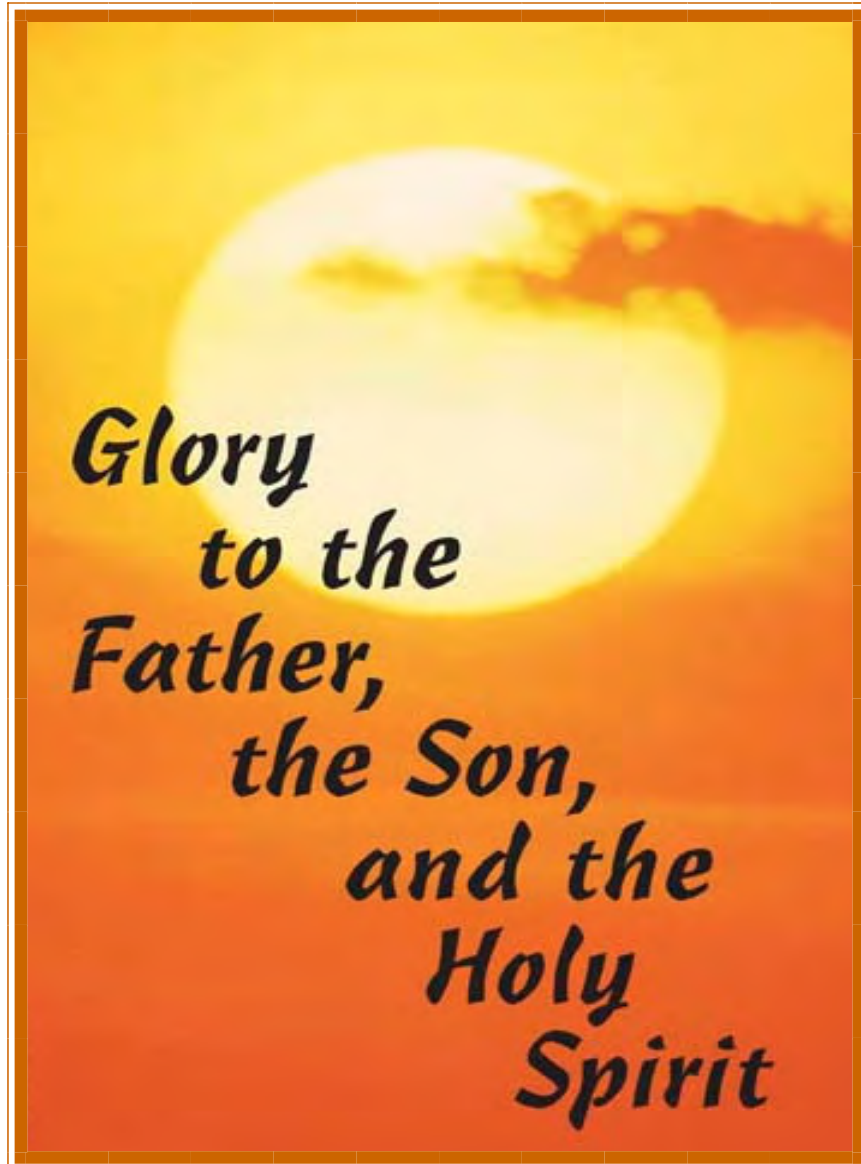


# St. Cletus Canticle

*May 18, 2008*

*Trinity Sunday*



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**Mass Intentions for the Week of May 19 - May 25, 2008**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Frances Butkus
Tuesday	8:00am	Elfie Frank
Wednesday	8:00am	Frank Wojcik, Joseph Jiganti
Thursday	8:00am	Terrill Verhoeven
Friday	8:00am	Erik Geyer, John Maly
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Bob Battle, Robert Suchy, Belefonte Pieri, Betty Rhoads, Ed Smithy
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Ginny Lawler Rose Mary Ptak Michael Arpaia, Betty McCarthy Emily Walsh, Carolyn & Carrie Kopman, William Hoskins, Kathleen Gabriel Priests of the Missionaries of St. Charles



