

Confirmation

*Welcome, Bishop Rassas &
Congratulations to our
Newly Confirmed!*



Anthony *Anthony* Aloisio
Bridget *Cecilia* Anderson
Magnus *John* Andrew
Nicolas *Paul* Asta
Antonio *Jerome* Bandalo
Caden *Rose* Bargowski
Veronica *Veronica* Barto
Alexander *Anthony* Bingham
Gavin *Gregory* Buchanan
Benjamin *Genesisius* Calhoun
Nathaniel *Lawrence* Carlson
Katherine *Kateri* Castelli
MaryAnn *MaryAnn* Castelli
Payton *Daniel* Chlopecki
Alex *Dionysius* Del Castillo
William *Thomas* Drummond
Parker *Maximillian* Forseth
Kevin *Patrick* Foss
Kendall *Anne* Friel
Dominic *Matthew* Gac
Juliana *Theresa* Garcia
Connor *James* Gavin
Alli *Theresa* Gerdes
Aubrey *Faith* Grana
Asia *Emiliana* Hamlin
Jeffrey *Peter* Hedlund

William *William* Hopp
Luke *Sebastian* Hulsebosch
Natalia *Mary* Jezak
AnneMarie *Agnes* Jordan
David *Thomas* Katalinich
Gianna *Gianna* Kontos
Antonella *Stella* Laera
Klaudia *Joan* Lagowski
Mikayla *Maria* Lazicki
Mia *Lucy* Martino
Frank *Pio* Matusiewicz
Courtney *Virginia* Mc Call
Ella *Anne* McBride
John *Matthew* Mepham
Kayla *Faustina* Miotk
Mariphil *Teresa* Mique
Rand *Michael* Paddack
Brandon *Francis* Panfil
Anthony *Anthony* Pennacchia
Jake *Michael* Perkovich
Erin *Adelaide* Piper
Samantha *Elizabeth Ann* Prigge
Peter *Edward* Putiatycki
Caitlin *Clare* Quinn
Kyle *Sebastian* Rady
Gwendolyn *Irina* Reed

Samantha *Joan* Roe
Elliana *Julia* Roy
Peter *Joseph* Russchenberg
Mason *James* Ruttenberg
Zoe *Elizabeth* Ruzbasan
Nathaniel *Michael* Saldano
Bryan *Sebastian* Sanborn
Truman *Mark* Sanchez
Emily *Emily* Schaffer
Jake *John* Schoffstall
Kalie *Juliana* Schreiner
Laura *Martha* Seeberger
Luke *Michael* Seiffert
Izzy *Rose* Sernel
Ashley *Margaret* Silva
Christopher *Patrick* Stefani
Kyle *Hubert* Stefani
Alyssa *Jude* Stolarsky
Gavin *Eugene* Tenuta
Ian *Michael* Tragesser
Donald *Michael* Vitulli
Kyla *Hermione* Walsh
Joseph *Edward* Westfall
Tyler *George* Ziebell

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY-PALATINE, IL
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Parish Information

HERE TO SERVE YOU
847-358-6999

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Rev. Tom Rzepiela, Pastor
Rev. Marcin Zasada, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mirek Kulesa, Associate Pastor
Rev. Martin Luboyera, Weekend Assoc.
Rev. Ray Yadron, Pastor Emeritus

Senior Deacons

Deacon Tom Dunne
Deacon Rich Willer

Permanent Deacons

Deacon John Breit
Deacon Bill Karstenson
Deacon Len Marturano

Seminary Deacon

Deacon Jon Thorsen

Bereavement Director—Connie West

Ministry of Care Director—

Deacon Thomas Dunne

Music Minister— Marcy Weckler Barr

Parish Manager—Ron Schaefer

Financial & Technology Manager—

Deacon John Breit

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Youth Minister—Jeff Walczynski

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm (*Polish*)

Weekday 6:30am (*Communion Service*)
8:00am (*Including Saturday*)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9am—8pm
Friday 9am—5pm
Saturday 9am—1pm

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferable before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Upcoming Baptism Prep Classes: **Mar 2**—Lisa & Steve Korney 630-945-7753;
Mar 14—Donna & John Breit 847-359-2870

