

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



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behold, new things have come.**
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

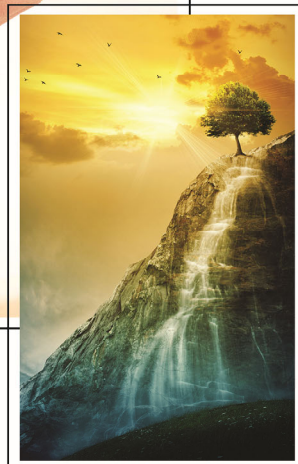
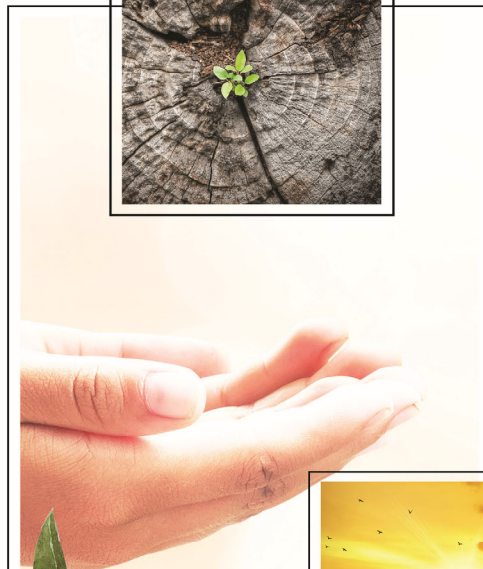
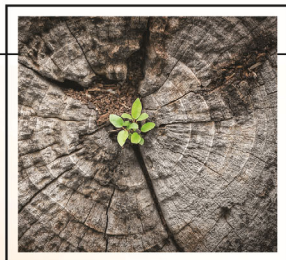


MARCH 31, 2019
*Fourth Sunday
of Lent*

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 1 - 7, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, John M. Baker Sr., Ted Koziol
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, Nathan Egert
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, John E. Cooper, Edward Condon, John McTigue
Thursday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Michael Lombardo, Nanci Makris
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Renee Saban, Irene & Tom Cecil, Bill Chadwick
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Pat Maley, Jack Lawrence, Diospada Suzara, Regina Calbog, Cayo Calbog, Christopher Aranas
	Fr. Baker	5:00 p.m.	Ken Kakareka, Jim Deslauriers, Stella & Felix Gembala, Genevieve Rapacki, George & Lorraine Kurland, Special Intention - Santos Aranas, Special Intention - Craig Londowski
Sunday	Fr. Fisher	7:00 a.m.	George Duda, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Mary Dybas, Louis Anetacs, Joseph & Kay Klemak
	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Ricciardone & Calandriello Families
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Josephine Sorrentino, Patrick O'Connell, Jason Jakob, Len Wehrmeister, Frank Skrip Sr.
	Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Ruth & Gordon Zethmayr, Luczikow Family, Anthony Perkovich Manolin Santos

PLEASE JOIN US THIS LENT...

- Parish Reconciliation Service
Monday at 7:00pm
- 8:00am Daily Mass
- Adoration on Tuesday begins at 8:30am and continues through the 6:00pm Holy Hour
- School Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm on Thursday
- Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:00pm



A full list of our Lenten events can be found on page 9.

Holy Name Society Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast

Parish Center
Sunday, April 14
7:00am - 12:30pm



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THEIR FAMILIES...

Eleanor Brousil

Mother of Robert Brousil, Carol Anders, & Nancy Bechtold

May she rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

March - Tony Bresnahan, Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Gene Gajos, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni

February - Joan Clark, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, George Sedlacek, Rachael Schopp

January - Frank Colonna, Ronald Kruczek, Daniella DeRivera, Gloria Rivera, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Anne Scheer, John Sheil, Michael Stoinski, Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley,

Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

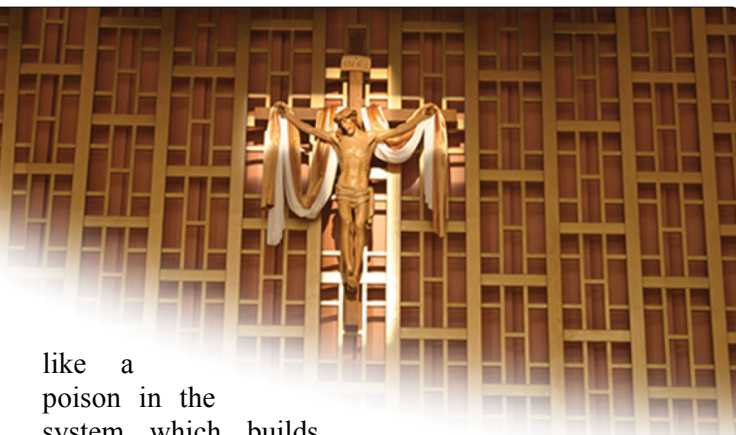
The words of the hymn “Amazing Grace” are well known and very popular. The hymn praises God and celebrates the power of God in bringing about conversion. Less well-known is the story of the conversion of John Newton, who wrote the words of the hymn in 1770.

John Newton (1725-1807) was a slave trader. He made money from the shipment of African slaves to property owners in the United States of America. At the age of 23 he became a Christian but only later recognized the evil of slavery, retired from the sea and became a priest in the Church of England in the parish of Olney, Buckinghamshire England. He later campaigned for the abolition of slavery. The words of the hymn describe the way in which God’s grace gave him new sight and then became his shield and protection.

John Newton’s conversion to Christianity was sudden but only slowly did he realize the evil of slavery. His conversion to Christ shows the way in which little-by-little the “Amazing Grace” of God is at work in human activities. The experience of home-coming to God is repeated regularly in acts of recognizing wrong-doing, repentance and the experience of forgiveness. Each of these events is a moment of conversion towards God and a deepening of the relationship with God.

John Newton’s conversion resembles that of the prodigal son. As soon as his son came to his senses, he began the journey back to his Father, who rushed out to welcome him back and embraced him. The father runs to meet him before he has time to speak. God’s love is scandalously generous to those who return to him. The effects of God’s mercy are described in the words of St. Paul as the building of a new creation and the reconciliation of the world to God. A new covenant of mercy replaces the old covenant forged after God had liberated Israel from Egypt. The liberator God of the Old Testament freed the people of Israel from slavery; God’s liberation in the New Testament is liberation from sin. We cannot free ourselves but only accept God’s gift.

The joy of the father’s feast is spoiled by the attitude of the elder brother. He is bitter and resentful about the welcome given to his brother. He had worked hard at home for his father and cared for his possessions. He had been obedient and dutiful in carrying out his responsibilities. There is a danger that duty and hard work can make people resentful towards others, especially if they seem to be slackers. Bitterness and resentment are



like a
poison in the
system which builds
up slowly but which, when
released, can be highly destructive.

Resentments can run very deep in families. It might be about an event of the past, a time when someone was hurt or ignored. For example a relative who cares for a sick member of the family may become resentful if other members do not appear to be pulling their weight. Forgiveness of family hurt is difficult and takes time to heal. We are often told to “forgive and forget”, but often forgetting may not be possible. Forgiveness is rather a graced act of will. It is a choice to go beyond the hurt and not allow it to dominate the relationship or determine the future. It is an act of courage and hope for the future. To reach the moment of such a choice may be a lengthy process and need many years.

The readings invite trust in God’s mercy and forgiveness. Knowledge of our own weaknesses and limitations can help us understand one another. It can lead to a new insight or perspective on a situation. Such a moment of recognition happened in John Newton’s life when he understood that the slave was a man or woman of equal dignity and created by God. This insight led to a deepening conversion. He recognized his prejudice and failure to see the slave as an equal. May we be blessed with similar conversion experiences.

Lenten Blessings and Grace,



Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor

Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

April 9 & 11 D4D at Café Salsa
 April 11 Living Stations of the Cross
 April 15 Spring Break Begins

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Tom Chinske, Principal **Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**
 (708) 352-4820 (708) 352-4820
 tchinske@stcletusparish.com cschaefer@stcletusparish.com



GIRLS SCOUT MEDALS CEREMONY

The Archdiocese of Chicago held their annual Catholic Medals Ceremony for Youth Organizations at St. Cletus Church on Sunday, March 24th. The ceremony was presided by Bishop Manz. The following 8th grade Girls Scouts received the Marian Medal:

- Gabriella Estrada
- Serena Garza
- Grace Koziol
- Grace Ann Pullappally
- Lauren Schinker
- Maureen Staelgraeve

The girls were led by mentors Mary Ellen Staelgraeve and Wendi Koziol.

