

In Gratitude for Faithful Leadership in Service of the Gospel April 19, 2005 – February 28, 2013

Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen.

After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as a *peritus*, or theological advisor, at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he is best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy has been the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he sees as moral decline across much of Europe. At the same time, he has sought to improve relations with other religions, trying to determine if a "cultural synthesis" is possible without losing the identity of the faith while engaged in discourse with the Lutheran World Federation, Judaism, Islam, the Anglican Communion, and Christian Orthodox Churches. He has also spoken out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare, and has advocated better protection of the environment. He has called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and has pressed for a "true world political authority" to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, "Fellow Worker in the Truth," Pope Benedict XVI's teaching and prolific writings have always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope.

## NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 2013**

"Of course there must be lots of magic in the world," he said wisely one day. "But people don't know what it is like or how to make it happen. Perhaps the beginning is just to say nice things are going to happen until you make them happen." In THE SECRET GARDEN by Frances Hodgson Burnett, this statement is made by Colin, a sickly child, whose recovery and increasing physical strength coincide with his discovery of the secret life in the secret garden. Through his experience he discovers his own inner life, which has the potential for spontaneity, joy and creativity that is unique to him.

Colin, because of his illness, had been overprotected and never able to experience the joys of childhood adventure and discovery. He had never learned to communicate his feelings. Helped by his lively friends to find the secret garden, Colin finds a lost part of himself and he exclaims, "The sun is shining, the sun is shining. That is magic. Being alive is magic, being strong is magic. The magic is in me, it's in me. It's in every one of us."

As we enter the second week of Lent, we hear the story of Jesus' glorious transfiguration. It comes not long after Jesus has been telling the disciples that he is going to suffer and die, and that those who wish to be his disciples must let go of their own needs, take up their cross and follow him. The disciples are alarmed. It cannot have been easy to hear what their friend was telling them. Peter is quick to protest. (After all, Peter probably wasn't too keen about the idea of dying on a cross.) He tells Jesus that this cannot happen. Jesus rebukes him strongly.

However, Jesus understands that his words must be difficult for his disciples to hear. Eight days later, Luke tells us, Jesus takes Peter, James and John to the top of a mountain, where he prays and they rest. In the course of his prayer, the intimacy that Jesus shares with his Father is revealed. His face shines like the sun and his clothes become a dazzling white. The disciples are astounded, not least because they also see Jesus talking to Elijah and Moses.

Peter's immediate reaction is one of amazement, and he wants to hold on to the experience forever. Despite his apparent naivety, the absolute truth that has been revealed is not lost on Peter. As if to bring the disciples back to earth, clouds suddenly appear and overshadow them. Then they hear the voice: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him."

Like Colin, Peter has seen the light. Jesus does not change into someone else on the mountain. In his transfiguration, he reflects the glory of God that radiates from within him. For the disciples, it is a moment of awe and wonder – an occasion that they don't want to let go, even though they cannot physically hold on to it.

Maybe we have experienced such a moment in our lives: perhaps when we fell in love for the first time, or when our first child was born, or when we found ourselves surrounded by a stunning countryside. These moments of awe and wonder are the consolation experiences that, though momentary, stay with us and help us when life gets tough. Peter's experience on the mountain may appear to be short-lived, but it is such a momentous experience that it becomes a part of him. When his life later becomes very difficult, he is able to remain faithful to his discipleship, knowing that he has experienced the majesty of God.

For Colin, in the book, discovering the secret garden leads to his "transfiguration experience" – the discovery of his own inner beauty and strength. It so excites him that he wants to share it with everyone else; at the same time it frees him to recognize the magic that is in everyone. Colin is right. Often, because of life's trials and difficulties, we can lose sight of the light within us. At our baptism, we were given the light of Christ to share with the world, a world that really needs that light. Perhaps this Lent is a time for us to reflect on our inner beauty and to ask God to heal those areas that overshadow us and might prevent us from reflecting our light and Christ's light to the world.