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome! Call the Parish Office to set up an appointment to register and learn more about our Parish.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith and who wish to become Catholic, and baptized Catholics who have never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. *Contact Tom at 847-971-4419 / tom.note@icloud.com. Brochures are in the Gathering Area.*

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to add your name to our sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law), only the ailing person or, in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for their medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: If you know someone serving in the military, please contact the Parish Office so our faith community may pray for them.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles for the bulletin are due by Friday—9 days before publication date and can be emailed to: suzie@stov.org

Our Websites

- ◆ Parish: www.stov.org
- ◆ Religious Education: www.stvrec.org
- ◆ School: www.stvschool.org
- ◆ GIFT: www.stvgift.weebly.com
- ◆ Youth Group: www.stvoices.org



Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Today is Commitment Weekend for our 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. It is happening not only here but at every Parish throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. The theme of the Appeal this year is—"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." I hope that you were able to make a financial commitment to this Archdiocesan Appeal—either today at Mass or recently, directly to the Cardinal. We need everyone's support and pledge so as to help the Archdiocese help others and also help us. As you heard me say last weekend, our Parish goal as given by the Archdiocese is \$44,942.00. All funds received over this goal will be returned to us 100% - so it is a win-win proposition for the Archdiocese and for our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family. I am grateful to Deacon John Breit, our Chief Financial Officer, for leading us through the in-pew commitment sign-up today. May all of us continue to "Love Our Neighbor" through a pledge to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal.

This weekend we welcome to our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Bishop George Rassas who is celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 76 eighth graders. There is always excitement when the Bishop comes. Bishop Rassas is the Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate I, which includes all of Lake county and much of Northern Cook County including our Northwest suburbs. As our Vicar, he is in charge of all these 57 Parishes and represents and acts in the name of Cardinal Blase Cupich. And I am happy to say that Bishop Rassas is a good friend of our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family. And he is a good friend of mine as we have known each other for years in our Priestly Ministry. I am also happy to say that he is the Episcopal Vicar for the Christian Family Movement (CFM) U.S.A., so we have also worked together on the National Board of CFM.

I hope you had a Happy Valentine's Day, and week and month! February challenges us to love our neighbor as ourselves. It also tells us to love others as God has loved us. Thomas Merton, an American author and theologian on Spirituality wrote—"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy."

Henri Nouwen, another Catholic theologian, puts it this way: *"When we talk to one another, we often talk about what happened, what we are doing, or what we plan to do. Often we say, "What's up?" and we encourage one another to share the details of our daily lives. But often we want to hear something else. We want to hear, "I've been thinking of you today," or "I missed you," or "I wish you were here," or "I really love you." It is not always easy to say these words, but such words can deepen our bonds with one another. Telling someone "I love you" in whatever way is always delivering good news. Nobody will respond by saying, "Well, I knew that already; you don't have to say it again"! Words of love and affirmation are like bread. We need them each day, over and over. They keep us alive inside."*

If you work in downtown Chicago, I suggest you have lunch with Cardinal Blase Cupich! He is the featured speaker on March 3rd at the First Friday Club of Chicago. It all happens at the Union League Club. Make your reservation and payment on-line at www.firstfridayclubofchicago.org.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 19

9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:00am	RCIA Class	MRA
11:00am	TLC Ministry	MRB
3:30pm	STV School Sports	RAC
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

Monday, February 20

**** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ****

2:45pm	STV School Sports	RAC
7:00pm	Family School Assoc. Mtg	MRA
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB

Tuesday, February 21

1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Minitry	MRB
2:45pm	STV School Sports	RAC
6:30pm	St. Pat / St. Joe Mtg	MRB
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, February 22

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	GIFT I Meeting	MRB & D
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, February 23

2:45pm	STV School Sports	RAC
6:00pm	Church Decorating	Church
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm	GIFT II Meeting	MRB & D

Friday, February 24

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRA, B & D, GA
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Saturday, February 25

8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRA
9:00am	Prison Ministry Meeting	TR

Sunday, February 26

7:00am	K of C Pancake Breakfast	RAC
9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School MRB & TR
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:00am	RCIA Class	MRA
11:00am	TLC Ministry	MRB
4:00pm	CFM Mass & Dinner	MRA & B

