

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde
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School Principal, Christine Huzenis
Music Ministry, Steve Burke
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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-Thursday
9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm
Friday by appointment

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

Here are a few opportunities for prayer and/or works of charity for parishioners during the season of Lent.

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent.

We will start at 7:00 p.m. every week with either Mass (First Friday) or Vespers. Stations will follow immediately after. Everyone is welcomed to join.

Angel Hair on Saturday, March 21st.

This event is geared toward giving the poor and homeless in our immediate area a chance to be pampered for a day. For the majority of us, a haircut is a luxury we do not think twice about giving ourselves. Once we need a haircut, we can take it for granted that we can easily make an appointment and after the haircut, feel "more human" as the saying goes. For those living on the streets or living at the poverty level, this is a luxury that oftentimes goes off to the side. When it comes to deciding whether to pay the bills, buy food, pay rent, a simple haircut becomes an inaccessible luxury.

Angel Hair will offer free basic haircuts for men, women, and children. Clients will also be served breakfast, lunch, and snacks throughout the day. Clients will also receive a lunch bag to go as well as help themselves to toiletries and used clothing. Again, the event is aimed at serving those in our immediate area who are at or below the poverty line or who live on the streets. Flyers are available if parishioners would like to distribute them to anyone who fits that criteria.

If you would like to volunteer, we need help with cutting hair, washing hair, toiletry station, used clothing station, food servers, among other things. If you have used clothing or travel sized toiletries to donate, please bring them to the rectory office prior to Friday, March 20th. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

Reconciliation will be offered on Saturdays between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. or with the First Communion candidates on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Take advantage of the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and celebrate the coming holy days aware of God's immense love for you.

St. Joseph Table Saturday, March 28th and Sunday, March 29th.

St. Joseph's feast day is on March 19th but here at the parish this is the first open weekend closest to his feast day. There will be hospitality after each of the Masses the weekend of March 28th and 29th. Parishioners are invited to bring food to share. Traditionally, St. Joseph Tables are filled with non-meat dishes. Parishioners are invited to bring whatever non-meat dish you would like to share. Pastries are also welcomed. In honor of St. Joseph, we will also take up some sort of collection to help a charitable organization that assists the poor.

Lenten Pilgrimage Wednesday, April 1st.

Take a visit to 7 churches during the season of Lent. More information is available in the bulletin or contact me for information and/or to sign up.



Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.

Our spring project: **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.

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 several donations and if you would like to donate a dress, veil, a suit, jacket, trousers or shoes, please bring them to the rectory during office hours. Dresses for Confirmation can be any color.

Celebrate St. Joseph

During its tumultuous history, there have been numerous periods of famine in Sicily. The people have prayed to St. Joseph. During one severe drought nothing would grow except Fava Beans, generally considered animal fodder. When the rains finally came, the people expressed their gratitude by celebrating St. Joseph's Day with tables laden with food and especially sweets.

This year our Confirmation candidates will host our St. Joseph's Tables on the weekend of March 28 & 29th, there will be extended hospitality in the Gathering Space after each of the Masses. Everyone is invited to bring sweet treats to share.

COLLECTION REPORT

February 23, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$4,090.43
Loose Money	\$ 994.75
Total Collection	\$5,085.18
Variance	(\$3,856.82)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	106

PARISH COUNSELING...

REACHING TOWARD SUNLIGHT

For many of us, winter feels like a good time to hibernate. With the bright sunlight of spring not yet here, getting yourself through the cold, dark winter can sometimes feel like a matter of endurance. The stresses and strains of everyday life can seem just a bit harder at a time when Mother Nature has not yet helped to make things better.

Fortunately, you have a good resource for coping at your disposal. St. Margaret Mary partners with Claret Center's Parish Counseling Program to offer confidential, nurturing and goal-oriented support for parishioners who've experienced depression, anxiety, grief and other challenges, whether they're tied to the wintertime blues, or not.

Counseling services are provided by Mike McCauley, an experienced professional who's now in the third year of Loyola University Chicago's MA program in Pastoral Counseling. Mike's services are available on a sliding scale. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mike at 773-234-4640 or mikemccauley.claret@gmail.com.



