

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde

Pastor Emeritus, Rev. James Barrett

Resident, Rev. Harold Murphy

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

Parish School (773) 271-2008

Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

Holy Hands

(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

By this time, many of you might have noticed (and some have pointed it out) that the music ministers have not been announcing the numbers to the hymns at Mass. Instead, we have been relying on the hymn board inside the sanctuary next to the shrine of St. Joseph.

We decided to go this route because, liturgically speaking, the music ministers and I found that announcing the numbers to the hymns during Mass oftentimes interrupted the flow of prayer. To use an analogy, it is like watching our favorite TV show, movie, a video on YouTube or anything similar. We get so involved in whatever it is we are watching and then all of a sudden the commercials come or the ads start popping up. More often than not, we look at those ads as annoying interruptions that always seem to come right when the show is getting good. Not that the liturgy is anything like a TV program or YouTube video (I will get to that later), but for us who exercise the various ministries in the liturgy this is what we oftentimes feel like when the flow of the liturgy gets broken.

To ease this feeling, the music ministers and I decided to announce only the opening and offertory hymns. These were moments within the liturgy that seemed to be the least disruptive to the flow of prayer within the Eucharistic liturgy. For the rest, we decided to purchase a hymn board where the numbers to the hymns would be posted in the order that they would be sung during the Mass. However, what we also discovered was that the location of the choir microphones and other equipment tended to block the hymn board from various angles within the church. This made it difficult for some people to see the numbers posted on the board.

Luckily, we recently discovered that the parish already had a hymn board that the music ministers and I did not realize was hidden in one of the storage rooms. So, we now decided to take advantage of the find and use a second hymn board. The second one, as some may have noticed, is on the opposite side of the sanctuary next to the shrine of the Virgin Mary. We will soon utilize this second hymn board and post the numbers on both boards. This way, no matter where people are seated in the church, there is a clear sightline to at least one of the hymn boards. Now, if you still find it difficult to see the numbers from where you sit, we always welcome people to fill in the pews in the front closest to the sanctuary. It will not only give you a better vantage point but also will help us presiders and music ministers feel less lonely.

There is another reason why the music ministers and I choose the route of having hymn boards rather than announcing the numbers during the Mass. It encourages everyone in the pew to fulfill your role as active ministers within the liturgy. Yes, that is right. Even you sitting in the pews are ministers within the liturgy who are exercising a specific ministry within the Church's prayer. In other words, the liturgy is not meant to be something we watch like a TV show or video or even a play or musical in order to be entertained. The liturgy does not imply that those in the sanctuary or in the choir area are "actors on a stage" or "musicians in the orchestra pit." In the liturgy, those in the pews are not the "audience" who applaud at the end of the performance to indicate to the actors that they did a great job in entertaining them as the audience. Even though the liturgy is sometimes described as a "divine drama," it is not so in the same way. The Church's liturgy—especially the Eucharist—does not work that way.

Instead, in the liturgy, EVERYONE is exercising a ministry. No one should be considered or likened to performers who are there merely for the entertainment of the masses. Even as you sit in the pews, YOU are exercising a very important ministry. You are the ones who are called to pray just as much as anyone else in the liturgy—priest, lectors, altar servers, and choir. You in the pews are called to take full and active participation in the liturgy by exercising your ministry as those who pray with the priest and other ministers as the People of God. One concrete way you can fully exercise this ministry is by using your own free energy and will, take up those hymn books, look up at one of the hymn boards, open to the proper number, and SING along in praise of God! We then end up all doing what we are supposed to be doing within the liturgy. We exercise our respective and proper ministries—again not for entertainment purposes but for the sole purpose of giving thanks to God together.

During the remainder of this Lenten season, I invite all of us to begin to see ourselves as ministers within the liturgical celebration who each have a very important part to play. In this way, we will see in a different light our Lenten discipline of prayer.



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

March 1, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,965.64
Loose Money	\$1,485.70
Total Collection	\$5,451.34
Variance.....	(\$3,490.66)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	111



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 are available in the Gathering Space of the church!. 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 religious mementos.