Lenten Grace and Blessings,

Fr. Bob Pastor

### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979 Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

February 8, 2013

Dear Father,

As you know, since the nationwide debate sparked by the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, the Catholic Church has led the effort to extend legal protections to the unborn. In more recent years, the Church has fought against the infringements of religious liberty found in policies such as the Department of Health and Human Services' mandate requiring religious organizations to provide insurance coverage of abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives and sterilizations. The most recent "accommodations" still leave the government in charge of deciding what is religious and what is not.

These efforts are difficult, but they are also vitally important. To help keep a popular voice in play, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is calling for a nationwide postcard campaign to members of our new Congress, urging the implementation of policies that respect both life and religious freedom.

The last USCCB national postcard campaign in 2009 protesting the so-called *Freedom of Choice Act*, and its proposed repeal of any regulation of abortion, was very successful. **As many as thirty-three million postcards were sent to Congress, and the bill failed to pass.** 

With hope for a similar result in mind, the Archdiocese of Chicago will participate in this new "Project Life and Liberty" postcard campaign during the weekend of February 23–24. Our Respect Life Office and Office for Peace and Justice will be coordinating the distribution and collection of the postcards through their parish representatives.

Parishioners will be asked to fill out four cards during or after Mass—one to their U.S. Representative, one to each of their two U.S. Senators, and one to the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment for further updates on these issues. Please also encourage parishioners to donate a dollar or two to help defray postage costs.

For more information on the postcard campaign, you can go to http://nchla.org/issues.asp?ID=55, or call the Respect Life Office at 312-534-5355 or the Office for Peace and Justice at 312-534-8390. I have also included a one-page resource with talking points and sample bulletin announcements prepared by the USCCB.

I also ask that you consider finding a way to reflect with your people on the need to protect unborn children and the sacred right of religious freedom. Thank you for your assistance with this very important endeavor. May God bless you.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop of Chicago

# YEAR OF FAITH

### A TRANSFIGURING MOMENT

by Jeff Cavins

"And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his [clothing] became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his [exodus], which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem."—Luke 9:29-31

What did you give up for Lent this year? Chocolate? Coffee? Dessert? When I was younger, I usually chose something intrinsically unappealing, like lutefisk (a Scandinavian specialty of codfish soaked in lye). But as the days of Lent rolled on, my admiration grew for those around me who had made genuine sacrifices. It was common to hear the faithful speak longingly of a hot fudge sundae or French silk pie toward the end of those forty days. Me? I didn't really look forward to anything at the conclusion of Lent, nor had I anticipated the grand focus of Lent: the resurrection. So while my friends and family eagerly anticipated the conclusion of Lent, life went on as normal for me.

When Jesus led Peter, James, and John up that high mountain (see also Mark 9:2-10), their lives were anything but normal. Moses and Elijah appeared and began to speak to Jesus, as he was transfigured before them, his garments a glistening, intense white. We call this event "the Transfiguration."

As we read the text, we should ask ourselves, "Why are we hearing about Moses and Elijah appearing to Jesus in the readings during Lent?" One important reason is that these men all experienced a forty-day period of preparation. Moses stayed on the mountain of God forty days (Exodus 24:18). Elijah traveled forty days before he had a vision (1 Kings 19:8). And Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, praying and fasting, before his public ministry (Matthew 4:1-11).

"Forty days" in the Scriptures—and in the life of the Church—traditionally signifies a time of preparation, discipline, devotion, and testing. In the Transfiguration, God gave the three disciples a sneak peek at the glory of the revelation of Christ that was first witnessed by Moses on the Mount. They would not immediately understand the purpose of the suffering Christ was about to endure. But having witnessed that moment of resurrected glory, they would one day come to understand that God's redemption would be accomplished, not by a conquering Messiah, but through one who would suffer.

This Transfiguration anticipates not only Christ's glorification, but our own as well. Paul said, "It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him" (Romans 8:16-17).

