

The Chimes

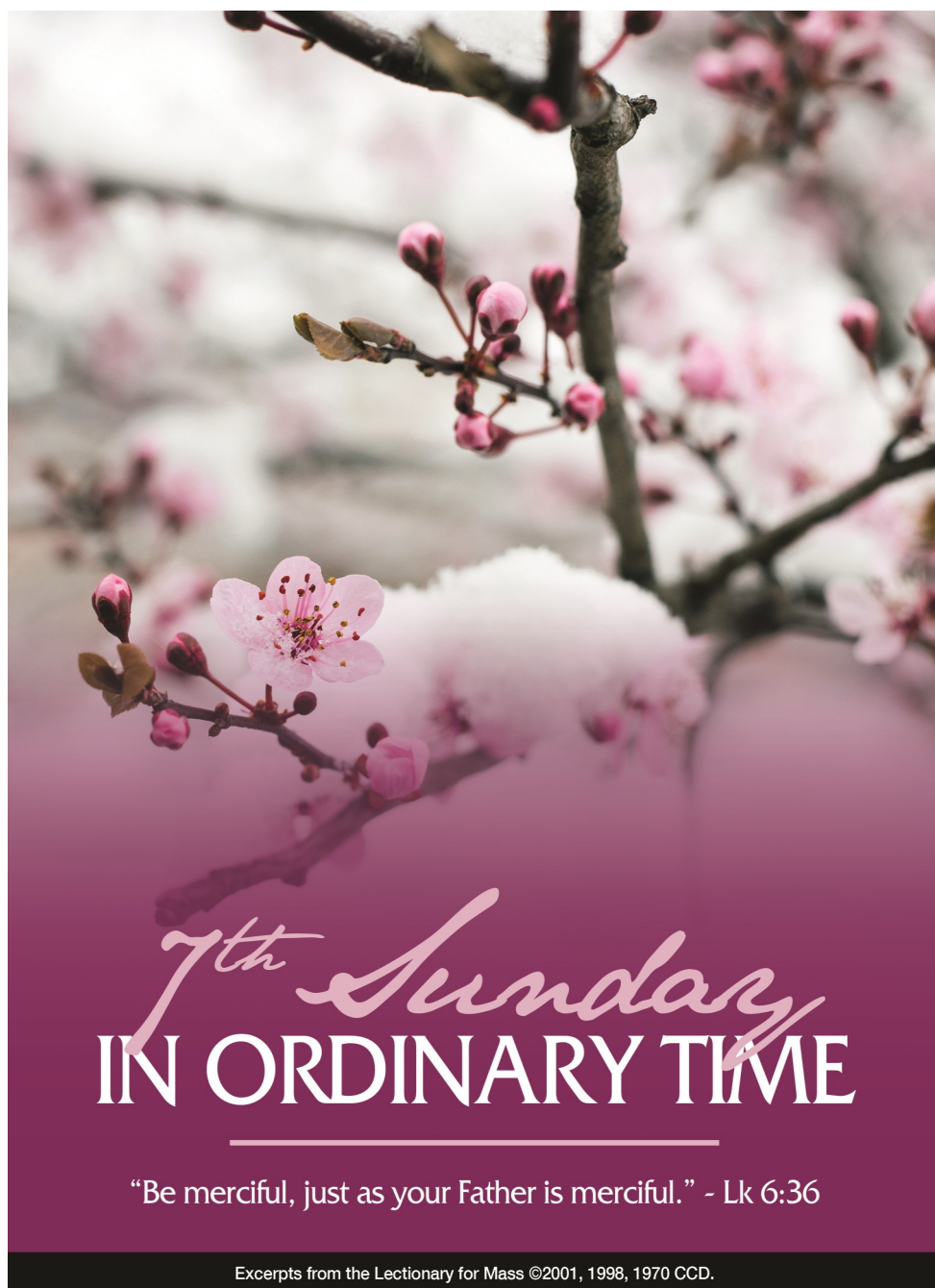
The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



February 24, 2019

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde

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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

This weekend, we enter into the commitment phase of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our target goal for this year is to raise \$18,596.40. In the past, we as a parish have always met our goal and surpassed it. As always, 100% of the amount the parish raises over and above the goal will return to us to be used for whatever parish need might be the greatest. As for the needs of the parish, we all well know that the list is never ending. However, at this time, I am again amazed at how much the grace of God is at work.