The Marian Medal or Mary the First Disciple Medal is designed to assist youth to develop a sense of discipleship through scripture and service following Mary's example. The medal is open to young people of at least 12 years of age or have completed 7th grade.

THANK YOU FROM FR. KEN

Thank you to everyone who joined us last weekend for my concert and gave your support! I think everyone had a great time. I especially want to thank my special guests, members of Saint Cletus Youth Choir. They were delightful...truly one of the highlights of the evening and a great group of kids with whom I had the pleasure to sing with! Thank you so much to them and to Karen Ziembra for being part of my concert last weekend.



MEXICAN GRILL | TEQUILA BAR

D4D AT CAFÉ SALSA APRIL 9 & 11

ST. CLETUS D4D

April's D4D event will be held at Café Salsa in Countryside. Enjoy Café Salsa's Mexican menu **Tuesday, April 9 & Thursday, April 11** anytime between 11:00 am & 10:00 pm. Share this information with friends, family and neighbors. This flyer is required, so please remember to bring one with you!



D4D at Café Salsa

April 9th
April 11th

All Day!!
11 am to 10:00 pm

This FLYER is
REQUIRED!

Enjoy dinner,
drinks, & socialize
with other St.
Cletus school and
parish families

CAFÉ SALSA

9932 W. 55th Street
Countryside, IL
708-352-5100

www.cafesalsa.com

Religious Education

RITE OF SENDING AND RITE OF ELECTION FOR RCIA

On March 17th, at our 11 a.m. Mass, our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates: Kelsey Thompson, Carl Kash, Bruce Wulff, Shane Bonarek, Sal Montes, Kayla Tlaseca, Nisa Tlaseca, Kevin Villa and Jackie Villa expressed their desire to be in full communion with the Church with the celebration and reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. The Catechumens and Candidates signed the Book of the Elect and were affirmed by their Godparents, Sponsors, Catechists and our parish faith community. Later in the day our elect traveled to Holy Name Cathedral to present the Book of the Elect to Cardinal Cupich with other Catechumens and Candidates from throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago.

As our elect journey through these remaining weeks of Lent they continue to prepare to celebrate the sacraments at the Easter Vigil through prayer, scripture study and spiritual direction. Join us as we keep them in our prayers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

April 6 2nd Grade Communion Retreat 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Morrissey Hall. Student attends retreat with one parent.

April 7/8 Regular RE Classes in Session, Special Needs in Parish Center, Buddy Event for Early Childhood, 1st Gr, 2nd Gr, 5th Gr, 7th Gr and 8th Gr. Registration for 2019 -2020 begins!

April 28/29 Regular RE Classes in Session, Special Needs in Parish Center, Buddy Event for Early Childhood, 1st Gr, 2nd Gr, 5th Gr, 7th Gr, and 8th Gr. Last Day of Class. **FIRST COMMUNION BANNERS DUE.**

May 2 Optional First Communion Photos

May 7 First Communion Practice for 10:30 a.m. Mass – in Church from 6:30-8 p.m.

May 8 First Communion Practice for 1 p.m. Mass – in Church from 6:30-8 p.m.

May 11th First Communion Masses for 2nd Grade – 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Masses

May 12th First Communion Masses for students in Grades 3-7 at the 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses

June 17-20 Vacation Bible School! Sign up today!



For more information please contact Barb Campbell,
 Director of Religious Education
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com | 708.352.2383

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta Sauce
- SpaghettiOs/Canned Ravioli
- Canned Tomatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Dry pinto beans (1-3 lb. bags)
- \$10 Walmart cards (distributed at our April food pantry nights for Easter)

Donations can be dropped off before or after Masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex (at the back of church).



If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com

FOOD PANTRY

We had a lovely visit with some of our youngest donors this week, St. Cletus School Kindergarten classes! Each week of Lent, they are collecting items for the pantry. Week 1 was their 'favorite things' (so we got lots of mac & cheese and pb&j). They had great questions and enjoyed looking around to see what items are familiar to their own pantries and cupboards at home. Thank you Kindergarteners!