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 19/25, 2008					
	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Wouk, D.	Stamm, B.	Welch, J.	Hullinger, S.	Dunkovich, A.
LR	Schump, C.	Hagen, J.	Curotto, L.	Pfeiffer, I.	Augstyn, R.
B2	Ryva, J.	Stamm, B.	Karch, J.	Rotunno, P.	Benkert, J.
B3	Beales, D.	Stamm, R.	Borsilli, H.	Samuelson, D.	Mangahas, A.
B4	Bartucci, C.	Hagen, C.	Kwak, T.	Thuma, M.	Gleich, S.
B5	Kensek, M.	Kessler, T.	Walsh, M. J.	Williams, A.	Brannigan, R.
B6	Hockman, S.	Hagen, J.	Sipek, S.	Horak, V.	Mulderink, K.
C1	Bozec, B.		Severino, S.	Blecic, D.	Hoskins, C.
C2	Sipek, S.		Karch, T.	Keating-Gay, S.	Benkert, K.
C3	Beales, N.		Bliss, G.	Maday, J.	Rotunno, P.
C4	Wouk, D.		Welch, J.	Hullinger, S.	Dunkovich, A.
C5	Richards, M.		Hogue, K.	DalPorto, K.	Kigin, B.
C6	Zaremba, E.		Warren, C.	Nolan, J.	Ficaro, J.
Altar Servers	M. Caplice C. Mosquera N. Smith	S. Patterson D. Pett A. Heslin	A. Goethals J. Heim L. Donatelli	B. Dombro J. Dombro C. Lang	S. Garvey M. Patterson A. Anfield



*Wedding Banns*

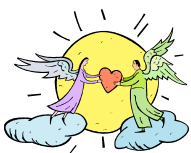
Joel Hamilton & Anitra Keyes



**TO OUR LADY**

Holy Mary, bring help to the miserable, strengthen those who are afraid, comfort those who mourn, pray for the world at large, plead the cause of the clergy, intercede for the devout. May all who pay homage to your holy name experience your powerful help.

—The (old) Breviary



*Katherine Pembroke*

May God grant her eternal rest.  
Amen

*This is what the Lord asks of you:  
to live justly, to love tenderly,  
to walk humbly with your God.*

*Micah 6:8*

## Notes from Father Bob...

Trinity Sunday 2008

*This feast of the Trinity is a celebration of God's love for each person. The first reading tells of the steadfast love and tenderness God has for the people of Israel. In the Gospel, God as Father extends this covenant to all people who believe. The image which shows this love in its fullness is Jesus washing his disciples' feet at the Last Supper. Flesh touches flesh, a gesture which prefigures the emptying of Jesus in love for others, as he accepts death on the cross.*

*Faith overcomes doubt and is the gift which enables us to persevere, even in times of difficulty. The Trinity reveals a God who exists in relationships of love. God the Spirit helps us to love others more deeply. When the faces of others call out, whether at home or from the television, each one asks, "Where are you?" Our connection with other people calls for a deepening of solidarity, an increase in support, care and love. Love of neighbor and love of God are united in all our daily ordinary acts of love.*

*Each person has a favorite image of God. In the past, it was often the statue of the Sacred Heart, which consoled people and reminded them of God's love and compassion. Often at a funeral, the image is that of Christ the Good Shepherd. Different images help people to understand God at different times. Christian faith is a journey on which we are often called to let go of inadequate images of God and discover new ones. Which images of God are my favorites and why? Maybe there are some that I do not like. Again, why is that? Clement of Alexandria, who lived in the third century AD, spoke of God as Father and Mother – Father as Creator and Mother as Compassion. Do feminine images of God help me understand the depth of God's love for me?*

