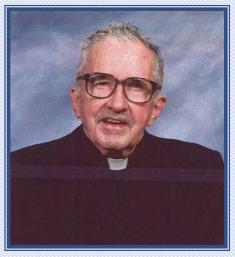
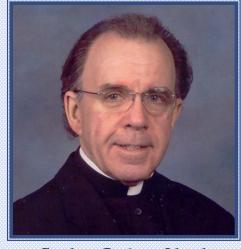
Congratulations to our parish priests who celebrate their anniversaries to the Priesthood during the month of May. Our Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Charles Gallagher, was ordained 65 years ago. Fr. Bob will celebrate his 10th anniversary and Fr. Charles and Fr. Edgar will celebrate their 6th year. We are so grateful to have these dedicated priests lead us in our spiritual life.



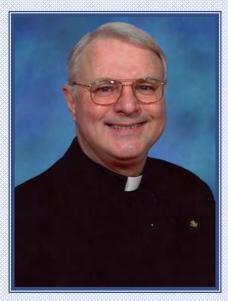
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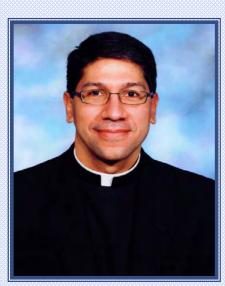


Father Robert Clark
Pastor



Father Charles Watkins
Associate Pastor

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2009



Father Edgar Rodriguez Associate Pastor

On behalf of your St. Cletus Parish family "Thank You" for sharing your gifts and talents with us by responding to the Lord's call to serve.

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 18 - May 24, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Marcie Johnston
Tuesday	8:00am	Frances Butkus, Frank Fatora
Wednesday	8:00am	William Gawron
Thursday	8:00am	Frank Wojcik, Joseph Jiganti, Pauline Cuttill, Ruth Cowdrill
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Erik Geyer, Phyllis Prevenas
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	John Maly Joyce Conerty, Gloria Costello, James F. Slowik, Marge Reckwerdt, Special Intention - Ola Maveety, 50th Wedding Anniversary of Irv & Pat Pfeiffer
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Marco & Emilia Rattin Helen Skultety Bob Battle, Michael Arpaia, Karen Marie Wilson, Dorothy Rypel Timothy Benrus, Rose Delaloye, Thelma Lafido, Casey Ptak Hispanic Priests' Intentions

AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 23/24, 2009 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM Kalata, M. Wouk, D. Hagen, C. Bolton, P. Hagen, C. Pisone, M.L. Oboikovitz, L. Bellisario, J. Reisel, T. McGann, B. Augustine, E. LR Dalsin, P. Wouk, D. Hagen, C. Kalata, M. Bolton, P. Hagen, C. **B3** Thuma, M. Thornton, W. Walsh, M.J. Kelliher, L. Maday, J. **B4** Martinez, JA Thornton, M. Curnutt, R. Heyes, M. Provan, K. **B5** Delalove, J. Zmuda, L. Parlier, J. Dunkovich, A Pavlik, L. Sheridan, E. Zmuda, R. Biesadecki, C Blecic, D. Gebka, M.L. **B6 C1** Saban, J. Hullinger, S. McCaffray, P. Ficaro, J. **C2** Zaremba, E. Meade, M. Bartucci, C. Hagen, J. Okkema, A. Welch, J. Kelliher, K. **C3** Pristo, B. **C4** Condon, M.K. Warren, C. Heves, S. Provan, J. **C5** Bozec, B. Parlier, D. McGann, K. Mangahas, A. **C6** Ward, L. Biesadecki, B Keating-Gay,S Samuelson, D. Tlusty, M. Balch, J. Curtin, B. Flannery, S. Ashe, E. Altar Riccione, J. Figura, M. Patterson, S. Dostal, A. Flannery, M. Flannery, K. Garvey, S. Gray, T. Lombardo, M. Luxem, C.

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 - Liturgy

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

May 17, 2009



May God Grant Them Eternal Rest.

Amen.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). The letter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to love those in our family, those we work with, those we like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apostles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing divine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

Sixth Sunday of Easter 2009

Jesus has just used the image of the vine to show his disciples how they need to be bound into him in order to bear fruit. Without his living presence, they will be like dead branches, good for nothing but to be thrown on the fire and burnt. It is only with the experience of the resurrection and the receiving of the Holy Spirit that the disciples will be able to appreciate fully what Jesus is saying and center their lives accordingly.