No sooner than I had begun to talk about the stained glass windows in church as our next major project, a donor came forward and blessed us with a gift of \$25K which will allow us to have at least four (4) of our stained glass windows repaired and restored. As many may recall, the repairs and restoration of the windows has been estimated at about \$6K/per window. Of course, the gift is generous but the work is far from over. Remember that there are sixteen (16) stained glass windows apart from the rose window, the two small round windows, and the three windows above the crucifix. Still, our donor has generously paved the way for us to begin this project sooner rather than later. For this we are truly blessed and we must be aware of how much God's grace is at work. By God's grace, we will be able to accomplish this project as soon as possible so that we can scratch one more need off of our list.

Having announced that good news, I recall that many parishioners have told me that they would love to be able to do something similar but they just do not have the resources. These same parishioners have promised me time and again that if they win the lottery, they would gladly give a good portion of their winnings to the parish. But, our response to God's goodness to us does not have to be that grandiose. In other words, we should not get ourselves bogged down in our inability to match such a gift of \$25K dollar for dollar. Rather, we should simply allow our gratitude for God's blessings to determine how much we individually might be able to do for the benefit of our faith community.

As I have said before, the majority of us do not have \$6K at our easy access. And, yes, it would be nice if every family registered here at SMM might have the resources to give \$25K each. As we very well know, that is simply not the reality. However, again, it is not a matter of each of us giving the exact same dollar amount. It is instead a matter of each of us making equal sacrifices that reflect how equally grateful we are to God for the goodness He has given to us in our lives. When that becomes our starting point, we allow that gratitude to be reflected in whatever we deem is in our ability to give—from our time, talent, as well as treasure.

But, again, let the giving of our time, talent, and treasure be a direct reflection of our deep gratitude for what God has done for us. No matter what situation in which we find ourselves, the most important truth to remember is that we are here to advance the Mission of Jesus—the mission that has been entrusted to the Church. Forming ourselves and one another into more grateful disciples will be the essential step we will need in addressing all of the needs of the parish community.

As we consider the Annual Catholic Appeal among the other forms of fund raising in which we are engaged—the Easter Raffle, St. Pat's/St. Joseph Party, Summer Collection, and others—I simply ask that we do what we are able to do. But, let us also consider the fact that ours is not merely the task of “paying the bills” or “being productive” especially in terms of how many projects we are able to accomplish. Ours is a matter of living out our discipleship in such a way that each of us is very intentional about the manner and the extent to which we respond to our call to promote and advance the Mission of Jesus in the Church.

Fr. Tirso Villaverde, Jr.



PREPARE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

If you have any old palm branches from last Palm Sunday, please bring them to the rectory office this week. We will burn the old palms on Saturday, March 2nd, at 9:00 am in the rectory courtyard parking lot. All are invited.

PLEASE....remove all staples and rubber bands from palm branches!



*Oh, The places we will go
and the things we will do!*

WILDCAT SUMMER CAMP 2019
June 17-August 2

Reduced early registration fee, \$50 by May 1st. \$100 after May 1. Weekly rates-same as last year: \$225 per week (4+ weeks), \$260 per week (less than 4 weeks). Discounted sibling rate-same as last year: \$160 per week (4+weeks), \$200 per week (less than 4 weeks). Registration closes on June 1. Extended Care Program available AM and PM. Registration opening soon!