*The mystery of God and the mystery of the human person are bound together, since each woman and man is created in the "image and likeness of God." If it is difficult to understand God, it is equally difficult to understand another person. If a human being is such a mystery, then to grow in accepting others is a great task. Do I cling to stereotyped images of others, which block me from seeing their goodness? Does my self-image prevent God from deepening my faith? How might the face of another person be calling me to love?*

### St. Cletus Altar Servers

*I am very pleased to inform our parish that 123 dedicated young men and woman of our parish have been retrained or trained for the very first time to serve at the table of the Lord. Many of our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and several of our graduating students who will continue to serve while in High School have spent the past two months reviewing and studying the guidelines for service at the altar which include: the parts of the Mass; the names of all the sacred items used during Mass; the different movements of servers during the liturgy; proper responses during Mass; proper attire and need for reverence during the Mass; the importance of commitment to this vital ministry.*

*I am very pleased and honored, as pastor, to officially install and bless these 123 Altar Servers at our 11:00 a.m. Liturgy today. I ask for your prayers and continued support of these young men and women as they strive to answer God's call of service within this most important and sacred ministry at the altar.*

### Permanent Deaconate Ordination

*I am very pleased to announce that St. Cletus Parish will be the host for the Permanent Deaconate Ordination Ceremony this year on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Due to the repair work being completed at the Cathedral there was a need to move the event to another place and St. Cletus Parish was chosen.*

*We welcome Cardinal Francis George and the eight men who will be ordained to the Permanent Deaconate to St. Cletus. Are prayers are with them and their families as they prepare to answer this sacred call from God to serve as Deacons to the faith communities of our Archdiocese. May God bless them in their future ministry.*

*Blessings in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!*

*Father Bob*



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

## SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008

### SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

#### A shining example

It's no accident that Christians have been trying to figure out how to understand the Trinity for as long as they have been thinking about God. On the surface this doctrine has more apparent contradictions than the instructions for your income tax return. How can three be one and one three, different and the same? One God, three "persons"? No wonder people have resorted to metaphors to try to explain it.

The first- and second-century African theologian Tertullian, who apparently invented the term *Trinity*, said it was like the rays of the sun or branches from a root: the same material, different outflows. Perhaps it's simplest to say that we can think of God in more than one way—as a creator, a human being, an ongoing presence, among others. Or that God is a community of love that draws us into that divine life of love. However you imagine it, immerse yourself in this inexhaustible mystery that tells us so much about who God is.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18*

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."*

## MONDAY, MAY 19

### Father knows best what to pray for

Many of us can relate to the worried father in the gospel story who wished his faith was a little—or maybe a lot—stronger. We'd all like to have the kind of faith extolled in the famous hymn "Faith of Our Fathers." Perhaps more often sung in Protestant churches than Catholic ones today, this hymn ironically was written by an Anglican who converted to Catholicism. The "fathers" author Frederick W. Faber referred to were not the early "Fathers of the Church," as many assume, but the leaders of the Catholic Church who died during King Henry VIII's establishment of the Anglican Church in Great Britain. Pray for an extra dose of faith today as you face your own challenges.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29*

*"Immediately the father of the child cried out, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'"*

## TUESDAY, MAY 20

### FEAST OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

#### Up the down staircase

One of things that makes Christianity unique is the fact that the road to glory is frequently a lowly one. Take Saint Bernardine, for example. Born in 1380, he started "down," becoming a hermit at a young age. Then there was an up, when he joined the Franciscans and was assigned the task of preaching. But wait, he had a throat illness. No problem: He was cured of that. Up again when the Franciscans made him head of the order and down when he resigned this position to devote himself to preaching. He spent the rest of his life on an up note, traveling throughout Italy preaching the name of Jesus. Where can you take a step down in order to step up to your Christian calling?

