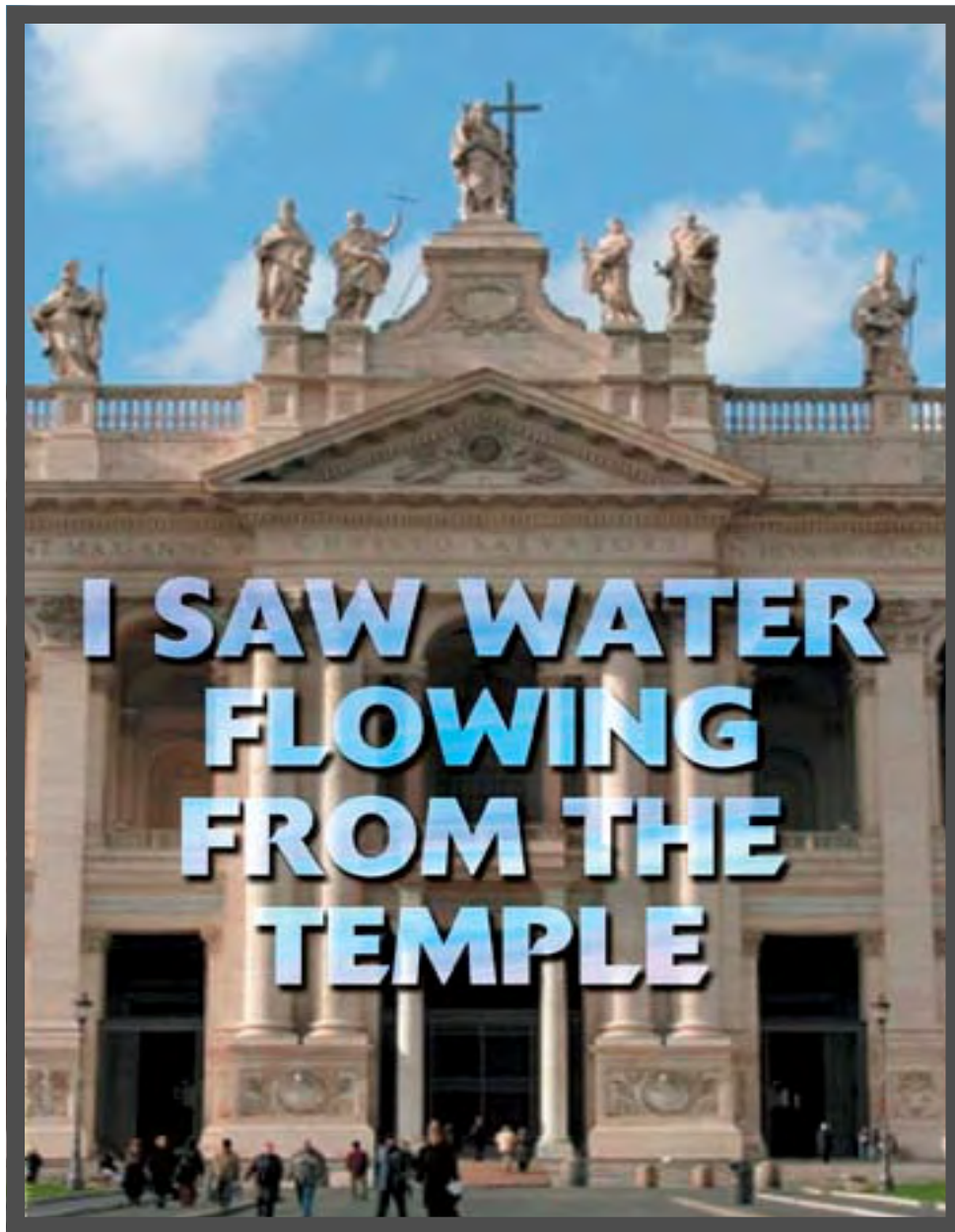


St. Cletus Canticle

November 9, 2008

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome



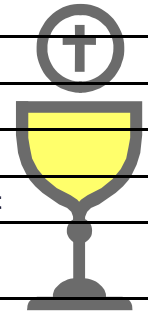
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Mass Intentions for the Week of November 10 - November 16, 2008

