

St. Cletus Canticle

July 1, 2007

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Intentions for the Week of July 2 - July 8

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Linda Felice,
Tuesday	8:00am	Florence Curtis, Marcie Johnston
Wednesday	8:00am	Ray Janikas
Thursday	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Mary Ricciardone, Alex Kunsarvich, Calandriello Family, Kadlec Family
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Nan Rettig, Celeste Klees, Tom LaConte, Sophie Wojcik, Joseph Megla
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Virginia Geary Stella & Felix Gembala, Mary Jean Sternquist, Stanley & Mary Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz, Tom LaConte
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Marco & Emelia Rattin, Howard Madsen, Alfredo Dante Loretta Bleau Camille Serpico Wanda Knapp, Kenneth Wolf



July 7 - July 8, 2007



In Memoriam

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

† *Anna Mae Sica*

† *Lois G. Janulis*
mother of Kenneth

5:00pm - M. Figura, E. Ashe, N. Gacek
7:00am - M. Tlusty, R. Temple, K. Guidice
8:00am - A. McQuillan, A. Pusatera, C. Mosquera
9:30am - RE
11:00am - A. Kopicki, A. Dostal, J. Rodriguez

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 7

5:00 PM	
LR Bamberger, Joseph	SM Kalata, Marcie
C1 Kensek, Maggie	B2 Burke, Ruth
C2 Burke, Jack	B3 Reichl, Mickie
C3 Hockman, Susan	B4 Delaloye, Joe
C4 Kalata, Marcie	B5 Bamberger, Mary A
C5 Ryva, James	B6 Bartucci, Carol
C6 Richards, Marge	

9:30 AM	
LR Haggerty, Frank	C1 Caruso, Carole
B2 Nolan, Jeannine	C2 Nilles, Carolyn
B3 Hullinger, Shirley	C3 Horak, Veronica
B4 Thuma, Mary	

Sunday, July 8

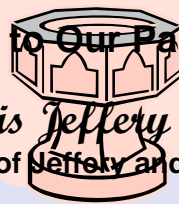
7:00 AM	
SM Zmuda, Louise	LR Hagen, Emily
B2 Zmuda, Louise	LR Bellisario, Janet
B3 Zmuda, Ron	C1 Samuelson, Debra
B4 Stamm, Richard	C2 Borsilli, Helen
B5 Stamm, Barbara	C3 Parlier, Denise
B6 Sipek, Sarah	C4 Samuelson, Debra
	C5 Stopka, Sharon
	C6 Micek, Judy

11:00 AM	
LR O'Dowd, Mary	SM Wiley, Jackie
C1 Brannigan, Rita	B2 Provan, Jim
C2 Provan, Karen	B3 Ficaro, Jennie
C3 Fisher, Harry	B4 Hoskins, Celine
C4 Wiley, Jackie	B5 Hagen, Julie
C5 Hagen, Emily	B6 Dunkovich, Alice
C6 Hagen, Colleen	



Welcome to Our Parish Family:

Travis Jeffery Stamm,
son of Jeffrey and Cynthia



Wedding Banns

*Mary Patricia Murphy and Matt Ramirez
Paula Banser and Michael Osterhout*

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, and Thursday July 5, in observance of the Fourth of July. Have a safe holiday!

FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

As we once again prepare to celebrate our independence this 4th of July we look to the preamble of our Constitution that states what we as a nation intend to be about.

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." In stating what we as a nation propose as our tasks, we are proclaiming that to which we intend to commit ourselves. Indeed, one knows who one is by one's commitments.

Somewhere in the course of our personal lives each of us comes to face the question of commitment, to its risks and its unknowns. Some, out of fear, turn away. Others, because they seek comfort, refuse the challenge. Still others, too enamored of the banquet of choices before them, never decide and so never commit. Finally there are also those who step into the swirling darkness and say yes, simply because they realize only too well that if they do not, a life of any significance will be less likely from that very moment onward.

It is what drove Henry David Thoreau to Walden, in search of a purpose for which to live. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life." (Walden, 1854).

On this 4th of July make a list of your commitments, the ones that entail a cost on your part. Do you like what you see? Is anything missing? Should any be discarded?

In what ways and to what extent are you committed to God and country? To our Lord Jesus Christ? To the call of faith and service to country?

