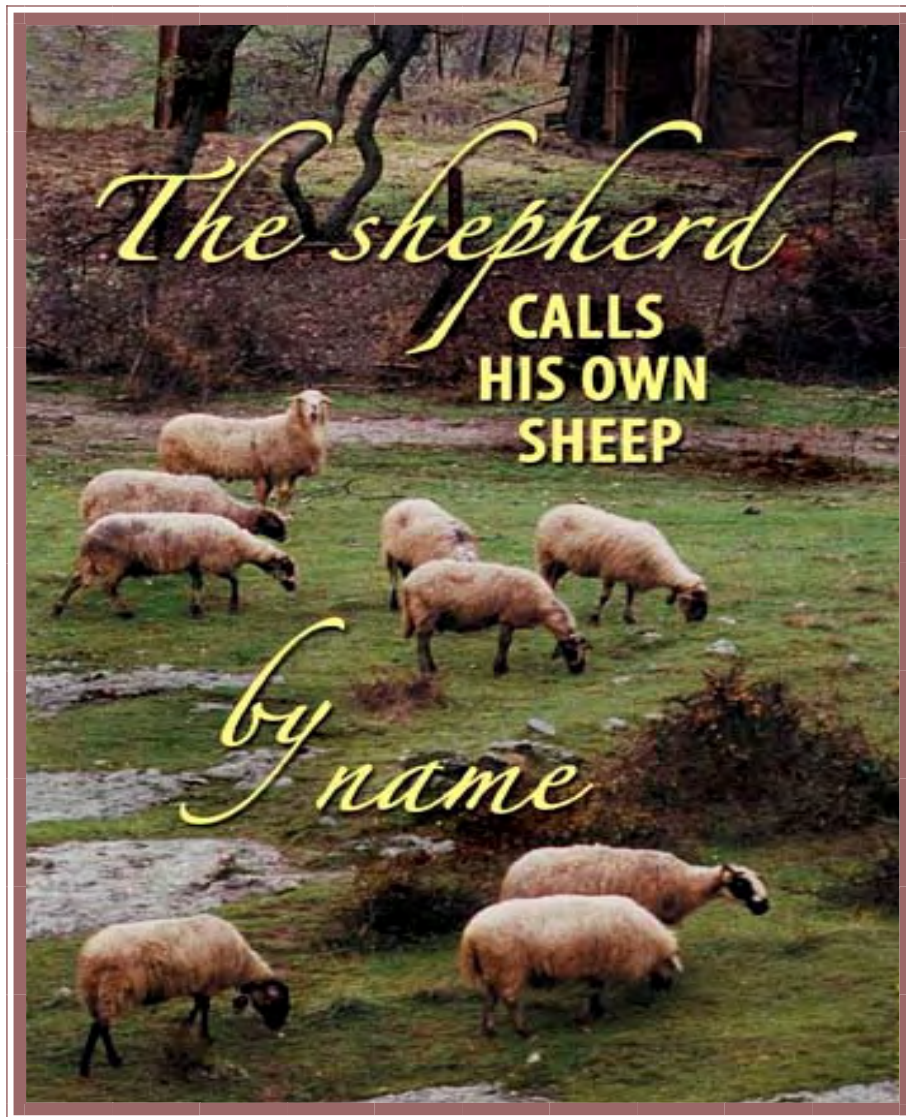


St. Cletus Canticle

April 13, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 14 - April 20, 2008

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph N. Ulfing
Tuesday	8:00am	Fr. Marciel Maciel
Wednesday	8:00am	Ed Jablonowski, Kadlec Family
Thursday	8:00am	James Kane
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph Megla
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Parish Priest's Intentions Alex Pankey, Donna Czerwinski, John McGovern, Virginia Lawler, Betty McCarthy
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	People of St. Cletus People of St. Cletus Michael Arpaia, Joe & Carole Stuart, William Hoskins Timothy Benrus, Dolores Slowiak, Joseph Wanat, Elwyn Seifert Souls in Purgatory

**AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF APRIL 19 & 20, 2008**

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Koch, B.	Wiley, J.	Karch, J.	Samuelson, D.	Bolton, P.
LR	Demonte, L.	Bellisario, J.	Hagen, K.	Wehrmeister, R.	Spizzirri, S.
B2	Burke, J.	Wiley, J.	Hogue, K.	Nilles, C.	Augstyn, R.
B3	Beales, D.	Hinton, G.	Kessler, T.	Burke, K.	Herzog, T.
B4	Sheridan, E.	Wouk, D.	Karch, T.	Haggerty, F.	Kigin, B.
B5	Loch, L.	Zmuda, R.	Kuchta, A.	Horak, V.	Mulderink, K.
B6	Ford, M.B.	Zmuda, L.	Kalata, M.	Dunkovich, A.	Provan, J.
C1	Bartucci, C.		Hagen, J.	McCaffray, P.	Gebka, M.L.
C2	Burke, R.		Koch, B.	Maday, J.	Mangahas, A.
C3	Beales, N.		Curotto, L.	DalPorto, K.	Fisher, H.
C4	Koch, B.		Karch, J.	Samuelson, D.	Bolton, P.
C5	Zaremba, E.		Chaney, M.	Blecic, D.	Brannigan, R.
C6	Richards, M.		Warren, C.	Reichl, M.	Provan, K.
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Sandoval K. Zebus T. Findley	E. Maldonado B. Franklin J. Riccione	K. Pikul A. Balch P. O'Malley	J. Kern A. Dostal N. Gacek	T. Ruggiero M. Thomas A. Anfield

Please pray for those who have died and their families:



Melvin Charlier
Husband of Joyce

Wedding Banns



Renee Speck
and
Shawn Offenbacher

Veronica D'Amato
and
Danny Torgeson

Alma Lucia Rodriguez Romero
and
Fernando Lara-Flors

Jennifer Jezek
and
Jeff Stanko

BAPTISM

PLEASE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Autumn Grace Hufnagl

Daughter of Andrew and Angela (Tomas) Hufnagl

Kaitlin Ann O'Brien

Daughter of Tim and Jennifer (White) O'Brien



Notes from Father Bob...

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took.”

The First Letter of Peter is written to Christians who are living in a variety of cities now located in modern Turkey. Christians were minorities who often experienced opposition and persecution from their neighbors. The letter gives encouragement to the Christians and tells them that the life of Christian discipleship will often lead to suffering in the same way as it led to Christ's crucifixion. In the midst of suffering, Peter encourages them to be faithful and to trust in Christ. They have the responsibility to live as good citizens and contribute to society but also to hold firm to their beliefs and values. This will lead to difficulties.

The letter intends to show the way in which love motivated Christ to give his life so that others may have life to the fullest. It is hard to understand that Christ allowed himself to suffer because of his love for his Father and for humankind. Love enabled him to be faithful to his mission and continue to spread the message that the Father loves all, especially those who are weak, weary and may feel lost. His love enabled him to bear the sins of all people so that they might be saved. Christ becomes the Paschal Lamb, the one sacrificed at the New Passover, for the forgiveness of sin.

Christ is also portrayed as the shepherd who guides each person to the fullness of life. To speak of God's love is not to speak of something abstract or vague. It is very particularly focused. Christ can hear the voice of each person who calls upon him. The distinctness of each voice is immediately recognized by God. The tone of the voice often reveals more about a person than their words. Fear and confusion, joy and hope, the whisper of love or the bark of hatred is often heard in the voice before the words are understood. Whatever our prayer, God hears the tone of the voice even if the words are inadequate. As Shepherd, Christ is alert and sensitive to respond to the need.

