

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of  
**SAINT MARGARET MARY**

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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### 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-Thursday

9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

Friday by appointment

#### Parish Website:

[www.smmchicago.org/parish](http://www.smmchicago.org/parish)

**Parish School** (773) 271-2008

Northside Catholic Academy

#### Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

**Holy Hands**

(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

At this time, I would again like to remind parishioners about the Renew My Church announcement meeting that has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. I know that I myself will not be at the meeting due to a trip to the Philippines that I had begun to plan months prior to the start of the Renew My Church process here at the parish. Still, it is important that as many of our SMM parishioners attend the announcement meeting. Whatever decision is made, it will impact the lives of everyone in our faith community along with the faith communities of St. Henry, St. Timothy, and Blessed Aloysius Stepanic Croatian Catholic Mission.

Several parishioners have already asked me what we might be able to expect in regard to the decision. I have basically responded that everything is up in the air and anything is possible. Even though the Renew My Church conversations between the four communities pointed to one or two recommendations, there is still any number of directions the future may take us. At this time, the report that we had submitted is being reviewed by the executive committee of Renew My Church who will then pass it on to the Presbyteral Council—an advisory board to the Cardinal consisting of priests of the Archdiocese. Everyone will make recommendations to the Cardinal who again will ultimately make the final decision. In a few instances, the Cardinal chose to go in a totally different direction than the recommendations made to him. For this reason, I again must respond that everything is up in the air, anything is possible, and no one will really know until the day of the official announcement. I, for one, do not want to respond in any way that will get everyone's hopes up only to discover that I had steered everyone in the wrong direction. As hard as it is to wait, it is all that any of us can do at this point.

Even if we speak hypothetically and consider the possibilities, again we are still working on conjecture. Yes, we can and we have started exploring the possibilities but it must still be clear that everything is speculation at this moment.

Even after the formal conversations have concluded, I have had continuing conversations with leaders from St. Henry Parish to begin "brainstorming" in the event that our parishes might be merged. If this were to happen, we all realize that as much space will be needed in order to accommodate all of the ministries that will become part of the new parish. Similar conversations have taken place with leaders from St. Timothy's. Again, everything is at the level of speculation at this point, but these conversations have been good in helping to be prepared for whatever the future might hold.

Again, I encourage all current and active parishioners to attend the meeting on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This is part of the journey for ALL parishioners—Anglo, Filipino, Hispanic, and all the countries of Africa. We need to see a good representation of all the ethnic communities that are represented in the parish.

Again, I apologize that I myself cannot be at the meeting. I tried to request either an earlier announcement date or even a later date. However, February 4<sup>th</sup> was the most convenient for everyone else involved.

Finally, no matter what decision is announced, I hope and pray that we will all receive the news with open minds, welcoming hearts, and a faith rooted in Jesus who is present and will remain present even as we learn to be a parish in a totally different way as in the past.



Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.

Thank you to all who participated in our Epiphany project. We have five bags of socks and underpants to give to the New Life Shelter. More than last year.

Our next project, for the spring:

## 1000 Paper Cranes.

Sadako Sasaki survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, but at age 11 she was diagnosed with leukemia. In the hospital, Sadako folded Origami Paper Cranes. There is a legend that if you fold a 1000 paper cranes, your wish will come true. Sadako wanted to get well, but she was also wishing for Peace in the World. She died at age 12, but her legacy endures.

Do you fold Origami ? and do you have paper ? gift paper is good. Let us know.

Our world is so in need of peace.

## WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS FOR JANUARY 2020

Save the Date: Saturday, February 8th, for our annual Life Banquet at Avalon Banquets on Higgins Road in Elk Grove Village. Keynote speaker is Dr. William Lile, a Pro-Life OBY-GYN who is becoming a leader in the field of RU 486 reversal procedures.

Can't make it to our volunteer events? We can come to you! Host a baby bottle party at your school or home. We will bring all the supplies and instructions you need to do a remote volunteer project. For information contact Dolores Pribble at [dpribble@gotwc.org](mailto:dpribble@gotwc.org).

Volunteers needed for substitute and on-call for our lobby reception area; to sort donated items and assist clients in our Family Room; help with mailings and baby bottle projects; bi-lingual who are conversational in Spanish to help in special areas; and to assist with baby furniture donations. For more info about these opportunities, please call 708-320-2066.

Seeking family room donations: infant car seat/ carriers, 4 high chairs, 3 double strollers, 5 baby carriers, 4 baby swings. Also needed are diapers in sizes 4, 5 & 6 only, all sizes of pull ups, baby wipes, shampoo, lotion and Similac as well as women's hygiene items.

Please call 773-794-1313 for the delivery address.