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



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 MOVIE...SILENCE

Sunday, March 29, 2020

12:00 pm

Activity Center Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

Pizzas will be served

Summary of the movie:

Set in Japan during the time of heavy persecution of Catholic Christians, two Jesuit priests are sent to discover the truth of another Jesuit priest rumored to have given up the faith and his priesthood.

The two missionaries must enter Japan and complete their mission in complete secrecy or else risk their own safety as well as that of the Japanese Christians they encounter.

In the end, who will give up the faith? Who will remain loyal to the very end?

ANGEL HAIR IS RETURNING TO SMM!

Saturday, March 21, 2020

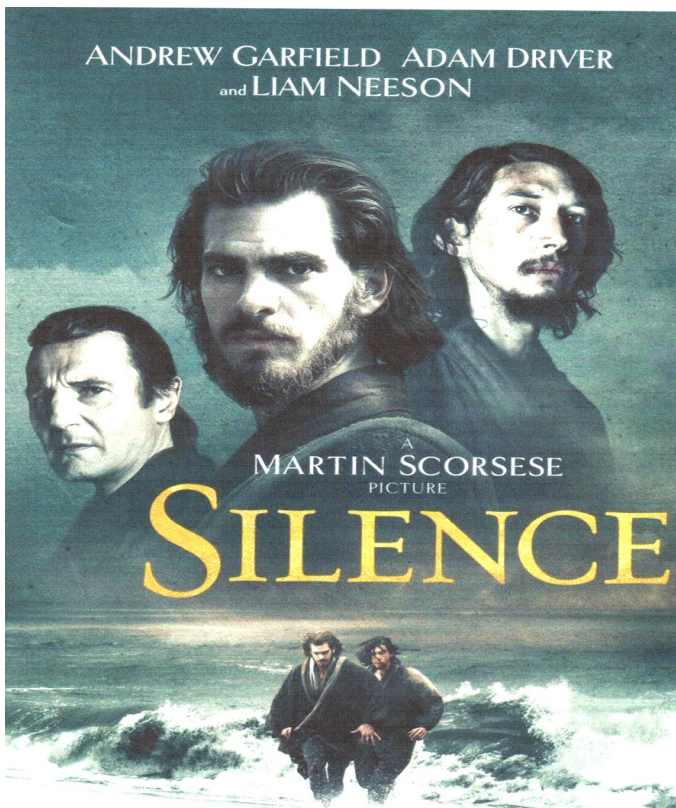
SMM Activity Center

8:00 am until 2:00 pm

Please help by doing one or more of the following:

- *Volunteering as a barber or haircutter
- *Volunteering in some other capacity
- *Donating gently used clothing.
- *Donating small travel sized toiletries.
- *Making a monetary donation

Questions... please contact
Fr. Tirso at 773-764-0615 or
twillaverde@archchicago.org.



Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

- Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
- 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 [Ps 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 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

CYCLES OF FAITH

2nd Sunday of Lent

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home

Mary Beth Brennan Reynolds, for whom we promise our prayers that she may 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, March 8 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome

- 8:00 am Alyce Potucek

Tuesday, March 10

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, March 11

- 8:00 am Bob Mahoney
Peter Justiano Wallis

Thursday, March 12

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, March 13

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, March 14

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM
4:00 pm Chuck Baggary
Ann Donobue

Sunday, March 15 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am George Meyers
Mena Pascua
- 10:30 am Joan Heuel
Julita Trovela
Marie Schmid

HOLY SPIRIT LIFE LEARNING CENTER

Zhulmira Paredes, Attorney at Law, will host a discussion as well as a question and answer session covering DACA, the recent immigration developments and immigration options for DV survivors.

Tuesday, March 10th, 6 pm
2020 W. Morse Avenue, Chicago
For information: 773-764-3000.

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, March 9

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, March 11

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, March 14

A Volunteer Is Needed

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. Igboanugo &
B. Russell
- 10:30 am T. Luciano, K. Conoquie,
G. Potucek, V. Onyeaghala,
Y. Malicay, T. Fernandes & B. David

Lectors

Saturday, March 14

- 4:00 pm Julie Ashbach & Maureen Varallo

Sunday, March 15

- 8:30 am Peter Johnston & Peter Scheidt
10:30 am Leonard Kohl & Greg Umogo

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

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

WELCOME, SPRING!

