

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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352-4856

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352-4641

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352-4834

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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Spanish)
Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 PM
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM
Weekdays: 8:00 AM

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (352-6209).

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (352-4834).

CONFESSIONS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 4:00 PM

Fr. Marshall's Musings

Whenever a parish changes pastors, the Archdiocesan Department of Financial Services begins a review of parish finances, followed by a comprehensive audit. A preliminary review has already uncovered that some of the recommended best practices have not been followed. These will be explored in more detail as the comprehensive audit proceeds. When the audit is concluded, I will report the findings to our parish community and indicate where we stand financially. At that time, I will have the complete information that I need to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, parish leadership is taking steps to ensure improved stewardship of our parish resources and enhanced accountability of those who watch over these resources.

The Holy Season of Lent calls us to conversion. In the Greek, this is translated as a change of heart. This means that we have to look at our behaviors individually and collectively and see where we need to change. This is often a difficult process because our behaviors become so ingrained in us they become habits. I hope that our Lenten disciplines will encourage us to embrace a full change of heart. In the Gospel today it is said that Jesus knew us in an intimate human way and he knows what is in our hearts and we need to return to the way that Jesus knows us in purity of heart.

The following I received from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) which I thought was a good reflection on fasting during this Holy Season. I hope you enjoy it for your reflection during Lent.

Fast from judging others... feast on the Christ indwelling in them.
 Fast from emphasis on differences... feast on the unity of life.
 Fast from apparent darkness... feast on the reality of light.
 Fast from thoughts of illness... feast on the healing power of God.
 Fast from words that pollute... feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent... feast on gratitude.
 Fast from anger... feast on patience.
 Fast from pessimism... feast on optimism.
 Fast from worry... feast on divine order.
 Fast from complaining... feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives... feast on affirmatives.
 Fast from unrelenting pressures... feast on unceasing prayer.
 Fast from hostility... feast on nonresistance.
 Fast from bitterness... feast on forgiveness.
 Fast from self-concern... feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety... feast on eternal truth.
 Fast from discouragement... feast on hope.
 Fast from facts that depress... feast on truths that uplift.
 Fast from lethargy... feast on enthusiasm.
 Fast from suspicion... feast on truth.
 Fast from thoughts that weaken... feast on promises that inspire.
 Fast from shadows of sorrow... feast on sunlight of serenity.
 Fast from idle gossip... feast on purposeful silence.

If I can be of assistance to you in your spiritual journey during the Season of Lent, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pancake Breakfast Tickets Available This Weekend

Holy Name Society members will be selling tickets after all Masses this Saturday and Sunday, March 18/19 for their annual Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast.

The breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 26, from 7am ~ 12:30pm in Morrissey Hall. Adults are \$5 and children \$2.

Reminder to Year 1 Confirmation Candidates

You will be meeting as a large group this evening, Sunday, March 19, in Morrissey Hall from 7-8:30pm. Remember, this is a required part of your Confirmation Process. See you then!

Mary Beth Ford, Youth Director

Food Pantry Update

- Our next food distribution will be on the first Thursday of the month, **April 6**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the church. We are making this change only for the month of April, because the second Thursday falls on Holy Thursday.
- In March we again served over one hundred families. Thank you so much for your continuing generosity, which makes this much needed and appreciated ministry possible.
- At this time we are extremely short of dry pinto beans and rice*; soup and meals in a can; canned fruits and vegetables; cereal and tuna. (*I have often been asked what size bags of pinto beans and rice we prefer. The 1-3 pound size works best for us as we pack the bags.)
- We also need pasta sauce and diapers, size 4 or 5.
- Of course, **all in-date** non-perishables and paper products are always appreciated.
- Please drop off donations in the Minister's Room when you come to weekend Mass.

Please contact me if you have any questions, (708)352-4641 or marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com. Thank you for remembering us when you do your grocery shopping!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Attention! Ministers of Care

The new schedules and phone directories are available for pickup in the Minister's Room in church. Please remember to stop by for your copy.