ENCOUNTER LENT



Encounter Kumba - We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

We Pray - For Kumba, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all students, that through education they find new opportunities to grow—and to give back to their community. For all young people, that their right to education is respected—and that they do not forget their responsibility to use their gifts for the common good.



WORD OF LIFE



“Because life is our first and most basic gift from an infinitely loving God, it deserves our utmost respect and protection. Direct attacks on innocent human life are always gravely wrong.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
On Embryonic Stem Cell Research

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

IL Catholic Conference-Life Advocacy Day 2019 - April 3, 2019, is our Life Advocacy Day. We will be taking coach buses to Springfield, IL at 6:00 a.m. and returning by 6:00 p.m. The Cost is \$10, which will provide a lunch and training/education by Illinois Catholic Conference. We will also have a chance to pray the rosary as a group in front of the Capitol Building. The pick-up and drop-off site is St. John of the Cross in Western Springs. Please register and sign up now at <http://bit.ly/2ThLrvw>

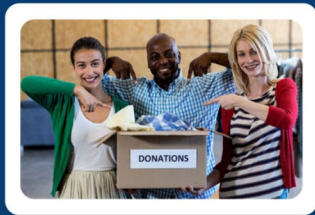
Unplanned Film - The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey across the Life Line. Abby Johnson quit her job in October 2009. That simple act became a national news story because Abby was the director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas who, after participating in an actual abortion procedure for the first time, walked down the street to join the Coalition for Life. Unplanned is a heart-stopping personal drama of life-and-death encounters, a courtroom battle, and spiritual transformation that speaks hope and compassion into the political controversy that surrounds this issue. Telling Abby's story from both sides of the abortion clinic property line, this film (based on her book) is a must-see for anyone who cares about the life versus rights debate and helping women who face

crisis pregnancies. The film is showing locally at Yorktown-AMC through April 4. unplannedfilm.com

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

SAVE THE DATE & SAVE YOUR STUFF! The St. Vincent dePaul Donation Truck will be here May 4-5! We will be collecting clothing and small household items.

Clean your closets. Change lives forever.



ANGST: RAISING AWARENESS AROUND ANXIETY

Where: Riverside Brookfield High School Auditorium

When: April 9th 7:00PM

Tickets: FREE - with advance reservation at www.rbhs208.net scroll to News and Announcements and click on ANGST Screening

ANGST is a 56-minute IndiFlix Original Documentary that features candid interviews with kids and young adults who suffer, or have suffered, from anxiety and what they've learned about it. The film includes discussions with mental health experts about the causes of anxiety and its sociological effects, as well as help, resources and tools. This film is appropriate for ages 10 and up.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Thank you to these dedicated volunteers who so generously give their time and talent to drive the clients of Interfaith Community Partners to their medical appointments, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, hairdresser, bank, and church services. We especially want to thank our 2018 St. Cletus-ICP volunteers who helped provide 354 hours of service, and 366 rides, covering 2,757 miles!!!

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| Emily Balch | Mary Ann Duda |
| Patricia Koziol | Michael Marek |
| Helen McMahon | Patricia O'Brien |
| Eileen Rincon | |

If you are interested in giving back to the community by becoming a volunteer driver, please call the ICP office at 708-354-9328 and request a volunteer application. An hour of your time can make a world of difference to an older adult.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Treat Your Job Interview Like A Sales Call

The biggest sales call you'll make is selling yourself to the hiring manager! On Thursday, April 11 from 7-9 pm, our speaker, Mike Cooper, will focus on topics that include tough interview questions, accountability and a closing checklist. You'll leave this discussion with easy to use tips, tactics and techniques to help ensure doing your best on your next interview. Mike is a Certified Sales Consultant at a sales training and consulting company he founded in 2008. He can help bring your job search to the next level using the PAPCE selling method. What is the PAPCE selling method? Learn all about it when you join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further info, please visit: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH



FACT:

In the United States, 12% of high school females reported physical violence and 16% reported sexual violence from a dating partner in the past 12 months before surveyed.

The 2015 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov



**Domestic Violence
General Contact Information**

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the purple box to the right.

