

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

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MARCH
18
2018

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL



Second Family

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Happy Anniversary to our Holy Father, Pope Francis! Five years ago this past Tuesday, Jorge Bergoglio was elected Pope and became Pope Francis. The past five years have gone by quickly and the Pope's vision of the Church has been guided by wisdom, justice and mercy in conjunction with the principles, perspectives, and teachings of the Second Vatican Council.

This weekend was a time to celebrate at our Saturday 5pm Mass. We celebrated with all of the 401 children in our Religious Education classes. It was another good year for teaching and learning about God and His Divine Presence in our children's lives. The year went by very fast—as always. We are grateful for all of our 59 Catechists who shared their faith and love for the Lord with our children.

At the same time, we also celebrated the retirement of Mary Strybel. A faithful employee at St. Thomas of Villanova for twenty one years, Mary has done everything for our children. She was a catechist and an Administrative Assistant in our Religious Education Program for thirteen years. Then, when Anne O'Neill died suddenly in 2009, Mary stepped right in to be the Director of our Program until now. We all wish Mary Strybel God's continued blessings as she now enters that cherished classroom entitled—RETIRED!

The month of March brings to mind two of our favorite and most famous Saints—Patrick and Joseph. St. Patrick is known as the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Catholic Missionary Priest and Bishop who converted Ireland to Christianity in the fifth century. His Feast day was Saturday, March 17. St. Patrick's day is a global celebration of Irish culture. The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to a special veneration of St. Joseph—whose Feast Day is Monday, March 19. Due to his leadership and commitment to the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church. He is also the patron saint for people of Polish and Italian nationalities.

We are looking for more Eucharistic Ministers to help serve our Parish Family. We utilize over fifty Eucharistic Ministers each weekend. So we need you! We are looking for our teens and young people to step up. If you are sixteen or older and have been confirmed, you should volunteer for this important Ministry. Young people like the teens have a place at St. Thomas. There is training coming up in April. See me or call me if interested. (By the way, we also need and want teens acting as lectors and greeters!) Sign up! Just do it!

At our recent meeting of "Renew My Church," we were presented two possible scenarios by the Archdiocese. You can see the info in today's bulletin. I would like to remind you that these are only possibilities—the grouping can come up with alternatives and variations. No decisions have been made! We are looking for your feedback as we continue to meet. If you have any comments or questions, you can email them—renewmychurch@stov.org—and someone from our Renew My Church Feedback and Discernment Team will respond. Also, I invite you to attend our next Town Hall Parish Meeting on April 16. Please mark your calendar! The meeting is open to any registered parishioner.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

RENEW MY CHURCH UPDATE



Dear Parishioners of St. Colette, Misión San Juan Diego, St. Theresa and St. Thomas of Villanova,

On Monday, March 12th, our Renew My Church Grouping leadership met and was given two scenarios by the Archdiocese of Chicago to further our conversation as a group. We share these scenarios with you this weekend. It is very important to note a few realities:

These scenarios show potential models of how our parishes and schools could be configured in the future. These initial scenarios, which will be shared in detail at our next parish meeting, are conversation starters only.

NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE!

The two initial scenarios are intended to spark conversation about how to most effectively minister to the entire grouping and how to provide an underlying structure to support that ministry.

Through the process, our grouping is encouraged to propose alternatives that could as effectively or more effectively support ministry in the grouping. Initial discussions about additional forms of collaboration may emerge as well.

It is important to note that any structural changes would be proposed to take effect July 1, 2019. No parish nor school changes would occur for the 2018-19 parochial and school year.

Initial Scenario 1

- St. Colette and Misión San Juan Diego would join together at the St. Colette site. This united parish would sell the current Misión San Juan Diego property to re-invest in the space at the St. Colette campus.
- St. Theresa and St. Thomas of Villanova Parishes would remain in their current parish structures as canonically independent parishes with their own full-time resident pastors.
- St. Theresa School and St. Thomas of Villanova School would be able to continue in their current structures and programming. However, through the Renew My Church process, the leadership of both communities may certainly explore if there would be opportunities to strengthen Catholic education through any structural or programmatic changes.
- Tax Credit Scholarships are hoped to play a vital role in strengthening access to Catholic education and enrollment at St. Colette School. The archdiocese has made a commitment to the school for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years to allow time for efforts to increase enrollment. This scenario aims for St. Colette School to reach vital enrollment and financial stability to continue operating for the long-term.