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society—Harold Rodey
Tuesday	8:00am	John Hopp, Frank Wojcik
Wednesday	8:00am	Dr. W. James Syms, Marcie Johnston, Stefan Slobodnik
Thursday	8:00am	Elfie Frank, Loreen Felton, Tom Kigin
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Roger Vandriessche, Joseph Megla, Marshall Mlot
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Ann Jiganti Betty Rhoads, Dolores Magdziarz, Donald Ashworth
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Andy Jaskierski, Agnes & Albert Hinton, Wanda & Joseph Kurland, Anna Maria D'Amato, Ken Lesnig, Joseph Vincent, Bernice Kosenski, Joseph Stopka Felisa Pahls Kenneth Herzog, Stefan Slobodnik, Timothy Benrus Hispanic Priest's Intentions



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 15/16, 2008

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Curnutt, R.	Zmuda, R.	Welch, J.	Benkert, K.	Bolton, P.
LR	Loch, L. Bamberger, J.	Chlapecka, T.	Okkema, P. Hagen, K.	Haggerty, F. Reynolds, C.	O;Heron, R. Reisel, T.
B2	Curnutt, R.	Zmuda, R.	Welch, J.	Benkert, K.	Bolton, P.
B3	Bamberger, MA	Zmuda, L.	Biesadecki, C.	Kelliher, L.	Gebka, M.L.
B4	Ford, M.B.	Hinton, G.	Kigin, B.	Hullinger, S.	Severino, S.
B5	Heyes, M.	Smith, D.	Stopka, S.	Williams, A.	Pavlik, L.
B6	Hockman, S.	Ward, L.	Walsh, M.J.	Malcak, L.	Herzog, T.
C1	Chlapecka, R.		Okkema, A.	Severino, L.	Mulderink, K.
C2	Delaloye, J.		Borsilli, H.	Benkert, J.	Maday, J.
C3	Ryva, J.		Biesadecki, B.	Kelliher, K.	Fisher, H.
C4	DalPorto, K.		Dalsin, P.	Keating-Gay,S	Agustyn, R.
C5	Heyes, S.		Chaney, M.	Tosheff, C.	Ficaro, J.
C6	Boyer, K.		Zaremba, E.	Blecic, D.	Pristo, B.
Altar Servers	Hurley, D. Lombardo, M. Ward, J.		McDonnell, B. Gaeck, N. Goethals, A.	Cahill, K. Luxem, C. Hubona, S.	Reisel, D. Balch, A. Balch, J.



Wedding Banns

Lilia Mora
and
Marco Zamora

WE WELCOME INTO GOD'S FAMILY
AND OURS...

JENNA NICOLE PIGATTO,
daughter of Anthony & Laura (Zeck) Pigatto

THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM.

Please pray for those who have
died and their families:



Mary Ann Hoop,
mother of Karen O'Brien

May the Lord grant her
eternal rest.
Amen.

Thank you so much for serving our parish as an Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or Usher. Your skills and training are so valuable and we count on you and look for you at Mass.

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Wilfred Theisen, OSB in the Loose Leaf Lectionary tells us “The first reading today is a lovely hymn to water. Its source is the temple of God. Water, the prophet tells us, provides blessings for the earth’s inhabitants: ‘Wherever the river flows every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there will be abundant fish, ... fruit trees of every kind shall grow, their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail.’ Coming from the temple of God, water deserves to be seen as sacred, and those who hoard it or waste it make the planet earth a ‘den of thieves.’”

“As we see, long before there were Green parties the Bible was Green. The very first color mentioned in the Bible is green when God the Creator says, ‘I give all the green plants for food’ (Genesis 1:30). Caring for and respect for the environment is not essentially a political issue, but a religious one. Perhaps the arguing over climate change might continue for a while longer, but no Christian can continue to be indifferent about the wise use of water, air and land.”

“Recently Pope Benedict XVI and other world leaders have been speaking about the process of globalization. ‘Under the momentum of globalization the world is opening up, and at an astonishing speed. Old boundaries of culture, identity and even nationhood are falling. The twenty-first century world is becoming ever more interdependent.’ For decades there have been economic summits in recognition of the interdependence of economic practices.”