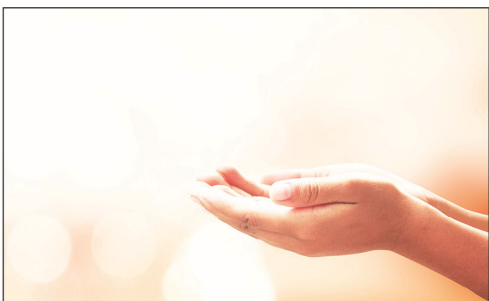
You are not alone.

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

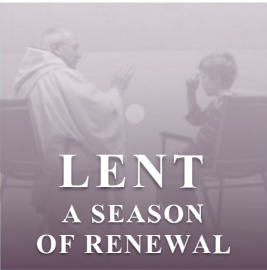


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PARISH RECONCILIATION APRIL 1



We invite you to join us on Monday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. for our parish reconciliation service. Priests from around the area will be available to hear confessions after a brief prayer service. Confessions are also offered Saturdays at 4:15pm (except 4/20).

GOD FORGIVES

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The “take-away” for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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GOD’S CAPACITY FOR FORGIVENESS

Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could forgive?

—St. Francis de Sales

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 - Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 - Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 - Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 - Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 - Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 - Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
- Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
- Monday: April Fool’s Day
- Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola
- Thursday: St. Isidore of Seville
- Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence
- Saturday: First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, “Laetare Sunday,” breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today’s Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning “spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness,” and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the “elect” were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That’s you!



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LENT
2019

ST. CLETUS PARISH

Join us during Lent



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 31 11am Celebration of Sr. Noreen, Reception to follow	APRIL 1 7pm Parish Reconciliation Service	APRIL 2 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	APRIL 3	APRIL 4 2:30pm School Stations of the Cross	APRIL 5 7pm Stations of the Cross 8pm Holy Name Society Meeting	APRIL 6 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions 5pm Welcome Committee
APRIL 7 Welcome Committee in Narthex WELCOME WEEKEND	APRIL 8	APRIL 9 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	APRIL 10 9:00am School Prayer Service 	APRIL 11 2:00pm & 7:00pm Living Stations of the Cross presented by the 8 th grade students	APRIL 12 7pm Stations of the Cross 	APRIL 13 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions CRS Rice Bowl Collection this weekend
APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY 7am-12:30pm Pancake Breakfast	APRIL 15 No Confessions	APRIL 16 No Confessions 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	APRIL 17 No Confessions	APRIL 18 HOLY THURSDAY No 8am Mass No Confessions No Food Pantry 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	APRIL 19 GOOD FRIDAY No 8am Mass No Confessions 3:00pm Passion of the Lord in Church 6:30pm Passion of the Lord in Spanish in the Parish Center	APRIL 20 HOLY SATURDAY No 8am Mass No Confessions No 5:00pm Mass 12:00pm Blessing of Food Baskets 7:30pm Easter
<p>PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY</p>			<p>APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY</p>			
		<p>Easter Sunday Services: 7:00 am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)</p>				

ST. CLETUS PARISH

SAINT JOHN CANTIUS

MONASTERY OF THE HOLY CROSS

ST. MARY OF PERPETUAL HELP

HOLY CROSS



Holy Thursday Visit of the Seven Churches

On April 18th, right after Holy Thursday Mass we will be visiting churches following the ancient tradition of "The Visit of the Seven Churches." This tradition originated in Rome. It was the custom for the faithful of the Early Church to visit the seven major basilicas as penance. The tradition today calls us to accompany Jesus in his agony by visiting seven Catholic churches and, for an indulgence, to pray for the intentions of the Pope.

St. Cletus Parish will take part with our own parish and then visit 4 additional churches. The remaining churches are for you to visit on your own if you wish to do so. A bus(es) will be waiting outside St. Cletus after our 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass. We expect to return at midnight.

If you plan to join us, please contact the parish office at (708)352-6209 to ensure we have adequate transportation. Thank you.

The parish would like to thank our Holy Name Society for sponsoring the transportation cost of this event.

Celebrate Sr. Noreen on Sunday, March 31st at 11am Mass



SR. NOREEN GEORGE, OP

Celebrate 75 Years in the Lord's Service at 11a.m. Mass on March 31st!

Reception to follow in the Parish Center. All Are Welcome.

