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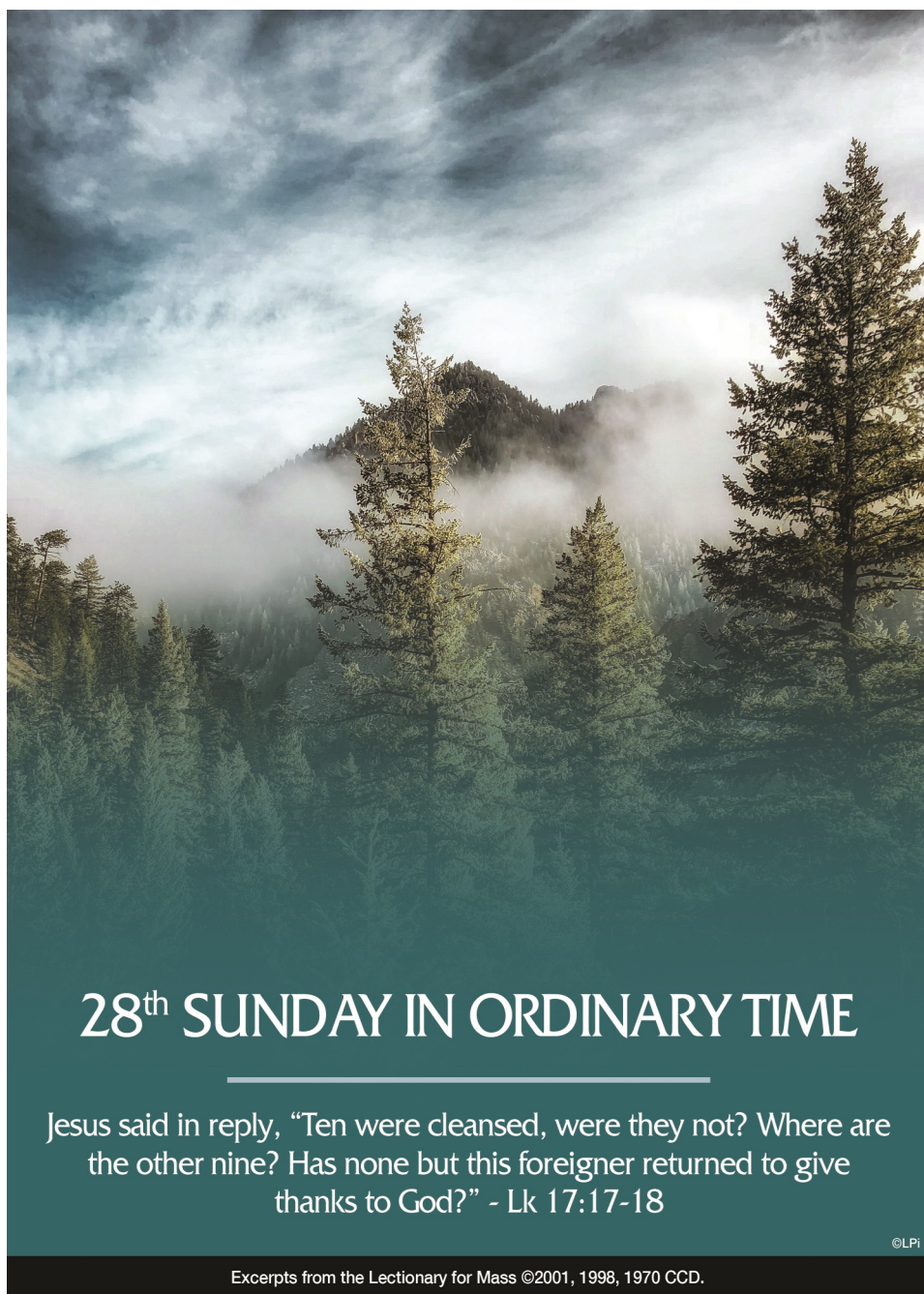
The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

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October 13, 2019

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde

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Music Ministry, Steve Burke

Howard Schneider

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.