Initial Scenario 2

- All four parishes would remain as canonically independent parishes at their current sites.
- To strengthen ministry, St. Thomas of Villanova and Misión San Juan Diego would explore establishing a deeper partnership to use shared ministry facilities at the St. Thomas of Villanova campus. Misión San Juan Diego would continue to hold Mass at its current site.
- St. Theresa School and St. Thomas of Villanova School would be able to continue in their current structures and programming. However, through the Renew My Church process, the leadership of both communities may certainly explore if there would be opportunities to strengthen Catholic education through any structural or programmatic changes.
- If Tax Credit Scholarships do not have the hoped for impact on enrollment and financial stability at St. Colette School, the difficult decision may need to be made to close St. Colette School in the future. If this decision to close were to be made in the future, the grouping would be expected to work together to welcome as many St. Colette school students and families as possible to the other Catholic schools.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED — PLEASE COME TO OUR NEXT PARISH MEETING TO SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK AND INPUT.

Again, these initial scenarios are conversation starters only. **No decisions have been made.** We are asked to provide feedback on the initial scenarios from the Archdiocese and propose alternative scenarios and configuration models.

Please continue to pray for the success of the Renew My Church process, and may God bless you always.

Fr. Michal Lewon
Pastor, St. Colette

Fr. Diego Berrio
Pastor, Misión San Juan Diego

Fr. Tim Fairman
Pastor, St. Theresa

Fr. Tom Rzepiela
Pastor, St. Thomas of Villanova

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 18

7:00am	K of C Pancake Breakfast	RAC
9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:30am	RCIA Classes	MRA
12:30pm	The Linked Cot (TLC)	MRB
3:00pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

Monday, March 19

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	PPC Committee Meeting	MRA
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB

Tuesday, March 20

1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	MRB
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, March 21

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Faith Formation Series	MRB
7:00pm	Women's Club Steering Committee	MRC
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, March 22

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church

Friday, March 23

12:00pm	Church Decorating	Church
4:00pm	Fish Fry	RAC

Saturday, March 24

8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC

Sunday, March 25

9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
3:00pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Articles for the Easter Bulletin:

Due tomorrow—Monday, March 19.

TODAY

- **K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 7:00am until 12:30pm in the RAC
- **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS DUE** If you would like your name / dedication in the Easter bulletin, kindly submit your Easter Flower Donation envelope found in your sacrificial giving packet by today or donate online at www.givecentral.org.
- **"THE FACTS OF LIFE"** 2:00 - 4:00pm at St. James Parish Center, 820 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts. with speaker Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, the Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center. For more info: Marybeth or Mike 847-392-5506 / mschoney@wowway.com

UPCOMING

- **DIVORCE MINISTRY** Tuesday, March 20 - Closing session of the *Divorce Care* program with Mass and a social . Location: O'Brien Room, (Lower Level, Northside Entrance) St. James Parish Center—820 N Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts. For info: Deacon Jim Bannon jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net / 224-345-7200
- **ANNULMENT WORKSHOP** Monday, March 20 (See Below)
- **FISH FRY Sponsored by Knights of Columbus** Friday, March 23. (Page 8)
- **MARILYN'S BOOK CLUB** Saturday, March 24 at noon. "The Guest Room" by Chris Bohjalian. For information call: 847-525-3376
- **CRS RICE BOWLS DUE NEXT WEEKEND**—Bring your bowl to Mass with you!
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS** Wednesday, March 28 at 1pm. Group lunch at Jameson's on Dundee Rd, Arlington Hts. RSVP To Maureen 224-245-2175.
- **MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY** Wednesday, March 28, 7pm – NAMI Northwest Suburban Meeting (Every 4th Wednesday of the month) Speaker: Revita DeChalus, Public Aid Specialist. Amita Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, 3436 N. Kennicott Ave., Arlington Hts. For more info on this and support group meetings, contact NAMI NWS at naminwsub@gmail.com / 847-899- 0195.