“With the mass migration on the globe that we have been witnessing, the movement of large segments of a population from country to country, there is a greater awareness of the diversity of religious beliefs. This diversity actually demonstrates the power of religion. Religious faith is not in decline. The advance of science and technology has not suppressed religious faith. It is in fact surviving and thriving. In the control of extremists, it can lead to conflicts, persecution and even slavery. On the other hand, all the great world faiths have a tradition of social justice – the moral imperative of helping the poor.”

“Just think of the work done by churches, mosques, synagogues and temples in the care for the sick, the elderly and the socially excluded. These developments in world religions have led to the idea of the global soul – the ability to recognize the need to coexist with other religions. For the sake of the globe itself peaceful coexistence is an imperative.”

“What has this to do with today’s celebration? The St. John Lateran Basilica is the Mother Church of the Roman Catholic Church. It is a symbol of the unity of all Catholics who are spread across the globe. Everyone knows that within the Catholic Church there are divisions of various kinds. But if we can coexist peacefully and still dissent in minor matters we can present to the world a model of unity. In the celebration of the Eucharist we express this unity in a profound way.”

“Pilgrim Witness” Visitor

I am pleased to welcome this weekend Ignacio Serrano who comes to share his own personal story regarding his immigration to our beloved country and asks us for our prayers on behalf of all those who seek security, justice, peace and a share in the American Dream. He is coming to us from the “Pilgrim Witness Program” within the Archdiocese of Chicago. We welcome him and wish him God’s blessings.

*God’s Abundant Blessings Always,
Father Bob*



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

Sunday, November 9, 2008

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Living stones

How often, when we speak of *church*, we have to clarify whether we mean the faith community or the building where that community gathers. The fact that the memorial of the dedication of the Church of St. John Lateran today replaces even the Sunday liturgy reminds us that our faith reaches into the clay from which we are made. We celebrate this building—the pope's own cathedral, the mother of all churches—remembering that human beings need things that appeal to the senses to remind us of spiritual values. Saint Augustine says that when the community of faith gathers “they are hewn out, as it were, from mountains and forests, like stones and timber; but by catechizing, baptism, and instruction they are . . . shaped, squared, and planed by the hands of the workers and artisans” and finally are made into a house for the Lord, “fitted together through love.”

Today's readings: *Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22*

“Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?”

Monday, November 10 - Fault finding

It's a natural reaction to blame others when things go wrong or get frustrating. But Jesus asks us to be accountable for our own actions, not passing everything off on others' shortcomings. Don't lead others astray; if you do, he warns, “It would be better for you if a millstone were tied around your neck and you were thrown into the sea”—in other words, you'd be better off dead. And while he also says to “rebuke the offender” if that person sins—which may sound like blaming—he also says that if that person repents, we have to forgive, even if they do wrong over and over again. So it's up to us to be a positive influence on others—and to be even quicker to forgive than to blame.

Today's readings: *Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6*

“If the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive.”

Tuesday, November 11

Feast of Martin of Tours, bishop; Veterans Day Reporting for duty

If conscientious objectors had a patron saint, it would be Saint Martin of Tours (316/317-397). Though Martin was born into a military family and named after Mars, the god of war, his conversion to Christianity led him to renounce military service and dedicate his life to the gospel. “I am a soldier of Christ,” he said. “I cannot fight.” Such a decision, then and now, is never easy for a soldier to make and, depending on the time or place, could lead to imprisonment (as it did for Martin), physical punishment, even death. As we rightly honor all those who have given military service to their country today, let us also remember those who have chosen to fulfill a different duty.

Today's readings: *Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10*

“When you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We have done only what we ought to have done!’”

Wednesday, November 12 =The Law and freedom

Jesus asks a good question in the story about the 10 lepers: Where were the other nine? We can only imagine they were off doing exactly what Jesus told them to do: showing themselves to the priests, a Jewish ritual prescribed for the healing of leprosy. The 10th man, a Samaritan, wasn't bound by Jewish law. So he was free to return and thank the Lord. There's a fine line between law and

true freedom. When it comes to leading a virtuous life and doing good, it's always a safe bet to follow the law. But in order to live our lives in relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, we must be free.