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

OFFICES

Rectory (773) 764-0615

2324 W. Chase

Hours: Monday-Thursday

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

Friday by appointment

Parish Website:

www.smmchicago.org/parish

Parish School (773) 271-2008

Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

Holy Hands

(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce more formally our new "Welcome Ministry." I am grateful to Trish Linwood who so graciously took it upon herself to form this ministry for us. Trish only recently joined the Catholic Church a little over a year ago. Since then, she has found a home here and shares her enthusiasm with forming this new ministry with a core team of volunteers to assist her. Currently, we are focusing the effort only at the 10:30 a.m. Mass crowd. Hopefully, as the ministry grows, we will be able to expand it to our other Mass times.



Last weekend at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we blessed and commissioned the Welcome Ministry Team. Their ministry will provide new opportunities to let our parish grow.

Take the following example into consideration. When you come to Mass every week, you tend to sit in the same places every single week. Everyone around you does the same thing. However, apart from the people who might be related to you or already connected to you in some way, how many people in church would you know on a first name basis rather than simply knowing them by face? I am sure that if we are truly honest with ourselves, the great majority of us must sadly admit that we do not know the people around us by their first name nor even know anything about their life story. Sadly, Catholic parishes have oftentimes not been very good at bridging those gaps.

This is one of the blessings that a Welcome Ministry will help to bring to our community. Members of the Welcome Ministry will be at the doors of church each week not only to greet people coming in with a smiling face but also be the ones to offer a welcome to visitors, guests, and newcomers to the neighborhood. We may take it for granted but for those who may have recently moved into the neighborhood and exploring a place to call their spiritual home, the welcome they receive or the lack thereof is crucial in their decision to stay or go elsewhere.

This will also become even more crucial as we move forward with the Renew My Church process with the very possible reality that we may need to create space and welcome an entirely new community to join us. The hope of Renew My Church is to create larger and more vibrant parish communities that would not only be able to sustain themselves for generations but also be vital instruments in evangelizing the local area. As the possibility of mergers between parish communities becomes more of a reality, how we will welcome others and make sure they feel at home here just as much as they did from where they came is a key factor in making certain that our faith community does indeed have the potential for growth.

Members of the Welcome Ministry will also be able to act as liaisons for those who have questions. A lot of times, people will come up to me or to the presiding priest with questions about sacraments, programs, etc. It oftentimes becomes a turn off to people when they see a long line to the priest when they need a question answered. The members of the Welcome Ministry can ease that process and provide answers and/or directions to peoples' inquiries.

A Welcome Ministry also provides another practical benefit. Members of the ministry can, in effect, become a sort of "first line of defense" against any person who might be coming to our community with malicious intent. It is a well-known fact that in virtually every case of a person inflicting mass violence on a community was able to enter that space because no one took notice of him/her. With people standing at our door welcoming people and taking note of new and different faces, it actually becomes a deterrent for people who have something else in mind besides coming to our church to worship. Knowing that people are watching them will make them less likely to do any harm and simply walk away.

In the coming weeks, members of this new ministry will again be at the doors of church with identifiable name tags letting everyone know that they are part of the Welcome Ministry. Please pray for them and pray that we will be able to encourage more people to join.

Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.

“RENEW MY CHURCH”

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: “Renew My Church.” Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly, to listen to each other attentively, to imagine our future boldly, to discern your direction wisely, to persevere in your holy will courageously, to stay together in charity, to surrender our own plans readily, to embrace the greater good and to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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COLLECTION REPORT

October 6, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$3,583.38
Loose Money	\$1,088.00
Total Collection.....	\$4,671.38
Variance	(\$4,270.62)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used.....	109

Readings for the week of October 13, 2019

Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/ Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13b]/ Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [7]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8a]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

We continue our participation in the Baby Bottle Project which benefits The Women’s Center of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing and monetary provisions, prayer and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God’s Grace, The Women’s Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies, and their mothers, from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of October 26th & 27th.