For this reason, in his final discourse before his death, the style of Jesus' speech becomes more and more that of the risen Lord. He describes, as though it already exists, the new dispensation in which his gift of life will prevail. This new life is the love which comes from the Father to the Son and which the Son chooses to share with his followers. The sign that they have been touched by this love is that they follow his commandments. They remain attached to him and full of the joy this love brings. The new life is displayed in friendship, a relationship between equals rather than that of master and servants.

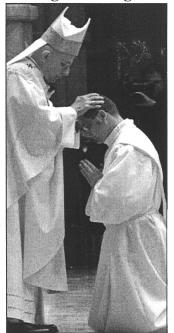
As Jesus hands over responsibility for his mission to his followers he empowers them with his own strength. His laying down of his life will be part of this handing over. Jesus has told his disciples all they need to know and shared with them the mysteries given to him by his Father. It will be his followers' task now to bear the lasting fruit of the divine love. How can they hope to do this? By loving one another. Their love for each other is both the sign and the source of the continuing power of Christ's love in them. Only if they love one another will they remain in his love.

To love in this way we have first of all to let Christ's love come alive in us, or more accurately, to recognize and acknowledge it as it bubbles up in the Spirit. For what counts is not our love as such, which in its unredeemed human form tends to be conditional. It is rather the divine love which transforms our human loving so that we are able to affirm and value the uniqueness of everyone we meet. It is the divine love living within us that leads to the respect, delight, support and challenge which color our friendships and our exchanges and move us to try and create social structures that reflect the same values. In this way we bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Easter Prayers and Blessings, Father Bob

Chicago Ordination Class 2009

Please keep the Mundelein Seminary Ordination Class in your prayers as they are ordained to the holy priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 23, 2009. The following men have completed four to six years of training in theological studies, formation, and pastoral ministry.

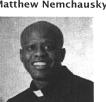








Matthew Nemchausky



Andrew Smith



Juan Arrieta



Andrzej Nowicki



Paul Stemn



Augustine Mahonge



Michael Owen



Karol Tybor



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

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - The collection for new life

They'll pass the basket this Sunday for the Catholic Communication Campaign. It's one of the ways we get the word out, telling others about the great joy we have in the Risen Christ. Another way to share our faith is to live what we believe. When our lives proclaim the love of God to others, and the forgiveness that is ours in Christ, we unleash a mighty power. People yearn for what we have, and the power of God's Spirit is awakened in them. Yes, let's put money in the collection, but let's also strive to inject new life into the world around us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

"While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word."

MONDAY, MAY 18

FEAST OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR - No-win situations

"Between a rock and a hard place" describes those unenviable times when you can't win—and will probably lose—whichever way you go. Popes have not been immune from similar binds. Despite his protests, the sixth-century Pope John I was sent by a king, Theodoric, to try to get an emperor, Justin, to tone down a decree against heretics, the Arians. It was also a threat: Don't succeed, and there will be trouble for your flock back home. When John returned to Italy, Theodoric accused him of conspiring with Justin and had him thrown in jail, where he died of ill-treatment. When you're in a situation where it's hard to see the best way to go, ask yourself which course of action brings the most good and the least bad to all those involved.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a "Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God."

TUESDAY, MAY 19

EASTER WEEKDAY - Who's in charge here?

Ever wonder just what a belief in Jesus saves us from? It's simple: Jesus saves us from ourselves and a warped worldview that puts us in power instead of someone infinitely more competent: God. Once we let go of our illusions of control and accept God's direction, our burdens are lifted and we feel compelled to live our lives for others: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, free the prisoner, and gather to offer praise and thanksgiving for the way that has been lit for us. Remember to follow the leader today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 "Men, what must I do to be saved?' And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus.'"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

FEAST OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY Busy, busy

In these days of frequent job changes and overwork, the modern multitasker might look to Saint Bernardine (1380-1444). With some companions he set in order a hospital for plague-sufferers when no one else wanted to go near it. He then joined the Franciscans and lived quietly but later was called to what became his favorite activity: preaching. Offered the position of bishop of Perugia, he turned it down but did accept a leadership role with the Franciscans, where he promoted education among the friars. He then "retired" to resume his true bliss as a traveling preacher. However many activities you choose and responsibilities you are asked to take on, remember to keep them grounded in God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15 " 'In him we live and move and have our being' "

THURSDAY, MAY 21

FEAST OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES - Dying to find a better way

Christopher Magallanes was a priest in Mexico during a difficult time in Mexican history. On the heels of the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1917, the Catholic Church and the Mexican state were at loggerheads.