Jesus is often pictured on the cross as the mystery of innocent suffering. He is pictured as the Paschal Lamb who is both victim and priest. He is victim of the violence against him that led to the crucifixion. He is priest in that he offers himself so that sins may be forgiven and healing given to those who seek him. His love is an example for others to imitate.

Down through the centuries we know that many have suffered and died for their faith and even today there is persecution in many parts of the world. The suffering of Christians continues among those who proclaim justice where there is injustice, corrupt government or abusive economic practice. Many have disappeared because they spoke the word of justice. In many countries, Catholics suffer because their values are not respected. For example, even in the United States or Great Britain, it can be difficult to work in obstetrics or gynecology if one is opposed to abortion. The situation that Peter describes continues today for many people. The protection of religious liberty is a starting point for the work of justice.

Reconciliation (Confession)

I would like to remind everyone that St. Cletus Parish provides the opportunity for Confession every Saturday before the 5:00 p.m. Mass from 4:15 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. or by appointment through the rectory. During this Holy Easter season let us be reminded of God's generous outpouring of Mercy and take advantage of this opportunity to experience it through the grace of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Before confessing your sins, invite the Spirit to help you examine your conscience. Reflect deeply on your activities and attitudes. Let God know what you have learned and that you are sorry.

There are many ways to examine your conscience. Many people use the Ten Commandments, a classic guide of good to do and immoral behavior to avoid. Others use the Beatitudes, a positive framework for seeking blessedness.

An examination of conscience is not like a test you take and report to the priest point by point. Rather, it jogs your memory to think about sins you may have ignored and see how they connect with each other. An examination of conscience helps you listen for God's Spirit and summarize what you'd like to say.

Remember to look into the past, to see what wrongs you have done. Remember to look at the present, to see what habits you want to break. Remember to look to the future, to see how you could change for the better.

Easter Alleluia Blessings,
Father Bob



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

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Of sheep and shepherds

When Jesus asks the Pharisees as to who among them, when losing one of his 100 sheep, would not leave the 99 in search of the one, he speaks as though this were an action most *would* take. But no reasonable shepherd would do such a thing. Who risks losing 99 to gain one? It makes no economic sense. That Christ would take this risk, then, means that for him, having one of us is no less valuable than if he had 99. His mission to bring the kingdom of God is fulfilled if it is only to find one person. God does not value us in arithmetic terms; he does not try to figure the greatest sum of persons he can bring to himself. Each one of us contains the totality of what Christ came to accomplish.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-44; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10*

"The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

MONDAY, APRIL 14 EASTER WEEKDAY - No more us and them

When the Holy Spirit descends, distinctions among nations and race are dissolved. This global unification, though most notable at Pentecost, can also be found in the Spirit's calling Peter to follow three Gentiles to Caesarea so that he might give them the Word of God, which up to that point had been reserved for Jews only. Clearly breaking with the social norms of the fledgling Christian Church, Peter obeys the God who "made no distinctions" concerning human salvation. The modern church continues to follow Peter's lead and align itself with the Spirit when speaking out on behalf of immigrants. Specifically, the church says that all immigrants must be guaranteed the same rights as nationals, especially in regard to wages and labor conditions. The Spirit calls us to give each member of our society equal dignity and opportunity.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18*

"Peter explained it to them, step by step: 'The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.'"

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 EASTER WEEKDAY - What's in a name?

Make a big donation to the church, and get a nice-sounding name, maybe on a plaque somewhere. That's what happened to an early disciple who gave to the church in Jerusalem and acquired the name *Barnabas*, "son of encouragement." But Barnabas gave a lot more than money. He took the newly converted Saint Paul under his wing, introduced him to the original apostles, represented the apostles in the city of Antioch, and became Paul's colleague as a missionary. Names are important; as with Barnabas, they can reflect what people value and do. Christians are named for Jesus Christ. Do we live up to the name?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30*

"It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians.'"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