### **ACTION STEP**

The Catechism teaches, "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (CCC 540). How will you unite yourself this Lent with Christ in the "desert" in a particular area of your life, so that you too can experience the glory of Easter?



n mountain tops, our vision is crystal clear. If there are no clouds in the sky, we can see for miles, and the world takes on a different perspective. In today's Gospel it was on a mountaintop that Peter, James and John saw a glimpse of God's vision for the world – of Jesus' place in salvation history, standing alongside a patriarch and a prophet. It was a vision designed to last, even when the miracle cleared and the group made their way down the mountain to their ongoing ministry.

### **PRAY**

- For the grace to have a clear vision of what God is calling you to do or to be. Ask him to show you the way to live out that vision.
- For all families who are struggling with illness, especially those in East Timor and in all the countries CRS serves.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross from the perspective of the Blessed Mother on Friday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m.

### **FAST**

- From thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God
- From lethargy; feast on enthusiasm

### **LEARN**

- East Timor, this week's CRS featured country, is an island northwest of Australia. Slightly larger in size than Connecticut, it is home to 1,154,625 people, less than one-third Connecticut's population.
- It is one of the world's newest countries. Its struggle for independence caused violence that left many in the country poor, homeless or sick. Tuberculosis is a major health crisis here.
- CRS partners with Kilbur Domin, a treatment center, to provide testing, treatment, nutritional support and volunteer education networks in order to stop the spread of TB. The clinic strives to engage the entire community so that everyone has ownership of their own health and wellness
- Visit crsricebowl.org to read the story of Ana Correia, a clinic volunteer health worker, and to learn more about East Timor.

### **GIVE**

In the United States, instances of TB are at an all-time low, thanks to readily available testing and treatment. But that's not the case in countries that cannot afford to invest in detection and treatment.

- Make a donation to your Rice Bowl for every person in your family who has access to immunizations, screenings and medical care.
- Visit Catholics Confront Global Poverty, www.confrontglobalpoverty.com to consider ways you can give of your time and talent to get involved in confronting global poverty
- Rice bowls/Lenten guides are still available in the church narthex, if you have not yet had a chance to pick one up. Ask the ushers to direct you to them.

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FOCUS: COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

Human beings are not only sacred, but also social. How we participate in our families and communities, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person.

### Mass Intentions for the Week of February 25 – March 3, 2013

Day	Time	Intentions		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Timothy Benrus, Sandy Fisher, John Fisher, Debbie Sipek		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Drong		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Kathleen Szabelski		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Aldona Obecunas		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Nan Rettig, Marcie Johnston, Special Intention for Dorothy Buchta		
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Phyllis Prevenas, John Dunbar Battistoni Jozef & James Slowik, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Josephine Partacz, Edward Harzenjak		
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Ronald J. Drobny, Sr., Skowron Family Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family Benjamin Patrick Hyink Kadlec Family, John Dunbar Battistoni, Special Intention for Edgardo Paynor Purgatorial Society		

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Diane Cesarone, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Eleanor Mlot, Steven Onusaitis, Z. Gajos, Philip Hodak, Marv Alice Gregorchuk, Eugene Dorosz, Joshua Thomas, Jr., John Brannigan, Stacy Kwak, Marilyn Matesevac, Frances Klimcke, Bill Jaworski, John & George Duda, Donna Styrska, Fernando Cabral, Carol Witkowski, Joe Butkus, Catherine Mlot, Jim Ivetic, Jennifer Buchta, Julius Kohl, Peter Ference, Mary Bartucci, Jennie Boerste, James McSweeney, John Karch, Gertrude Koeníg-Stoiber, Gerdi Dorso, Bob Zimmerman, Breann Moddes, Betty Niwa, Joan Workman, Betty Zapf, Sue Kremer, Lydia Ciaglia, and Howard Pohlman. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and the dying.

# Please pray for those who have died and their families...

Frank Nash, husband of Cathy Sol Emil Valery, father of Kathy Gorniak John a. Fogarty, husband of Dolores

May the Lord grant them eternal rest. Amen.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk

6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-

21;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; Sunday:

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



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

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

## KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME





When we arrive at church on Sunday morning, we are in a particular spot at a

specific time. We are mistaken, however, to think that we are just here and right now. When we walk into church and celebrate Mass together, we are linking ourselves across time and space with countless people and a long history.