Dolores Wouk
Minister of Care Coordinator



Lenten Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 2:00pm

Our Lady of Fatima

Attention: A traveling Our Lady of Fatima Statue from Portugal will be visiting St. Cletus Church on Thursday, March 23, from 6-8pm. A presentation of Our Lady of Fatima will be given by a guardian of the statue. Please pray with us and bring your rosary and a pen for notes. Any questions, contact Patti Boland at (708) 482-7768.

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Ruth Calandriello, Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Michael Abalos, Connie Kostecki, Connor Farrell, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Robert Frost, Robert Salbego, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowka, Judy Hofstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolicki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Bill Gilmer, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office at (708) 352-6209. It is just as important to know that the prayers have been answered; please advise us when a person no longer needs to be on our prayer list.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard every Saturday from 4:15-4:45pm.

Helping Hand Rehab Center

Mark your calendar! Helping Hand Rehabilitation Center together with their Family Association will hold their 18th annual fashion show and luncheon titled "Showers of Fashions" at the Ashton Place in Willowbrook on Saturday, April 8. The event will begin at 11:00am. A tango demonstration by a member of the American Tango Institute will be featured at 11:45am followed by lunch at 12:00noon.

Fashions from the Helping Hand Thrift Shops in Brookfield and Lemont will be shown by individuals from the Center in Countryside as well as some family members and staff.


Ticket price is \$35. Proceeds benefit Helping Hand. Tickets may be purchased until March 31. Call (708) 485-2324 or (708) 447-6330. Please support our gift and cash raffle. Questions? Call me at (708) 246-0340.

Mary White

Stewardship

The decision to give has not so much to do with calendars and budgets. Rather, the decision to give is really a matter of putting your life with God into perspective.

March 12

Budgeted Revenue:		\$30,000
Collection Received:		27,005
Shortfall last week:		- 2,995
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:		- 480
# of envelopes mailed:		3,181
# of envelopes returned:		1,001

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to use your offertory envelopes.

Please remember, using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.

Please note: Many parishioners have elected to have their weekly Sunday offering contribution debited out of their checking account once or twice a month. If you would like more information, contact Bobbie at (708) 352-6209 at the rectory office.

Annulment Process Workshop

Conducted by Tribunal and Family Ministries Staff Members

- Are you confused about your status in the church now that you are divorced?
- Confused about the meaning of the term "annulment?"
- Intimidated by the prospect of filing for an annulment?

If so, attend the seminar that will be held on Saturday, March 25, at St. Michael's Parish, 14327 Highland Ave., Orland Park. This seminar will be held from 8:30am to 1:00pm. The fee is \$30. Pre-registration is required. For information call Elsie at (312) 752-8353. In the evenings, call Mike or Pam at (847) 279-0789.

Spring Fling Dinner Dance and Auction

You're invited to attend Divine Providence School's Spring Fling Dinner Dance and Auction which will be held on Saturday, March 25. Doors will open at 6:00pm with music, dancing, and of course, both silent and live auction. Door and raffle prizes will also be drawn throughout the evening. Ticket price is \$30 per person (\$25 - seniors 65 and up). For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (708) 562-2258. We hope to see you there!

Walking with Jesus: Lenten Day of Renewal

Join Fr. Bob Colaresi, O.Carm., at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, on Monday March 27, from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Fr. Bob's pilgrimages to the Holy Land provide the background for this exceptional Lenten day of reflection. Walk with Jesus through his experience at the Last Supper. Be present to his suffering in the garden at Gethsemani, the Crucifixion and Death and Burial. Scripture, music, slides, private reflection and Eucharist offer a powerful Lenten experience. Cost:\$40/person which includes lunch. Call the Spiritual Center at (630) 969-4141 to register.

News from the Web...

Visit often for Lenten updates, Mass schedules, the Canticle, and events happening throughout our parish community.

