

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

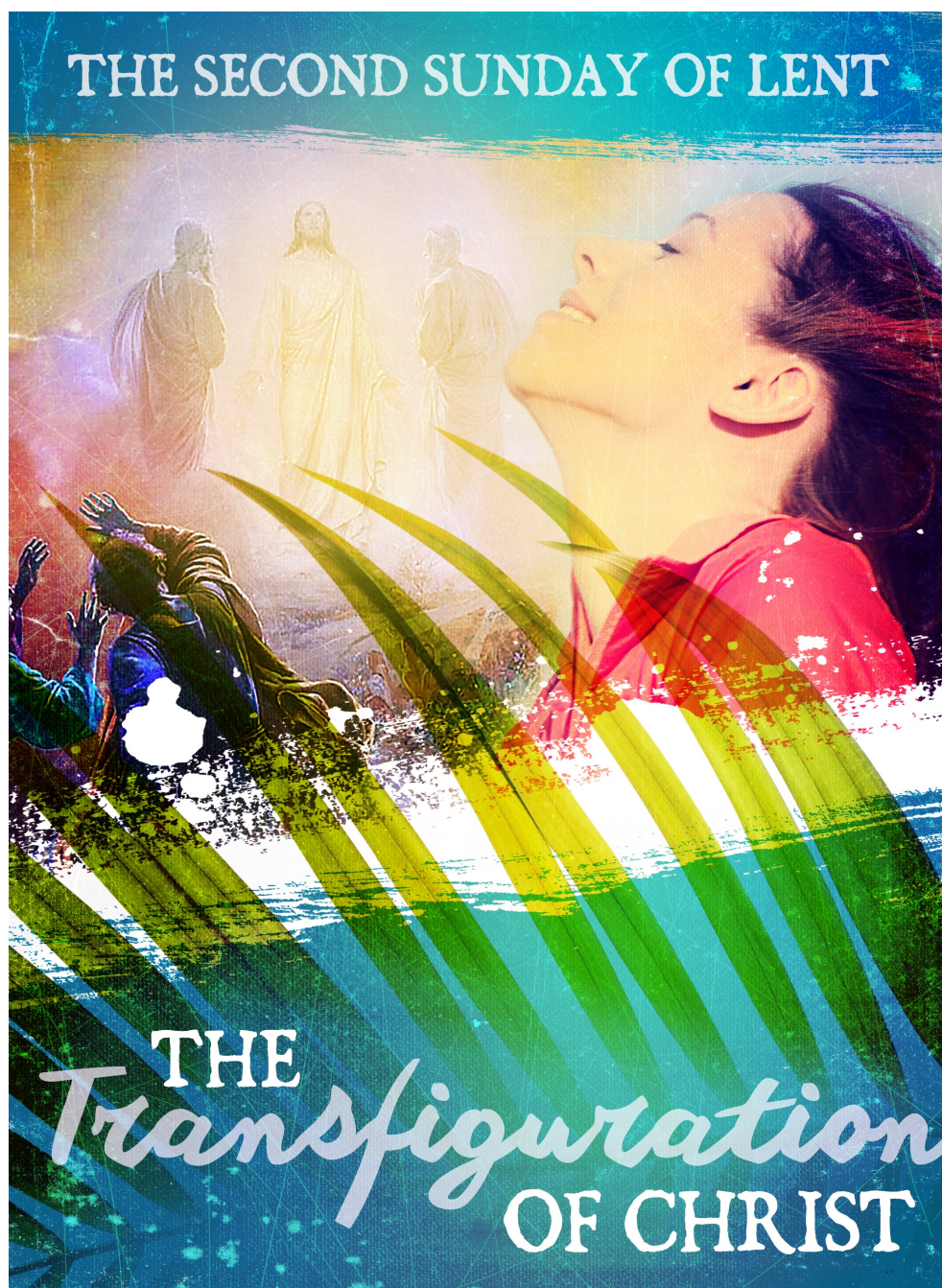
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March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde

Pastor Emeritus, Rev. James Barrett

Residents, Rev. Harold Murphy

Michael Okoro, C.S.Sp.

Deacon, Michael Neba

Accountant, Jim Masini

Religious Ed, Cynthia Splatt

School Principal, Christine Huzenis

Music Ministry, Steve Burke

Howard Schneider

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

Last Sunday I had the honor of accompanying our two young teenaged catechumens to the cathedral downtown for the Rite of Election. They were presented to Bishop Bartosic who, in the name of the whole Church, received all of those who were being called to baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation.

