

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of  
**SAINT MARGARET MARY**

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



February 9, 2020

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

### 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

This weekend begins the Annual Catholic Appeal. Pastors are supposed to announce to the beginning the process of the appeal which will span a period of three weekends. Of course, I will still be in the Philippines as you read this article. In fact, I am writing this article even while I am still in Chicago dreaming that I will be in warmer weather and possibly on a beach. I hope that I am not making anyone feel jealous. But, I have digressed.

Since I will be away this weekend, I am choosing to use this article as a way to announce the start of the Annual Catholic Appeal. In years past, the parish has been extremely successful with the Annual Catholic Appeal. We have not only reached our goal but exceeded it. The excess money has been a blessing and allowed us as a parish to support certain projects or just pay off some needed bills. Either way, I want to thank you all again for being so generous and committed to the needs of the Church—both for the Archdiocese and our own parish.



This year, the goal amount for our parish was based on the offertory income from the fiscal year 2018–2019 which totaled \$300,779. The Annual Catholic Appeal asks each parish to raise at least 7% of the previous year's offertory income. So, based on the figure of 2018–2019, St. Margaret Mary Parish has been assigned the task of raising at least \$21,055 for the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. Again, if contributions exceed that goal amount, the parish receives a rebate. The more we collect the more it will benefit both the Archdiocese and our local parish needs.

As for the Annual Catholic Appeal, it helps the Archdiocese to further its mission as disciples of Jesus. It is just like any other parish that relies on the donations of its members. The only difference is that the Archdiocese is a much larger operation than an average parish.

To be clear, the funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal are not used to pay off debt incurred from lawsuits connected with abuses. The funds for the Annual Catholic Appeal are used by the Archdiocese to advance its mission imperative to preach the gospel by helping to improve the schools and religious education programs. The funds are also used to invest in the people who go through formation to be trained as professional pastoral assistants in the parishes. Further, the funds are used to advance the commitment of the Church in Chicago to issues surrounding peace, justice, and respect for life.

On our local level, the excess funds that we might get from this year's Annual Catholic Appeal can be used for several capital projects that are needed. For example, even before I started here, the chimney over our boiler room (behind the rectory and close to the school building) has been in dire need of repair. The top of the chimney is not as stable as it should be and can present a major safety issue if anything were to happen to it. If bricks were to start falling off, we can imagine what a potential problem this might cause especially if someone unexpectedly gets hurt. This is the next big project that the Finance Committee and I would like to tackle.

Of course, even as I announce the Annual Catholic Appeal, I am sure that the announcement on all of our minds is the one that was made on February 4<sup>th</sup> in regard to the future of the four communities of St. Margaret Mary, St. Timothy, St. Henry, and Blessed Aloysius Stepinac Croatian Mission. Unfortunately, I did not have advance knowledge of the decision as I wrote this article. So, for that announcement, I ask that we also pay close attention toward the end of each Mass this weekend especially if you were unable to make it on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

At the 4:00 p.m. Mass, the announcement will be made by Art Blumberg. At the 8:30 a.m. Mass, Reid Mackin will share the announcement while at the 10:30 a.m. it will be Deacon Michael Neba. All three of them were part of the discernment team so they should be able to answer any questions parishioners may have regarding the Renew My Church outcome. If they cannot answer your questions, I will field those questions after February 14<sup>th</sup> when I have returned to the parish.

Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.

Our next project, for spring:  
**1000 PAPER CRANES.**

Sadako Sasakik 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 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.

#### ANGEL CLOSET:

As spring approaches, we are preparing to celebrate First Communion and Confirmation with our children and teens. Do you have clothes that your children have outgrown? We already have a donation and if you would like to donate a dress, veil, a suit jacket or shoes, please bring them to the rectory during office hours. Dresses for Confirmation can be any color.



## COLLECTION REPORT

### February 2, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,519.21
Loose Money .....	\$1,146.27
Total Collection .....	\$4,665.48
Variance .....	(\$4,276.52)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used .....	107

### Readings for the week of February 9, 2020

Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/ 1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/ Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

## ANGEL HAIR IS RETURNING TO SMM!

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**SMM Activity Center**

**8:00 am until 2:00 pm**

Exercise your Lenten charity by helping this event that will provide free basic haircuts for the poor and homeless in our area. A haircut is a simple luxury that some may not even be able to afford and most of us take for granted. Please help by doing one or more of the following:

- \*Volunteering as a barber or haircutter (if you have that skill) or recruit someone you know.
- \*Volunteering in some other capacity during the event.
- \*Donating gently used clothing.
- \*Donating small travel sized toiletries.
- \*Making a monetary donation to help the cause.
- \*Pray for the poor and homeless in our area.

