

# The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of  
**SAINT MARGARET MARY**

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



June 2, 2019

*The Ascension of the Lord*



Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:46, 48

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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor**, Rev. Tirso Villaverde

**Pastor Emeritus**, Rev. James Barrett

**Residents**, Rev. Harold Murphy

Michael Okoro, C.S.Sp.

**Deacon**, Michael Neba

**Accountant**, Jim Masini

**Religious Ed**, Cynthia Splatt

**School Principal**, Christine Huzenis

**Music Ministry**, Steve Burke

Howard Schneider

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

### Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.

An appointment can also be made  
by calling one of the priests.

## OFFICES

**Rectory** (773) 764-0615

2324 W. Chase

Hours: Monday-Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm

### Parish Website:

[www.smmchicago.org/parish](http://www.smmchicago.org/parish)

**Parish School** (773) 271-2008

Northside Catholic Academy

### Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

### Holy Hands

(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

Returning to updates regarding the Renew My Church process, the process will involve a very close look at every aspect of the lives of each of our parishes. It will necessitate an evaluation of our business structures, our financial status, the condition of our facilities, and the ministries present at the parish. All of this is meant to help make an honest assessment of the current situations of our respective parishes and how our Grouping Parishes might make changes necessary in order to use our resources more prudently ensuring that the Mission of the Church continues in our particular area of the city.

If we take a quick look at our own local situation, I would say that we are a very vibrant and blessed faith community. Our liturgies reflect that truth that we pray well. We are part of Northside Catholic Academy with a strong SMM presence in the school community. We also have a thriving Religious Education program which seems to grow every year. So we are teaching the faith as we are also supposed to do.

Our facilities are a blessing. We not only have a beautiful church building but we also have a school building and the Activity Center. We also have the rectory which provides a comfortable living/working space. We also have the convent building which currently generates some income for us. At the same time, the maintenance of our buildings and our financial status are among our greatest challenges.

As we might recall last year, we managed to complete a major project on the Activity Center. The church is currently receiving attention as we have taken up the restoration of the stained glass windows. But, as the saying goes, the "To Do" list never stops getting longer and longer each day. Of course, knocking off every single project on that proverbial "To Do" list requires funds to accomplish them. The parish does not always have those funds.

The truth is that we have been blessed with a few generous donors who have been able to assist us in various projects. However, as generous as they may be, one or two people can only do so much. Sadly, the current financial situation of our parish is perhaps the greatest challenge facing us at the moment.

The parish has been unable to pay its own bills for several years now. This means that every year we run ourselves into greater and greater debt because those bills have to be paid somehow. Our debt becomes loans that we owe to the Archdiocese who has to bail us out every year. Added to this, we have faced a yearly budget that constantly projects a deficit of at least \$100K. This is a huge deal and a very serious matter. All of us can easily understand the consequences when households are unable to pay its bills. The same is true for a parish community. Again, this is the major challenge that faces us.

Of course, every parish community has its challenges and the Renew My Church process will see how each of the parishes in our grouping are blessed and how each one is challenged. The Renew My Church process will take all of these things into consideration as together we discern the ministerial and operational strengths and challenges of the parish communities. Again, the goal is to make certain that this area of West Ridge will have a vibrant Catholic presence for generations to come.

Along the way, there will be opportunities for everyone in our parish to learn about the RMC process and have their voices heard. I would ask that we mark the following dates in our calendars.

#### GROUPING FEEDBACK AND DISCERNMENT TEAM

The following dates apply only to those five chosen members of the parish who will serve as our representatives in the RMC process.

**GFDT Sessions:** June 11, 2019; September 10, 2019; September 24, 2019; October 1, 2019; October 15, 2019; October 29, 2019; November 12, 2019

**GFDT Retreat:** June 22, 2019

#### PARISH SESSIONS

The following dates are "town hall" type sessions to which **ALL** parishioners are invited.

**RMC 101 for SMM** Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Center  
**Parish Session 1** Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Center  
**Parish Session 2** Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Center



Fr. Tirso Villaverde, Jr.