The Rite of Election is actually a celebration that always gives me hope. Every year, there are at least four celebrations scheduled. The reason being is that it takes that many celebrations to receive the numbers of older children and adults who are seeking to be members of the Catholic Church. During each Rite of Election, those to be baptized, received into Full Communion with the Church, or those adults completing their Catholic Initiation are called by name and enter into the sanctuary of Holy Name Cathedral. It is always a "tear jerker" type of moment for me to see the sanctuary gradually filling up with people who want to be Catholic. I always look at that moment and become full of joy as I think, "Yes. There is always something good about being Catholic."

While it is true that some of those people may not be as active in their new faith as others, it is still a moment of joyful hope to realize that even now people are choosing to be Catholic. This is a cause for hope now more than ever. It is a testimony to the presence of God's Truth that is found in a very unique way in the Catholic Church. Despite the critics of the Catholic Church, and those who nowadays are leaving because of the sexual scandals, the fact that there are still that many people choosing to be Catholic of their own free will must say to us and the world that there is still something to be said about being Catholic. If not, then why would there be so many people making that choice?

This should also be a moment of hope for us on this local level. Our two young catechumens not only remind us that there is hope and joy to be found in our Catholic Church, but they also remind us that our Church is much more than this particular parish or any single parish for that matter. We need to remember this now more than ever, especially as we prepare to begin the process of Renew My Church.

In these days, as soon as people hear the words Renew My Church, renewal is not the first thing that comes to their minds. Instead, it is the fear that the parish they love will end up being closed. Yet, what must give us hope and direction is the truth that we are Catholic before we are members of any particular parish. And, no matter what may happen to this or any other parish, we will still remain Catholic and part of that same faith community that was founded on St. Peter and has been in existence for the last 2,000 years.

This needs to be what gives us hope. This ought to be what gives us focus. This needs to be what directs our very lives in the days, weeks, and years ahead.

In the coming weeks leading up to Easter, we will have other opportunities to pray for and with our two young catechumens. I hope that their choice to become Catholic will inspire all of us to strengthen our love for the Catholic faith and realize that, no matter what the future holds, Jesus promised that the gates of hell will never prevail over his Church.

Fr. Tirso Villaverde, Jr.



HELP GET READY FOR HOLY WEEK

Plastic Easter Eggs are available for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass. Parishioners are invited to take home as many packages as you would like, fill the eggs with coins, religious mementos, or candy. The filled eggs need to be returned to the parish by Palm Sunday, April 14th.

For any parishioner living within a 1/2 mile radius from the church (preferably within the area of Howard to the north, Greenleaf to the south, Damen to the east and Campbell to the west), we can use volunteers to have your homes designated as one of the "stations" for our Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 19th at 3 pm. You need not be home during the outdoor stations. If you volunteer your home, you will be given an image of your assigned station and be asked to display the image in your front window, out on your lawn, or anywhere else on your property where it will be easily visible for us to pray that particular station. If you are interested, please call Fr. Tirso at 773-764-0615 or email at tvillaverde@archchicago.org.



Northside Catholic Academy

MOMMY & ME YOGA & AEROBICS

Saturday, March 16th, 12 noon to 2 pm at NCA Gym, 1401 W. Granville. Please RSVP to <https://goo.gl/forms/tbD5e5JubbVyOIGA2>.

THE QUEEN IS STILL HIDING...\$39,000 and growing every day! Buy your ticket at the Double Bubble, Edge of Sweetness and the school offices.

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR REDUCED TUITION.

The deadline for consideration of the Guardian Angel Fund is May 1, 2019. For more information go to NorthsideCatholic.org or call 773-743-6277.

OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, April 10, 9-11 am. We also conduct private admissions tours, Mondays thru Fridays from 8 am to 3 pm. For more information call 773-7743-6277.

NCA ACADEMY WILDCAT SUMMER CAMP:

June 17-August 2. Registration is now open. For more information go to NorthsideCatholic.org or call 773-743-6277.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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COLLECTION REPORT

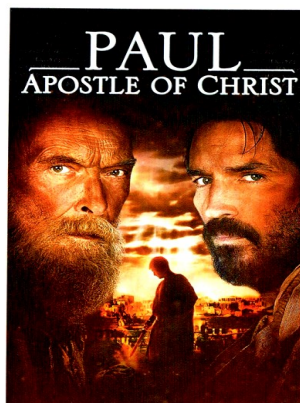
March 10, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,734.00
Loose Money	\$ 426.51
Total Collection	\$3,160.51
Variance	(\$5,781.49)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	99



There will be a second collection for **EASTER FLOWERS** on the weekend of March 30th & 31st.

