

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of

SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

September 15, 2019

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” - Lk 15:7b

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde

Pastor Emeritus, Rev. James Barrett

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Michael Okoro, C.S.Sp.

Deacon, Michael Neba

Accountant, Jim Masini

Religious Ed, Cynthia Splatt

School Principal, Christine Huzenis

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Howard Schneider

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.

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

OFFICES

Rectory (773) 764-0615

2324 W. Chase

Hours: Monday-Thursday

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

Friday by appointment

Parish Website:

www.smmchicago.org/parish

Parish School (773) 271-2008

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Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

Holy Hands

(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

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For the benefit of those who may not have heard this update last weekend at the Masses, I wanted to share our current total for this year's Summer Collection. We may still receive contributions even in the next coming weeks. But, to date, our total collected from this year's Summer Collection is \$35,181. Obviously this means that we met our goal of matching or exceeding the Summer Collection amount from last year. This also means that we have been gifted with our generous donor's offer to match this year's Summer Collection up to \$35K. However, as I announced at the Masses last weekend, our donor chose not to match the \$35K. The reason for this is because our donor decided to give a total of \$50K. This, of course, now means not only did we collect enough to finish the stained glass window project but we also have some much needed funds to pay off as much of our bills as possible.

As I also mentioned last weekend at the Masses, this is very clearly good news. It is a reason to celebrate. It is a reason to give thanks. It is a reason to recognize the grace of God which is at work in our faith community. We not only are blessed with a generous donor but we have also been blessed with parishioners who have again stepped up to the plate and responded to a very big need. Again, this truly is a gift from God.

However, I also repeat what I said last weekend. I hate to be a "killjoy," but we also need to understand that as much as we have been financially blessed by this gift, we are, as the saying goes, not out of the woods quite yet. The reality is that the parish remains in serious financial difficulty because our regular income has been nowhere near what we need to cover our ordinary expenses. Our Sunday collections every week fall drastically short toward covering our everyday expenses. This means that at the end of every fiscal year, we have left a good number of bills unpaid. All of that debt turned into loans to the Archdiocese. Again, if parishioners only consider what the possible results might be if they have unpaid bills at home, the same applies to our parish community, but only on a different scale. I take this opportunity to ask every parishioner to continue to pitch in because we need to increase our Sunday collection every week if we are going to keep up with our expenses. We are already at a barebones operation. If more cuts in spending are made, it will create a serious limitation in the services that the parish will be able to provide.

Of course, I do not want to leave this article on a sad note. So, I also want to take this opportunity to announce once again that we are bringing to St. Margaret Mary the award winning comedy act, Late Nite Catechism. The show will be on Saturday, October 12, 2019 and will be a part of our annual celebration in honor of the feast day of our patroness. For those not familiar with the show, it is an interactive "one woman" comedy routine. The actress is dressed as a nun and the audience is her "classroom." We will laugh but we will also learn (or remember) our Catholic Catechism. Information is obviously in this week's bulletin, but I urge everyone to pitch in and make this event successful. When I first began the celebrations in honor of our feast day, I envisioned having events that were not necessarily fund raisers, but simply moments when we could gather the entire community for something fun entertaining and even spiritually up-lifting. However, given the fact that the parish is in dire need of funds, the planning committee this year is focusing on making this aspect of our patronal celebration as much of a fund raiser as possible.

Every parishioner can help in this endeavor. We need to pack the house. I ask everyone to encourage family and friends and neighbors to attend this event. The tickets are \$45 per person which includes a light dinner. Drinks are a separate purchase. Tickets are now available and we will make them available for purchase in the rectory office as well as after each of the Masses every weekend from now until the weekend before the show. If you are unable to attend, the committee is gladly taking donations so that we can possibly provide discounted tickets for those who may not be able to afford the ticket price. The committee and I are working on other details so we will keep the parish posted with new information as it becomes available.

Connected with our celebrations in honor of our patroness, St. Margaret Mary, we will again have our annual novena which will begin on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Each weeknight of the novena there will be a Mass at 7 pm followed by the novena prayers in honor of St. Margaret Mary. This year, our novena will be an opportunity for all of us to learn more about the Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. I am currently working on inviting priests from various parts of the Archdiocese to be our guest speakers. Each of them will focus on one of the Deadly Sins and one of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. So far, I have lined up Bishop Ron Hicks, Bishop Mark Batosic, Fr. Jeff Grob, Fr. Bob Cook, OFM Conv and Fr. Paul Schneider, OFM Conv. I am hoping that a couple more priests will accept the invitation to cover the remaining weeknights of our novena.

The grace of God continues to be a work in our faith community. Let us take all of these opportunities to give thanks to God for the gifts that He has been sending us, but let us also take these moments to come together and pray that the Spirit will guide us into the future, making clear what it is that we must do in order to keep making disciples of all nations.

Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MOVING WALL AND MUSEUM

September 26-30, 2019
Exhibit is open 24 hours a day

Queen of Heaven Cemetery
14000 South Wolf Road
Hillside

Information:
708-449-8300
www.themovingwall.org



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

September 8, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,075.50
Loose Money	\$ 946.09
Total Collection	\$4,021.59
Variance.....	(\$4,920.41)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	108



FREE ENGLISH LESSONS FOR ADULTS

Reading, English, Conversation, Pronunciation, GED, Citizenship

CLASES PARTICULARES GRATIS PARA ADULTOS EN INGLÉS

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Immigrants
and
Refugees
Welcome



FALL 2019

New Learner Sign up starts Tuesday, September 3rd, 7 pm , or any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday after the 3rd

LESSONS START **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 7PM**

Open for Tutoring Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings 7-9:30 pm

LOYOLA COMMUNITY LITERACY CENTER

Loyola University Lake Shore Campus beginning our 28th year of serving the community

Loyola Hall 1110 W. Loyola Avenue, 2nd floor conference room

www.luc.edu/literacy literacy@luc.edu 773-508-2330

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 or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

SAVE THE DATE
Tickets on Sale NOW!

St. Margaret Mary Feast Day!
Lights Camera Comedy

Late Nite Catechism

5 Stars review

Join us on Saturday, October 12th, 2019
Eat. Drink. Laugh.

5:30pm - 8:30pm Show starts at 6:30pm

Ticket Price \$45

includes light dinner and soft beverages

Drinks at the bar: \$5
Wine, Beer

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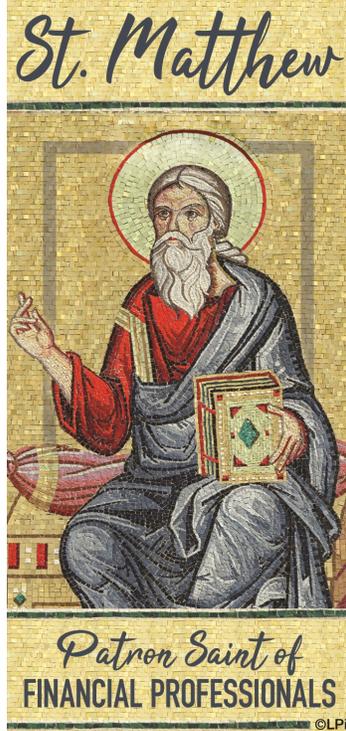
Purchase Your Tickets
At any Mass
Stop by the Rectory.
Online:
www.smmchicago.org

CYCLES OF FAITH

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Celebrating St. Matthew the Apostle"

Before he was a follower of Jesus, Matthew had a more notorious profession: tax collector. To support their empire, the Romans taxed those they had conquered. They recruited locals for this unpleasant task. The tax collectors weren't paid well and were notorious for overcharging their fellow countrymen and skimming off the top. Let's just say Matthew would not have been voted "Most Religious" in his graduating class! But Jesus sees Matthew's heart and calls him anyway. No matter our profession, we are called to act with Christian virtues of justice and charity. Our workplace can be the place where we encounter God in our coworkers and customers. It can be the place where we can show the love of Christ to those we meet. St. Matthew, pray for us!



+PARISH DEVOTIONS+

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
Every Wednesday at 8:30 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Friday following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.
Please enter the middle door, school side.
(Become a regular, call
Mila Cobarrubias at 773-814-4282 or
Judith Seruelo at 773-764-0247.)
Mass at 7:00 pm on First Fridays;
Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 pm
on all other Fridays.

HEART OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING
Every Friday at 7:30 pm in Rectory Hall.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Every 1st Friday of the month
beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.
Fellowship follows after Mass.
Contact person: Terry Luciano, 773-677-7347

FATIMA ROSARY
First Saturday of the month
immediately following 4 pm Mass.

REST IN PEACE
Our blessed Lord has called home **Lillian Pirra** for whom we offer our prayers that she may live in joy in His presence.

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.

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, September 15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am George Meyers
Mary Hardy

10:30 am Marie Schmid
John Conway
Julita Trovela

Monday, September 16 Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, September 17

8:00 am Jeffrey Cobarrubias

Wednesday, September 18

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, September 19 St. Januarius

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, September 20

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, September 21 St. Matthew

8:00am Deceased members of SMM

4:00 pm Ann Donohue
Maria Frances & Dominic G. Fernandes

Sunday, September 22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am George Meyers
Don Tres

10:30 am Julita Trovela
Gabriel Monterio & Salvador Monterio



Readings for the week of September 15, 2019

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/ Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/ Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/ Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, September 16

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, September 18

Anne Schaefer

Saturday, September 21

Mila Cobarrubias

Lectors

Saturday, September 14

4:00 pm Art Blumberg & Lee Draus

Sunday, September 15

8:30 am Peter Scheidt & Richard Schaefer

10:30 am Ryan Madayag & Leonard Kohl

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, September 14

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

Sunday, September 15

8:30 am M. Neba, P. & R. Mackin, L. Honda,
L. Igboanugo, R. Hardy &
B. Russell

10:30 am Y. Malicay, M. Grigsby,
A. Baldonado, B. Bingham,
L. Ibekwem, J. Ashbach &
T. Linwood

Lectors

Saturday, September 21

4:00 pm Lee Draus & Julie Ashbach

Sunday, September 22

8:30 am Bernadette Edom &
Janet Murtaugh

10:30 am Alex Luciano & Greg Umogo

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 22

8:30 am A. Bumberg, C. Chima, B. Russell,
R. Hardy, L. Honda & L. Igboanugo

10:30 am T. Luciano, B. David, B. Skiles,
B. Alban & K. Conoquie