COLLECTION REPORT

February 17, 2019

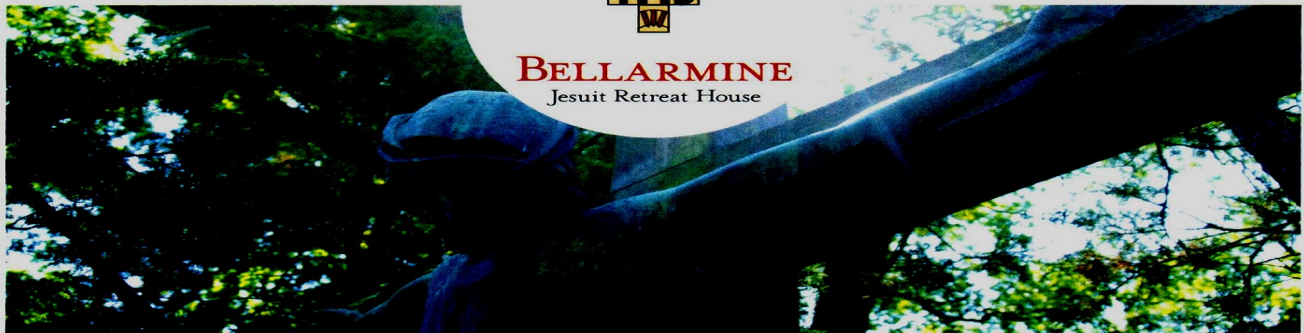
Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,974.98
Loose Money	\$1,080.91
Total Collection	\$4,055.69
Variance.....	(\$4,886.31)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	95

GIVE CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

July 1, 2018 to date:
\$26,680.00



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House



"Finding Our Wholeness"

April 5-7, 2019

Retreat Master Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ
An Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Women

Our unique holiness is truly found in our wholeness in Jesus. We will use Ignatian contemplation in this weekend retreat, making use of the senses and imagination, to enter more fully into our wholeness and walk more closely with Jesus.



Meet Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ

Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ is a Jesuit priest. He is deeply interested in creating communities of healing, empowering young people, brain health, and finding God in all things. He has worked as a high school teacher, associate pastor, executive director, and high school president, using his unique experience in organizational dynamics, leadership, brain health, and Ignatian spirituality, applying it to youth education and organizational life. He is a retreat leader and a director of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola deeply desiring to help others connect to God. He is a gifted national speaker on trauma-informed care, organizational dynamics, youth formation, Ignatian spirituality, and leadership.

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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): April 5-7, 2019 Women's Weekend Retreat

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Requests: _____

Room Requests: _____

Captain/Group Name (if applicable): Deanery II-B Women

☐ 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 (\$85 deposit); Overnight Retreat is \$185 per person (\$85 deposit)

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 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

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 will be served at 6:00 pm

Dinner \$40.00

Corned Beef Roast Chicken Potatoes, Cabbage & Carrots

Catered by Max & Benny's

Poached Salmon Fillets Fava Bean Salad

Dessert

donations requested for the dessert table

Italian Sweets & Pastries such as ...

Tiramisu - Biscotti - Cannoli - Pizzelle - Pignolo
and/or

Irish Soda Bread

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

Coffee & Tea

Water & Soft Drinks included

Tables for 6 to 8 guests.

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".*

**IRISH
DANCERS**

FROM THE

**MULLANE
GODLEY
IRISH
DANCE
ACADEMY**



**MUSIC
BY
MANTIS**



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

Leave SMM at 8:30 am

Return to SMM by 4:00 pm

36 Pilgrims Maximum

Cost will be \$40/pilgrim

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.

CYCLES OF FAITH

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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.

+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 24 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Lawrence Littel
George Meyers

10:30 am Mary Lou Plomin

Monday, February 25

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, February 26

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, February 27

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, February 28

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, March 1

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, March 2

8:00 am Agnes Robst

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Sunday, March 3 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
George Meyers

10:30 am Jaime Cobarrubias

Readings for the week of February 24, 2019

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

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
[cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172,
174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/
Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35
[35a]/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18
[cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
[cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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, February 18

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, February 20

Anne Schaefer

Saturday, February 23

Mila Cobarrubias

Lectors

Saturday, February 23

4:00 pm Julie Ashbach & Judy Moylan

Sunday, February 24

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Reid 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. Conorquie, M.K. McGuire,
G. Potucek, V. Onyeaghala,
B. David, B. Skiles & T. Luciano