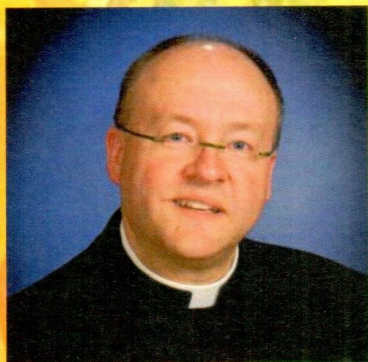
# AFLAME WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

## PARISH MISSION

**JUNE 10,11,12 at 7PM**

**St. Margaret Mary Church  
2324 W Chase Ave., Chicago, IL 60645**

**PENTECOST WEEKEND JUNE 8/9 at all Masses**



**Meet Our Speaker:**

**Very Rev. Jeffrey S. Grob**  
**Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago**  
**Archdiocesan Liaison to the Lay Ecclesial**  
**Movements and New Communities**

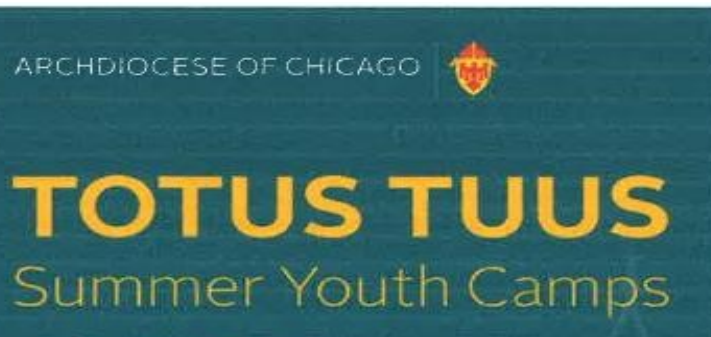
**Awaken the Holy Spirit that is already in you! Just like the first Christians who were ON FIRE with the Holy Spirit. They were empowered and strengthen to go out and proclaim the Good News.**

**We too have the Holy Spirit in us.**

**COME AND BE ON FIRE!**

**For more information email:**  
**Karen at [K.conorquie@gmail.com](mailto:K.conorquie@gmail.com)**





**JULY 21-26, 2019**

Day program (1st-6th graders)

Night program (7th-12th graders)

The Totus Tuus program aims to inspire young people to long for holiness, develop a deep desire for conversion and personally renew their faith with a stronger prayer life through evangelization and catechesis. Totus Tuus seeks to foster openness to the sacrifices and blessings of the various Christian vocations.

Totus Tuus will be held in the Activity Center, 7341 N Claremont.

Grades 1-6 will meet from 9 am to 2:30 pm on Monday, July 22nd through Friday, July 26th.

Grades 7-12 will meet from 7 to 9 pm on Sunday, July 21st through Thursday, July 25th.

The fees (including a t-shirt) are \$50 (one child), \$75 (two children), \$100 (three children), \$120 (four or more children.).

For Grades 7-12, the fee is \$30 (which also includes a t-shirt) or free if they volunteer to help during the day program with the younger grades. Discounts on the fees are available. SMM altar servers are eligible for additional discounts.

We can only take a maximum of 90 campers for Grades 1-6. There is no limit for the older grades

Mass will be celebrated with the camp-goers every day at 11:15 am. Campers need to bring their own lunch every day. Parishioners are asked to bring donations of snacks fruit, candy, light pastries, etc.) for the campers.

To get more information about the discounts that are available, please call Fr. Tirso at SMM, 773-764-0615 or email him at [tvillaverde@archchicago.org](mailto:tvillaverde@archchicago.org).

For help with registration in Spanish, contact Lilian Cuevas at 773-954-1865 or [Imheredia@aol.com](mailto:Imheredia@aol.com).



**MAY 19, 2019**

Confirmation this year was a large, festive celebration. St. Margaret Mary was joined by our neighboring parishes St. Henry & St. Timothy. Bishop Rojas presided, with the three pastors, and our beloved Father Hal. Our combined choirs were joined by members of the St. Henry choir. The Liturgy was trilingual: English, Spanish & Vietnamese. Congratulations to the now fully initiated young members of our community and to their families who have raised them in the faith.

Daisy Alanis  
Daniela Alanis  
DeAngelo Alanis  
Roxanne Alcazar  
Abigail Baldauf  
Alexander Baldauf  
Miguel Barcenas  
Valeria Barron  
Iabella Cavey  
Evelyn Colin  
Joelle Duque  
Noemi Flores  
Julieta Garcia  
Lucero Garcia  
Frank Ines  
Karla Martinez  
Yarisbel Merino  
Joana Morales

David Nunez  
Chinwe Nwkocho  
Jose Orduno  
Salvador Orduno  
Christopher Perez  
Joshua Rivas  
Tania Ruiz  
Andrea Sanchez  
Hannah Sheehy  
Miguel Silva  
Katherine Sipchen  
Callie Tournillon  
Emily Uribe  
Isabel Uribe  
Angelica Urquiza  
Cynthia Uzoma  
Golden Uzoma  
Jason Villanueva

Allen Vives

## CYCLES OF FAITH

### The Ascension of the Lord

What is the most common image you've seen of the Ascension? It's typically Jesus hovering above the earth surrounded by brilliant light. The Ascension is a beautiful feast, but it's about more than the distant glory of God. It's about the blessing of God and the transformative power of trust.