For any questions, please contact Fr. Tirso at 773-764-0615 or [tvillaverde@archchicago.org](mailto:tvillaverde@archchicago.org).





**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.



**BELLARMINE**  
Jesuit Retreat House

**Men's Weekend Retreat:  
"Becoming Another Christ"**

**March 27-29, 2020**

*Retreat Master, Fr. David Meconi, SJ*  
*an Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Men*

**Contact Retreat Captain Reid Mackin  
at 773-647-1644 for more information.**



420 W County Line Rd • Barrington, IL 60010 • 847-381-1261  
[www.JesuitRetreat.org](http://www.JesuitRetreat.org)



## CYCLES OF FAITH

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

### BAPTISMS

**+Marc Anthony Marcos,**

son of Marc Marcos & Nilsa Pineda, received new life in the Lord through the waters of Baptism this past week. May his parents and godparents be a light to his life.



## +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, February 9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am George Meyers  
 10:30 am Juan Lozada - anniversary  
 Remy Esquieres (living)  
 Mary Marren  
 Alfonso De La Cruz  
 Mathias Wallis  
 Julita Trovela  
 Irinea Tiongson  
 Elen Ng Palattao

### Monday, February 10 St. Scholastica

8:00 am Marie & Aaron Hein & Family  
 Ellen Ng Palattao

### Tuesday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am Fr. Aurelijus & Mr. Virgil

### Wednesday, February 12

8:00 am Fr. Aurelijus & Mr. Virgil

### Thursday, February 13

8:00 am Gilda Semilla Cooper (living)  
 In Thanksgiving: Lucia Cobarrubias

### Friday, February 14 Ss. Cyril & Methodius

8:00 am Mary Boski  
 John Potucek  
 Jaime Cobarrubias

### Saturday, February 15

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM  
 4:00 pm James Ricker  
 Ann Donohue  
 Hazel Wiltgen

### Sunday, February 16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am George Meyers  
 10:30 am Mary Marren  
 Alfonso De La Cruz  
 James Ricker  
 Julita Trovela  
 Marie Schmid  
 Margaret Lykins

## LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

### Sacristans

#### Monday, February 10

A Volunteer Is Needed

#### Wednesday, February 12

A Volunteer Is Needed

#### Saturday, February 15

A Volunteer Is Needed

### Lectors

#### Saturday, February 8

4:00 pm Lee Draus

#### Sunday, February 9

8:30 am Julie Ashbach & Art Blumberg  
 10:30 am Richard Schaefer &  
 Michelle Okeifufe

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, February 8

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

#### Sunday, February 9

8:30 am P. & R. Mackin, J. & T. Murtaugh,  
 B. Russel, R. Hardy &  
 L. Igboanugo  
 10:30 am M. Neba, T. Luciano, J. Seruelo,  
 K. Conoquie, G. Potucek,  
 V. Onyeaghala & Y. Malicay

### Lectors

#### Saturday, February 15

4:00 pm Mary Fallon & Maureen Varallo

#### Sunday, February 16

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Peter Scheidt  
 10:30 am Leonard Kohl & Peter Johnston

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, February 15

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

#### Sunday, February 16

8:30 am M. Neba, R. Hard, L. Honda,  
 J. & T. Murtaugh, B. Russell &  
 L. Igboanugo  
 10:30 am B. Bingham, T. Linwood, L. Ibekwem,  
 A. Baldonado, M. Grigsby,  
 V. Onyeaghala & A. Luciano

## 2020 NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY SOIREE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

### Event Details:

Ravenswood Event Center, 4043 N. Ravenswood  
 Avenue, Chicago.

### Tickets and RSVP:

Tickets are \$125 person or \$1250 for a reserved  
 table of 10. If you require a vegetarian meal, please indi-  
 cate in the pulldown box when purchasing tickets. Tickets  
 must be purchased by February 14th. Visit the website,  
[northsidecatholic.org](http://northsidecatholic.org) to purchase tickets.