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37*

*"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

### Where did the bad guys go?

In the popular, low-budget westerns of the 1940s and 1950s, the good guys wore white hats and the bad guys dressed in black. In the gospel the

disciples rush to Jesus to finger one of the "bad guys" for performing miracles in Jesus' name without prior clearance. But Jesus had another script in mind, one that does not need to be the director in control of all the good action that comes about because of his inspiration. In the same way, we as individuals and as church communities do well to examine our own need to "be in control."

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40*

*"For whoever is not against us is for us."*

## THURSDAY, MAY 22

### FEAST OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

#### In support of marriage and family

If you knew you would be canonized a saint and could choose your patronage now, for what cause would you cheerfully accept intercessions? Be careful in your selection: Saints become the patrons of causes they know all too well. Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of bad marriages, victims of spousal abuse, and loneliness, among other conditions she endured personally. Unhappily, there are still many who seek her help today. Statistics indicate that spousal abuse occurs as frequently in the best zip codes as in the roughest. Support local programs that assist families in trouble.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50*

*"Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward."*

## FRIDAY, MAY 23

### Pray for significant others

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "the relationship between man and woman . . . has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation" (1606).

What to do? If you have ever prayed for someone besides yourself, or if you've been told by someone that he or she prayed for you, you know that praying for another person is one of the most unselfish acts we can do for one another. Any day in a marriage is a good day for unselfish acts. Decide to pray open-heartedly for your spouse. If you are not married but would like to be, say a prayer for your spouse-to-be. Or simply say a prayer for someone you love. Then see what changes.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12*

*"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."*

## SATURDAY, MAY 24

### All things to all people

The picture of Jesus embracing children is irresistible and sentimental. This is a Jesus we like and want to be close to, but our affection and welcome of others may not be limited to the cuddly. The Letter to James insists on the relatedness of one Christian to another, brothers and sisters, both those who are "in good spirits" and those "suffering." In all cases we are to be with one another, forgiving each other, bringing each other to the Lord, and most of all praying for each other. "The prayer of the righteous is very powerful," especially prayer made concrete in loving kindness that imitates that of the love of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16*

*"The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful."*

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May 2008

Dear Parishioners,

Our Associate Pastor, Father Patrick J. O'Neill, will be participating in the Periodic Review of Priestly Ministry as required by Archdiocesan Policy. Each priest is to participate in this process approximately every five years.

The process was designed by the staff of the Office of Ministerial Evaluation in consultation with Cardinal George, the Episcopal Vicars, and priests currently ministering in local parishes. Above all, this is an opportunity to express gratitude for all that Father has accomplished. It is the time to offer helpful suggestions regarding directions for future ministry for him and for this parish.

Father O'Neill, parish staff and leadership have generated lists of parishioners who will be asked to formally participate in the process by completing a Survey form. If you do not receive a letter and a Survey and would like to participate, please contact Kathleen Leggdas, Director of the Office of Ministerial Evaluation to request a Survey. You may call (312) 751-5268 to make your request or do so by email: [\*\*ome@archchicago.org\*\*](mailto:ome@archchicago.org). You can expect to receive the Survey within 5-7 working days from the date of your request. Information that you provide through the Survey will be treated confidentially.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to provide constructive feedback regarding what you value and what you see as areas for growth.

Blessings Always,

Fr. Robert J. Clark  
Pastor

### Food Pantry Update...

Because of the faithful generosity of our parishioners and friends in the community, we were able to serve more than 150 families at our May Food pantry. Thank you so much! Last May we had about 100 families, so you can see that as the economy worsens, our numbers definitely increase. We did receive some replenishment for our nearly empty shelves last Saturday from the Post Office Mother’s Day weekend collection. A big THANKS! to the volunteer scouts and adults who helped us pick up the groceries from the Post Office, check the dates and shelve the in-date items. We could not continue to serve the needy in our community without the dedicated service of so many. As you continue to support our food distribution efforts, please consider the following:

- We are quite short on these staples: Jelly, pasta, canned fruit, tuna and dry pinto beans (1-3 lb bags work best for us.)
- All in-date non-perishables are greatly appreciated. Other staple items include cereal, rice, dry pinto beans, peanut butter, jelly, soup, meals in a can or box, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, macaroni & cheese and paper products.
- Each month we have a “specials table” where we have extra items from which our clients choose a couple of things. Some favorites include evaporated or powdered milk, coffee, oatmeal, juice, crackers, side dishes, baby food, diapers, toiletries, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and dish washing soap. (If available, 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 designated food bins located in the Madonna della Strada shrine area.
- We can also use large brown grocery bags, since we double bag the groceries we distribute each month. Please drop those off in the food bins.