**Please Note: On March 4th,
the usual 5pm Mass has been
moved to 4pm.**

TODAY

- **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL—COMMITMENT WEEKEND**
- **ST. PAT / ST. JOE FUNDRAISER TICKET SALES** After Mass; Gathering Area & Narthex (Page 8)
- **TLC (The Linked Cot) MEETING** 11am—12:30pm in Meeting Room B

UPCOMING

- **PORTILLO'S DINE-N-SHARE TOMORROW**—Monday, February 20th (Page 5)
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
 - ~ Monday, February 20 at 7:30pm—Special Meeting held at St. Theresa, Lower Dolan Center. A First Degree Exemplification for our current candidates wishing to join our fraternity. All Brother Knights should attend and support our new Brothers. For info: Jim M. Arnsgrandknight4977@gmail.com
 - ~ Sunday, February 26 —Pancake Breakfast (Page 5)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** Wed. Feb. 22 at 1pm Group Luncheon. Toscana Restaurant—1859 W Central Rd, Arlington Hts. RSVP to Maggie 847-705-9407
- **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY** Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00pm. TOPIC: All About Public Aid presented by Revita DeChalus, B, MHP, Chaplain. Meeting at Amita, Center for Mental Health—3436 N Kennecott Ave, Arlington Hts. Contact Ken Doruff for more information: 847-358-3852
- **CHURCH DECORATING FOR CONFIRMATION** Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6pm. Our STV Art & Environment Team is looking for help taking down decorations from Confirmation. Many hands make light work—please join us!
- **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL- FOLLOW UP WEEKEND** — Next Weekend
- **MARILYN'S BOOK CLUB** Next meeting will be Saturday, February 25 at 11:30am at Baker's Square, Palatine. "Eligible" by Curtis Sittenfeld—A modern retelling of *Pride and Prejudice*.

CFM FAMILY MASS

No Worries, Mon! Bring it all to God... at the CFM Family Mass.

Sunday, February 26

- ◆ **No Morning Alarm Clocks:** Mass at 4pm; Meeting Rms A & B
- ◆ **No Cooking:** Dinner after Mass in the RAC— Taco Bar & Lemonade /water provided. (Taco Bar to include ground beef taco meat, Spanish rice, black beans, tortillas, chips, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, sour cream, salsa)
- ◆ Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- ◆ \$10 donation to help defray the cost for dinner.

ALL WELCOME... and bring a friend!

RSVP by February 21 to Barb Howell 847-934-3407 / danlhow@comcast.net



PORTILLO'S DINE-N-SHARE

Bring in this ad or show it on your smartphone and 20% of the proceeds will benefit: ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL.



Monday, February 20th
11am—1pm
4pm—8pm
Portillos' - Arlington Hts
806 W Dundee Rd

K OF C—PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Get ready for St. Patrick's Day, spring and green! Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council 4977 are hosting a pancake breakfast on **Sunday, February 26**. Breakfast will be served from **8:00am until 12:30pm** in the Rowley Activity Center. Proceeds support local charities, religious vocations and respect life initiatives. Menu: Green apple or regular pancakes, eggs, sausage, corned beef hash, coffee and juice. Prices: \$8.00 per person, \$20.00 per family and \$6.00 for seniors. Out of work? Money tight? Come eat free. For more information call George 847-991-0738. *TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE*



SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLY GHOST COUNCIL OF ST. THERESA AND ST. THOMAS PARISHES OF PALATINE.

After your hearty breakfast, join us for a short 15 minute presentation regarding the Knights of Columbus Council of St. Thomas of Villanova & St. Theresa. In consideration of your time, we have a small gift of appreciation for each family.

MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING

Ministers of Care visit the faithful in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and private homes to provide listening presence, prayer and the Eucharist. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Care, mark your calendar now for the training dates. You must attend BOTH—March 11 & March 18 from 9am—3pm. Training will be at St. Francis de Sales Parish, 135 S Bueshing Rd, Lake Zurich. Morning hospitality and lunch will be served. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne 847-358-6999 for more information or visit vic1chicago.org and click on "Ministry of Care."



