtaugh
 10:30 am Lucy Ibekwem & Bill Bingham

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 16

4:00 pm M. Varallo, D. Cole, G. Lindor,
 J. Moylan & J. Ashbach

Sunday, February 17

8:30 am P. & R. Mackin, L. Igboanugo,
 R. Hardy, L. Honda & C. Chima
 10:30 am M. Neba, B. Alban, P. Ohiri,
 A. Baldonado, M. Grigsby,
 J. Seruelo & Y. Malicay

Lectors

Saturday, February 23

4:00 PM Julie Ashbach & Judy Moylan

Sunday, February 24

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & R. Mackin
 10:30 am Alex Luciano & Leonard Kohl

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 23

4:00 pm A. Blumberg, M. Neba, G. Lindor,
 D. Cole, M. Varallo & M. Fallon

Sunday, February 24

8:30 am C. Chima, L. Honda, R. Hardy,
 L. Igboanugo & J. & T. Murtaugh
 10:30 am K. Conoquie, M.K. McGuire,
 G. Potucek, V. Onyeaghala,
 B. David, B. Skiles & T. Luciano