

St. Cletus Parish

Congratulations to Our 2009 First Communicants!

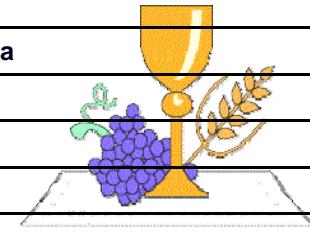
Rebecca Ahaus
Maria Almeida
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Clare Amonson
Colin Attaway
Jaime Avelar
Ricardo Avelar
Rodrigo Avelar
John Barhorst
Jourdan Biocic
Bianna Bocian
Mark Brom
Jacob Bucio
Vilius Buntinas
Mira Burens
Patrick Burke
Kathleen Casella
Claire Cirrincione
Kevin Clarke
Robert Cooley
Erin Cosgrove
Danielle Dahill
Emma Dahl
Gabriele D'Alessio
Lauren Decker
Nicole DeSilio
Nicholas Dion
Isabelle Donahue
Benjamin Elsner
Michael Fanta
Patrick Farnan
Ryan Flannery
Andrea Fuentes
Enrique Fuentes
Jacob Fuller
Jake Gamboa
Adela Garcia
Enrique Garcia
Mary Clare Garvey

Manuel Gonzalez
Karyce Granada
William Hess
Dylan Hughes
Abigail Hurley
Connor Jankowski
John Kane
Kelly Kern
Christopher Kruger
Hannah Kwak
Evan Lannon
Tommy Lattner
Abbey Leyden
Ulisses Lopez
Daniel Machaj
Stephanie Malec
Mirna Medina
Samuel-Jesus Medina
Juanita Mejia
Reilly Metz
Andres Montes
Dulce Montes
Matthew Murray
Neven Naumovski
Daniela Nesta
Ana Nix
John O'Brien
Emily O'Heron
Sebastian Ochoa
Mary Okkema
Anthony Orloff
Eric Otrusina
Samuel Paczolt
Louis Panicola
Rachel Patterson
Hannah Pavlecic
Kevin Pereda
Alexander Perez
Claire Pretzie

Benjamin Prystalski
Charles Pujol
Jessica Pulciani
John Racanelli
Michael Radice
Eva Rapp
Emily Rausch
Ava Riccione
Sean Rickman
Katie Rohlicek
Samantha Ruffner
Eneyda Salinas
Israel Sanchez
Peter Sanchez
Rianna Scheer
Jennifer Schrader
Joseph Schuler
Sarah Schultz
Michael Scudieri
Anthony Severino
Deirdre Sheridan
Gabriella Smith
Brianna Sonenblum
Megan Spencer
Nicolas Sutkus
Brendan Temple
Emily Tobolski
Samuel Tumminaro
Pilar Valdes
Nathaniel Vedok
Nayeli Villavicencio
Ian Vranek
Ashlee Wagner
Keaton Walsh
Jacqueline Wenderski
Cala Wolf
Nicholas Ziebell
Matthew Zukauskas

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 27 - May 3, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Maximilian F. Bayerl
Tuesday	8:00am	Guillermo Quintana, Evelyn McDonald, Peter Scaletta
Wednesday	8:00am	Jim Odenwalder
Thursday	8:00am	Robert "Bobby" Haws
Friday	8:00am	Paulina Slobodnik, Nan Rettig, James F. Slowik
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Parishioners of St. Cletus Stella & Felix Gembala, Mary & Stanley Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz, Josephine Mikutis, James F. Slowik, Leona Staniszewski, Marco & Emilia Rattin
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Linda Felice, Agnes Hinton, Linda Perino. Howard Madsen Patrick Francis Sheahan, Helen Skultety Jeffrey Golom, Rose Delaloye, Nora Kurzawski, Louis & Mimi Guide Timothy Benrus, Mary Burzinski, John McLaughlin, Thelma Lafido, Thomas McGettrick, John Acke Hispanic Ministry