STV SCHOOL LOTTERY TICKETS

There is still time to purchase your STV School Lottery tickets. Cash prizes for \$200, \$100, (2) \$50 and (2) \$25 are drawn each month! You can stop in the Parish or School Offices to buy the \$10 tickets which give you 74 chances to win! Hurry the first monthly drawing begins in MARCH, 2017!



During this month of February, we celebrate Valentine's Day, and this can be a very painful day for people grieving the loss of their loved ones. The symbol for this day is the heart, which is a symbol for the love that people have for one another. If someone is grieving the death of a spouse, fiancée, parent, child or anyone else for whom there is a bond of love, this is especially a painful day because there is not a Valentine's card from this special person.

Pray for all of our families who are grieving during this month of love. May God help them heal their hurt and pain.

I want to remind you that our grief support group called - "Smiling Through the Tears" - meets monthly. Our next meeting is March 7th at 8:45am in Meeting Room C.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions, just contact me at the Parish Office at 847-358-6999.

Connie West
Director of Bereavement

School News

Disney **THE LION KING** JR

Pictures from our STV School Musical performed on January 26-28!



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is with some urgency that I write to you today, about a bill in our Illinois legislature, HB 40. The bill in question, if passed, would use tax dollars to pay for taking the life of a child in the womb through an abortion. There are strong indications that HB 40 could be enacted into law if we fail to act. In addition to mandating state funding of abortion through the Medicaid program, HB 40 also calls for abortion coverage in state employees' health care plans. It also allows for the use of tax dollars to fund grants to organizations that refer, counsel for and perform abortions, e.g., Planned Parenthood. All of these state-funded mandates are currently prohibited by Illinois law.

We have raised our voices in the past for those who have no voice, whether they be the immigrant or the refugee, the poor, or the unemployed. We now need to speak for the children in the womb, who are the weakest among us. We need to let our elected officials know that taxpayers should not be forced to fund the taking of human life. In fact, tax money should be used to fund prenatal services for the poor and child care for working mothers, as well as expand health-care options for those in need. Please join me in advocating for all life by urging your state representative to reject HB 40 and work instead to pass a budget that funds all essential services.

The Season of Lent begins soon. Lent is a word that means "springtime," the time of new life. Let us make this Lent a celebration of life by protecting the new life and hope the birth of a child brings to the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago

If you need assistance in determining the name of your lawmaker, or in sending a message to him or her, go to www.ilcatholic.org or call the Catholic Conference at its Chicago office at 312- 368-1066 or its Springfield office at 217-528-9200.

RCIA Candidates prepare for the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion

On Sunday February 26th, our RICA candidates will celebrate the Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion at Holy Name Cathedral. In the Call to Continuing Conversion, the Church welcomes those who are already baptized to prepare to complete their initiation through both Confirmation and Eucharist, and to prepare to be received into full communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. The Church charges these candidates to use the Lenten season as a time to hear again the call to conversion and to be faithful to their baptismal vows.

Also, the candidates are preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This sacrament aids them in searching their hearts for that which is sinful and which they will ask the Lord to transform. Moreover, all the faithful should be inspired to be transformed into holy men and women through the practices of the upcoming Lenten season.

Please continue to pray for our candidates as they mature in their faith and understanding of the Catholic Church.

If there is someone you think would like to explore the Catholic faith, please ask them to contact Tom: 847-971-4119/tom.note@icloud.com. Brochures about *Becoming Catholic* are available in the information rack in the Gathering Area.



LENT

OLD PALMS NEEDED

Last year's palms are traditionally burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. This week, baskets will be in the Narthex and Gathering Area to place your old palms. Palms will be burned on Tuesday, 2/28 at 9am in front of our school. All are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Ashes will be distributed at all the following services:

- 6:30am—Mass
- 8:00am—Mass
- 4:30pm—Prayer Service
- 6:00pm—Mass
- 7:30pm—Polish Mass

ASHES FOR HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care can pick up ashes & prayers at Deacon Tom Dunne's desk in the Parish Office beginning Monday, February 27th.

"COME AS YOU ARE" GROUPS

"Come As You Are" groups will start the week of February 26th and will continue for all 6 weeks of Lent. The "Come As You Are" groups read the upcoming Sunday's scriptures, discuss questions pertaining to the readings and ways to apply the readings to your life. If you were part of a group last year, your leader will contact you. If you would like to join a group, contact the Parish Office or Mary Haig, 847-359-3461.