"Remember, Lord, your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity together with our Pope. . . ." Throughout the world, believers are hearing the same Word and sharing in the same Bread of Life. We link ourselves with believers across the entire world. "Remember also, Lord, your servants who have gone before us with the sing of faith. . . ." We link ourselves with those who have died and with all the faithful saints who proved their love.

Not just here and not just now but across a universe of faith and a history of loving fidelity we link ourselves with others at Sunday Mass.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO + STRATEGIC PASTORAL PLAN YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH

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February 24, 2013

LK 9:28b-36

If the Eucharist is the "source and summit of Christian life", what "mountaintop" experiences have Sunday Mass given me? How have I heard the voice of God more clearly through the Eucharist?



Please note that St. Cletus's Parish Lenten Forgiveness Service will be held on Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity.



## St. Cletus Parísh Welcomes...

Emma Lea Blasco,

daughter of Anthony & Vanessa (Van Donk) Blasco

Ann Marie Schaffer,

daughter of Kevin & Joani (Disilvestro) Schaffer

Thomas Eugene Klimek,

son of Gene & Maureen (Carroll) Klimek

Ellen Carol Hennessy,

daughter of Patrick & Katherine (Walsh) Hennessy

Nora Rose Bresnahan,

daughter of Liam & Maureen (McGovern) Besnahan

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

### HOLY NAME MEETING

Join us on Friday, March 1, 8:00 p.m., in Room 98 in the Education Building. Main topic of discussion will be the annual *Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast* to be held on Sunday, March 24. Adults/\$5-Children/\$3. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Look forward to seeing everyone!

Dan Gibbons

### ST. CLETUS BOOK CLUB



The next book is **Gone Girl** 

by Gillian Flynn

We will meet to discuss it on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. (Room 102)

Questions? Email: loriashe@aol.com

# **Social Concerns Ministry**

### **FOOD PANTRY**

We greatly appreciate your ongoing help in stocking our pantry shelves with in date non-perishables.

- As we continue to pack bags, the items in shortest supply at this time are **dry pinto beans** (2-3# bags works best for us) jelly, boxed side dishes, baking mixes, and pasta sauce.
- Special thanks to Nazareth Academy for the generour donation of cereal this past week.

  Each student who brought in a box of cereal received a discounted price on the purchase of a ticket for the turnabout dance. What a great idea! We are all thankful for all the ways in which you partner with our pantry in answering the need for food assistance in our community.

### Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

# Youth Ministry Undate!

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Many thanks to the teens who served at Feed My Starving Children on February 12. We helped pack more than 60 boxes of food to people in Nicaragua!

### FANNIE MAY CANDY BAR SALE NEXT WEEKEND!

Once again, we will be selling Fannie May Candy Bars for \$1 next weekend, March 2/3, after Masses in the church narthex.

TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM: Small groups will meet at designated times this Sunday, February 24, at the homes of our catechists.

**DROP-IN:** Our next drop-in is this **Tuesday, February 26,** from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 208 in the Education Building. All high school teens are welcome to "drop-in" during those hours for games, music, and hanging out! Hope to see you there! Bring a friend!

### MISSION TRIP MEETING

Our next mission trip meeting for teens only is Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 201 in the Education Building. Candy bars will be distributed at this time. Make sure to be there or you will end up with the last choices of flavors!

### LIVING STATIONS HELP NEEDED

Teens are needed to help perform the Living Stations for our parish on Friday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in church. Practices will be held the evenings of March 6, 12 and 13. Please contact me if you are interested.

### TEEN MUSICIANS MEETING

Our music group will meet on Tuesday, March 5, at 4:30 p.m., in Room 208 in the Education Building to choose music for our next teen hosted Mass on Sunday, March 10, 5:00 p.m. in church.