PASS IT ALONG!
BUY THE NEXT
PERSON'S
COFFEE, PAY FOR
A STRANGER'S
BRIDGE TOLL,
OR LET SOMEONE
GO AHEAD OF
YOU AT THE
CHECKOUT.



LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT 2019

St. Margaret Mary
Activity Center
7341 N. Claremont Ave.
Meeting Rooms 1&2
Saturday, March 23rd, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Invite family and friends!

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 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.

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

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.

THE LIVING SUPPER

Wednesday evening, April 10th, 7:00 pm in the Activity Center

The Religious Education Program and Natalie Blaser and Daniel Zeckhauser

invite you to an

INTERFAITH SEDER

On the night before He died, Jesus celebrated a Passover meal with his disciples, his family and his friends. When He broke the bread and blessed the cup, He said "do this in memory of me." As we prepare once again for the Easter season, we are blessed to have a young, interfaith couple who will share with us the traditions of the Jewish Passover meal, the origin of our Christian Eucharist.

If you would like to prepare a traditional Passover dish to share, we can give you the recipe. Contact Cynthia Splatt at cynthiasplatt@gmail.com.

A free will offering is asked for the benefit of the Holy Hands Ministry.

Yes, we want to participate,

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO IS HIRING

Are you seeking an opportunity to draw closer to our Lord through your work? Consider applying your professional strengths and experience at the service of sharing Christ with others. The Archdiocese of Chicago is in the midst of exiting changes as we renew our local Church. With our competitive salary and benefit packages, the archdiocese provides many opportunities for professional and personal growth and development. For the listing of current openings please visit archchicago.org/careers or follow us on LinkedIn.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has more than 15,000 employees that serve more than 2.2 million Catholics in Cook & Lake Counties. Our elementary and secondary schools comprise one of the largest U.S. private school systems and have garnered more U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Awards than any system of any type.



to the students & parents
who helped to make our
St. Patrick and St. Joseph
Feast a success.

They contributed a lot of
energy and talent.

It could not
have happened
without you!

CYCLES OF FAITH

2nd Sunday of Lent

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

+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.

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 [1a]/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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, March 17 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am George Meyers
Mary Hardy

10:30 am Tom Comer
Marie Schmid
John Conway
Mary Marren
Mary Lou Plomin
Kevin O'Brien

Monday, March 18 St. Cyril

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, March 19 St. Joseph

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, March 21

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, March 22

8:00 am Jack Sweetman

Saturday, March 23

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

4:00 pm Ann Donohue
Sr. Mary Burle Wright

Sunday, March 24 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Dolores Chozianin
10:30 am Peg & Bill Hanlon (living)
Nicholas Wallis
Singson Wong Ng
Antonio Ng, Sr.
Ng Pee
John Ortiz

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Volunteers are needed! Flexible hours are available and drop-ins are welcome at the Cicero Avenue office to sort donated items, assist clients in the Family Room and help with mailings and baby bottle projects.

For more information on any of these volunteer opportunities, call 708-320-4066.

CLASSIFIEDS

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.gzm@statefarm.com; 6.5 rm, 3rd fl of 3 flt, cntrl ht/air, 1500 sq ft, now, Peg, 773-274-7534;
ROOMMATE NEEDED: Ridge/Touhy, \$410/mo, Marietta, 773-892-8311.

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, March 18

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, March 20

Anne Schaefer

Saturday, March 23

Mila Cobarrubias

Lectors

Saturday, March 16

4:00 pm Julie Asbach & Maureen Varallo

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Reid Mackin

10:30 am Leonard Kohl & Lucy Ibekwem

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 16

4:00 pm M. Neba, M. Fallon, J. Moylan,
G. Lindor & D. Cole

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am P. Mackin, C. Chima, L. Honda,
R. Hardy, L. Igboanugo &
J. & T. Murtaugh

10:30 am K. Conorque, V. Onyeaghala,
J. Seruelo, P. Ohiri, M. Grigsby,
A. Baldonado & B. Bingham

Lectors

Saturday, March 23

4:00 PM Judy Moylan & Mary Fallon

Sunday, March 24

8:30 am Janet & Tim Murtaugh

10:30 am Alex Luciano & Bill Bingham

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J. Ashbach

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L. Honda, P. & R. Mackin &
C. Chima

10:30 am G. Potucek, T. Luciano, B. David,
B. Skiles, M. K. McGuie, Y. Malicay &
B. Alban