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 2/3, 2009

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Curnutt, R.	Karch, J.	Wiley, J.	Heyes, S.	Bolton, P.
LR	Augustine, E. Bamberger, J.	Chlapecka, T.	Kuchta, A. Duffy, M.	McGann, B. Schump, C.	Reisel, T. Oboikovitz, L.
B2	Curnutt, R.	Karch, J.	Wiley, J.	Heyes, S.	Bolton, P.
B3	Beales, N.	Meade, M.	Kigin, B.	Nash, S.	Fisher, H.
B4	Chlapecka, R.	Mezan, M.A.	Saban, J.	Williams, A.	Ficaro, J.
B5	Andrews, D.	Hagen, J.	Zaremba, E.	Dillane, J.	Gebka, M.L.
B6	Nicosia, C.	Hinton, G.	Stopka, S.	McGann, K.	Maday, J.
C1	Bozec, B.		Koch, B.	Nolan, J.	Nilles, C.
C2	Ryva, J.		Kalata, M.	Heyes, M.	Mangahas, A.
C3	Beales, D.		Martinez, J	DalPorto, K.	Pristo, B.
C4	Bamberger, M		Walsh, M.J.	Bartucci, C.	Bolton, P.
C5	Delaloye, J.		Bliss, G.	Toscheff, C.	Gleich, S.
C6	Ciraulo, S.		Haggerty, F.	Severino, L.	Condon, M.K.
Altar Servers	Dostal, A. Ashe, E. McAtee, M.	Frisbee, S. Gacek, N. Gray, T.	Garvey, S. Goethals, A. Patterson, M.	Krecek, J. Kelley, P. Rhoads, S.	Lawler, J. Lawler, K. Tlusty, M.



Please Welcome to Our Parish Family...

Ryan Joseph William Kelly,
Son of Brian & Lori (Treonis) Kelly

Cristian Montaño Martínez,
Son of José Eleuterio Montaño
& Imelda Martínez

Jesús Armando Palma,
Son of Armando Palma & Margarita Velázquez

Christina Clare Ramirez,
Daughter of Matt & Mary (Murphy) Ramirez

Christian Karim Membrilla Ruiz,
Son of Christian & Gloria (Ruiz) Membrilla

Samantha Santana,
Daughter of Marcos & Erika (Hernández)
Santana

Yareli Trujillo,
Daughter of Sergio & Laura (Pineda) Trujillo

Wedding Banns

Julia Lipman & Cyrus W. Dolph

Anna Louise Jakubka & Joseph Court

Alida Carpenter & Robert Hausknecht

**Please Pray for Our Deceased
and Their Families...**



Fred Montalto,
Father of Jeri Seaman

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB

Something as Parishioners we should know...

JOSEPH J. VARRIANO
JOANNE G. VARRIANO

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Dear Priests and parishioners of St. Cletus,

On Palm Sunday, we attended the 9:30 am mass. We are from the Kansas City area and in McCook for a volleyball tournament later that day. When we arrived, we picked up our palms and found our seats. Shortly after, we were asked to present the gifts of bread and wine. Explaining that we were from out of town and not members of the parish (and dressed very casually), the usher said he would be happy for us to join in the celebration with the other parishioners. We accepted.

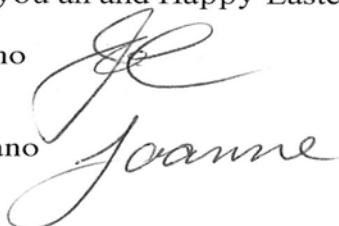
The mass started with a well rehearsed opening song. My husband even commented on the harmonious choir. The mass moved along quickly with everyone knowing their duties. The sermon was short and to the point. I almost always get the point of sermons and hate when the priest repeats himself or a reading two or three times. Continuing, the music was upbeat and well paced, not dragging. Palm Sunday is usually one of the longest masses of the year, yet today it only lasted 45 minutes.

After mass, we purchased some candy bars from a youth organization. With the extra 25 minutes allotted for church that day, we decided to eat at the pancake breakfast. We were greeted with smiling faces and easy conversation. We sat next to a guy and his mother. He had apparently attended school at St. Cletus 40 years ago and was home visiting. He hadn't been in the school since he left. He spoke of his memories there and his mother sat politely and smiled. We had to finish our meal quickly because our ride was waiting outside to pick us up.

We gave our driver a candy bar as a gift then realized we wish we had bought more. Unfortunately, we didn't have time to go back. Anyway, we wanted you to know that you have a wonderful parish. We felt at home from the minute we stepped in the church and we haven't found that with many churches. You're doing something right at St. Cletus. Keep up the good work. We will make it a point to attend St. Cletus should we ever find ourselves in Chicago again.

May God bless you all and Happy Easter!

Joseph J. Varriano



Joanne G. Varriano





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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Graceful you

Luke's accounts of Jesus' resurrection appearances include Jesus in the role of "Bible teacher." The disciples on the road to Emmaus and those in the upper room experienced Jesus in bodily form and also in his role as rabbi. He helped them "connect the dots" of their Jewish tradition so they could see that the resurrection was the fulfillment of all their ancestors had hoped for. Easter helps us locate ourselves in the vast sweep of history, the constant working out of God's irrepressible good will. God's grace is not only for figures from biblical times but also for us. You are not included as an afterthought but *the intended beneficiary* of God's grace since the beginning of time.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48*

"If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

MONDAY, APRIL 27

EASTER WEEKDAY - Read the signs

When we speak of "signs," we mean that a sign will point us to something larger that we do not see. When Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread to feed a large crowd, he intended the loaves to be a sign of eternal life. But many in the crowd believed the bread to be just bread; that he could feed them all with five loaves was all the miracle they needed. When we become infatuated by the surface of life, we can easily miss the deeper meaning to which it points. Today try to imagine that deeper meaning.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29*

"Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves."