Mission Sunday July 8, 2007

I am very pleased to welcome Fr. Jim Brobst, O.M.I. who will speak at all Masses on the weekend of July 7th & 8th regarding the wonderful work that the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are doing around the world. Father Jim comes to us from the Chicago Province and will be asking for our help and financial assistance in continuing the on-going work of his missionary community.

As someone who has personally worked in missionary work in California and the Dakota's, I ask you to be as generous as possible to his request for assistance.

Changes in our Social Concerns and Youth Ministry Commissions

After many years of dedicated service to both our parish Social Concerns Programs and our Youth Ministry Programs, Mary Beth Ford has decided to assist us in expanding our Social Concerns Ministry within the parish. Beginning July 1st Mary Beth will focus her efforts fully on Social Concerns as the new Director of Social Concerns. May God bless her in her new position.

Our Youth Ministry Programs will be headed up by Amy Cranny, our new Director of Youth Ministry. Amy will continue to oversee all our existing Youth Programs and will work toward expanding them in the future. Amy, welcome aboard! We are excited to have you and look forward to your leadership as you expand your work with the youth of our parish.

Blessings,

Father Bob



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2007

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Be like the gentle rain

Hospitality to strangers and those on a journey is a deeply held value in Middle Eastern societies, in no small part because of the harsh desert climate of the region. So it comes as no surprise when the disciples James and John asked if a Samaritan town warranted destruction for its lack of hospitality. But Jesus lives by a different logic, one based on mercy rather than retribution. Would that we, and all humanity, could embrace this logic and leave retribution behind for good.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62*

"After the Samaritans refused them hospitality, James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire from heaven to consume them?'"

MONDAY, JULY 2 - Get your priorities straight

Using one obligation as an excuse to avoid another is an old game in the spiritual life. Being attentive and responsive to God's will is our obligation as Christians. A disciple once tried to put off the call to follow Christ by claiming his need to bury his father. Jesus' retort—"let the dead bury the dead"—is not a slight against the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead but rather a wake-up call to this disciple not to bury himself with excuses and cut off his divine lifeline. If we put our duty to Christ first, everything else will take care of itself.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22*
"Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

TUESDAY, JULY 3 - FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE

What you don't see

It can be unfortunate how tradition tags certain people in scripture. We hear of the well-known parable of the prodigal son, for example, even though the story never uses the word *prodigal* and has more to do with the father than the son. The apostle Thomas suffered a similar fate, when *doubting* became part of his proper name. The main point of the story of Thomas wanting to touch the risen Jesus lies not in Thomas' so-called doubt but in Jesus' line at the end: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." The majority of those who follow the apostles, us included, are called to believe without "seeing." How do you do it?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29*
"Have you believed because you have seen me?"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

Unchain our hearts

Demonizing enemies, including religious and political ones, is one of the unsavory ways in which religious language can be abused. One's opponent is not merely wrong but evil incarnate. As we celebrate the nation we love—and that we wish were always right, pure, and honorable above all others—we must acknowledge our government's sometime misuse of our amazing wealth and power and pray that citizen and government alike may set about the work of unshackling one another and seeking the Lord's power to free us from whatever possesses us that is not of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34*
"If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, 'Go then!'"

THURSDAY, JULY 5

FEAST OF ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, PRIEST

The love that heals

The number one killer in this country is heart disease. And despite modern advances in medicine, it's still not easy to fix a broken heart. So imagine how hard it was 500 years ago in Milan when today's saint, Anthony Mary Zaccaria, worked there as a physician. That's why he traded in his stethoscope for a stole and became a priest. He realized that God's merciful love did more to heal the human heart than anything he could do with pills and a scalpel. It's true for us, too. Forgiving someone's sins is a lot easier than performing open heart surgery.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8*

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.'"

FRIDAY, JULY 6

FEAST OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR

The power of forgiveness

The story of Maria Goretti, the young virgin and martyr whose feast we celebrate today, is one that generations have read with a mixture of fascination and horror.

Maria was only 11 years old when she was murdered by a would-be rapist. That's the horrific part of her story. The fascinating part is Maria's deathbed forgiveness of her attacker and his subsequent conversion.