“SHARE THE TRUTH OF GOD’S GOODNESS AND THE GOODNESS OF GOD’S CREATION” ...So states the

mission of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan. And so has been lived for 75 years and beyond by one of our own very special parishioners, Sister Noreen George, OP. “Shaped by the integration of study, prayer, ministry and community in a preaching mission centered on contemplation and engagement in the world” has been the life’s work of a small French-Irish girl from a family of 7 from Flint, Mi.

Sister was professed on August 18, 1945 and left for her first assignment the next day for St. Jude’s Parish in Detroit, MI. The next move was to a much smaller school teaching Kindergarten and lasting 3 years in Georgetown, S.C. From 1953-1960, Sister moved up in the world (literally) to Cleveland, Oh. teaching in a large high school. From that point on, 1960-1997, Sister’s special talents were recognized as she was named principal at a number of high schools, ending at Holy Trinity

Elementary School in Westmont after 19 years there.

Sister landed at St. Cletus 47 years ago when her late priest brother who was recovering from illness invited her to stay with him at his La Grange home. She cared for him until he was able to return to his parish assignment. She continued to look out for others as she welcomed a longtime Sister friend into her new home and cared for her through a lengthy fatal illness.

Sister now has a delightful housemate, Sr. Jean Keeley. The 2 of them are devoted caretakers of the earth: recycling, composting, reusing-attempting to have a positive impact on our environment. Both Sisters meet early Friday mornings outside in Broadview (a former detention center and current admin. office) to pray the rosary with a dedicated group of people to pray for our immigrants.

You can find Sister Noreen at the 8:00 Mass along with another special Dominican, Sister Pat McKee, former DRE at St. Cletus. Surely they will tell you: As in any life’s vocation, there have been challenges and hurdles but also joys and friendships that have endured over the years.

Sister Noreen has written these words of wisdom on a life well served: “All of my assignments seem now to be just what I needed. I needed that place and those people at that very time. Each influenced my life and helped me grow, to appreciate my blessings, to understand better the meaning of God’s love for me and for all creation, to know the blessings of community.” AMEN.

Youth Ministry

APPLY TO BE A KAIROS LEADER OR TO SERVE ON OUR KAIROS FOURTH TEAM

WHO: Current high school juniors/seniors who have attended one of our Kairos retreats

WHERE: Application can be found on the Youth Ministry page on our Parish Website

WHEN: Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, April 5th



GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE BEGINS THIS WEEK

All participants should have received an email regarding practice times and locations. Please contact *MaryClaire Zurowski* with any questions or concerns.

SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 6-7

We are so blessed to have a growing Youth Ministry program, but we need your help! To continue to strengthen and grow this ministry, we are asking for financial support from our Parish Family. Please give generously to our second collection next weekend, April 6th and 7th, which will go directly to offset costs incurred our service trip this summer, retreat & church league fees, but most importantly scholarships for our teens to participate in these events. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator
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Other Ministry News

DEACON STUART - SOLES 4 SOULS

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WEARING OUT POVERTY®

Deacon Stuart and Marlene are again organizing a Used Shoe drive on the Weekend of April 27/28 (the weekend after Easter) before and after all masses. This a great time to go through your shoe racks, closets etc. and donate any gently used footwear that are excess to your requirements or are too small for your growing children.

A little background: More than 300 million people worldwide are without a single pair of shoes and this leaves them vulnerable to injuries and infections. In many places, children who don't have shoes cannot attend school, yet each year in this great country of ours millions of shoes are thrown away in landfills.

Please join Brighton Collectible and Soles4Souls* as they partner to collect and distribute shoes for those in need. Many of the shoes will go to places in the United States like battered women's shelters, those affected by national disasters or the impoverished around the world.

All different types of footwear are needed, shoes for young children and adults. The gently worn shoes can be rubber banded or tied so that pairs can stay together. Once shoes are collected, they are boxed and shipped to the designated Soles4Souls distribution center. Jerry Kohl, the owner of Brighton Collectibles pays the shipping cost.

Please open your hearts and look through your closets. Your time and effort will help so many!

