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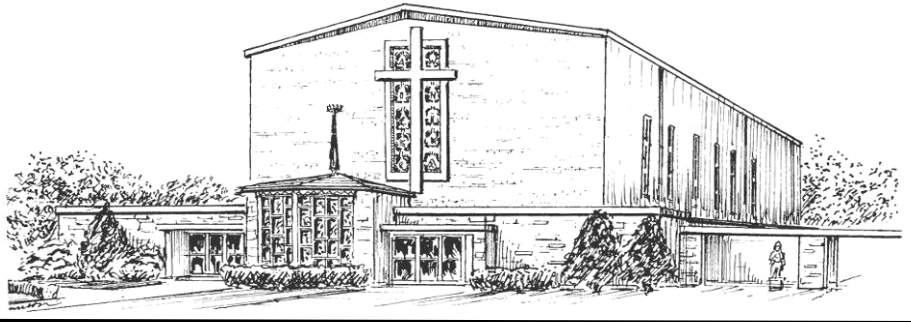
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April 12, 2009

EASTER SUNDAY



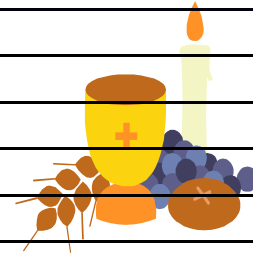
All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.


Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 13 - April 19, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Tom Kigin, Mary Karen Carroll, John Hopp
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph Ulfig, Melvin J. Carr
Wednesday	8:00am	Johnston Family
Thursday	8:00am	Joseph Vieceli, Irene Megla
Friday	8:00am	Erik Geyer, Salvador Sanchez
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Parishioners of St. Cletus Rose Delaloye, Jozef Slowik, Patty Johnson, Rudy Kegl, Karen Marie Wilson, Ethel Maveety, Elwyn Seifert
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Frank Wojcik Sr. Catherine Gallagher Ruth Cowdrill, Virginia Shepler, John McLaughlin Timothy Benrus, Edward Mulcrone, Rose Delaloye, Joseph Ross, Cheryl Ann Tefs Priests of the Missionaries of St. Charles



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF APRIL 18/19, 2009

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Wouk, D.	Swindall, V.	Hullinger, S.	McCaffray, P.	Bolton, P.
LR	Augustine, E. Bamberger, J.	McDonnell, M.	Haggerty, F. Curotto, L.	McGann, B. Gallagher, J.	Augstyn, R. O'Dowd, M.
B2	Wouk, D.	Swindall, V.	Hullinger, S.	McCaffray, P.	Bolton, P.
B3	Chlapecka, R.	Swindall, T.	Warren, C.	Benkert, J.	Mangahas, A.
B4	Bamberger, M	Smith, D.	Curnutt, R.	McGann, K.	Pristo, B.
B5	Thornton, W.	Lenz, R.	Zaremba, E.	Keating-Gay-S	Gebka, M.L.
B6	Burke, R.	Mezan, M.A.	Kwak, T.	Chaney, M.	Provan, K.
C1	Martinez, J.		Kalata, M.	Williams, A.	Maday, J.
C2	Delaloye, J.		Saban, J.	Rotunno, P.	Nilles, C.
C3	Kuchta, A.		Bliss, G.	Malcak, L.	Ficaro, J.
C4	Bozec, B.		Borsilli, H.	Nash, S.	Gleich, S.
C5	Thornton, M.		Hagen, J.	Severino, L.	Herzog, T.
C6	Burke, J.		Stopka, S.	Nolan, J.	Provan, J.
Altar Servers	TBA				

Wedding Banns

Cally Dorosz & Martin Will

Julia Lipman & Cyrus W. Dolph

Anna Louise Jakuba & Joseph Court

THIS PAST WEEK WE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH FAMILY...

Livia Isabel Donofrio,
Daughter of Kevin & Margaret (Golik)
Donofrio

Mia Leighton Duffy
&


Michael Lawton Duffy,
Children of Michael & Maria (Winiarski)
Duffy

Brendan Michael McCabe,
Son of Robert & Amy (Perek) McCabe

Collin William McNeil,
Son of Douglas & Erin (Vonesh) McNeil

Samuel Alexander Zeman,
Son of James & Heather (Barnish) Zeman

Please Pray for Our Deceased & Their Families...