ANNULMENT WORKSHOP

St. James Divorce Ministry is hosting an Annulment Workshop / Information Night for any interested Catholics. Annulments are the single most confusing topic for divorced Catholics. Come to learn more and get answers to your questions about annulments.

Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM. St. James O'Brien Room
Parish Center Building, 820 N. Arlington Hts Rd, Arlington Hts.

Presenter: Deacon John Breit, Annulment Coordinator.

For questions: Deacon Jim at jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net / 224-345-7200

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Have you ever felt the pull to be more involved in your faith? I did, and I prayed for years for guidance. Then I realized that what I was feeling was right in front of me all the time. I wanted to service all of you as a Eucharistic Minister. Eucharistic Ministers are you, me, or any Christian man, woman, or teen who has received their Confirmation and would like to be more involved in their faith while assisting our priests in administering the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Being a Eucharistic Minister is a very powerful experience. When we are distributing the Body and Blood of Christ, we feel so much joy and happiness at the privilege of serving you and sharing this experience. Personally, the only regret I have is that I didn't do this years ago.



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We realize that your time is very precious. The only time required to be a Eucharistic Minister is that you attend the Mass you normally attend. We schedule around your schedule.

There is one Saturday morning training session scheduled for April:

April 28, 2018 - St. Mary Parish in Buffalo Grove, IL

Training is open to adults and teens who have received their Confirmation.

Please consider joining us in this beautiful ministry. If you would like to sign up for this training or just want more information, please contact me at 630-470-7192 /mariandegroot@comcast.net, or call Fr. Tom at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your consideration and may God bless you,
Marian DeGroot

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Unfortunately, the number of funerals being celebrated at St. Thomas of Villanova have been increasing. It is a fact of life. We are in need of more Bereavement Ministers to assist our families in their time of real need and pain.



If you are interested in volunteering for this important Ministry, please call me this week. We will train you in what you need to know and do. There is a training session on **Saturday, April 7** at Holy Family Parish. The training focuses on the Catholic Theology of death, the rituals of a Wake Vigil and Funerals, and the focus and compassion of Bereavement Ministry.

Please call me if you have any questions about Bereavement Ministry at St. Thomas. Or call me so that we can register you for the training and then become a Bereavement Minister to serve our Parish Family.

Connie West, Director of Bereavement



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday—March 25

2:30pm—5:00pm
Confessions (Polish)

Monday—March 26

7:00pm—8:00pm
Confessions (English)

Holy Thursday—March 29

7:30pm

Mass of Lord's Supper
Bilingual Mass

Following Mass

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday—March 30

3:00pm

English—Liturgy of the Passion & Death of our Lord

5:00pm

Polish- Liturgy of the Passion & Death of our Lord

7:30pm

Living Stations of the Cross
Performed by VOICES Youth Group

Holy Saturday—March 31

1:00pm

English— Basket Blessing

2:00pm & 3:00pm

Polish— Basket Blessing

7:30pm

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday—April 1

5:30am—Polish Mass

7:30am—English Mass

9:00am—English Mass

10:30am—English Mass

Noon—English Mass

1:30pm—Polish Mass



Cinco de Mayo

Saturday, May 5th

Rowley Activity Center

6:00 Doors Open

7:00 Games Begin



Emcee for the Night
Jim Schwantz
Mayor of Palatine

ADVANCED TICKET SALES

\$30 per person

\$220 for table of 8 people

(\$35 each—at the door)

Win cash prizes!

BYOF... Food, Fiesta & Friends

Cash Bar

No outside beverages

Must be 21 or older to attend

Stop in the School or Parish Offices
to sign up or email:

stvtrivianight@gmail.com

with questions or to request
a registration form.

From the Principal's Desk

This past Wednesday at 10am, all our students came together to pray the Rosary during our Prayer Walk for Peace. Thank you, **Fr. Marcin**, for leading us. Many schools across the Archdiocese of Chicago participated in a Prayer Walk at the same time. We ended the walk with all the students blowing bubbles, to symbolize our prayers being lifted up for the victims and their families.