## COLLECTION REPORT

**December 22, 2019**

Sunday Envelope Budget .....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual .....	\$3,071.19
Loose Money.....	\$1,212.94
Total Collection .....	\$4,284.13
Variance .....	(\$4,657.87)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	111

## COLLECTION REPORT

**December 29, 2019**

Sunday Envelope Budget .....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual .....	\$4,190.82
Loose Money.....	\$ 835.98
Total Collection .....	\$5,026.80
Variance .....	(\$3,915.20)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	104

## COLLECTION REPORT

**January 5, 2020**

Sunday Envelope Budget .....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual .....	\$3,312.50
Loose Money.....	\$1,403.94
Total Collection .....	\$4,716.44
Variance .....	(\$4,225.56)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	110



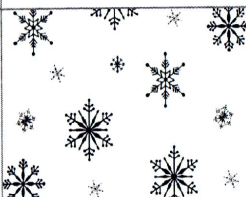
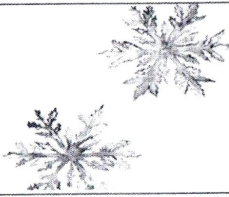
**EXERCISE CLASS** meets in the Activity Center on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more information, call Bernadette Dunne, 773-764-9422

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at [HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org](mailto:HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org) or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

## Winter Programs at the Holy Spirit Life Learning Center

The HSLLC will be offering the following programs starting Monday, January 6 and ending Friday, March 13, 2020. Registration fee is \$30.00 for the term. You may take as many classes as you like. We also provide babysitting, while parents are attending a program. To register, please call or visit us in person. We hope to see you!

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning</b>	English 9:30-11am  Knitting and Crocheting Class 9:30-12:30pm	Basic Sewing 11-12:30pm	English 9:30-11am	Counseling (by appointment) 9-4 pm  Arts and Crafts 11-12:30pm	English 9:30-11am  Basic Computer Class 11-12:30pm
<b>Afternoon</b>	Homework Help for Children 3-5pm		Homework Help for Children 3-5pm		Homework Help for Children 3-5pm
<b>Evening</b>	English 6:30-8pm	Spanish Literacy Sr. Margaret Anne 7-8pm	English 6:30-8pm	Bible Study (in Spanish) Sr. Lidia Kunze 6:30-8pm	English 6:30-8pm  Basic Computer Class 6:30-8pm



\*The HSLLC also offers Case Management and individual Counseling to persons over 18 years of age.

Call 773-764-3005 to make an appointment.

Visit us at: 2020 W. Morse Ave. Chicago, IL 60645 Telephone: 773-764-3000



## CYCLES OF FAITH

### Baptism of the Lord

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is “to be our model of holiness.” All of Jesus’ words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we’re meant to *be*. Jesus’ baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. “*This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.*” And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit’s grace and power to continue Christ’s mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can – and should – invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let’s do as Jesus did. Let’s live in our baptism!

### REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Eva Qualo** and **Joan Green** for whom we promise our prayers that they will live in joy in His presence.



## +PARISH DEVOTIONS+

### OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Every Wednesday at 8:30 am.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday following 8:00 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, January 12 **Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 am Rose Schulman  
 10:30 am In Thanksgiving:  
 Roman & Violeta Arceta (living)  
 Living Members of Nwanah Family  
 Julita & Crispin Trovela

### Monday, January 13 **St Hilary**

8:00 am Arcadio Santos

### Tuesday, January 14

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Wednesday, January 15

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Thursday, January 16

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Friday, January 17 **St. Anthony**

8:00 am Jeffrey Cobarrubias  
 Rafael Virella  
 Yolly Narsolis (living) -birthday

### Saturday, January 18

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM  
 4:00 pm Ann Donohue

### Sunday, January 19 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Deceased members of SMM  
 10:30 am Living members of Nwanah Family  
 Julita Trovela  
 Marie Schmid

## Readings for the week of January 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17  
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19  
 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd  
 [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,  
 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25  
 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19  
 [2]/Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5,  
 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## 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.gznm@statefarm.com;  
**NEEDED:** handiman/computer tech, Peg, 773-274-7534

## LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

### Sacristans

#### Monday, January 13

A Volunteer Is Needed

#### Wednesday, January 15

Anne Schaefer

#### Saturday, January 18

A Volunteer Is Needed



### Lectors

#### Saturday, January 12

4:00 pm Lee Draus & Judy Moylan

#### Sunday, January 13

8:30 am Petr Scheidt & Michele Okeifufe  
 10:30 am Bela Lopez & Greg Umogo

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, January 12

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

#### Sunday, January 13

8:30 am B. Russell, J. & T. Murtaugh &  
 L. Igboanugo  
 10:30 am M. Neba, T. Luciano, J. Seruelo,  
 K. Cononquie, G. Potucek,  
 V. Onyeaghala & Y. Malicay

### Lectors

#### Saturday, January 18

4:00 pm Mary Fallon & Art Blumberg

#### Sunday, January 19

8:30 am Peter Scheidt & Peter Johnston  
 10:30 am Leonard Kohl & Ryan Madayag

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#### Saturday, January 18

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

#### Sunday, January 19

8:30 am P. & R. Mackin, L. Honda, R. Hardy,  
 L. Igboanugo & J. & T. Murtaugh  
 10:30 am B. Alban, B. Bingham, T. Linwood,  
 L. Ibekwem, A. Baldonado,  
 M. Grigsby & Deacon J. Cerna