Chris Wagner
Information Technology

Betraying Jesus as Peter Did

(Third in a six-part Lenten series on Mystical Images)

Anthropologists tell us that men and women have different congenital flaws. For men, it would seem that the flaw that's more particularly encoded in our DNA is betrayal. We have a history of running away when things get tough, of not keeping promises, and of selling out in the face of temptation.

It's not that women are immune from this, but as even the gospels highlight, men have a history here. In Mark's gospel, for instance, all the men betray Jesus, without a single exception. Indeed, in his gospel, the final words that Peter, the head of the church, speaks are words of betrayal: "I do not know the man!"

Here's how the gospels describe that betrayal: "Then Peter said, 'I swear that I am telling the truth! May God punish me if I am not! I do not know the man' ...At once, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. Jesus turned around and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the rooster crows tonight, you will deny me three times.' And Peter went out and wept bitterly."

What's in this image?

A number of things: First, Peter's initial brash, overconfidence. Just prior to this betrayal, he had sworn that he would never betray Jesus, even if everyone else did. Second, he made this promise in utter sincerity, with deep love in his heart, fully intending on keeping his word. Third, he broke his promise quickly in the face of adversity. Fourth, perhaps most important, he wept at his sin when Jesus looked at him with love.

What's to be learned from this? First, that sincerity and good will aren't enough to keep us from sinning. Sin isn't always the product of malice or hypocrisy. More often, we sin out of simple weakness.

Moreover, because we sin out of weakness, we have a tendency to rationalize: "It wasn't so bad! There was nothing I could have done!" But sin is still sin, betrayal is still betrayal, and the damage we do is still real, even when we act out of weakness. Peter didn't want to betray Jesus, he just wasn't strong enough not to. And that's generally too our problem when we don't hold out against temptation, whether it be to bitterness, sex, gossip, slander, jealousy, hatred, or anything else we sell out to or run away from in order to get through an ordeal, a loneliness, an insecurity, a fear, a season, or a night. Even when we give in out of weakness we're still betraying, still (in essence) saying: "I do not know the man!" But while sincerity doesn't necessarily save us from sin, it does help us hear the rooster crow. As

long as we remain sincere, we will soon enough admit our sin and we will know too that God still looks on us with love, even in betrayal.

A very important part of this picture of Peter betraying Jesus is the look that Peter sees on Jesus' face when he catches his eye in the crowd. The text tells us that "Jesus turned around and looked straight at Peter." Whenever the gospels tell us that Jesus "looked at" someone, generally that means that he looked at the person with love and understanding, with a look that blesses.

What Peter saw on Jesus' face (in Jesus' ultimate moment of humiliation and Peter's ultimate moment of betrayal) was not, as we would expect, a look of disappointment and reproach ("How could you!") but something Peter had likely never seen or experienced before in his whole life, namely, a look that holds you in warmth and understanding even when you sin and betray. No doubt this was a defining moment in Peter's understanding of Jesus because, at that moment, he experienced something that releases a different kind of tears, unconditional love.

The tears we weep when we are loved despite weakness are very different from the ones we weep when we feel judged and humiliated by our weakness. To experience love when we don't deserve it is the one grace that cleanses us of sin and gives us strength against sin.

The image of Peter betraying Jesus teaches us that we are loved sinners, all of us. Our sincerity and good-hearts don't keep us from sinning. We still betray, break our word, and too easily give in to temptation. But, that's not the whole story: What's shown here too is that God doesn't give us that look of disappointment and disapproval that we're all too familiar with when we do this. God still looks at us with understanding and continues to hold us solidly in love and blessing.

However we struggle with both sides of this, namely, to admit we're sinners and to recognize that we're still loved. But appropriating both of these truths is the key to knowing Jesus and knowing ourselves.

As John Shea says: The false self will crack when the rooster crows. There are many ways to wake up!