LENTEN RESOURCES

"The Little Black Books," sponsored by Faith Formation will be available at all the church exits starting next weekend. Free will offering.

Dynamic Catholic's "Best Lent Ever" FREE email program will again be available. Sign-up at BestLentEver.com!

FR. TOM'S BUCKET LIST

OK, help Father get his bucket filled up for the St. Pat's / St. Joe's Fundraiser

VACATION FUN

- YOUR TIME SHARE OR SUMMER HOME
- GET AWAY WEEKEND
- HOTEL RESERVATIONS
- AIRLINE TICKETS
- TRAVEL POINTS
- LIMO RENTALS
- CAR RENTALS

FEEL GOOD

- SALON OR SPA CERTIFICATES
- GYM PROGRAMS
- YOGA OR ZUMBA CLASSES
- MASSAGE OR PERSONAL TRAINER

LOOK SHARP

- CLOTHING GIFT CARDS
- ACCESSORIES FOR MEN & LADIES
- CASUAL WEAR FOR COLLEGE KIDS
- JEWELRY, WATCHES OR SUNGLASSES

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

- CERTIF. FOR SUMMER CAMP
- PARK ACTIVITIES (BASEBALL, SOCCER, SWIMMING PASSES
- TUTORING SERVICES
- TOYS OR BOOKS
- ANIMAL SERVICES
- DO IT YOURSELF
- ART CLASSES
- SCRAPBOOK OR CRAFT
- SUPPLIES

SPECIAL NIGHTS

- RESTAURANT CERTIFICATES
- COOKING&BAKING CLASSES
- SPECIAL WINE BASKETS
- SELECT LIQUORS
- KITCHEN ACCESSORIES

FUN OUTINGS

- CONCERT TICKETS
- SPORTING EVENTS
- GOLF FOURSOMES
- MOVIE OR THEATRE TICKETS
- GREAT AMERICA OR
- OTHER AMUSEMENT PARKS
- BOAT TOURS
- MUSICAL LESSONS
- BOARD OR FAMILY GAMES
- MUSICAL CD'S DVD'S ETC

HOME ENJOYMENT

- FLAT SCREEN T.V.
- CAMCORDER OR CAMERA
- MP3 PLAYERS
- DVD OR BLU RAY PLAYER

AROUND THE HOUSE

- FLORIST CERTIFICATE
- HOME DECOR ACCESSORIES
- LANDSCAPING SERVICES
- GARDEN TOOLS
- FINANCIAL SERVICES
- TAX PREPARATION

PLEASE HELP TO FILL THE BUCKET.
LARGE OR SMALL WE NEED YOU ALL!

THE TIME IS DRAWING NEAR FOR OUR BIG FUNDRAISER!

St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Dinner Fundraiser

March 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

2 WEEKS TO GO AND YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS AN ENJOYABLE EVENING WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

This is the last day you can get your reservations and pay the low price of \$50.00 each. **Tomorrow, Monday February 20th, the price goes up to \$60.00 per person.** There are two convenient stations in the Narthex and the Gathering Area to make your reservation now!



Yes, we have games!!! Heads or Tails (*possibility of winning up to \$750*). Everyone Wins (*prizes valued up to \$100*) and Door Prizes (*prizes valued up to \$50.00*)

We've told you all about the evening and the delicious buffet and sweet table that is available.



You've read about some of the great live auction items to bid on!

GRAND RAFFLE prizes

- FIRST PLACE—Vacation valued at \$3,500
- SECOND PLACE—\$2,500 Cash
- THIRD PLACE—\$1,500 Cash

If you are unable to attend, but would still like to help, please consider donating prizes for the games or items for the silent auction.

2017 Fiscal Year Sunday Sacrificial Giving

YTD Budget	\$ 782,100.00
YTD Actual	\$ 750,836.59
Over / (Under)	(\$ 31,263.41)

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Feb 5	\$ 26,351.19	\$ 3,433.00	\$ 29,784.19	\$ 6,084.19
Feb 12	\$ 18,452.04	\$ 1,528.00	\$ 19,980.04	(\$ 3,719.96)
Feb 19				
Feb 26				

THANK YOU!