Magallanes wrote and preached against armed rebellion but was falsely accused of promoting armed uprising during what came to be called the Cristero Rebellion. Arrested in 1927 on his way to celebrate Mass, he gave his few possessions—as well as absolution—to his executioners. His last words were "I die innocent, and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican brethren." Since 1929 church and state in Mexico have avoided further violent conflict and are on much better terms than in the past. Pray for peaceful resolutions to conflicts in the world today.

Today's readings: *Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20* "Very truly, I tell you . . . you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy."

FRIDAY, MAY 22

FEAST OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS -

Look again at your lost causes

Saint Rita, patroness of lost causes, was married at 12 and endured years of abuse from her husband before he was murdered. Still, she forgave her husband before he died and later reconciled her family to his murderers. Then Rita spent the last years of her life in the convent where she had wanted to be from the beginning. If Rita had not taken the long view, if she had not supported her desire with prayer and active, faithful waiting, her life would surely have ended up a "lost cause." Sometimes what seems like a "lost cause" is only an incomplete picture, an unfinished story. What in your life feels like a "lost cause"? How can you take the long view? And what can you do in the meantime?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 "So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

SATURDAY, MAY 23

EASTER WEEKDAY - Coworkers for Christ

The 12 apostles did a great job at teaching and spreading the Good News of Jesus, but they weren't the only ones. The New Testament has many references to women and men, married couples, and single people who were leaders in the early church. Saint Paul often wrote of these leaders, noting how indispensable they were to the ministry of the church. In the Acts of the Apostles we are introduced briefly to Priscilla and Aquila, a wife and husband team who worked in Corinth and Ephesus. The two are presented as well-known and well-respected partners in ministry in the early church. Spend some time with Acts 18 and learn more about how this couple worked together to spread the Good News.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 "[Apollos] began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the Way of God to him more accurately."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION "POWER LAB" BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Power Lab Bible School begins on June 22 and still needs a few items for completion. We will accept any donations of the following items.



- A small molded plastic pool
- Old BLUE towels or beach towels
- Under the bed storage containers
- Buckets
- Spray bottles
- Cardboard boxes of various sizes or sheets of cardboard



Please call the Religious Education Office at (708) 352-2383 if you can help us. Thank you!

Adults... If you are:

- Faith-filled
- Want to have a wonderful summer experience
- Have fun working with children and adults

Then You belong with US at Power Lab from June 22-June 26, 9:00am to noon.

High School Students and Junior High School Students...

Become an activity lab assistant
 Become a small group leader.
 Become a roving mad scientist

We need you! Don't just spend your summer on the couch or texting! Get involved in the LAB – Power Lab and have a BLAST! Call me at (708) 352-2383 or stop in at the Religious Education Office. The fun begins on June 22 from 9:00am-noon!

Pat Kahl

Religious Education

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE...

Thanks to your generosity, and with some help from our neighbors and friends, we were able to reach our goal of 200+ grocery bags for our May 14 food distribution. Next week I will give you an update on the food distribution itself, since I won't have particulars before this Canticle's print deadline. We are looking forward to seeing the smiles on our client's faces when they see the unexpected "extra" of a bucket of cleaning supplies, thanks again to your generosity and the hard work involved in Tim Findley's Eagle Project. Please continue to add items for the Food Pantry to your regular grocery list and to drop them off when you come to Church on the weekend or weekdays from 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM. Also, now that we are members of the Chicago Food Depository we can get credit for any volunteer hours you put in working at their facility. If you are a volunteer there, please contact me for our agency number. Thank you!

REMINDER...Are you in a Job Search? The next employment ministry event, sponsored by Interfaith Career and Networking Group, a joint effort by St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross Parishes, is on Thursday, May 21, at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. The topic is *Making the Most of Your Interview*. We hope to see you there! For more information about ICNG and other upcoming events, visit **www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.**

Mary Beth Ford

Social Concerns



Past President's of St. Cletus' Holy Name Society face the camera at their annual dinner May 1st. Left to right are Charles Schiller, Walter Johnson, Fran Callaghan, Dan Gibbons, Bill Feeley Joe Delaloye, Dan Trolley, Chaplain Father Charles Gallagher, Jim Matthews, George Popp, Dick Maday, and Bill Gozdecki.