"You are witnesses to these things." Before he ascends, Jesus reminds the disciples of the basic message of the Gospel and of the disciples' own important role. They are to proclaim the Gospel message by their personal witness to the saving power of God. "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you...clothed with power from on high." Jesus promises to equip the disciples for this important mission. Not only are they receiving a command, but they're receiving the empowerment they need to move. "He...raised his hands, and blessed them." Even now, though the fulfillment of Pentecost is still to come, Jesus gives them a parting gift before he ascends into heaven. Finally, "They...returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

The disciples faced an unknown future. Their teacher had left them, and the political and religious authorities weren't exactly thrilled about Jesus and his growing movement. But the memory of our Father's redemptive love, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of Christ sustained them. Jesus trusted them to act in his name. They could trust him in return. Do you face uncertainty in your own life? Remember, we are all called to be disciples and witnesses. We have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at our baptism. We are blessed by Christ beyond imagining in the sacraments. This Ascension feast, we too can trust in God! With this firm trust, we too can return to our daily lives, praising God with great joy!

## PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

**EXERCISE CLASS** meets in the Activity Center on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more information, call Bernadette Dunne, 773-764-9422

### BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:15 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at [HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org](mailto:HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org) or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

## +PARISH DEVOTIONS+

### OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Every Wednesday at 8:00 am.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday following 8:45 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, June 2 Ascension of the Lord

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh  
George Meyers

10:30 am Rev. John Smyth  
Patricia Kalter  
Julita Trovela

### Monday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Tuesday, June 4

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Wednesday, June 5 St. Boniface

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

### Thursday, June 6 St. Norbert

8:00 am James Martin & Mary Bertille Price  
Arthur Merritt

### Friday, June 7

8:00 am Buenconsejo & Hanviriyapunt Family

### Saturday, June 8

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM  
4:00 pm Ann Donohue

### Sunday, June 9 Pentecost

8:30 am George Meyers  
10:30 am Honoria P. Mendoza  
Rev. John Smyth  
Al Stauffer

## LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

### Sacristans

#### Monday, June 3

Pauline Ohiri

#### Wednesday, June 5

A Volunteer Is Needed

#### Saturday, June 8

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### Lectors

#### Saturday, June 1

4:00 pm Judy Moylan & Maureen Varallo

#### Sunday, June 2

8:30 am Peter Scheidt & Reid Mackin  
10:30 am Analee De Ramos & Trish Linwood

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, June 1

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

#### Sunday, June 2

8:30 am M. Neba, J. & T. Murtaugh,  
L. Igboanugo & R. Hardy  
10:30 am J. Stoner, B. Bingham, M. Grigsby,  
A. Baldonado, K. Conoquie &  
L. Ibekwem

### Lectors

#### Saturday, June 8

4:00 PM Julie Ashbach

#### Sunday, June 9

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Peter Scheidt  
10:30 am Ryan Madayag & Greg Umogo

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, June 8

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

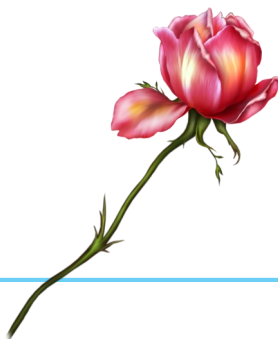
#### Sunday, June 9

8:30 am P. & R. Mackin, L. Honda, A. Alban,  
R. Hardy & L. Igboanugo  
10:30 am J. Seruelo, Y. Malicay, G. Potucek,  
V. Onyeaghala, B. David,  
B. Skiles & M.K. McGuire

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

### COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory contributions  
for May 19th, May 26th  
and June 2nd will be  
reported in the June 9th  
issue of the Chimes.



### 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; 6.5 rm, 3rd fl  
of 3 flt, cntrl ht/air, 1500 sq ft, now, Peg, 773-  
274-7534;

**NEEDED:** handiman/computer tech, Peg, 773-  
274-7534.