**GIRLS' CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:** Our high school girls' season will begin sometime in March and run through May. The schedule has not been set yet. Forms and registration information are available on our website and are due by **March 4**.

**STAY UP-TO-DATE ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:** "Like" St. Cletus Youth Ministry on Facebook! You can do this at **www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth**.

### Kristin Maxwell

Youth Ministry

## ENCOUNTERING CHRIST LENTEN FAITH SESSIONS CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS – 20'S & 30'S, MARRIED & SINGLE – TO JOIN US FOR...



Young Adults throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago are gathering with peers this Lent for good conversation about our Catholic faith and the ways God is at work in our lives. We will also discuss Young Adults' goals, dreams, hungers, concerns and spiritual needs, as well as our relationship to the larger Church.

The process includes a total of 5 sessions of faith sharing based on Scripture and a gathering with Cardinal George and your peers from throughout the Archdiocese. This is an opportunity to meet other Young Adults who share your faith, and, as a group, to let your voice be heard. Join us when you can.

All Faith Group sessions will take place at St. Francis Xavier Parish Rectory, 7:00–9:00 p.m., Courtyard Room, 124 N. Spring Ave., La Grange, IL, (708) 352-0168.

Thurs., March 7 – The Way of Communion

Thurs., March 14 – The Way to Solidarity: "I am with you in this!"

Thurs., March 21 – Christ Prepares us and Sends us on a Mission

Sat., April 13 – Meet with Cardinal George and peers throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago, 10 am to 9 pm at De Paul University for faith sharing, large and small group discussion, a conversation with Cardinal George, Mass and a social

For further information and to register for this exciting process, please contact Michelle Gehrke at **mgehrke@yamchicago.org** or 312-466-9473. Also, feel free to spread the word to Young Adult friends and relatives. *Thanks!* 

# This Sunday, February 24, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, the *Spirito! Singers Bravura Ensemble* will be leading our congregation at St. Cletus in song!



Spirito! Singers is an exceptional choral organization based in the Western Suburbs with rehearsals held in both La Grange and Elmhurst. The three ensembles include: Bravura, young women in 9-12 grades, Ragazze, girls in 5–8 grades, and the Men of Spirito!, men ages 18 years and older.

Auditions for our upcoming 2013-2014 season will be held from April 15 through May 15 in La Grange and Elmhurst. Please call (630) 941-0744 to schedule an audition or for more information.

The *Spirito! Spring Concert, Peace Like a River*, will be at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church in Elmhurst. Tickets for reserved seating will be available for purchase at the end of April by calling 1-877-8WE-SING (893-7464) or on our website **www.spiritosingers.org**. Ticket price: \$20 each.

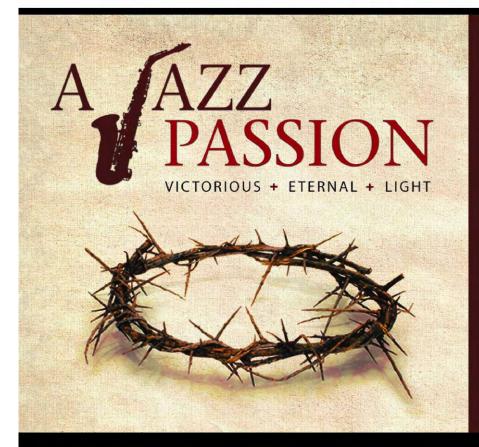
For additional information about the *Spirito! Singers*, please visit our website at **www.spiritosingers.org**.

## Laura Langley-Brasky

Music Director



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FINAL PRESENTATIONS OF THE ST. CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES 2012-13 SEASON



Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m.