The ST. CLETUS COMMITTEE FOR RESPECT LIFE ACTIVITIES

Thank you to 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 18th Annual Baby Shower and Carnation Sale. It was one of our most successful Mother's Day activities. The many expectant and new mothers in our area are always so appreciative of your generosity.

Thank you and God Bless!

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton, Coordinators, Committee for Respect Life Activities - St. Cletus Parish



50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Were you married in 1959?

You are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 30 at 3:00pm at St. John Brebeuf in Niles. Please call the rectory office (708-352-6209) by May 30 to register. Invitations will be sent only to those who register.

For further information, call the Family Ministries Office at (312) 534-8351 or visit our website **www.familyministries.org.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students will be receiving Holy Eucharist for the very first time Sunday, May 17, 2009.

11:00am Mass

Alondra Calderon Daisy Lemus Cristían Najar



Annie Reimann Ashlee Wagner

Pat Kahl

Religious Education



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Rosetta Palumbo, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiňones, 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 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, Marie Krolecki. Please know we pray daily for the sick and dying.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

The Congregation of St. Joseph of La Grange Park is greatly in need of volunteers for its adult literacy program, *School on Wheels*. Tutors are needed to teach one hour or so per week from 9:00am to 2:00pm or evenings from 3:00 to 8:00pm in Cicero, Hodgkins, Woodridge, Westmont, Lombard or Summit. A two-day training will be provided on Saturday, June 6 and on Saturday, June 13 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Volunteers must attend both training days. No prior second language skills are needed. For more information, call ((708) 482-5060.

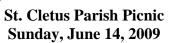
Dear St Cletus Parish,

I would like to say thanks to all of you who expressed to me your sympathies, personally and through cards, on the event of my Grandfather's passing to a better life. I would also like to thank, in a special way, those of you who offered Masses for the repose of his soul. It was an additional comfort to hear his name being mentioned at Mass.

Gestures like these do make a difference in the lives of those who have suffered a loss. May God continue to bless you for your kindness, but most of all, for your empathy, solidarity, generosity, and love.

Yours truly, Fr. Edgar

GENTLE REMINDER SAVE THE DATE!



1:00pm - 4:00pm

Katherine Legge Memorial Park - Hinsdale

SPONSORED BY THE PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. John I

Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord

(unless transferred to Sunday)

Friday: St. Rita of Cascia

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2009

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

— John 15:16

STEWARDSHIP

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. -John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.

Weekly Giving Summary

Sunday Collection, May 10	\$	26,660
Last Year	\$	31,047
Total Collection:		
Year-to-Date	\$1,	,191,387
Previous Year-to-Date	\$1,	,247,045
Needed for Budget thru 5/10/09	\$1	,274,625

St. Cletus would be grateful if you would consider remembering the parish in your estate planning.

Thank you.

WHY ADVERTISE IN OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN?

The Church bulletin is the primary information tool used by our Parish to communicate weekly messages and announcements throughout the community. This advertising not only covers all of the production costs for our Church bulletin, it produces results.

A recent survey conducted by the University of Missouri-St. Louis indicates that of the families surveyed:

97% take at least one bulletin home each week.

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If you are interested in advertising and need additional information, please call J. S. Paluch at 1 800-566-6170.

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).

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Singles Group May Planning Meeting

The Singles Group (for those in their 30's thru early 50's) will be holding a planning meeting for summer events. Please join us on Monday, May 18 at 7:00pm in the Trinity Room at St. Louise de Marillac School.

For more information, please contact Jenny Balanoff at **8675309@ameritech.net.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Co-Chairpersons:Anne Babirak,Tom FinucaneVice - Chairperson:Rita Mayer

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

JOYFUL AGAIN!

Introspective workshop for widowed persons

Beyond grieving there is a new life. Come join us for a weekend especially designed to help you reflect on and recognize new direction for your life while still treasuring memories of your loved one.

Where: Old St. Patrick's Parish

711 W. Monroe Bldg., Chicago

When: June 13 & 14, 2009

If you want more information? Contact us at Joyful Again!, (773) 354-7211 or e-mail **joyfulagain@att.net**. Early registration is encouraged.