How did Maria do it? By entering fully into the heart, mind, and experience of the young man who tried to rape her. This is how any of us can forgive another person. It might seem hard, even impossible at times, but the important thing to remember about forgiveness is that it's good for us. We benefit far more than the person we have forgiven. So, do something nice for yourself today: Forgive someone.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13*

"I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

SATURDAY, JULY 7

Behold Christ

All is second to the reality of Christ. When the disciples of John the Baptist asked Christ why his disciples did not observe fasting as they did, Christ's response was: Because I am Me and here I am. The Divine Incarnation lived among the disciples; they needed to do nothing further but to behold him and revel in his presence, as a family would its bridegroom. It is dangerous to get lost in a world that can blind us to the Incarnation. Today Christ reminds you that embracing existence is all the work you need to do.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17*

"The disciples of John came to Jesus, saying, 'Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?'"

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Looking for a Few Good Men and Women...

Do you have enthusiasm for working with teens, concern for the growth and development of youth, and a desire to share your faith with others? I am looking for some warm, honest and sincere parishioners who are flexible and willing to give of their time and talent to minister to our teens in the position of Adult Small Group Advisor in our High School Confirmation Preparation Program. These Advisors share their home and their faith as they meet six times a year in groups of 10-14 teens to nurture the spiritual development of our youth.

Lesson planning/formation sessions are held monthly to give Advisors the support and guidance necessary to enjoy the many rewards of this ministry. Please pray and strongly consider this commitment. This position is a two-year commitment, which can be filled by couples, individuals or can be shared with a friend. I am happy to meet with you, answer any questions regarding this ministry and/or put you into contact with past/present Advisors. I can be reached at (708) 215-5419 or acranny@stcletusparish.com.

Amy Cranny
 Director of Youth Ministry



Great America...

Great America is on July 25th! Bring your high school friends and have a great day! Buses will depart at 12:30pm from St. John of the Cross. Permission slip forms can be downloaded from our website at www.stcletusparish.com/youth and returned to the Youth Ministry office by July 16.

Co-ed Softball...

Come and join the high school teens in 16" co-ed softball "pick up" games, at St. Cletus on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. Drop off is on 54th and Spring Avenue. Bring a water bottle and appropriate attire. Hope to see you there!

Amy Cranny
 Director of Youth



**SAVE THE DATE
 SEPTEMBER 5TH!**

**GUESS WHAT'S COMING TO
 TOWN!**

Christian Giving

June 24, 2007



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Budgeted revenue:	\$ 29,060
Collection received:	27,623
Shortfall last week:	- 1,437
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 134,463
# Of envelopes mailed:	3,291
# Of envelopes returned:	905
Thank you for your continued financial support.	

Eucharistic Adoration...

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament July 2, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00am Mass and continues in the church until Solemn Benediction and Evening Prayer at 6:45.

Volunteer adorers please keep your usual schedule.

Food Pantry Update

It's summer vacation time, but the need is still great, and the shelves need replenishing! Because of your incredible generosity, we were able to serve over 115 families in June. These families have asked me to convey their deep appreciation to you, the parishioners of St. Cletus, for continuing to help them out, as they struggle to pay bills and feed their families. THANK YOU!!!

Please continue to make it a routine to pick up some items for the Food Pantry when you do your weekly grocery shopping. Here are some reminders:

- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated. We are low on most of our staple items, including cereal, rice, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, jelly, soup, meals in a can or box, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables and tuna.
- Each month we have a "specials table" where we have extra items from which our clients choose a couple of things. Some favorites include coffee, oatmeal, juice or soft drinks, crackers or cookies, baby food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and dish washing soap. (Usually one of these extra items is also put in each pre-packed family bag.)
- Check expiration dates to avoid out of date goods which we cannot use. These items can be dropped off in the Church vestibule in the bins now provided in the former baptistery.

The Food Pantry distributes groceries from the vestibule of the Church on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Our next distribution is on July 12.

Please contact me at (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com with any questions. Thanks again!