2016 TAX DONATION STATEMENTS

2016 donation statements are now available. Just stop by the Parish Office and pick it up! If you'd like your statement mailed, please either call the Parish Office at 847-358-6999 or email your request to: stvliturgysched@yahoo.com.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF**

Annual Catholic Appeal 2017

This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, **“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself,”** was selected to remind us that our contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal enable the funded ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference because all Parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



**“Women At the Well”—
PRISON MINISTRY**

A women's prison retreat will take place March 3-4. You can answer Jesus' call to visit the imprisoned by remembering them through prayers, cookies and monetary donations.

Cookies must be store bought and the following flavors:

- ~ Chocolate Chip
- ~ Oatmeal
- ~ Butter or sugar

NO PEANUT BUTTER OR NUTS OF ANY KIND. Cookies can be placed in the bin in the Gathering Area.

Donations of any amount help defray the cost of supplies and 3 nights lodging at a motel for team members. Donations must be by check and are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to: ALL ARE WELCOME SOCIAL SERVICES, INC. with W@WPM on the memo line. You can bring checks to the parish office, place them in the cookie bin or mail them to:

Women at the Well Prison Ministry,
PO Box 694, Libertyville, IL 60048

Thank you from the Women at the Well Prison Ministry team members:

**Mary Carlson, Joan Cook,
Pat Devron, Jeanie Landeweer &
Rae Pistone**

Taking Our Wounds to the Eucharist

Recently a man came to me, asking for help. He carried some deep wounds, not physical wounds, but emotional wounds to his soul. What surprised me initially was that, while he was deeply wounded, he had not been severely traumatized either in childhood or adulthood. He seemed to have just had to absorb the normal bumps and bruises that everyone has to absorb: some belittling, some bullying, never being the favorite, dissatisfaction with his own body, unfairness within his family and siblings, career frustration, unfairness in his workplace, the sense of being chronically ignored, the sense of never being understood and appreciated, and the self-pity and lack of self-confidence that results from this.

But he was a sensitive man and the combination of all these seemingly little things left him, now in late mid-life, unable to be the gracious, happy Elder he wanted to be. Instead, by his own admission, he was chronically caught-up in a certain wounded self-absorption, namely, in a self-centered anxiety that brought with it the sense that life had not been fair to him. Consequently, he was forever somewhat focused on self-protection and was resentful of those who could step forward openly in self-confidence and love. "I hate it," he shared, "when I see persons like Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul speak with such easy self-confidence about how big their hearts are. I always fill with resentment and think: 'Lucky you! You haven't had to put up with what I've had to put up with in life!'"

This man had been through some professional therapy that had helped bring him to a deeper self-understanding, but still left him paralyzed in terms of moving beyond his wounds. "What can I do with these wounds?" he asked.

My answer to him, as for all of us who are wounded, is: *Take those wounds to the Eucharist.* Every time you go to a Eucharist, stand by an altar, and receive communion, bring your helplessness and paralysis to God, ask him to touch your body, your heart, your memory, your bitterness, your lack of self-confidence, your self-absorption, your weaknesses, your impotence. Bring your aching body and heart to God. Express your helplessness in simple, humble words: *Touch me. Take my wounds. Take my paranoia. Make me whole. Give me forgiveness. Warm my heart. Give me the strength that I cannot give myself.*

Pray this prayer, not just when you are receiving communion and being physically touched by the body of Christ, but especially during the Eucharistic prayer because it is there that we are not just being touched and healed by a person, Jesus, but we are also being touched and healed by a sacred event. This is the part of the Eucharist we generally do not understand, but it is the part of the Eucharist that celebrates transformation and healing from wound and sin. In the Eucharist prayer we commemorate the "sacrifice" of Jesus, that is, that event where, as Christian tradition so enigmatically puts it, *Jesus was made sin for us.* There is a lot in that cryptic phrase. In essence, in his suffering and death, Jesus took on our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, and our sins, died in them, and then through love and trust brought them to wholeness.

Every time we go to Eucharist we are meant to let that transforming event touch us, touch our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, our sin, and our emotional paralysis and bring us to a transformation in wholeness, energy, joy, and love.