 *Guillermo Quintana,* grandfather of Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

 *Pearl DeSelm,* wife of John

 *Stanley G. Lezon,* husband of Annamae



NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Rejoice

EASTER 2009

Dr. Edwin Sangster, Methodist preacher and writer, was one of the outstanding churchmen in the years following World War II. When still at the height of his powers, he was suddenly struck down by a disease which caused gradual paralysis. On the last Easter of his life he was no longer able to speak; his only way of communicating was by writing with his left hand. On Easter Sunday morning itself he painfully scrawled the simple message: "He is Risen!" Years earlier he had written in one of his books: "How terrible it must be not to be able to cry: 'He is Risen!' On Easter morning." And then he added: "Yet how much more terrible not to want to shout."

The readings we have heard this morning, and in particular the gospel passage from St. Mark, help us to understand why Easter is a unique time, a time for rejoicing, a time for reflecting, a time for wanting to cry out: "He is Risen!" You can almost hear the excitement in Peter's voice, in the first reading, as he tells the people how he and the other apostles have actually been at table with the Risen Jesus, have eaten and drunk with him.

It is Mark, however, who recounts the story of how "very early in the morning...just as the sun was rising", three women, armed with sweet-smelling spices, made their way to the tomb, intending to complete the burial rites for their dead Master. Imagine their astonishment when they discovered that the huge stone, meant to cover the doorway to the tomb, had been rolled back. Of Jesus himself there was no trace, but a young man clad in white (an angel, according to the gospel of Matthew) assured them that Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, whose lifeless body they had expected to find, was no longer present. And the reason? "He has Risen!"

You don't have to be a feminist to notice that just as it was chiefly women, not men, who were witnesses of our Lord's death, so it is women who are the first apostles of the resurrection. In Mark's gospel, male disciples are always slow to understand that their Master is destined to suffer and die; and so when eventually he is arrested, they take to their heels. But women stand faithfully at the foot of the cross, and women are the first to learn the incredible news that he is Risen. Apart from voicing their natural concern about the huge stone which guards the entrance to the tomb, the women have nothing to say. It is as though, like Mary, they keep these things and ponder them in their hearts. A modern scholar has argued that "Mark's text suggests a feminine approach to the death and resurrection of Jesus." What he means becomes clear when he goes on to say: "By wordlessly being there and contemplating the events, we will seize the mystery - or rather - allow the mystery to seize us."

And of course when the mystery does seize us, we want to share it with others. That's why the women hardly need any reminding to "go and tell his disciples and Peter". But notice what they have to tell them: not simply that Jesus has Risen but that "he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see Him". Galilee, up in the north of the country, was home territory for the apostles; it was there that they had first met Jesus, there that they had first become disciples. For Mark, "Galilee" seems to be more than simply a place-name: it's a symbol for ordinary, everyday life.

If we are to encounter the Risen Lord today, then, it's more likely to be in everyday events, like this Sunday's Eucharist, than through some spectacular vision. And if we are to make him known it's more likely to be through the way we live than anything we may say. The paralyzed Edwin Sangster longed to cry out: "Jesus is Risen!" However, as he well knew, and as we all need to remember, it is not primarily by our lips but by our living that we most powerfully proclaim to the world that Jesus is Risen, that we are Easter people and that "ALLELUIA" is our proud song.

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!!!

Father Bob



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

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Lord's Day

"On this day, the first of days" is the opening line of a hymn to be sung on Sunday, the first day of the week. It's called the *first* day by Christians because, as the Catechism says, the resurrection recalls the first creation. Even better than Sunday, we think of it as "The Lord's Day." Each Sunday is a "little Easter" when Christians worldwide celebrate the Paschal Mystery. And just as Christ's resurrection makes him the first of many brothers and sisters, so also Resurrection Day was the first of countless Easters. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed and among us! And we will *alleluia* all the way home!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 10:34a, 37-42; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7*

"When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory."

MONDAY, APRIL 13

SOLEMNITY OF MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

So what's an octave?