Congrats to our Science Fair students who went to the Region 6 State competition. Our students did very well, earning 4 gold awards and 2 silver. Four of our students advanced to the State Science Fair.

The projects included:

- **Aaron Hardy** – *Silver Award*—3,2,1 Fire: The Effect of Catapult Aim Length on Projectile Distance
- **Caroline Kawiecki** – *Gold Award and Advancing to State*—The Effect of Music Genre on Heart and Blood Pressure
- **Anna Martino** – *Gold Award and Advancing to State*—The Pain Race: The Effect of Ibuprofen Pill Form on Dissolution Rate
- **Ben Pribilski** – *Silver Award*—The Effect of Flour Type on Baked Cake Height
- **Olivia Walczynski** – *Gold Award and Advancing to State* – Slime Science: The Effect of Different Detergents on Slime Viscosity
- **Victoria Walsh** – *Gold Award and Advancing to State* - Melting Miracles: The Effect of Crayon Color on Melting Time.

Congratulations, and great job on all your hard work. Thank you **Mrs. McGarvey**, for all the extra time and effort you provided our students!

Some other school happenings:

- St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Days were celebrated in many ways. All students listened to the life of St. Patrick during lunch on Friday. Mrs. Secedi's 3rd graders wrote limericks and created leprechauns. Ms. Klotz's 1st grade students wrote an assignment entitled: "I Caught a Leprechaun." Students will also be treated to a St. Joseph Sweet Table on Monday in honor of St. Joseph's feast day.
- In 7th grade, students are writing a story using the digits of Pi... (the first word must have 3 letters, the second word one letter, and so on.) There will also be a "Pi Competition." It should be both fun and challenging for the students!
- We are starting a service project to help the Second Grade Brownie Girl Scouts by collecting items to make "Birthday Party in a Bag" kits for local impoverished children to celebrate their birthdays!

God bless,

Mary Brinkman

2018 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Mar 4	\$ 23,781.42	\$ 3,358.00	\$ 27,139.42	\$ 3,439.42
Mar 11	\$ 20,312.36	\$ 1,618.00	\$ 21,930.36	(\$ 1,769.64)
Mar 18				
Mar 25				

YTD Totals	
YTD Budget	\$ 876,900.00
YTD Actual	\$ 810,037.99
Over / (Under)	(\$ 66,862.01)

THANK YOU!



2ND GRADE CRAFT SALE

Are you looking for a crafty way to show your love for the poor and for Jesus? Then please come to the Gathering Area **after the 9:30 Mass Sunday, April 8th** and support the STV School 2nd Graders in their First Communion Craft Sale! 100% of the money collected will help Catholic Relief Services provide poor families in need with safe, clean drinking water close to their homes. Thank you in advance for supporting our 2nd graders as they experience what it means to be The Body of Christ in a big way before their big day! See you there!

2018 PARISH EASTER GIFT

Thank you for sharing your treasure to pay our Parish Family’s bills. Your generous Easter donation will help us meet our financial obligations for this financial year, allowing us to provide our Parish Families with ministries and other essential services. We respectfully ask you, if at all possible, to give a gift of \$175.00 as your 2018 Easter Gift to your Parish Family. If you can give more in the “name” of parishioners who can’t, thank you! Whatever you give, please do so in praise and in thanks to God for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Thank you, Parish Stewards!

WOMEN’S PRISON MINISTRY— THANK YOU!

Thank you for the many prayers, cookies and monetary donations given by St. Thomas of Villanova for the “Women at the Well” Prison Ministry retreat which was held March 2-3. The Presence of the Holy Spirit was evident as 54 women heard about God’s love and forgiveness, many of them for the first time. They were so grateful that people on the Outside remembered them and cared about them. We are grateful to all of you. Sincerely,

Mary Anita Campbell, Mary Carlson, Joan Cook, Pat Devron, & Rae Pistone

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31 at 10am—Meet in the RAC
For children in 3rd Grade or younger

Bring your own Easter Basket so you can scoop up your eggs and bring them home! AND... meet the Easter Bunny! He’ll be hoppin’ around and eager to take pictures with you.