The Eucharist is the ultimate healer. There is, I believe, a lot of value in various kinds of physical and emotional therapies, just there is immeasurable value in 12-Step programs and in simply honestly sharing our wounded selves with people we trust. There is too, I believe, value in a certain willful self-effort, in the challenge contained in Jesus' admonition to a paralyzed man: *Take up your couch and walk!* We should not allow ourselves to be paralyzed by hyper-sensitivity and self-pity. God has given us skin to cover our rawest nerves.

But, with that being admitted, we still cannot heal ourselves. Therapy, self-understanding, loving friends, and disciplined self-effort can take us only so far, and it is not into full healing. Full healing comes from touching and being touched by the sacred. More particularly, as Christians, we believe that this touching involves a touching of the sacred at that place where it has most particularly touched our own wounds, helplessness, weaknesses, and sin, that place, where God "was made sin for us". That place is the event of the death and rising of Jesus and that event is made available to us, to touch and enter into, in the Eucharistic prayer and in receiving the body of Christ in communion.

We need to bring our wounds to the Eucharist because it is there that the sacred love and energy that lie at the ground of all that breathes can cauterize and heal all that is not whole within us.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

*From Mary Strybel
– Director of Religious Education*

Excuses, Excuses. I’ve had my share of them, as you probably have too. (Too inexperienced, too old, too shy, too overly-scheduled, too uneducated, too this, and too that.) For example, “I’ll go visit that person in the Care Center when my work load lessens. I’ll send a message of comfort when I find the right card. I’ll volunteer to be a CATHECTIST when I know more about my faith. On and on the excuses go, and all the while the Holy One urges us to forego those reasons, and share the Love. But eventually we have to put those excuses behind us and go, just as Jeremiah did.

Please put an end to your excuses and become a Religious Education Catechist, or a Children’s Liturgy of the Word Catechist. I would love to have you on board!

I know that all of your prayers for our 2017 Confirmandi paid off because we had a wonderful Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you so very much for your prayers! If possible, please keep praying for the children and their parents. We all know how hard teenage years can be.

I pray that you had a wonderful Valentine’s Day! Isn’t it great to know that our biggest Sweetheart is our Lord, God. He’s loves us unconditionally even with our brokenness, faults and blemishes, without any strings attached. I love you, too.

God Bless You and Yours, *Mary*

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

A good marriage is not recognized by the absence of conflict, but the presence of peacemaking. One sign of a healthy marital relationship is the desire of a husband and wife to seek unity when there are disagreements and differences. *(Family Minute)*

PARENTING POINTERS

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Leviticus 19:18) Generally, preachers generalize neighbor to mean beyond the person next door. But today, why not take it literally. With your child, choose a neighbor. Make them a treat or do a favor for them together.

LITURGY SCHEDULE for FEBRUARY 25 / 26

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Mirek Kulesa	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Mirek Kulesa	Fr. Marcin Zasada
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Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 20

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am † Joan Mayer

Tuesday, February 21

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am † Kathleen Scollard

Wednesday, February 22

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am † Dave Regan;

† Frank Gajewski;

† Una Kerrigan

Thursday, February 23

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am † Mary Harrold;

† Edward Stermer

Friday, February 24

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am † Stanley Gajda

Saturday, February 25

8:00am † David Sladky

5:00pm † Madaline Tomaszek;

† Albert A. Barrese, Jr.;

† Robert Kepner;

† Marilyn Vlcek

Sunday, February 26

7:30am † Rosemary Vlk; † Bridget Cairo;

† Lorraine Kelleher

9:30am † Tadeusz Grajdura;

† Bob O'Brien;

† Edward Kumicz

11:15am All Living & Deceased Parishioners;

† Daniel Fegan; † Marie Kay

1:30pm Mass—POLISH

**PLEASE NOTE: Saturday, March 4th
Mass will be at 4pm instead of 5pm.**



OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Brian Tomasz Arendt
Mile Brian Mc Cormick*