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 June 12.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at (708) 215-5418 or mford@stcletusparish.com. Thanks again!

*Mary Beth Ford*  
Director of Social Concerns

#### MANNA THIS WEEKEND!

MANNA will be available after all Masses THIS weekend, May 17/18, in the church vestibule. The next MANNA in church will be June 7/8. Any questions? Please call Caryn Dombro (630) 789-8560 or Lisa Heim (708) 354-4257.

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
- Monday: Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena
- Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes and his companions
- Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



#### Baby Shower “Thank You”

The Saint Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities wishes to thank all who brought items to the Baby Shower baskets in the foyer on Mother’s Day Weekend. Also thanks to those who made donations designated to purchase items for this our 17th Annual Baby Shower and Carnation Sale. The many expectant and new mothers in our area are always so appreciative of your generosity. Thank you and God Bless!

The Saint Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities

**Springtime Raffle  
to Benefit Sisters' Ministries**

Longtime friends of our parish, the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph in LaGrange Park, are holding a springtime raffle on May 22. The prizes are \$5,000; \$2,500; \$1,000; and \$500. The proceeds will benefit the Sisters' ministries including The Well, School on Wheels and Tutor on Wheels. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. To participate, call 708 482-5054, 708 482-5081 or visit the website at [www.csjlagrange.org](http://www.csjlagrange.org) and click "Annual Spring Raffle" to print tickets. Winners will be notified following the drawing and their names will be posted. The Sisters thank you for your support!

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Nazareth Academy will hold summer camps in the following sports:

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| Boy's Baseball     | Football          |
| Co-Ed Running Club | Soccer            |
| Girl's Basketball  | Boy's Volleyball  |
| Boy's Basketball   | Girl's Volleyball |
| Pom & Dance        | Co-Ed Tennis      |

A registration form can be acquired through the athletic office – (708) 387-8558 or downloaded from online at [www.athletics2000.com/nazareth](http://www.athletics2000.com/nazareth).

**STEWARDSHIP**

*"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16*

How do you say "thank you" to the God who has given His only Son to us? What can you give back in return? A life of stewardship is the only way to truly show your love and appreciation to God. A life of stewardship is a life of giving back time, talent and treasure to God.

**WEEKLY GIVING SUMMARY**

Last Weekend .....	\$ 31,047
A Year Ago.....	25,580
Sunday Collections thru 05/11/08	\$1,247,046
Sunday Collections thru 05/13/07	1,166,492

**FABRIC OF LIFE**

*My life is but a weaving  
Between my God and me:  
I may not choose the colors,  
God know what they should be;  
For God can view the pattern  
Upon the upper side,  
While I can see it only  
On this, the under side*

*Sometimes God weaveth sorrow,  
Which seemeth strange to me;  
But I will trust God's judgment.  
And work on faithfully;  
'Tis God who fills the shuttle,  
God knows just what is best  
So I shall weave in earnest  
And leave with God the rest.*

*At last when life is ended,  
With God I shall abide,  
Then I may view the pattern  
Upon the upper side;  
Then I shall know the reason  
Why pain with joy entwined,  
Was woven in the fabric  
Of life that God designed.*

F. Tabb

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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 BENEDICTION**1st Monday of the Month immediately  
following the 8:00am Mass with  
Benediction at 6:45pm.*Adoración Nocturna* continues until  
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