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

As announced previously in the Canticle, St. Cletus has recently joined INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS. ICP is a coalition of local churches, dedicated to helping older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their community. Trained volunteers are available to provide:

- Home Visits
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Grocery Shopping
- Phone calls to Provide Reassurance

If you or a friend could benefit from these services, or if you'd like to become a volunteer, please call Interfaith Community Partners at (708) 482-6597. Or contact me at (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com for further information. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns

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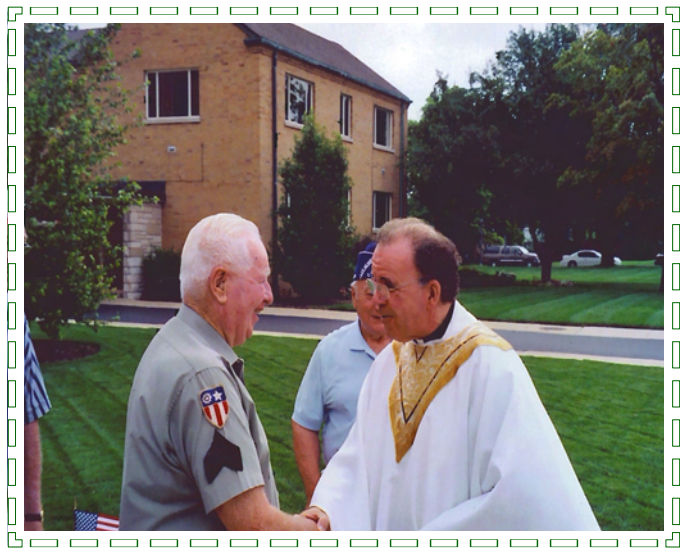
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In September of 2006, Pope Benedict XVI preached a homily in which he explained how those who are baptized create one family of believers who are never alone. The theme of this year's Peter's Pence Collection, *Let us make sure that none of God's children ever feels alone*, is based on the Holy Father's homily.

In solidarity with the Pope, we, as baptized Catholics, are invited to participate in works of charity for our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. By our sacrificial support of this collection, we join with more than one billion Catholics worldwide in providing the Holy Father the means necessary to provide for God's children who suffer from acts of war, oppression, disease and natural disasters.

During the past ten years as your Archbishop, I have witnessed the extraordinary generosity provided by the people of this Archdiocese. Today, I ask your prayerful consideration in contributing to the 2007 Peter's Pence Collection. As always, I am grateful for your participation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago



Fr. Bob Clark greeted veterans after the Fourth of July Mass in 2006. Bill Callaghan of Orland Park, who served in Burma in World War II, says hello to the newly arrived pastor of St. Cletus.

(Bill's brothers, Fran and Bob, are long-time ushers and Holy Name Society members at St. Cletus.)



Independence Day Mass Honors Veterans


On Wednesday, July 4, at our 8:00am Mass we will once again honor veterans of all branches of military service. We invite those who have served our country to wear a piece of their military uniform or some insignia that represents their service, and to sit with their fellow veterans in a place of honor in our church. The Mass will include a procession of the military flags carried by local veterans, and our musical "Salute to the Services" performed by a 40-piece band under the direction of Mr. Ed Ward. A light reception will be provided on the parish grounds following the Mass. Please join us to honor our veterans on this special day!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Canada Day
Tuesday:	St. Thomas
Wednesday:	St. Elizabeth of Portugal; Independence Day
Thursday:	St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria
Friday:	St. Maria Goretti; First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Mission Appeal - July 7/8

Every summer, all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago are given the opportunity to learn about and support the foreign missionary works on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church through the world. The missionary appeal at St. Cletus Parish will be held the weekend of July 7/8. It will be given by Fr. Jim Brobst, OMI, representing the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are a world-wide international group of missionary priests and brothers. Often referred to as simply as "Oblates" the best-known Oblate is our own Francis Cardinal George, OMI. Fr. Brobst will appeal on behalf of the mission of Zambia, specifically for the seminary programs there. Please keep the ministry of the Missionary Oblates in your prayers, and be generous with the monetary appeal as you feel inspired and able.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Robert Orrico, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

Hispanic Ministry - Night Adoration

Beginning in July, the Hispanic Ministry of our parish will begin Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoracion Nocturna). An additional hour of prayer and song in Spanish will follow Benediction on the first Monday of the month ending at 8:00pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:00AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM,
11:00AM, 6:00PM (Spanish)

Monday: 8:00AM

Tuesday: 8:00AM

Wednesday: 8:00AM

Thursday: 8:00AM

Friday: 8:00AM

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00PM

Holy Day: 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 9:00AM

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00AM

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 (215-5407)

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45 PM

Rectory Office Hours

Monday:	9:00am-5:00pm
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Sunday:	9:00am-1:00pm

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