

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645



March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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

SHE'S HERE!!! If you do not know to whom I am referring, I invite you to take a look at the west side of the Gathering Space in church. We have a new addition to the shrine of the Virgin Mary which was an unused confessional. That project has been about four years in the making and the new statue in the shrine virtually completes the project. The only things that are left now to do are the finishing touches like a plaque to explain the shrine/memorial.

Some of you may recall that I had mentioned the name George Meyers several times since I have been in the parish. Again, George was a generous donor and dedicated parishioner. He was also one of the last remaining Luxembourgers in the parish. He passed away shortly after I started here at the parish. He had left a sizeable amount of money to the parish after he passed which we were able to use to repair a major leak on the façade of our church. As an act of gratitude, I began at that time thinking of a way to remember his generosity and spirit. I thought a shrine to Our Lady of Luxembourg would be a fitting tribute to George and also become a way to honor the history of this faith community. Immigrants from Luxembourg built this church and so the shrine is also a tribute to their sacrifice.

The statue of Our Lady of Luxembourg comes to us straight from Luxembourg. She is a gift to us from the Cardinal Archbishop of Luxembourg. When he found out about this project, he was more than happy to donate a statue. Many of the parishes in his archdiocese have also undergone restructuring, merging, and even closing. The parish of St. Barbara in Lasauvage, Luxembourg was one of the parishes that closed. Fortunately, there was a statue of Our Lady that used to be in that church and is now the one that adorns our worship space.

I am grateful to George Jones, Kevin Wester, and the entire Luxembourg Brotherhood of America for helping to make this happen. The LBA raised money to obtain a statue. But since this statue was donated, the LBA used the funds to have Our Lady shipped here. The LBA is also looking into a new pedestal that will allow her to fit better in her new space. I will be working with the LBA to plan a date when we can officially welcome Our Lady and have her blessed.

Our Lady's arrival to us is actually timely. The story goes that in the time of the Great Plague, the people of Luxembourg guided by Jesuit priests to be united in prayer to be delivered from the Plague. Luxembourg was among the first places to be spared of the Plague and the people attributed the miracle to the intercession of Our Lady of Consolation.

In an act of gratitude, the people of Luxembourg honored the Virgin Mary by giving her the key to their entire nation. For this reason, one of Our Lady's symbols that she carries is a key representing the gratitude of the Luxembourg people for her intercession during the time of the Great Plague. This is also the reason why she is now known as Our Lady of Luxembourg aka Our Lady of Consolation. Her intercession is much needed now as we face the crisis of the Corona Virus. This makes her arrival at this time very providential.

Our Lady also carries a symbol of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is also a very fitting symbol for her to carry especially since our patroness was pivotal in promoting the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Our Lady also carries a scepter reminding us that she is Queen of Heaven and Earth. She also came with nine (9) vestments. There is one for each liturgical season plus five more. Our Lady will always be dressed at her very best.

I am grateful as well to the parishioners of SMM because you also helped to make this happen. You had donated to the reconstruction of the confessional into a shrine. I ask that we all now help to honor the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Consolation, and ask for her intercession now and always.

Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.



P.S.—While in transit, Our Lady's right arm broke off. She is made of wood so I managed to use wood glue to reattach her arm and it seems to be holding for now. However, this might be a temporary solution and I will inquire into a better and more permanent solution. For now, I ask that we reverence her from a distance. Namely, I request that we do not try to touch her since I am not sure how long the wood glue solution will last. Thank you!

Celebrate St. Joseph

During its tumultuous history, there have been numerous periods of famine in Sicily. The people have prayed to St. Joseph. During one severe drought nothing would grow except Fava Beans, generally considered animal fodder. When the rains finally came the people expressed their gratitude by celebrating St. Joseph's Day with tables laden with food and especially sweets.

This year our Confirmation candidates will host our St. Joseph's Tables On the weekend of March 28 & 29th, there will be extended hospitality in the Gathering Space after each of the Masses.

Our spring project:

1000 Paper Cranes.

Sadako Sasaki survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, but at age 11 she was diagnosed with leukemia. In the hospital, Sadako folded Origami Paper Cranes. There is a legend that if you fold a 1000 paper cranes, your wish will come true. Sadako wanted to get well, but she was also wishing for Peace in the World. She died at age 12, but her legacy endures.

Do you fold Origami ? and do you have paper ? gift paper is good. Let us know. Our world is so in need of peace.

Angel Closet

As spring approaches we are preparing to celebrate First Communion and Confirmation with our children and teens. Do you have clothes that your children have outgrown ? We already have a number of donations and if you would like to donate a dress, veil, a suit, jacket, trousers or shoes, please bring them to the rectory during office hours. Dresses for Confirmation can be any color.

Annual Scout Troop 923
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SMM Activity Center