EASTER WEEKDAY - Choose your leaders prayerfully

In an election year it's interesting to note how the early church chose its leaders. The vibrant community at Antioch had several prophets and teachers to consider. The names Barnabas, Symeon, Lucius, Manaen, and Saul were all on the ballot, so to speak. The fact that most of us have never heard of three of these guys is telling. One of them, Manaen, had connections to Herod's court. But powerful friends weren't valuable

assets in the end. Barnabas, trusted in Jerusalem, and Saul, trusted only by Barnabas, got the Spirit's vote. Prayer and fasting really does work better than eeny-meeny-miny-moe.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50*

"Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

EASTER WEEKDAY - Special delivery

The English word *angel* comes from a Greek word taken in turn from the Hebrew for "one sent," or "messenger." The topic of angels is one on which just about everyone has an opinion. *Are they real? Are they still operating in our world today, or are they just a part of the biblical world? Can you see them? Do they have wings?* There is one thing of which we can be sure. Today as yesterday, God does communicate to us through others. If we make an effort to receive all visitors as if they were messengers of Christ, we won't stray far from the truth.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20*

"Whoever receives one whom I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

EASTER WEEKDAY - Ways and meaning

Language is a tricky thing. It can be wonderfully precise, as from the pen of a poet. Or it can be ambiguous, misleading, and multi-layered in meaning, as in our ordinary daily conversations with friends and family. Take the word *way*, for example. There are 44 definitions in the dictionary for this three-letter word! It can mean a path; a manner; a method, plan, or means for attaining a goal; a course that one chooses or wills; a direction or vicinity; distance; or space—and those are only the first seven.

Being aware of the many nuances in language can make us more careful speakers and, especially, listeners. Today, take care to understand what a friend or family member is trying to tell you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6*

"Thomas said to him, 'Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?'"

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

EASTER WEEKDAY; PASSOVER BEGINS AT SUNSET

Send a message to the ends of the earth

Some Bible scholars see in the stories told in Acts and the gospels the roots of anti-Semitism. At the very least, it's evident that a gulf grew between the first Christians—all Jews—and the Jews who followed the prevailing forms of Judaism. Interfamilial wrangling blossomed into the horrors of the Holocaust. Pope Benedict XVI, soon after his election, spoke out against 21st-century ethnic and religious violence in the Holy Land when he said, "We will not keep quiet, we will do everything possible so that those in power hear us." And what shall each of us do to deliver a loud and clear message of tolerance?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14*

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

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*Our Newest Members are Welcomed into the Church
at the Easter Vigil.*



Candidates: John Larson, Kelly Broderick, Melissa Cepek and Monica Cole.



Candidates & Catechists



Monica & Jim Cole pictured with Fr. Bob.



Laying on of Hands



Fr. Bob with Don & Melissa Cepek.

RCIA



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CONGRATULATIONS!



Fr. Bob and Kelly & Don Broderick.



Beata, Fr. Bob and John Larson.

CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY

Today is *Called by Name* Sunday. If you wish to nominate a person [or yourself, age 18 and older] this weekend, please clip out the Nomination Form [printed below] and place it in the collection basket next weekend, April 19/20. The men and women nominated will then be invited to attend informational gatherings designed to help them explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Please encourage women under age eighteen to contact Sister Peter Mary Hettling (phettling@archchicago.org) and interested men under age eighteen should contact Fr. Peter Snieg (psnieg@luc.edu). Please continue to pray for vocations, and in a specific way, for the success of the *Called by Name* program in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago.

CALLED BY NAME

After prayerful consideration, I believe this person (age 18 or older) has the qualities needed in a potential priest or sister. Perhaps Jesus is calling him or her to this path of discipleship.

name

address

city ZIP

phone approx. age

his or her email

how do you know this person?

your signature & phone number (optional)

I recommend this person for:
 priest brother sister

TE LLAMA POR TU NOMBRE

Después de haber orado al respecto, considero que esta persona tiene potencialmente las cualidades necesarias para ser un sacerdote o una religiosa. Esta persona es mayor de 18 años.