Ever attend a party that lasted eight days? Probably not, unless you've been with a college sorority or fraternity on spring break. But back in the early centuries of Christianity, eight-day liturgical celebrations, such as the one we're in now, were fairly common. The eighth day or "octave" represented a kind of new beginning beyond the regular week of seven days. The liturgy for each day of the octave would contain the whole enchilada of cool stuff for the solemnity: Gloria, Creed, and a double *alleluia* at the end. By the 20th century there were way too many of these repeated liturgies. So Pope Pius XII reduced the number of octaves to the big three: Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. This week, then, is the octave of Easter. Party hearty.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15*

"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

SOLEMNITY OF TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Mary, Mary, quite contrary to popular opinion

Mary of Magdala, or Mary Magdalene, is called the apostle to the apostles because in John's gospel she is the first to witness and proclaim the risen Lord. Despite the fact that she is considered a saint, over the centuries she came to be identified as a sinful woman and a prostitute. Though the church now rejects this identification (made in the sixth century by a pope, among others), it continues to be propagated in culture and the arts. Examples include Martin Scorsese's film adaptation of Nikos Kazantzakis' novel *The Last Temptation of Christ*, José Saramago's *The Gospel According to Jesus Christ*, Andrew Lloyd Webber's rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. The gospel offers a more faithful portrait.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18*

"Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

SOLEMNITY OF WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Mind and body

Jesus offered his disciples two forms of knowledge, one through his words and the other through experience of his physical presence. When walking the road to Emmaus two of his disciples shared with a stranger the story of Christ's resurrection. These were two who had learned from the words of Christ. But not until they invited the stranger into their home did they see the physical presence of Christ. We are told that it was "made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

Every Mass has two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Together these parts offer total knowledge that includes mind and body.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35*

"They told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

SOLEMNITY OF THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER - No ghosts

In James Thurber's short story *The Night the Ghost Got In*, the narrator recalls an evening in his family home in Ohio when he hears somebody—or something—walking around the dining room table downstairs. Suspecting a burglar, the whole house is awakened, the police arrive and turn the place upside-down. Only later does the narrator realize it might have been a ghost. When the disciples encountered the risen Jesus they, too, thought they were seeing a ghost, so Jesus went to great lengths to show he was there in body, eating and asking them to touch him. Jesus rose in a body and he continues to be present in our bodies, the bodies of others, especially those in need, the body of the church, and in the Eucharist: ready to be seen, touched, met.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48*

"Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself."

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

SOLEMNITY OF FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Look for the Spirit

During a session on the sacrament of Confirmation, a candidate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults commented, "Although I would not have known what to call it, I do know that I have felt the Holy Spirit with me ever since I can remember. I have always felt 'watched over.' For me it's the security of knowing that everything is going to be all right. I never called it the Holy Spirit until recently." Someone once observed that the Holy Spirit, like the wind, is invisible—it can only be seen in the people it moves. Have you ever felt inspired? Encouraged? Comforted? Had the right words to say at the right time? *That's* the Holy Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14*

"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, '... there is salvation in no one else.'"

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

SOLEMNITY OF SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER -

News from beyond

Jimmy was about 4 or 5, and his mom and dad had done their best to teach him to know and love Jesus. All seemed well until the Easter when Mom and Dad tried to explain the resurrection. They hit a wall. Jimmy insisted, "Nope! When you're dead, you're dead." While they had no idea where their son had picked up his fatalism, they lovingly assured him that they themselves believed that Jesus had returned from the dead. Little by little, it seemed to sink in, until all of a sudden Jimmy bolted from the room. They followed and found him making a phone call. "Who are you calling, Jim?" "Grandpa!" the little guy said. "He's gotta hear about this!" The first impulse for those convinced of good news is to tell everyone. The joy is irrepressible. How could we not share it? Or as the hymn says, "How can we keep from singing?"

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16: 9-15*

"We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."

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Easter Prayer

God our Father, who raised your Son from the dead, help us to understand, we beg you, that we will conquer our own death and rise with Jesus today when we live with you in brotherly love. We ask you this grace through Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose for our lives.

—From Biblical Prayers by Fr. Lucien Deiss



HE IS RISEN

Jesus Christ is risen! Our Operation Rice Bowl journey has ended but working towards global solidarity and the fulfillment of the Catholic Principles of Social Justice doesn't have to. Let us continue to **pray** for all those who work for justice and for those who benefit from the programs of Catholic Relief Services; and, continue to **learn** how to stay connected with our global family through Catholic Relief Services. Take some time to visit www.crs.org. Thank you for taking part in the Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. If you have not already done so, you may return your filled rice bowl to Church next Sunday. Happy Easter!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns



PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing “Alleluia!”

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS...