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

FEAST OF LOUIS MARY DE MONTFORT, PRIEST

Sincerely and completely yours

Louis de Montfort (1673-1716) was a French priest remembered both as a champion of the poorest of the poor and for his strong devotion to Mary. Centuries later, his writings influenced four popes (Leo XIII, Pius X, Pius XII, and John Paul II), and he is now considered a candidate to be named a doctor of the church, a rare distinction. Pope John Paul II said that reading the saint's work *True Devotion to Mary* was a "decisive turning point" in his life, and he chose Louis' personal motto *Totus tuus* ("completely yours") as his own motto while a bishop. Try to bring some of Louis' passion and complete commitment to your own faith and devotion—who knows, future popes might number among your admirers!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35*

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

FEAST OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

A saint of struggle

She may be from 14th-century Italy, but Saint Catherine of Siena could probably relate to many people today. Just as many of us do, she lived in an atmosphere of political turmoil, struggles in the church, and economic hardship. Catherine struggled with how to make sense of the world around her and a call from God that was burning within her. She surrendered to the call and cultivated her relationship with God in everything she did: tending those who were sick, praying in mystical

union with God, writing letters of spiritual counsel and encouragement, suffering the agony of physical and emotional pain, engaging in ecclesial and political affairs in order to bring about reconciliation. Ask Saint Catherine to be your companion as you negotiate life's sometimes-rocky paths.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40*

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me."

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

FEAST OF PIUS V, POPE - A leader to follow

Like Pope Paul VI 400 years later, Pope Pius V was called to implement the directives of a church council, in his case the Council of Trent that took place in the wake of the Protestant Reformation. Pius V, a devout fellow with a spare lifestyle drawn from years as a Dominican friar, met the challenge by continuing to live simply, avoiding any luxuries of papal life, and working extremely hard. He offers inspiration to leaders today to dedicate themselves to their tasks for the good of the people they serve, rather than for their own power, wealth, and glory.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51*

"It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me."

FRIDAY, MAY 1

FEAST OF JOSEPH THE WORKER - Get to work!

The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker may have been instituted partly for political reasons (to counteract dreaded communist influence), but the feast's recognition of the dignity and sanctity of labor has deep roots in Christian tradition. Unfortunately our high-tech culture no longer values manual labor as much as it should. E. F. Schumacher, in his book *Small Is Beautiful*, suggests that a "great part of the modern neurosis may be due to this very fact: for the human being . . . enjoys nothing more than to be creatively, usefully, productively engaged with both his hands and his brains." Today, in honor of Saint Joseph, plant a seed, make dinner from scratch, or fix something that's broken.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 1:26-2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-34; Matthew 13:54-58 - "Is not this the carpenter's son?"*

SATURDAY, MAY 2

FEAST OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Reasons to believe

The struggles of the church to define itself in its early centuries are easily forgotten, but those battles were waged with passion and conviction. Heresies such as Arianism changed the faith of individuals and even helped shape political history. Athanasius' vigorous defense of the divinity of Christ and the Trinity cost him dearly, not only in his theological thinking but also in popularity and even personal safety. Christians today easily acknowledge the divinity of Christ without realizing the full implications of such a belief. It is important we regularly ask ourselves not only *what* we believe but *why*—and avoid easy answers in the process.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69*

"For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

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Stop by our booth at the
Feast of St. Cletus Ministry Fair
for your chance to win a
free ticket to the golf outing!



8th Annual St. Cletus Cardinal Open
Gleneagles Country Club
Friday, June 26, 2009



WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, May 2/3, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Sunday Masses.

Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will have a table set up this Sunday, April 26, Ministry Sunday, for anyone interested in becoming a member.

Past Presidents of the Holy Name Society will be honored Friday, May 1, at the annual dinner at Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant, 9300 Cermak Road in Broadview. Cocktails at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Cost is \$10. Bring an item for the raffle! Members should sign the list in the Minister's Room or phone Chairman Fran Callaghan by April 28.

Jim Matthews

"MY GRIEF OBSERVED"

Adolph Funeral Home is having a four week grief educational series entitled "My Grief Observed". This group will meet at the funeral home in Willowbrook on Monday nights from 7-8PM, starting on April 27. Karen Rose Schultz LCSW will be the group leader. Issues to be discussed will deal with loss, changes, family life, and learning how to cope with and heal from the death of a loved one. Please call Donna to RSVP at (630) 325-2300. Please leave a message if the answering service is on.