Today's readings: *Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19*

“Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?”

Thursday, November 13

Feast of Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin - Build on God's foundation

The word *kingdom*, found in the frequently used New Testament phrase “kingdom of God,” comes from the Greek *basileia*, meaning “kingdom,” “reign,” or most literally “foundation.” Jesus laid God's foundation among us, and Christians continue to build on that foundation through lives of love and service. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) desired to build her life on Christ: “Convert me, Jesus,” she wrote in her diary, “for if you do not make me a saint, I will not know how to work in your vineyard.” God's kingdom comes each time we do the right thing—fight a just cause, serve the needs of our community, follow God's command to forgive and show mercy. Without a desire to do God's will, we will, in the words of Mother Cabrini, “end by betraying God's interests, instead of rendering them successful.”

Today's readings: *Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25*

“The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; for in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.”

Friday, November 14

A short quiz

This week we read from the three shortest books in the New Testament back-to-back: Philemon yesterday, 2 John today, and 3 John tomorrow. They're so brief, they weren't divided into chapters. Which is shortest? The Second Letter of John. What's the shortest book in the Old Testament? Obadiah. Who's the most famous short guy in the gospels? Zacchaeus. Shortest verse in the Bible? John 11:35: “And Jesus wept.” Shortest papacy? Pope Stephen II, who had a stroke three days after being elected and died on the fourth. Shortest (almost) saint? Blessed Margaret of Castello, born dwarfed. Praise the small!

Today's readings: *2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37*

“Let us love one another.”

Saturday, November 15

Feast of Albert the Great, bishop, doctor Peaceful coexistence

As scientists probe ever more deeply into the mysteries of life, some people of faith feel threatened by the new terrain being traversed. But rather than retreat from the field, believers do well to bring their faith and ethics to the dialogue. We can turn to Saint Albert the Great (1193/1206-1280) for inspiration. Albert was a Dominican friar and priest famous for his advocacy of the peaceful coexistence of science and religion. Tutor to Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Albert brought Aristotle out of the shadows of the Dark Ages and ushered in the modern era of scientific inquiry. If we believe that God is Lord of all creation, we have nothing to fear from the exploration of the mysteries of that creation.

Today's readings: *3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8*

“We ought to support such people, so that we may become coworkers with the truth.”

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Welcome... New Parishioners!

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Sonia Garcia and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Grill and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Prosek and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Slomka, and Apostalia Vallianatos.

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

CASH & CARRY MANNA THIS WEEKEND!

MANNA will be available after all Masses in the church vestibule **THIS WEEKEND**, November 8/9. **It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays! Give gift cards as gifts or use them to purchase holiday items.** Please call Erin Rhoads (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty (708) 482-0257 with any questions or concerns.



A CAPPELLA CONCERT AT ST. CLETUS

Next Saturday, November 15th, St. Cletus will host the University of Notre Dame Undertones, a twelve-man a cappella group made up of members of the Notre Dame Glee Club. Formed in 1996, the group is now led by St. Cletus' former accompanist and 2005 Fenwick graduate Brian Green, and performs a wide range of music, but centers mostly on modern pop music, including pieces by The Beatles, Neil Diamond, Maroon 5, and Dave Matthews. The Undertones have performed throughout Europe, Latin America, Asia, and in almost every state in the Union, most recently returning from a tour of the West Coast in June. The group has a wide range of recordings, including its newest release *Stranded*, which was released on September 26, 2008 to the delight of audiences at Notre Dame. The concert will take place at 7:30 pm in the church and will be presented free of charge. A free-will offering will be taken to support the travel expenses of the ensemble. We hope to see you there!

Justin Sisul
Director of Music



November 16, 2008
8:00am-1:00pm Morrissey Hall

Sign up today for the time you wish to donate blood next Sunday, November 16. Remember blood donors are needed everyday—for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those suffering chronic illnesses. More than 1,000 are needed on a daily basis just to meet the needs of patients in the *LifeSource* service. Remember—you can make a difference in someone's life!

Clare Slowik
Parish Nurse



SPECIAL NOTICE CANTICLE DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the bulletin of November 23 & 30 is due **Monday, November 17**. Thank you for your cooperation.



ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES

Come
"Rejoice in Hope"
This Advent Season

Join Fr. Bob as he breaks open the Advent Scriptures:

Tuesday, November 25th
(7:00-8:30pm in rectory)
Thursday, December 4th
(7:00-8:30pm in rectory)
Thursday, December 11th
(7:00-8:30pm in rectory)
Tuesday, December 16th
(7:00-8:30pm in rectory)

Please call the rectory office to register.
(708) 352-6209

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



Food Pantry Update

There's still time to help us pack enough bags to provide for the families who will be coming to our November 13th food distribution. While all in date non-perishables are greatly appreciated, we are most in need of jelly, rice and dry pinto beans. You can drop off your donations in the bins provided in the Church vestibule Monday through Wednesday this week from 7:45 AM until 4:00 PM. Thank you for your overwhelming and on-going support of this ministry!



Turkey Bucks

This holiday season, please join our good neighbor, the Jewel store across the street from us, and the St. Cletus Food Pantry, to give a thanksgiving turkey dinner to a local family in need. How can you help? When you check out, just tell your cashier that you would like to help St. Cletus Food Pantry by purchasing a \$1, \$5, or \$10 Albertsons (Jewel) "Turkey Bucks". Your thoughtful donation will help bring a traditional holiday dinner to a family in our community that otherwise may have gone without. Thank you!



Giving Tree

Christmas decorations are already being displayed in stores and advertisements for gift giving will soon be a common sight. As the season of Thanksgiving and the holidays approach, we Christians are looking for ways to keep the true meaning of the season alive in our families. One way is to take part in our annual Giving Tree Project, which will begin on the weekend of November 22/23. Please watch upcoming Canticles for details. Also, if you or anyone you know in our faith community that could benefit from this outreach, please let me know. Your request will be confidential.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Blasé Cinquegrani, Trudy Pacanowski, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Pauline Cuttill, Anthony Regalado, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Adrienne Welenc, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Dorothy O'Neill, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Cacilia Ziegler, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Stephanie Yakowicz, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Agustin 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.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

Dear St. Cletus Parishioners,

On Thursday, November 20th at 7:30pm in the church, we will meet for the State of the School Address. We will talk about our progress as a school, our improvements and our future initiatives. We are very excited about all that is happening at St. Cletus School and want to share the details with you. Please join us.

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE

The third and seventh graders are collecting **gently used** shoes for the *Share Your Soles* Charity. They give shoes to children who may never have had a pair of shoes before. In some countries children cannot attend school unless they are wearing shoes, so without shoes they cannot get an education. Please save your gently used shoes for our fall shoe drive. All types of shoes are needed, but we especially need children's sport shoes. All shoes need to be in **good condition**. Shoes will be collected through November 24 in the Morrissey Hall Lobby, **and in the church vestibule the weekend of November 22/23.**

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Volunteers are needed for the following: **Ultrasound sonographers and receptionists for our Chicago, Evergreen Park and Des Plaines offices**, English and bi-lingual Spanish/English language speakers to answer phones and make appointments in our Evergreen Park and Cicero Avenue Counseling Offices, and to organize clothing donations at our Cicero Avenue office any day Monday through Thursday. For more information, please call (773) 794-1313.



ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Robert E. Coulter, Jr., Post No. 1941 will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale on Sunday, November 16th, from 8:00am `til 12:00 Noon at the Post home, 900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange.

STEWARDSHIP

“Every month they shall bear fresh fruit for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary.”
-Ezekiel 47:12

Ezekiel’s vision of the water flowing from the temple reminds us how important it is for the good steward to spend time with God. When we visit with God we are refreshed. From God’s sacred house we receive the nourishment we need so that our stewardship efforts will bear fruit.

Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend..... \$ 28,969
A Year Ago 29,790


Needed for Budget thru 11/02/08.....\$509,850
Received for Budget thru 11/02/08..... 477,835

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week’s scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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Cub Scout Pack 83 will be selling cash and carry Christmas Wreaths after Masses on November 22/23. Wreaths will be available while supplies last. Thank you for your support.



VETERAN'S DAY
November 11, 2008

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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

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.