- Sponsored by the VOICES Youth Group



YANKEE CANDLE
FUNDRAISING



**YANKEE CANDLE
 FUNDRAISER**

Support our school by purchasing from our Yankee Candle fundraiser. It will run from **March 16 through April 6** and has some great deals such as Classic Jar Candles for only \$20—they make a great gift! The school will receive a high 40% of the sales. Purchases can be made online at yankeecandlefundraising.com. Our group number is 990012829. If you have questions, please contact Lisa at lisamarieswider@gmail.com.

LENT

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be offered every week during Lent

ENGLISH

- ♦ Wednesday Mornings—after 8:00am Mass with our school children
- ♦ Friday Evenings—6:00pm in Church

POLISH

- ♦ Friday Evenings—7:30pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Lenten Prayer

“The Little Black Book,” sponsored by Faith Formation, is available at all church exits. Free will offering.

Eucharistic Adoration—If your Lenten goal is to spend more time in prayer, come to Adoration for quiet prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament. Come alone or bring your family. Stay for 15 minutes or the entire hour. Every Wednesday, 6—7pm in Church.

6:30 am Communion Service

We are fortunate at St. Thomas to have a daily 6:30am Communion/Prayer Service Monday thru Friday. For people who are on their way to work, before early appointments or to start their day, our Communion Service is a perfect prayer.

8:00am Daily Mass Monday—Saturday; Come and pray and begin your day with the presence of Christ in the Eucharist!

Saturday Morning Reconciliation

Come receive forgiveness and Reconcile with God this Lent. Reconciliation is offered every Saturday morning from 8:30am—9:30am in Church.

CRS RICE BOWL—WEEK 5

ENCOUNTER ALEFA

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God’s creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. *Note: Rice bowls should be returned next weekend (Palm Sunday).*



“40 CANS FOR LENT”

You CAN do it! Help out others with a few cans of food placed in the boxes at the entryways. 40 Cans

For Lent continues through March 31st. All items go to local food pantries. The Knights of Columbus thank you for your generosity! *(No expired food. We cannot distribute expired food to our Pantry clients.)*



FRIDAY FISH FRY—LAST ONE!

The Last One for this Lent: The **March 23rd** Fish Fry sponsored by the Knights of Columbus! Please come to the Rowley Center at St. Thomas of Villanova for one more Lenten meal of fish, cheese pizza, salad, and much more. From 4pm till 7pm—come with friends and family to share and enjoy a special meal. All proceeds go to local charities.



GOOD FRIDAY—Respect Life Event

Stations of the Cross at Wood Dale Abortion Clinic

Friday, March 30 at 10am—11am

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. On Good Friday, we will remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the fathers forgotten—in a solemn prayer service.

Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion *

Advantage Health Care, 203 E Irving Park Rd, Wood Dale. Park on the side streets off of Irving Park Rd. INFO: Maria Goldstein at NWFL526@yahoo.com



Sponsored by NorthWest Families for Life
www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com

*Hurting from an abortion experience?

You are loved. There is hope and healing through the Archdiocese’s “Project Rachel” program. Call 888-456-HOPE or www.hopeafterabortion.com

Thank You so much!



The big night is over and we're sure you're hearing just how much fun it was this year! Vito Zatto kept the evening going by entertaining some 200 guests with his musical talents while incorporating talented parishioners to assist him. What would the evening have been without the beautiful decorations, sweets table provided by our wonderful parishioners, a fabulous bar and crew, and the traditional buffet!



There were many ways to win throughout the evening, Heads or Tails, Everyone Wins, Door Prizes, and Raffle Tickets. This year's Grand Prize Raffle was won by :

1st Prize – John Schuh; 2nd - Prize Joseph Falkenberg and 3rd Prize – Christina Moore.

Thank you to our silent and live auction bidders who were able to leave the evening with some really great prizes including vacation stays, concert, live theater and sporting event tickets, lovely themed baskets, golf packages and so much more to mention here. Enjoy some photos of the evening on the next page!



We extend a big thank you to all who coordinated, participated and attended this lovely evening. We were able to raise \$26,970.00 for our parish due to the generosity and time of parishioners and our community.

It's never too early to plan.