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 20 through March 26

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Danny McGinley, Marjorie Burke, Jozef Slowik, Liam Connors, Joseph Megla, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Francis Cirrincione,
Tuesday	8:00am	Chester & Anne Koziol, Kathryn Danielson, Mae McCurdy, Wayne Kral, Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	Frank Gasior, Edward B. King, Mary Louise King, Harry Mills Martin
Thursday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Mary Louise King, Amelia S. Baricevich, Velma Gartland
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Robert F. Alt, Mary A. Bellisario, Louis J. Kadlec, Grant Hoskins
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7,8,9:30,11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers

Monday, March 20

8:00am - N. Smith, T. Lenz, S. Vcelka,
M. Johnson-Dahl

Tuesday, March 21

8:00am - C. Mosquera, N. Lobraco,
C. Callahan, D. Hebal

Wednesday, March 22

8:00am - C. Mosquera, N. Lobraco,
C. Callahan, D. Hebal

Thursday, March 23

8:00am - N. Smith, T. Lenz, M.. Johnson-Dahl,
S. Goethals

Friday, March 24

8:00am - B.J. Ward, B. Franklin, K. Tosheff,
S. Goethals

Saturday & Sunday, March 25/26

5:00pm - R. Bogolin, T. Christopher, J. Flach

7:00am - T. Callahan, B. Kelley, D. Clarke

8:00am - Q. Collins, J. Cripe, M. Gray

9:30am - N. Galivan, J. Doyle, A. Smith

11:00am - D. Delaurentis, N. Dentamaro,
J. Newman

The Marks

Two marks of a holy person: giving and
forgiving.

-Anonymous

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 25, 2006

5:00 PM
SM Swindall, Toni
B2 Ryva, James-
B3 Beales, Dave
B4 Swindall, Vic
B5 Micek, Dan
B6 Loch, Len-
LR Augustine, Ellie-
C1 Ford, Mary Beth-
C2 Pavlik, Loretta-
C3 Beales, Nadine
C4 Swindall, Toni
C5 Micek, Judy
C6 Chlapecka, Rick-

Sunday, March 26, 2006

7:00 AM
SM Stamm, Richard
B2 Stamm, Richard
B3 Stamm, Barbara
B4 Smith, David-
B5 Saldat, Mary Rita-
B6 Mezan, Mary Ann-
LR McDonnell, Michae

9:30 AM

LR Pisone, Mary Lou-
SM Opila, Andy
B2 Kelliher, Larry
B3 Williams, Alice-
B4 Opila, Margo
B5 Nolan, Jeannine-
B6 Bartucci, Carol-
C1 Tosheff, Christine
C2 Kelliher, Karen
C3 Forsyth Sullivan,
C4 Opila, Andy
C5 Farnsworth, Vicki
C6 Zupancic, Robert-

11:00 AM

LR Hagen, Jim
SM McCaffray, Paul-
B2 Maday, Josephine-
B3 Augustyn, Ron-
B4 Kwak, Tecla-
B5 Hagen, Emily-
B6 Condon, Mary Kay-
C1 Hagen, Colleen
C2 Chaney, Marlene-
C3 Dunkovich, Alice-
C4 McCaffray, Paul-
C5 Ficaro, Jennie-
C6 Drago, Irene-

8:00 AM

LR Okkema, Peter
SM Welch, Jerry-
B2 McCartney, Sandra-
B3 Parlier, Jon
B4 Bliss, Georgia-
B5 Stopka, Sharon-
B6 Biesadecki, Carol
C1 Okkema, Ann
C2 Borsilli, Helen-
C3 Parlier, Denise
C4 Welch, Jerry-
C5 Severino, Shirley
C6 Biesadecki, Bob



Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their
families:

...Robert Donofrio

...John Davik, brother of Andy

...Charles Rufa, Sr., father-in-law of Bob Kruse

...Dorothy Campana, mother of Gary

...Roy Greenberg, father of Rick

...Marie Dragel