

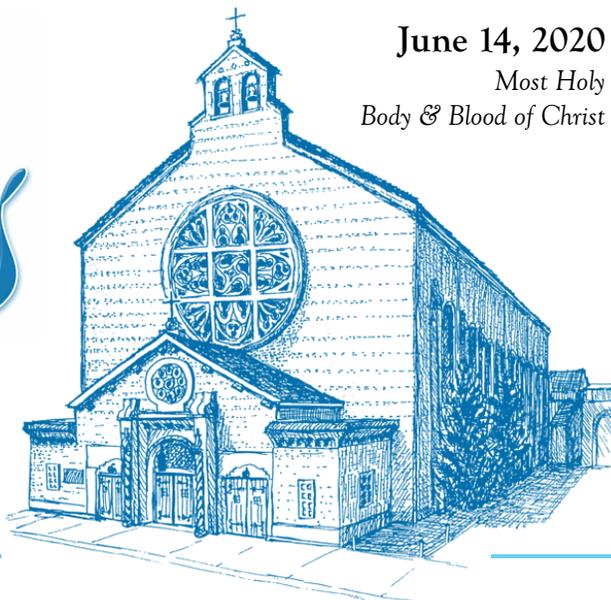
The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

June 14, 2020

Most Holy
Body & Blood of Christ



PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde
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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

Weekday

Private

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.

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

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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

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him.” - Jn 6:56

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This will be our first weekend with public Masses on the weekend. Although we still cannot celebrate Mass to full capacity, it will be good to see the pews filled with more than just one or a handful of persons.

For those who have not received the e-mail communications, here is a recap of what has happened at the parish.

The merger between SMM, St. Henry, and St. Timothy will take effect on July 1, 2020.

Circumstances required a change in the plan that was announced at the start of the pandemic.

I have not been assigned as the pastor of the soon to be unified parish. Instead, as of July 1, I will be the pastor of St. Julie Billiart in Tinley Park. This was an unexpected vacancy due to the fact that the current pastor is leaving to become the next bishop of the Diocese of Peoria.

The schedule of Masses for June has been changed slightly to accommodate the requirements of Phase 2 of the reopening. Mass times and Private Prayer Times will be the following:

June 13/14	4:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. public
June 20/21	4:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. public
June 27/28	4:00 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. public

PLEASE REMEMBER: We can only have a maximum of 60 PEOPLE. Parishioners will need to sign up for Mass EVERY WEEK. Otherwise, there will be no guarantee that we will be able to allow you to come into church for Mass. The Reopening Team will also need to sanitize the church after each Mass so there can be no private or group recitation of the Rosary after Mass until further notice.

The church will be opened for Private Prayer on Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and also on Friday nights from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Confessions will still be available on Saturday afternoons between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the northwest side chapel of church.

Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde



FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let me introduce myself. I am Deacon Arthur Bautista, soon to be Fr. Arthur Bautista. As you may have heard from Fr. Tirso last Sunday, I will be joining Fr. Phi Nguyen starting July 1st as your new associate pastor at this new merging parish in the West Ridge neighborhood. I know that this new transition of parishes is pretty hard and challenging to everybody, but I want to let you know that we will do our very best to minister to all of you, to the flock that the Lord entrusted to our care.

I was born and raised in the Philippines. I went to Catholic schools from elementary until high school. At a very young age, my grandmother, Apolonia, was my great supporter on this journey to the priesthood. At the age 16, I decided to enter college seminary at Immaculate Conception Major Seminary in the Philippines. After two and a half years in the seminary, my family decided to immigrate to the United States in 2011.

When we moved to the States, I worked in a nursing home as dietary aide for a year and eventually worked as a nursing assistant for couple years in that same nursing home. During those years of working, the thought of priesthood was still present. In 2014, I decided to continue my seminary formation at Divine Word College Seminary in Epworth, Iowa to be a missionary priest. But, after years of praying, discernment and spiritual direction, I decided to be a diocesan priest. With the help of Fr. Francis Bitterman, former vocation director for the Archdiocese, I was accepted to Mundelein Seminary and continued my journey to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

On June 29, 2020 I will be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Please pray for me as I prepare myself to receive this wonderful gift of priesthood. I am excited to meet you all on July 1st. God bless! Peace!

Dcn. Arthur Bautista



Explanation of the Decree of Parish Union

See, I am doing something new!

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:19

Dear parishioners,

In this weekend's bulletin, you will see a decree signed by Cardinal Cupich. A decree is a pronouncement or document that formalizes a decision within the Church. In this case, the decree included here concerns the decision for our parishes to unite as a new parish after our grouping's Renew My Church discernment.

Date the new parish will be created

The decree states that St. Henry, St. Margaret Mary, and St. Timothy will form a new parish on July 1. This date is a change from what we communicated a few weeks ago. As the Priests' Placement Board continued its work to recommend pastors for parishes, they discerned that it would be best for all parishes across the diocese if priest assignments would change July 1 instead of being delayed. Cardinal Cupich accepted this recommendation and has now decided assignments changes will take effect July 1, and therefore our new parish will formally be created on July 1.

Parish name

The decree states the new parish will have an *ad interim* name. This means that the parish will be called Ss. Timothy, Henry, and Margaret Mary until we propose a new name to Cardinal Cupich for his consideration and approval. Regarding the name of the new parish, there will be a process to include everyone. We will keep you updated on the timeline of when this process to consider a parish name will begin.