SOCIAL CONCERN MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE...

A sincere *THANK YOU* to the dedicated volunteers, both women and men, who help stock our pantry shelves and make up the more than 200 bags of groceries we distribute to our clients each month. Their faithfulness in making sure all goods are in-date, sorted properly, and put on the appropriate shelves to allow them to efficiently put together a balanced assortment of staples and "extras" in each bag, is greatly appreciated, especially by those we serve! They have already made up 100 bags - half way to our goal for the May 14 food distribution. Again we turn to you, our generous supporters, to help us restock our inventory of non-perishables. We are greatly in need of dry pinto beans, rice, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, boxed sides, tomatoes, and all sizes of diapers. Extras such as crackers, coffee, juice, evaporated or powdered milk, or any in-date non perishable will also help us fill the needed bags. *THANK YOU* for so faithfully adding an item or two for the food pantry to your weekly grocery list.

REMINDER: There are a lot of exciting opportunities for service in the Social Concerns Ministry – whether you have a few hours of volunteer time or more to offer. Be sure to stop at our tables at the Ministry Fair this Sunday to check them out!

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED INTO THE CHURCH AT THE EASTER VIGIL



Frs. Edgar, Charles and Bob
were the celebrants at the
Easter Vigil Mass.

At the Holy Saturday Vigil, Apostolia Vallianatos received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, Laticia Tinajero received her First Holy Communion, and Mary Anna DePasquale received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Anyone who is seriously thinking about becoming a Roman Catholic or who would simply like more information can call the Religious Education Office at (708) 352-2383 regarding R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education



CONGRATULATIONS!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS...

Confirmation: Next weekend, May 3, 90 of our high school teens will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at a special 12:30pm liturgy. Bishop John R. Manz will be presiding. Please remember our young men and women in your prayers.

Thank You!!... The Teen Advisory Board would like to thank the parishioners of St. Cletus for your support of our summer mission trip. We are reaching our goal and are most grateful for your contributions. We are continuing to sell the remaining Fannie May candy bars this weekend! Please stop by our Youth Ministry booth if you would like candy bars for \$1.00 each. We have dark chocolate, milk chocolate, almonds, caramel and peanut butter. Thank you!

Amy Cranny
Youth Director



COMING SOON
18th ANNUAL
MOTHER'S DAY
BABY SHOWER
&
CARNATION SALE
MAY 9 & 10

Saint Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities

STEWARDSHIP

"Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts. Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.'"

These words from the Risen Christ are good advice when we are troubled or doubtful about our stewardship decisions. Just look at the hands and feet of the Lord. How can we refuse to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth now when He sacrificed His entire body for us?

Weekly Giving Summary

Sunday Collection, April 19.....	\$ 21,765
Last Year	\$ 27,379

Total Collection:

Year-to-Date.....	\$ 1,109,757
Previous Year-to-Date.....	\$ 1,158,565

Needed for Budget thru 4/19/09..... \$ 1,189,650

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. 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 would be grateful
if you would consider remembering
the parish in your estate planning.
Thank you.*



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Patricia Swain, 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, Anna Ciszek, 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 Olfercheck, 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.

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).

EUCARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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

CONFESIONS

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

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY - MAY, 1, 2009
GUEST SPEAKER: CLAUDIA AUSTIN, STATE PRESIDENT, CWU, ILLINOIS

All women are invited to join with thousands of women throughout the world to celebrate May Fellowship Day at Grace Lutheran Church, 200 N. Catherine Ave., La Grange. Bible Study will begin at 11:00am. A salad luncheon will be served at 12Noon. Cost \$5/Reservations are required. Babysitting will be available.

For information/reservations, call Betsy Hennessey at (708) 352-1132 or Mary White at (708) 246-0340.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairpersons: Anne Babirak, Tom Finucane

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Ignacio Saavedra

Maureen Soldat

Jim Ryva

Julie Lenz

A TASTE OF YOGA, REIKI AND OTHER MIND-BODY-SPIRIT MODALITIES

You deserve to set aside a day to nourish your whole self. On Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. learn techniques for listening, centering, restoring balance and opening energy flow within at The Well. Presenters Janet Bolger, CSJ; Chris March, CSJ; and Karen Payne invite you to treat yourself to an enjoyable, healing, prayerful and energizing experience. Wear comfortable clothes.

Location: 1515 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park.

Fee: \$35 (includes drinks and desserts; bring your own lunch). To register: call 708-482-5048 or online at www.csjthewell.org.