Thank You - Deacon Stuart & Marlene Heyes

* Check out soles4souls.org

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

April Meeting - The Holy Name Society's next meeting will be held on Friday, April 5th at 8:00 PM in the Parish Center. We will be finalizing plans for the Pancake Breakfast. We are also pleased to have a speaker at this meeting. He is Dennis Foley, author and former City of Chicago Streets and Sanitation employee. He will speak to us about his latest book, *The Blue Circus*. We welcome all men of the parish to join us!



Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast - The Holy Name Society will be holding its Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast on

Sunday, April 14th. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 AM to 12:30 PM in the Parish Center. Pre-sale tickets will be sold in the narthex after masses this weekend and next weekend. The prices of tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10. Tickets may also be purchased "at the door" on the day of the event.

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



WE NEED YOU on Saturday, April 13th 4-6pm & Sunday, April 14th 7:30am- 12:30pm.



Time to bring out your favorite recipes for the annual CCW Bake Sale in conjunction with the Holy Name Society's Pancake Breakfast. It will be on Palm Sunday, April 14th and we need your help.

First, we need all you bakers to drop off your favorite dessert to the parish center in a disposable container with a list of ingredients (for allergies). Hours for drop off will be Saturday, April 13th 4-6pm or Sunday, April 14th 7:30 -9am. If necessary you can drop off a little later but we do need time to price & sell.

Hours of the sale will be Sunday, April 14th 7:30am to 12:30pm in the parish center.

Last but not least, we need volunteers to work the Sale & Drop off. Times to volunteer are 4-6pm on Saturday or 1-2 hour slots during the Sale time of 7:30-12:30 on Sunday. Please call Geri Hinton to sign up to volunteer at 708-579-0999. For any questions call or text Karen at 708-710-0644 or email us at CCW@steletusparish.com. Proceeds for the CCW and our scholarship fund.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on April 9th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. We will discuss both **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman originally scheduled for February and also **The Storyteller's Secret** by Sejal Badani. All are welcome! Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

Community Bulletin Board

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. To register online and see complete list of our programs visit www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Lenten Labyrinth Prayer - Friday, April 5, 9:30 AM – 4 PM
Facilitator: Janet Bolger, CSJ. Walking a labyrinth is a moving meditation. Drop in and spend an hour or so stretching your limbs and your spirit, walking an indoor labyrinth canvas laid out in Cavanaugh Chapel. Janet Bolger, CSJ who has loved and prayed the labyrinth for decades, will be available to introduce you to labyrinth prayer. Cost: free will offering.

Conversations that Matter: Creating a New Republic of the Heart - Saturday, April 6, 9 AM – 3 PM. Facilitator: Terry Patten. In this daylong experiential workshop, we will explore the big questions confronting all of us. Weaving strands from neuroscience, ecology, integral theory, and spiritual wisdom, we will develop an integrated understanding of our collective challenges—then engage in experiential practices that help us understand tangibly how to unite spiritual practice, deeper human relating, and effective social activism. Cost (includes lunch): \$75

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME JAZZ BANDS TO PERFORM WITH LTHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE



University of Notre Dame's Jazz Band and New Orleans Brass Band will perform for one night only at 7:30pm on Friday, April 5, at the Lyons Township High School North Campus Reber Center, 100 S. Brainard Ave., La Grange. The LT Jazz Ensemble will perform an opening set. The concert is free and the public is invited.

NAZARETH ACADEMY STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRAYER SERVICE

The date for Nazareth Academy's community Stations of the Cross Prayer Service will be Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Congregation of St. Joseph Chapel. All are welcome to join us for an inspirational evening of prayer, reflection and music in preparation for the holiest days of the year, the Triduum. This loving reenactment of Christ's final steps allows our Nazareth Family to share personal reflections of our connection to the Paschal Mystery. As we recall Christ's passion, we encourage the young men and women of Nazareth to share their voices and their stories.

If you have any questions, please contact Nazareth's Campus Minister, Janet Rausch at jrausch@nazarethacademy.com.

HITZEMAN GRIEF SUPPORT

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which will occur the second Tuesday of each month. These groups are intended to be social in nature where we can express our support with others that are experiencing the same feelings. For more information please visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Place: Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield
Time: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by April 5 to info@hitzemanfuneral.com or 708-485-2000. We appreciate your continued trust in Hitzeman Funeral Home and we hope that you will be able to join us. Refreshments will follow. Next forum, Tuesday, May 14th - Creative Ways to Manage Grief

ST. BARBARA FLEA MARKET

Spring is here and time for cleaning out the cabinets, garages and any storage spaces has arrived as well. Consider making some cash on your items that you aren't in need of at the St. Barbara Flea Market on Saturday April 6, 2019 in the St. Barbara Parish Center 4015 Prairie, Brookfield. Call Alicia at 708.485.2502 to book your table or for more info.