Nombre

Dirección

Ciudad Zona Postal

Teléfono Edad

Correo Electrónico

¿Qué bien conoces a esta persona?

su firma y teléfono (opcional)

Le recomiendo para:
 sacerdote religioso religiosa



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Donal Fox, Robert Haws, Roy Laurence, Bernie Kelly, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Vincent Trauth, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D’Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevaca, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O’Rourke, Debbie Broz and Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Elvira Caposso, Patricia Mulcahy, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Quinn and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Schorn and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Leonard, and Mrs. Patricia Grafton Sonenblum and Family.

If you attend St. Cletus but have not yet registered, please consider the commitment of parish registration.

MANNA THIS WEEKEND...

MANNA will be available after all Masses THIS weekend, April 12/13, and also the weekend of April 26/27, in the church vestibule. MANNA is an ongoing fundraising program through the St. Cletus FSA, which purchases gift cards at a discount, sells them at face value and the proceeds then go to the school. Order forms will be available at the MANNA table the day of purchase. Think Spring! Consider using Home Depot gift cards for any home improvement projects you may be doing! Any questions, please call Caryn Dombro (630) 789-8560 or Lisa Heim (708) 354-4257.

St. Cletus Women's Club Event

Join us on Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm, at *DOTI-Design of the Interior*, 22 W. Burlington Ave., La Grange. Wine, soft drinks and light appetizers will be served. Admission is FREE! But please bring a canned/dry good or small cash donation for the St. Cletus food pantry. RSVP to Patty Burke @ (708) 352-1778 or womnensclub@stcletusparish.com.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS (ICP) FUNDRAISER

ICP cordially invites you to attend a benefit Theater Party performance of "WIT" by Margaret Edson on Tuesday, April 22, at the Theater of Western Springs (4384 Hampton Rd., Western Springs). "WIT" is a play about love and knowledge; grace and redemption. Cost is \$40/person or \$75/two. Please contact Mary Beth Ford, Director of Social Concerns, at (708) 215-5418 for tickets. ICP is a faith-based alliance of local congregations, including St. Cletus, which provides help to older adults, to help them maintain independence and well-being. ICP is a not-for-profit organization (501C3) and donations are tax deductible.

STEWARDSHIP

FAITH-FILLED STEWARDS

As we read the Sacred Scriptures, search out the ways God calls us to use our talents and gifts for building the kingdom. Sincere prayer for others' needs increase our awareness and desire to use our talents and gifts for them. We focus on how God works through humans and we pray to be the faithful steward reaching out with our gifts.

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life for many."
(Mark 10:45)

Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend	\$ 31,306
A Year Ago.....	21,381
This Fiscal Year (thru 4/06/08).....	\$1,105,444
Last Fiscal Year (thru 4/08/07).....	1,032,489

Note: April 8, 2007 was Easter Sunday

Please remember to return your Commitment Card in the Sunday collection basket, by mail, or drop it off at the rectory.

As always, we sincerely thank all who generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent, to support the work our parish does in the name of Jesus Christ.

Earn Funds for St. Cletus

The parish is proud to announce CommUNITY banking with National City. Existing customers can simply link interest-bearing accounts to CommUNITY Banking number 407 and National City will match the interest paid with an annual payment to the parish. New checking and savings accounts also earn the parish funds by referencing the same number when opening new accounts. Find a flyer on the parish and school website by clicking the "fundraising" link, phone the parish Dept. of Technology at 708-215-5420, or email communitybanking@stcletusparish.com for more information or questions.

Chris Wagner
Director of Technology

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Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. 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 4:15-4:45pm.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENECTION

1st Monday of the Month immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm.

Adoración Nocturna continues until 8:00pm with song and prayer.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00pm Friday, one full week prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to canticle@stcletusparish.com.