*Mark your calendars for **March 2, 2019** so you too can be a part of what makes this parish great!*

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 19

- 6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Rosie Casarez;
 † Adeline Vena
 7:00pm Mission—POLISH

Tuesday, March 20

- 6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am All Who Are Sick
 7:00pm Mission—POLISH

Wednesday, March 21

- 6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Jerry Boehm;
 † June Falardeau;
 † Stanley Klamka

Thursday, March 22

- 6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Kathleen Tomusiak

Friday, March 23

- 6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am For the Sanctity of All Human Life
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross—ENGLISH
 7:30pm Mass & Stations of the Cross—POLISH

Saturday, March 24

- 8:00am For All Military Personnel
 5:00pm All Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, March 25—PALM SUNDAY

- 7:30am All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:30am All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 11:15am All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH
 2:30pm Confessions—POLISH



OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Sofia Krzeminski

Julia Wiszowaty

FOR OUR SICK

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| Barbara Amato | Faith Forseth | Allan Loden | Dick Samojla |
| Lou Anderson | Parker Forseth | Peggy Lowe | Dan Schaffer |
| Jim Baur | Daniel Gajewski | Richard Maloney | Carlos Serna |
| Vito Boffa | Mel Gass | Baby Alexa Mang | Corky Smith |
| Cherie Bott | Bill Gerl | Helen Mariano | Shawn Smith |
| Andy Bouchonville | Ralph Gonzalez | Bob Maruska | Russell Spano |
| Charles Campagna | Ron Hennis | Elayne Maruska | Kristina Sromek |
| Eleanor Campagna | Dave Hicks | Baby Benjamin Mauro | Alice Stedronsky |
| Anna Marie Candorla | Adeline Kaczmarek | Mike McGee | Anne Swaw |
| Tom Cook | Katherine Kearney | Candida Morales | Robert Szott |
| Baby Seamus Cullen | Mary Anne Kiesel | Mike Moran | Sharon Tadsen |
| Brenda Darling | Wesley Knutson | JoAnn Moser | Jack Treanor |
| Jason Dean | James Kobler | Paul Moser | John Welge |
| Emily Dempsey | Mary Alice Kobler | Rita Olles | Jim White |
| Beth Dix | Susan Kordell | Larry Peterson | Sharon Woelfel |
| Eamon Downey | Lauren Lambert | Patty Reynolds | Tom Yadron |
| Jeanne Formanski | Gene Lazich | Elaine Romanchek | Martha Zara |
| Jaime Forseth | Harold Lewis | Ken Romanchek | |
| Kirk Forseth | Elegie LoCascio | Bridget Rubin | |

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. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- SSGT Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz
- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- PFC Will Willis

U.S. Navy

- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- CPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- SGT Kyle Rich
- LT Jake Schlenbecker
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- LTJG Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- CMDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- AN James Steininger

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse
- PVT Nicholas G. Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz

And all those serving in the Middle East.



ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of JOAN COHA
 From Her Son, Richard

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

- † *Evelyn Eichman*
 - Mother of Kathy Nolan
- † *Mary Ann Moretti*
 - Sister of Jeanie Landeweer
- † *Josefa Gonzalez*
 - Mother of Iran Gonzalez

On Blood Donations, And Phlebotomists-in-Training

I donated blood a few days ago. My 108th pint. At least my 108th pint since I started keeping track of such things. The number isn't important in and of itself. But it is important in the context of what I'm about to tell you, because through all of those 108 blood-lettings--from the old Children's Memorial Hospital to a LifeSource location somewhere on Diversey to a LifeSource sister location at Six Corners to my current donation center on Cumberland a little south of Foster--I've never had happen to me what happened to me the other day. And yes, I'm getting a bit forgetful as the years pile on, but I know I would have remembered this...

I got to the blood bank just before closing time, so not much was going on. I recognized some of the folks who greeted me, one of whom was on duty the night I gave my 100th pint a couple of years ago (working with my wife back then, she actually arranged to have a small cake on hand for me in honor of the milestone, and I never forget women who give me cake). Another familiar

face, the blood-letter herself, got me into the chair and was about to stick me when two young women who were off to the side chatting when I entered approached me. "Excuse me," one of them said (the one wearing a white lab coat), "We're phlebotomists-in-training. Do you mind if we watch?"