Please welcome to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Jandak (Edward Panzer), Bethany Pappalardo, Mr. & Mrs. Wence Prikazsky, Jacqueline Seiwert and Diane Slattery.

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



Jesus said: "In this hour I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."

**GET A CLEAN SLATE!
PURE AS THE DAY OF YOUR BAPTISM**

**VISITATION PARISH
779 S. York Rd.
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Invites you to receive the extraordinary graces of Jesus' Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday

(April 19, 2009)

(Fr. Matthew Pratscher presiding)

1:30 P.M.

Confession (5 priests), Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 P.M.

Incensing of the Blessed Sacrament and Opening Prayer

Gospel reading and Divine Mercy homily

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Divine Mercy,

Blessing with the Relic of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

Benediction

Blessing of religious objects

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

will NOT be celebrated during the afternoon service.

All Are Welcome!



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Rene Quinones, Patricia Krieger, Ruth Taylor, Bernice Hyatt, George Kessler, Norma Evans, Mario Aguilar, Ronald Novotny, Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Dr. Karen Chermel, Denise Kuchta, Jerry Pietras, Anna Cizek, Blasé Cinquegrani, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Adrienne Welenc, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Mike Patzelt, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Cacilia Ziegler, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Stephanie Yakowicz, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Marie Krolecki. Please know we pray daily for the sick and dying.

**INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**“Keeping the Faith during Career Transition”
Thursday, April 16, 7:00pm**

Why me God? Career transition is a trying time mentally and spiritually, but it also offers new opportunities that we sometimes miss. Join us on Thursday, April 16, at 7:00pm, in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Rd, Western Springs, as Kate Mulcahy, a Coach at Career Transition Center of Chicago, offers professional, emotional and spiritual support to those seeking a job, looking for meaningful work, or otherwise undergoing a career transition. Kate will discuss the spiritual transformation we experience by remaining faithful that we will prevail in the end, while confronting the realistic facts of our search situation. Kate’s outlook will boost morale and send us forward understanding there are definitely spiritual forces on our side that we can count on during our search process.

**Resume Review ...St. Cletus Parish
Saturday, April 18, 9:00am**

On Saturday, April 18, from 9-11am, eight business professionals will be available to review resumes and provide hints to sharpen your resume and cover letter. Bring your resume and invite a friend!

**THE HELPING HAND FAMILY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
“FLY AWAY WITH FASHION”**

We will host our 21st annual Fashion Show at Ashton Place, 75th Street and Clarendon Hills Road in Willowbrook on April 25. Fashions will be provide by *Christopher & Banks* at Yorktown Center. Doors open at 11:00am. Tickets are Adults/\$35 - Clients and Children (12 and under) \$10.

Join us for an afternoon of food, fashion and fun with chances to win unique raffle and door prizes, as well as a cash raffle drawing! Cash raffle tickets: 6 for \$5 or 1 for \$1.

We need your support! Tickets are available from Mary White at (708) 246-0340.

MEMORIALS ARE TRIBUTES

We are all given but a few years on God’s earth to “build up the kingdom.” Sharing your blessings through a Memorial Gift in honor of someone special will make this world just a little better. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity to each and every one of us.

STEWARDSHIP

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.” Psalm 118:1



On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and arose for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” But how do we show our gratitude all year to the Lord who spread out His arms on the cross to save us and show us the way to salvation?

Weekly Giving Summary


Sunday Collection, April 5..... \$ 33,151
Last Year\$ 31,306

Total Collection:

Year-to-Date..... \$1,063,649
Previous Year-to-Date..... \$1,105,443

Needed for Budget thru 4/05/09..... \$1,133,000

Beginning May 1, 2009 St. Cletus Parish will accept credit cards as a form of payment for donations. Processing will be done electronically through the rectory. Additional information will be provided in the April 25/26 Canticle. The School, Religious Education and Youth programs will also be accepting credit cards for payment of tuition and fees for the 2009/10 school year. If you have any questions, please contact Michele O’Brien at (708)352-6209 or mobrien@stcletusparish.com.



ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB

1st Book- *“Marley and Me”* by John Grogan
1st Meeting - **Wednesday, April 22**, at 7:00pm
Religious Education Office (flag pole entrance)

All are welcome!

Sponsored by the Parish Life Commission.
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

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 (708-352-6209)

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 (708-215-5407).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45pm.

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Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

DEAR PARISHIONERS:

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Thank you,
Fr. Bob