1515 W. Ogden Ave. LaGrange Park

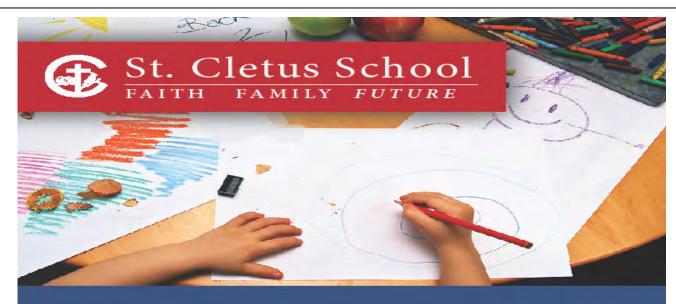
Chapel at the Congregation of St. Joseph

# RACHEL BARTON PINE

AND CELLIST MIKE BLOCK

SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 3:00 P.M. ST. CLETUS CHURCH



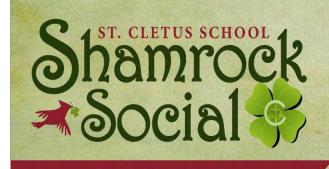


Enrollment for the 2013-14 school year is now open. If you are interested in high quality Catholic education for your child, or know someone who is, contact the school office (708) 352-4820 to schedule an appointment. Space is limited, and enrollment is on a first come, first served basis.

- Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eigth Grade
- Half-day and Full-day Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
- Half-day and Full-day Kindergarten
- Before and After School
   Extended Care
- Environment of Academic Excellence

- Strong Curriculum including Spanish, Art, Music, PE, Science Lab, Technology Learning Center and Library
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MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> 6-11p.m.

Irish Dinner, Drinks, and The Bad Dads Band for only \$30!

# Pulling of the Green

Grand Raffle to benefft St. Cletus School

\$50 per Ticket

available in the narthex after weekend Masses

**Grand Prize \$25,000\* Runner Up \$10,000\*** 

(2) 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winners @ \$2,500\* each (10) 4 th Prize Winners @ \$500\* each Plus (6) Weekly Early Bird Drawings

\*Final prize amounts to be determined by actual number of tickets sold

### Sunday Collection – February 17, 2013

Total Active Registered Families 2,731

**Collection Statistics** 

# of envelopes used this week 643 % of registered families 24%

Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000 Over (Under) Budget: (\$920)

This fiscal Year @ 02/17/13

Actual Sunday Collections: \$898,690 Budgeted Sunday Collections 918,000 YTD Over (Under) budget: \$ (19,310) **Amount Collected** 

\$ 21,406 Envelopes Users 2,604 Loose Check/Cash

2,070 Electronic Giving

\$ 26,080 Total Collected

God shows his generosity to you and through you. Thank you for being Christ-like in your giving and supporting St. Cletus Parish, your home, for generations to come. God bless,

Fr. Bob, Pastor

	W	EEK ATAG	LANCE
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM#	EVENT
Sunday, February 24	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon	C-Narthex/West C-Narthex/East RB	Respect Life Committee "Pulling of the Green" Raffle Ticket Sale Ministry of Care Meeting
Monday, February 25	9:00 p.m.	МН	Men's Basketball
Tuesday, February 26	9:00 a.m.	C	School Mass
	7:00 p.m.	MH	1st Eucharist Parent Meeting
	9:00 p.m.	MH	Boys' Church League
Wednesday, February 27	9:00 a.m.	RB	Mission Ladies
	6:00 p.m.	C	Lenten Mass
	6:00 p.m.	MH	Market day
	9:00 p.m.	MH	Boys' Church League
Thursday, February 28	12:30 p.m.	Entire School	Parent-Teacher Conferences
	6:00 p.m.	S-Music	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	S-Music	Contempo Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	S-Music	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 p.m.	MH	Boys' Church League
Friday, March 1	7:00 p.m.	C	Stations of the Cross from the perspective of Mary
	7:00 p.m.	S-200	Spanish Lenten Prep
	8:00 p.m.	S-98	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, March 2	5:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/West	Welcome New Parishioners Committee
	5:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/East	YM Teen Candy Sale
Sunday, March 3	5:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/West	Welcome New Parishioners Committee
	5:00 p.m.	C-Narthex/East	YM Teen Candy Sale
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#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

### **MASSES**

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,

11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

#### **BAPTISMS**

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. 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

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

### **CONFESSIONS**

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

#### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

**Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm** 

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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