I laughed and told them that of course they could observe. I added, though--as noted above--that this was a first for me in all my times donating. They appeared to be impressed by my total. I told them they needn't be because No. 1, I'm really only in it for the cookies, and No. 2, I'm just fortunate to be able to do it (and I sense it's the right thing to do). Which brings me--albeit circuitously--to today's first reading from the prophet Jeremiah. Here, the Lord speaks of making a new covenant with his people. His people broke the earlier covenant, God says, and "I had to show myself their master." But looking toward a new covenant, God says, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." The new covenant is in them. Is in all of us...

And what is this new covenant? As I've written several times in this space, I'm no theologian, and I'm sure no biblical scholar, but I see the new covenant as grace. The sacred grace that is ours by embracing the Christ and trying--even with all of humanness--to emulate him. I've spilled some blood over the years because they give me cookies, and because I can. Jesus, in keeping with the Father's will, spilled all that he had for us because he loves us, and I recall now the words the priest says at the Consecration: Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me... More so, then, Jesus himself is the new covenant, and like the phlebotomists-in-training who wanted to learn by watching me give blood, we are saints-in-training, and it would be well for us to watch--and learn from--the most amazing blood donor of all.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE for MARCH 24 / 25

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

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

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome!
Stop by the Parish Office to register and learn more about our Parish.

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: Apr 5, Apr 26 & May 17*

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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Process is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info. Brochures available in the Gathering Area kiosk.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for information.

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

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Call the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

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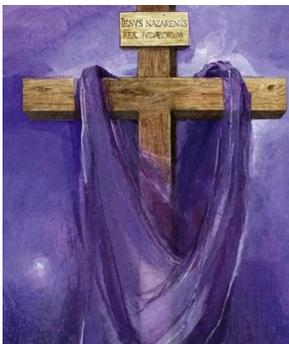
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V Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

‘Jeżeli ziarno pszenicy wpadłszy w ziemię nie obumrze, zostanie tylko samo, ale jeżeli obumrze, przynosi plon obfity. Ten, kto miłuje swoje życie, traci je, a kto nienawidzi swego życia na tym świecie, zachowa je na życie wieczne...’

Całe nasze ludzkie starania skupiają się wokół realizacji jakichś planów, zamierzeń, wyzwań. Chcemy mieć kontrolę nad otaczającą nas codziennością, czuwać nad rzeczywistością drobnych i wielkich spraw. Planujemy, porządkujemy, wypełniamy powszednie powinności. Niejednokrotnie gęstość dziennego, czy tygodniowego scenariusza jest przerażająca... Podejmujemy wyzwania dni zwyczajnych i na swój ludzki sposób odnosimy na

tym polu zwycięstwa. Dobrze zakończony dzień daje poczucie sensu. I nagle w ten nasz łań, harmonogram, plan wkracza On wchodząc w rzeczywistość naszego życia. Rozsypuje z niezrozumiałych dla nas przyczyn misternie ułożone klocki życia, by przypomnieć, że ON JEST... Trudno nam to często zaakceptować i przyjąć... Wszystko toczyło się swoim torem, puzzle życia pasowały do siebie, a teraz trzeba nagle przemeblować swój świat, zrezygnować z jakichś planów, zostawić sprawy dotąd ważne, by wy płynąć z Nim na inne wody... I chyba to jest właśnie ten cudowny moment, kiedy Pan Bóg jest na wyciągnięcie ręki, przychodzi, czeka, a ty masz tylko to dostrzec i chcieć do Niego przylgnąć. Moment zaskakujący, przychodzący w chwili, która zdaje się być niewłaściwą. Ale ten moment dany jest nam po to, by w Jego Imię i dla Niego zmieniać ten świat, w którym człowiek człowiekowi skacze do gardła, w świat bardziej boży... Zostawić to, co jest tutaj, umieć bezgranicznie zanurzyć się w Bogu, i wrócić na ziemię wtedy, kiedy już widzisz odwrotnie...

I to chyba właśnie o tym, tak przynajmniej sądzę, mówi ta dzisiejsza Ewangelia...

Gregorianka – czyli właściwie co?