Quinn Kathleen Wood

FOR OUR SICK

Lou Anderson	Beth Dix	Lauren Lambert	Patty Reynolds
Kathy Bell	William Dvorak	Gene Lazich	Elaine Romanchek
Cherie Bott	Jeanne Formanski	Harold Lewis	Ken Romanchek
Andy Bouchonville	Kirk Forseth	Me Lin	Shawn Smith
Baby Billy Callahan	Faith Forseth	Helen Mariano	John Socha
Baby Ray Callahan	Parker Forseth	Bob Maruska	Alice Stedronsky
Anna Marie Candorla	Mel Gass	Elayne Maruska	Anne Swaw
Tom Cook	Bill Gerl	Candida Morales	Robert Szott
John Cooney	RJ Hubka	Mike Moran	Kathy Tomusiak
Abbey Corbett	Adeline Kaczmarek	Paul Moser	Marcy Weckler Barr
Baby Seamus Cullen	Mary Anne Kiesel	Mary Obey	Jeri Sue Welty
Brenda Darling	Wesley Knutson	Rita Olles	Amy Whitcomb
Jason Dean	Mary Alice Kobler	Valentine Pawlak	Connie Wilberding
Emily Dempsey	Susan Kordell	Boni Quiaoit	Martha Zara

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Army

- SPC William Banville
- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SGT Brian J. Dankowski
- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SPC Jeffrey Ketelsen
- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- CPT Jesse Turner
- CPT Tina Stowick Turner
- PFC Will Willis

U.S. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- SrA Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- A1C Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse
- MSGT Jason Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski

- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz
- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- LCPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- CPL Kyle Rich
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- ENS Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- LCDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- PO2 David Holley
- SN Gregory Minott



ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of Our Sister UNA KERRIGAN
With Love, Your Sisters—Mary & Bridie

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† Leona Hajost

~ Mother of Jim Hajost

† Rose Hacker

† Dana Malone

† Korad Tuchariski

VII Niedziela Zwykła – Stać się synem Bożym

Talmud mówi, że dar deszczu jest większy niż dar Tory, gdyż ona została dana jedynie Izraelowi, natomiast deszcz swoim zasięgiem ogarnia wszystkich ludzi... Jeśli zdamy sobie sprawę z tego, jak ważna dla Żydów jest Tora, pierwszych pięć ksiąg Pisma Świętego, to zrozumiemy znaczenie tych słów. W doskonały sposób oddają one wezwanie Jezusa z dzisiejszej Ewangelii do tego, by miłować wszystkich ludzi. Bóg jest dobry i swoją miłością ogarnia całe stworzenie. My wezwani jesteśmy do tego, by naśladować Go w tej Jego miłości. Jezus nie mówi, że będzie to proste, ale zapewnia nas, że w ten sposób będziemy synami Ojca, który jest w niebie. Pamiętajmy o tym wezwaniu do miłości za każdym razem, gdy wypowiadamy słowa Modlitwy Pańskiej...

Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka 2017 r. - „Kochaj bliźniego swego jak siebie samego”

Bieżący weekend będzie w naszej parafii weekendem składania zobowiązań finansowych na rzecz Dorocznej Kwesty Katolickiej. Prosimy, abyście pamiętali, że Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka jest czymś zupełnie innym niż jednorazową specjalną kolektą. Jest to kampania, podczas której składane są zobowiązania finansowe, które mogą być spłacane w ratach.

Hasło tegorocznej Kwesty „Kochaj bliźniego swego jak siebie samego”, zostało wybrane, aby przypomnieć nam, że nasze ofiary złożone na rzecz Dorocznej Kwesty Katolickiej przyczyniają się w znacznym stopniu do tego, aby posługi duszpasterskie finansowane przez Archidiecezję rozprzestrzeniły miłość Bożą na wiele osób w naszej parafii i w naszej archidiecezji.


Każde złożone zobowiązanie ma duże znaczenie, ponieważ wszystkie parafie uczestniczą w kampanii i to dzięki darom złożonym przez wiele osób Archidiecezja może zapewniać wiernym potrzebne posługi i dzieła duszpasterskie. Dziękujemy za rozważenie na modlitwie możliwości złożenia ofiary i za Waszą hojną odpowiedź na ten apel.

100. Rocznica czynu zbrojnego Polonii Amerykańskiej i Kanadyjskiej – ‘Błękitna Armia’ Gen. Józefa Hallera


BŁĘKITNA ARMIA

GEN. JOZEF HALLERA

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GEN. JÓZEF HALLER
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