THE TRUE COST: HUMAN TRAFFICKING STORIES will be performed by Still Point Theatre Collective on Saturday, March 14th, from 2-4 pm at St. Scholastica Monastery, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago.

This production gives voice to the forgotten ones: the people who are forced into sexual servitude; the children who are exploited as slave labor to provide cheap goods sold in our very own neighborhoods; the women and men who are lured into domestic labor that turns out to be entrapment rather than employment.

Marking the 10th Anniversary of Illinois Women Religious Against Human Trafficking, we offer this 45 minute production and post show panel discussion with local experts and activists working to stop human trafficking.

Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/2vhBfZA>.

The Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

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 7:00 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.



LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO 7 CHURCHES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

The bus will leave from SMM at 9:00 am and return by 2:15 pm. Here is a tentative schedule of churches that will be visited this year:

- 8:00 Mass and Perpetual Help Novena at SMM
- 9:00 Board the bus
- 9:15 Queen of All Saints Basilica
- 10:00 St. Peter's in Skokie
- 11:00 St. Martha and Shrine of All Saints in Morton Grove
- 11:45 Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview
- 12:30 Sts. Faith, Hope and Charity in Wilmette
- 1:15 St. Joseph in Wilmette
- 2:15 Return to SMM for late lunch in the Activity Center

\$40/person Maximum 30 pilgrims Lunch included
To sign-up, please call Fr. Tirso at 773-764-0615 or email at tvillaverde@archchicago.org.

HELP FILL EASTER EGGS AGAIN!

Plastic eggs will be made available in the Gathering Space of the church starting next weekend, February 29/March 1. These eggs will be used for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 12th, after the 10:30 am Mass.

Parishioners are again invited to take as many eggs as you would like and fill them with any combination of the following:

*candy/chocolate

*coins

*small toys

*small religious mementos.

Please return filled eggs no later than the weekend of March 28/29.



Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

- Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

TAIZE LENTEN SERVICE

Friday, March 6, 2020 7:30-8:30 pm

The Benedictine Sisters invite you to a Taize Lenten Prayer Service. We will sing with accompaniment by live musicians, listen to scripture and a reflection, take time for prayer and light candles.

This quiet, contemplative time can be a meaningful addition to your Lenten observance.

St. Scholastica Monastery is located at 7430 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, 60645, near public transportation.

Please register by email: communication@osbchicago.org.



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; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534.

CYCLES OF FAITH

1st Sunday of Lent

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

+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, March 1 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
Dolores Chozianin
10:30 am Intentions of an SMM Donor
Julita Trovela
Peter Justiano Wallis

Monday, March 2

8:00 am Sara Vega

Tuesday, March 3 St. Katherine Drexel

8:00 am Marie & Aaron Hein & Family

Wednesday, March 4 St. Casimir

8:00 am Joann Wozinik

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, March 6

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, March 7 Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00 am Agnes Robst
4:00 pm Annie Meehan
Ann Donohue

Sunday, March 8 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Chico Maki
Violeta Alzona
10:30 am Virginia Luciano
Joseph Stephen Fernandes-anniversary
Peter Justiano Wallis
Annie Meehan
Julita Trovela

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, March 2

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, March 4

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, March 7

Elsie Heyler

Lectors

Saturday, February 29

4:00 pm Julie Ashbach & Lee Draus

Sunday, March 1

8:30 am Peter Johnston & Peter Scheidt
10:30 am TBA

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 29

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

Sunday, March 1

8:30 am L. Honda, R. Hardy, L. Ibgoanugo,
J. & T. Murtaugh, B. Russell &
R. Mackin
10:30 am M. Grigsby, A. Baldonado, B. Alban,
L. Ibekwem, T. Linwood,
B. Bingham & J. Seruelo

Lectors

Saturday, March 7

4:00 pm Madeleine Blumberg & Lee Draus

Sunday, March 8

8:30 am Richard Schaefer &
Michelle Okeifufe
10:30 am Ryan Madayag & Alex Luciano

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8

8:30 am P. & R. Mackin, J. & T. Murtaugh,
R. Hardy, L. Ibgoanugo &
B. Russell
10:30 am T. Luciano, K. Conoquie,
G. Potucek, V. Onyeaghala,
Y. Malicay, T. Fernandes & B. David



BELLARMINÉ
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.



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