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS



SEMINAR AND A SNACK SERIES: Treasure, Trade, or Trash - Learn how to take back control of your home through

helpful insight on how you can sort through many years of accumulation to eliminate clutter for good!

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 - 10:00 am - 11:15 am

Location: Aging care Connections, 111 W. Harris, La Grange

Cost: Free but RSVP required

Contact Jasmine Horton at 708-603-2337 to register

ST. MARYS PASTA KNIGHT DINNER

St. Mary's Riverside Knights of Columbus is sponsoring our annual Pasta Knight Dinner on Saturday, April 13th in the Parish Center at 126 Herrick Road from 3:30-8:00PM. It's All-You-Can-Eat. Beer & wine available, 50/50 Raffle, Live Music, fabulous Basket Raffle, Silent Auction, and more. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Kids under-5 free. To purchase tickets go to <https://squareup.com/store/BK1628>

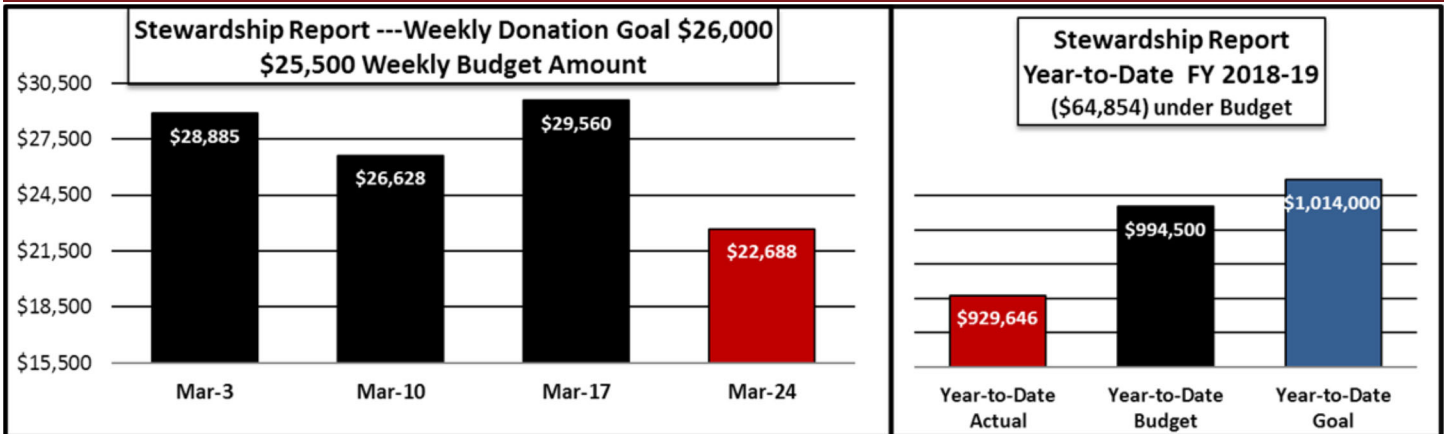
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Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Please note, there are early deadlines for the Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 31	7:00am 12:00pm	Narthex Parish Center Mtg Room	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales Reception for Sr. Noreen George, OP
Monday, April 1	4:00pm 7:00pm	School Music Room Church	Junior Choir Parish Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, April 2	8:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Church Rectory Church	Adoration Begins Holy Hour with Benediction RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, April 3	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, April 4	2:30pm 5:00pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Room School Music Room	School Stations of the Cross Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 5	7:00pm 8:00pm	Church Parish Center Mtg Room	Stations of the Cross Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, April 6	5:00pm 5:00pm	Narthex Narthex	Welcome Committee Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales
Sunday, April 7	7:00am 7:00am	Narthex Narthex	Welcome Committee Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.
 Evening before Holy Day 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Day..... 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday..... 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (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. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 215-5407

PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement: St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement: We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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