Tak się zdarzyło, że zmarła bliska mi osoba. Wraz z innymi postanowiliśmy zamówić w pobliskim Msze św. gregoriańskie. Ktoś spytał mnie, co to jest. Bez zastanowienia odpowiedziałam, że to 30. Mszy św. odprowadzanych w intencji zmarłego. Dalej jednak zostałam spytana: ale dlaczego ‘gregorianki’? Aż wstyd, ale nie potrafiłam wtedy na to odpowiedzieć.

Ale gdy tylko przyszedłam do domu, zaczęłam szukać informacji na temat historii i znaczenia fenomenu tych Mszy św. I natknęłam się na jedną z piękniejszych, w moim odczuciu, historii Kościoła katolickiego.

Zgorszenie

Wszystko zaczęło się od zgorszenia. Być może znasz historię tzw. ‘gregorianek’, ale warto zatrzymać się właśnie na tej części tej niezwykłej opowieści. Papież Grzegorz Wielki, jeszcze zanim został wybrany na Stolicę Piotrową, był przełożonym klasztoru, który założył – na wzgórzu Celio w Rzymie. Zmarł tam pewien brat, który zasiał zgorszenie tuż po śmierci. Przy jego ciele znaleziono bowiem złote monety, których obecność jasno sprzeciwiała się regule życia tego zakonu, a więc braku własnych dóbr materialnych. Tradycja dopowiada, że pochowano go w niepoświęconej ziemi, w ukryciu. Grzegorz Wielki miał jednak wyrzuty sumienia z powodu tego brata. Postanowił, by w jego intencji codziennie były odprawiane Msze św. I tak też się stało. W 30. dniu odprawiania Najświętszej Ofiary zdarzyła się jednak niebywała rzecz. Zmarły brat, za którego odprawiane były Msze św., ukazał się jednemu ze swoich współbraci i zakomunikował mu, że został uwolniony od kary. Zdezorientowany brat nie

wiedział o odprowadzanych Mszach św., szybko więc powiedział o tym pozostałym zakonnikom. Okazało się jedno: te 30 odprowadzanych w jego intencji Mszy św. go zbawiło.

Łaska

Nie trzeba było wiele, by wieść o tym cudownym wydarzeniu rozeszła się w najdalsze strony. Co więcej, ludzie zaczęli zamawiać 30 kolejnych Mszy św. w intencjach bliskich zmarłych. Kościół, ujrawszy fenomen tego zjawiska, uznał je oficjalnie w 1884 r. za słuszną i zgodną z wiarą katolicką formę orędownictwa za zmarłymi. To wszystko skłania do wniosku, że Bóg z każdego zła może wyprowadzić prawdziwe dobro. W tym przypadku to nasza modlitwa za zmarłych, którzy – jak każdy człowiek na ziemi – obciążeni byli karą za swoje grzechy.

Jak wygląda to jednak w praktyce?

Msze gregoriańskie mogą być odprawiane za jednego tylko zmarłego, nigdy zaś zbiorowo za kilku zmarłych. Wskazuje się także, że nie jest konieczne, by podobne Msze św. były odprawiane zawsze przez tego samego kapłana lub przy tym samym ołtarzu (kościół). Ważna jest ciągłość dni, same natomiast Msze św. mogą być sprawowane przez wielu księży i w wielu miejscach. I jeszcze jedno: dwie Msze gregoriańskie tego samego cyklu nie mogą zostać odprawione jednego dnia; muszą to być dni po sobie następujące.

Chcemy się modlić za zmarłych. Nasza modlitwa jest naprawdę zbawienna.

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Niedziela: 1:30pm;

Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca: spowiedź od 5:30, Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;

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Nabożeństwo ‘Pierwszych 5. Sobót’ i

Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm;

Trzeci Piątek miesiąca: Nabożeństwo do Bożego Miłosierdzia i Msza św. o godz. 7:30pm.

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RÓŻA RÓŻAŃCOWA

Spotkania w drugą niedzielę miesiąca po Mszy św. Serdecznie zapraszamy do wspólnej modlitwy różańcowej w każdą niedzielę przed Mszą św. o godz. 1:00 pm.

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