April 5th 8 AM - Noon

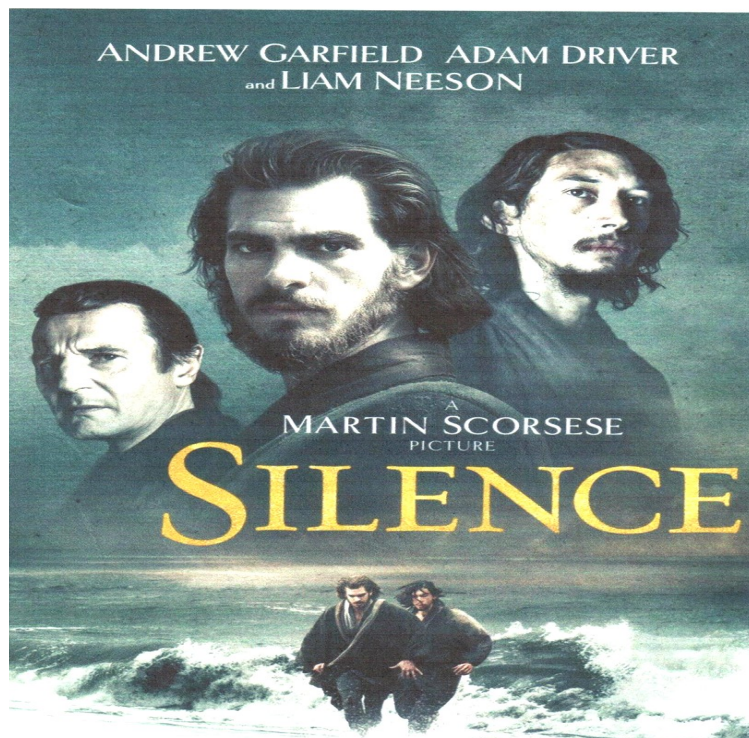
Come and enjoy
delicious pancakes &
sausage and help support
our Scout Troop!



COLLECTION REPORT

March 8, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,117.73
Loose Money	\$1,090.71
Total Collection	\$3,208.44
Variance	(\$5,733.56)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	90



LENTEN MOVIE...SILENCE

Sunday, March 29, 2020

12:00 pm

Activity Center Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

Pizzas will be served

Summary of the movie:

Set in Japan during the time of heavy persecution of Catholic Christians, two Jesuit priests are sent to discover the truth of another Jesuit priest rumored to have given up the faith and his priesthood.

The two missionaries must enter Japan and complete their mission in complete secrecy or else risk their own safety as well as that of the Japanese Christians they encounter.

In the end, who will give up the faith? Who will remain loyal to the very end?

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 7:00 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 19TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

2:00PM - 3:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Station of the Cross
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fellowship and Hospitality will follow

in the rectory basement

For Info: Alex/Terry Luciano – 773-677-7250/773-677-7347

*Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy
– The Divine Mercy*

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO 7 CHURCHES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

The bus will leave from SMM at 9:00 am and return by 2:15 pm. Here is a tentative schedule of churches that will be visited this year:

- 8:00 Mass and Perpetual Help Novena at SMM
- 9:00 Board the bus
- 9:15 Queen of All Saints Basilica
- 10:00 St. Peter's in Skokie
- 11:00 St. Martha and Shrine of All Saints in Morton Grove
- 11:45 Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview
- 12:30 Sts. Faith, Hope and Charity in Wilmette
- 1:15 St. Joseph in Wilmette
- 2:15 Return to SMM for late lunch in the Activity Center

\$40/person Maximum 30 pilgrims Lunch included

To sign-up, please call Fr. Tirso at 773-764-0615 or email at tvillaverde@archchicago.org.

HELP FILL EASTER EGGS AGAIN!

Plastic eggs are available in the Gathering Space of the church!. These eggs will be used for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 12th, after the 10:30 am Mass. Parishioners are again invited to take as many eggs as you would like and fill them with any combination of the following:

- *candy/chocolate
- *coins
- *small toys
- *religious mementos.

Please return filled eggs no later than the weekend of March 28/29.



ANGEL HAIR MINISTRY

...has been cancelled for the time being.

However, you may still bring donations of gently used clothing and travel sized toiletries which will be donated to local organizations serving those in need.

CYCLES OF FAITH

3rd Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts – Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

+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, March 15 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Geroge Meyers
Mena Pascua
10:30 am Ellen Howard
Terence Howard
Joan Heuel
Julita Trovela
Marie Schmid

Monday, March 16

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, March 17 St. Patrick

8:00 am Jeffrey Cobarrubias

Wednesday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, March 19 St. Joseph

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, March 20

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Don Tres
George Meyers
Mena Pascua - anniversary
10:30 am Antonio S. Ng, Sr.
Singson Wong Ng
Ng Pe
Jack Sweetman - anniversary
Julita Trovela
Peter Justiano Wallis

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SENIOR SERVICES

From drop in senior centers where older adults can join a book club or exercise class to home visits and adult day care, older adults will experience:

A professional caring staff

Safe, bright and well-maintained facilities

Activities for spirit, mind and body.

Call 312-655-7470 for information or to arrange a tour of a facility.

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; 3 bdrm, 1500 sq ft, 3rd fl, Peg, 773-274-7534;
CERTIFIED NOTARY PUBLIC: Alfred Benbow, 773-274-9760, ext. 222.

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, March 6

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, March 18

Anne Schaefer

Saturday, March 21

A Volunteer Is Needed

Lectors

Saturday, March 14

4:00 pm Julie Ashbach & Maureen Varallo

Sunday, March 15

8:30 am Peter Johnston & Peter Scheidt
10:30 am Leonard Kohl & Greg Umogo

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

8:30 am P. & R. Mackin , L. Igboanugo,
R. Hardy, L. Honda, B. Russell &
J. Murtaugh
10:30 am M. Neba, J. Seruelo, B. Bingham,
T. Linwood, L. Ibekwem,
A. Baldonado & M. Grigsby

Lectors

Saturday, March 21

4:00 pm Mary Fallon & Art Blumberg

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am Tim Murtaugh & Ebbe
10:30 am Alex Jones & Betty David

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am M. Neba, P. & R. Mackin,
B. Russell, L. Honda & R. Hardy
10:30 am B. Skiles, Y. Malicay, G. Potucek,
V. Onyeaghala, K. Conoquie,
A. Baldonado & J. Seruelo