Definitions and explanations about the churches

When you read the decree, you will notice the decree states St. Margaret Mary Church will be the parish church of the new parish and that the churches of St. Henry, St. Margaret Mary, and St. Timothy will be churches of the new parish. A few notes on this:

One implication of St. Margaret Mary being designated the parish church means that the sacramental records of the new parish, as well as the past sacramental records of each of St. Henry, St. Margaret Mary, and St. Timothy Parishes will be maintained at the offices on the St. Margaret Mary campus. For the current time, each parish's records will remain at their current locations, and we will update everyone when the records are fully brought together at the office on the St. Margaret Mary campus.

Second, the decree states that each of the three churches of St. Henry, St. Margaret Mary, and St. Timothy will be churches of the new parish. When a new parish is formed, all of the assets of each former parish become part of the new parish. This includes the churches. As shared at the announcement in February, all regularly scheduled parish Masses will transition to St. Margaret Mary Church and Angel Guardian Church no later than Ash Wednesday 2021. Until the procedure for formally closing a church occurs, a church remains available to use for occasional worship even if regular daily or Sunday Masses are not scheduled at the church. A decree uniting parishes does not address the specific Mass schedule nor when regularly scheduled liturgies will conclude in a particular church building.

The new parish's connection with the Croatian Mission

Third, the decree addresses Blessed Stepinac Mission in point 7. The decree states the pastoral leadership of the new parish will continue collaboration with the pastoral leadership of Blessed Aloysius Stepinac Croatian Catholic Mission. To foster mutually beneficial sharing of pastoral resources and ideas between the new parish and the mission, a yearly report will be made to the area episcopal vicar.

While not explicitly stated in the decree, the Cardinal's intent remains as shared at the announcement in February that "the new parish and the Croatian Mission will share use of and responsibility for Angel Guardian Church." Many details will need to be worked out to bring this to life. Let us remain patient and flexible with each other when we begin work on these arrangements.

As we continue to navigate the challenges of the Covid pandemic and soon formally begin as a new parish, let us hold fast to the Lord's promise that He is with us always, and trust in the fact that He is at work in a special way within our faith community and is creating something new for all of us.

Certainly, the process of renewal is an emotional one. For many of us, it is a time of significant change. So, let us also keep each other and our neighbors in prayer as we continue our journey forward.



PART ONE

DECREE

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

“Likewise, parishes which are too small should be united insofar as the situation demands it and circumstances permit.” St. Paul VI, Apostolic Letter *motu proprio, Ecclesiae Sanctae*, n. 21, (1), August 6, 1966

Changing demographics have affected the size and wealth of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the vitality of her parishes. This is particularly true in the City of Chicago itself, where the total population has decreased by nearly 20% since 1970, from 3,366,957 to an estimated 2,705,994 in 2018. The archdiocese has many vacant, old, and underused parochial buildings and fewer priests to pastor our faith communities.

According to the US Census Bureau, the Archdiocese of Chicago had an estimated total population of 5,881,250 in 2018. The 2018 *Annuario Pontificio* indicates our archdiocese had 345 parishes serving a Catholic population of 2,512,000: an average of 7,281 Catholics per parish. According to the same source, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles had a total population of 11,519,517, with 287 parishes for a Catholic population of 4,362,000: an average 15,199 Catholics per parish. For the Archdiocese of New York, the figures are 2,656,987 Catholics in 294 parishes: an average 9,037 Catholics per parish. A good number of our parishes were founded in the first half of the last century or earlier. Many were established for national, linguistic, or ethnic groups that no longer live in the archdiocese or in the neighborhoods where they once flourished.

Too many of our parishes have been unable to support themselves and have been receiving financial subsidies from the archdiocese. Between fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2019 these subsidies amounted to \$160,014,332.00, including \$40,039,909.00 to 115 parishes, and \$119,974,423.00 to 93 Catholic schools. This was entirely due to the generosity of the faithful of the archdiocese and other donors. We cannot continue this level of financial support for parishes and Catholic schools, especially while the number of those contributing to the support of their parishes increasingly declines. Our hope is that our parishes will become more vital, that is, active centers of Christian discipleship, evangelical mission, scholarship, and charitable outreach. To achieve this hope, the parishes must have a growing or stable membership and the ability to support themselves whenever possible.

Five years ago, inspired by the experience of St. Francis of Assisi before the cross of the ruined church of San Damiano, and by the Holy Father’s dream of “a missionary option ... capable of transforming everything” (Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 27, November 24, 2013), I announced the inauguration of *Renew My Church (RMC)*, a multi-year, intentional process aimed at obtaining and preserving the vitality of our parishes. It has

been my intention that every parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago will join with some of its neighbors and plan together for the future. Careful planning will create a menu of possible options for future vitality. We are identifying parishes likely to be reconfigured through pastoral coordination with neighboring parishes, divisions, unions, and other significant alterations.

As the Decree is quite lengthy, it will continue on successive Sundays.



WORSHIP CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 14 **Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

8:30 am Wayne Haukap
Julifa Trovela

Monday, June 15

Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, June 16

Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, June 17

Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, June 18

Deceased members of SMM

Friday, June 19 **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Chris Murtaugh - anniversary

Saturday, June 20

Deceased members of SMM

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Sunday, June 21 **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Mary Beth Brennan Reynolds
John Potucek
Julifa Trovela
Marie Schmid

FOCUS ON THE WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.



REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Noreen Conway** for whom we promise our prayers that she may live in joy in His presence.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

June 7, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$5,583.00
Loose Money.....	\$ 323.00
Total Collection	\$5,906.00
Variance	(\$3,036.00)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	81

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.