This is a simple but crucial fundraising effort for The Women’s Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards, so please return upon completion of the project.

Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Also, if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women’s Center. Thank you.



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.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

WILL BE SELLING CHRISTMAS WREATHS THIS YEAR!

They will be taking orders after Masses during the weekends of October 19th & 20th as well as October 26th & 27th. The wreaths will be delivered after the Masses the weekend of November 23rd and 24th.

All proceeds go to help send the boys to summer camp next July at Owassipe in northern Michigan.



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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At any Mass
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CYCLES OF FAITH

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance ..." In the ancient world and into the Middle Ages, there was no treatment for leprosy. People thought it was wildly contagious and were suspicious of any skin diseases. Lepers were isolated from civil society. This isolation was upheld by the Mosaic Law. Should there be a healing from leprosy, the former leper was to present himself to a priest to certify the healing. Like Jesus commands, *"Show yourselves to the priests."* The person would then undergo a religious rite to be formally reintroduced to society. In other words, a leper got their life back. So why didn't they come back?

"As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn't believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it.

How about you? Do you come back? If you've ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we've wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in times of distress, there is always something to be thankful for. This Sunday, give yourself a gratitude check. Count your blessings. Glorify God and thank Him for the gift of your life!

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+PARISH DEVOTIONS+

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Every Wednesday at 8:30 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

Please enter the middle door, school side.

(Become a regular, call

Mila Cobarrubias at 773-814-4282 or

Judith Seruelo at 773-764-0247.)

Mass at 7:00 pm on First Fridays;

Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 pm
on all other Fridays.

HEART OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in Rectory Hall.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Every 1st Friday of the month
beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.

Fellowship follows after Mass.

Contact person: Terry Luciano, 773-677-7347

FATIMA ROSARY

First Saturday of the month
immediately following 4 pm Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made
at least three months in advance.

Baptisms: On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
immediately following the 10:30 am mass. Please make
arrangements at least one month in advance.

Preparation class held on the 2nd Tuesday
of each month at 7:00 pm in the rectory

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic
Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and
invite them to register at the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am George Meyers

10:30 am Julita Trovela

Monday, October 14 St. Calistus

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

7:00 pm Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, October 15 St. Theresa of Jesus

8:00 am Joseph Fernandes

Matthew & Mary Fernandes

7:00 pm Special Intention

Wednesday, October 16 St. Margaret Mary

8:00 am Special Intention

7:00 pm Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 am Jeffrey Cobarrubias

Special Intention

Friday, October 18 St. Luke

8:00 am Special Intention

Saturday, October 19 St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues

8:00 am Maurita Baja

Special Intention

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Michael Nunes

Sunday, October 20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am George Meyers

Special Intention

10:30 am Milagros U. Semilla (living)

Marie Schmid

John Conway

Julita Trovela

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, October 14

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, October 16

Anne Schaefer

Saturday, October 21

A Volunteer Is Needed

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Anna Grace Szmajda** and **Howie Infante** for whom we promise our prayers that they may live in joy in His presence.



BAPTISMS

+Nathan, Saraya and Kosem Aguilar, children of Francisco Aguilar & Silvia Perez received new life in the Lord through the waters of Baptism this past weekend. May their parents and godparents be a light to their lives.

Bountiful Blessings
 Hiking Falling leaves
 crisp air - chilly nights
 PUMPKIN Cinnamon
 PATCH PIE Apples
 Gathering with family & friends
 GRATEFUL HEARTS
 Hot Apple Cider Harvest
 CANDY Thanksgiving
 CORN FOOTBALL acorns
 Autumn Caramel
 In everything give thanks.
 1 Thess. 5:18

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.gznm@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.

"RENEW MY CHURCH"

If you have comments, questions, concerns regarding Renew My Church and its impact on our local community, feel free to contact any of the following via e-mail:

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