

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?  
— Psalm 27:1



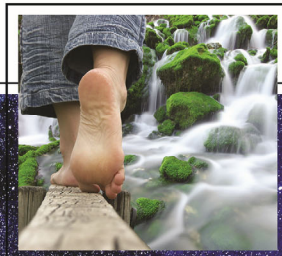
MARCH 17, 2019

Second Sunday  
of Lent

## WELCOME

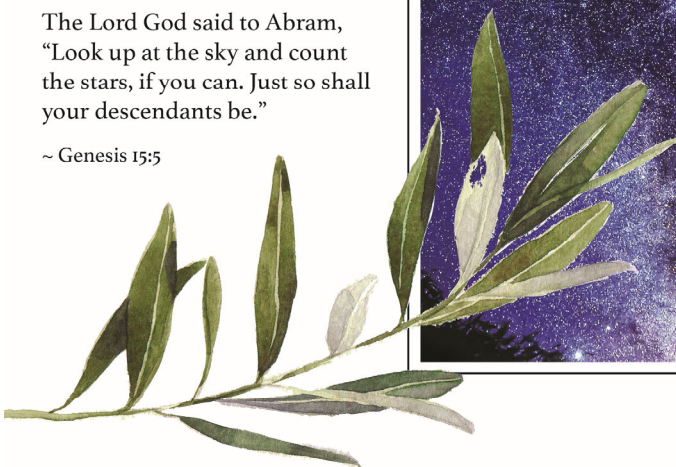
*So glad you could join us!*

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The Lord God said to Abram,  
"Look up at the sky and count  
the stars, if you can. Just so shall  
your descendants be."

~ Genesis 15:5



## Mass Intentions for the Week of March 18 - March 24, 2019

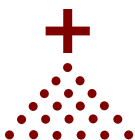
Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, Ray Ulrich
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Susan T. Schiller, John E. Cooper, Joseph & Kay Klemak
Wednesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, John E. Cooper
Thursday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, Mary Dybas, Wayne Kral, Leyla Zavislak Barry
Friday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention - Victor Stracqualursi
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	Harry & Joan Brown, Ken Kakareka, Jim Deslauriers, Stella & Felix Gembala, David Sipek
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	Patrick O'Connell, Mary Dybas, Louis Anetacs, George Duda
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Joe & Trudy Vincent
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Carmella Scognamiglio, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Jason Jakob
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Lori Soifer
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

**David Sipek**

May he rest in peace. Amen.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



Living Our Faith, Building Our Future  
The Final Phase

This weekend there will be a second collection to support the Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued generous support.

### WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome to our parish family:

**Caitlyn & Joseph Cannatello**

**Carol an John Jackson**

**Edna Aguilar**

**Jennifer & David Kuznetzow**

**Dolores Worobice**

**Candice and Ryan Daly**

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

### Marriage Banns



**Alexandra Lopez & David Pawlak**

### 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** - Ted Buczek, Gene Gajos, Nancy Gibson, Kathryn McCord, 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, Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, Laura Biesadecki, Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul DeRivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello

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

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

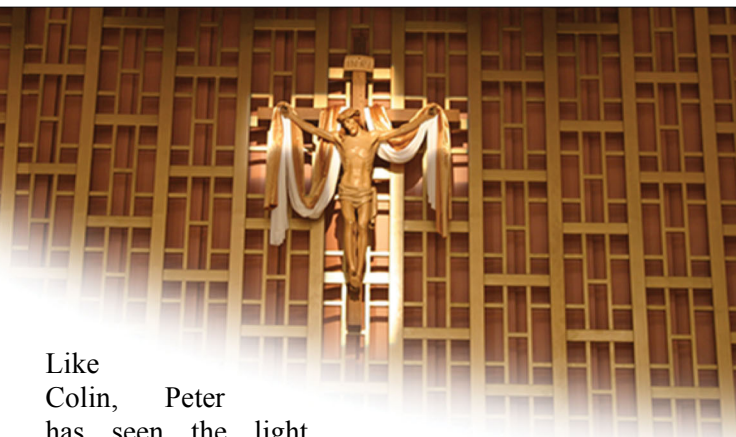
“Of course there must be lots of magic in the world,” he said wisely one day. “But people don’t know what it is like or how to make it happen. Perhaps the beginning is just to say nice things are going to happen until you make them happen.” In *THE SECRET GARDEN* by Frances Hodgson Burnett, this statement 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.

Because of his illness Colin had been overprotected and he had never been 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.

But Jesus understands that his words must be difficult for his disciples to hear. And 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 for ever. 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 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, so that 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, while 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*

**Fr. Bob Clark**  
**Pastor**

# Parish School



### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

March 18 ..... Queen of Hearts Drawing  
 March 20 ..... D4D at Portillo's Willowbrook  
 March 30 ..... Spring Auction

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

**Tom Chinske, Principal**      **Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**  
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 tchinske@stcletusparish.com      cschaefer@stcletusparish.com



### STEM FIELD TRIP

The First Graders enjoyed a field trip to LEGOLAND. The STEM related activities they did on their field trip tied into the STREAM activities being done in the classroom.

### CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS

Oh the places they'll go! Our kindergarteners celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday this week through fun games, math projects, and, of course, reading. His beloved books encourage a love of reading and the ability to do so.

**Portillo's**  
**for GOOD**  
 FUNDRAISERS

Bring in this flyer or show it on your smartphone and 20% of the proceeds will benefit

## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

**March 20, 2019**  
**5:00pm - 8:00pm**  
 at the Portillo's located at:  
**7195 Kingery Highway**  
**Willowbrook, IL 60527**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

To learn more about how you can partner with us to serve up a better tomorrow, visit [portillos.com/good](http://portillos.com/good)

**ST. CLETUS**  
*Queen of Hearts*  
**RAFFLE**

**JACKPOT \$5,700+**

### ST. CLETUS QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Visit Kenny's Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Monday, March 18.

**Raffle Details:** In cooperation with Kenny's Irish Pub, St. Cletus is running a 50/50 raffle to benefit St. Cletus School. Tickets can be purchased at Kenny's Irish Pub on 55<sup>th</sup> Street in Countryside for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle draw will take place every Monday night at Kenny's until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets do not roll over week to week, but the Pot DOES! Get your tickets at Kenny's today! (Winner need not be present to win.)

# Religious Education

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RE?

On Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> our RCIA Catechumens (Carl Kash and Kelsey Thompson) and Candidates (Bruce Wulff, Shane Bonarek, Sal Montes, Kayla Tlaseca, Nisa Tlaseca, Kevin Villa and Jackie Villa) will be gathering together at the 11 a.m. Mass to publicly express their desire to become members of the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, or to be in full communion with the Church with the celebration and reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. At Mass the Candidates will sign the Book of the Elect and be affirmed by their Godparents, Sponsors and our parish faith community. Then later in the day this group will travel to Holy Name Cathedral to present the Book of the Elect to Cardinal Cupich, along with other Catechumens and Candidates from throughout the archdiocese. As our Elect journey through the 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.

Last Monday evening our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education class led the Monday evening program in prayer with the Living Stations of the Cross. Our Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class will be leading the Sunday morning classes in this prayer today. We are very proud of their hard work in providing a reverent, and moving prayer service for our program and parents.

This past week and in the coming weeks, our younger students, with the help of their older Jr. High Buddies, will be performing service projects for our homebound parishioners. We are excited to be able to bring a little Lenten and Easter joy to those parishioners who cannot be present with us each week at the table of the Lord.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- March 17-18 RE classes in Session  
Special Needs in Session at Parish Center
- March 24/25 No classes due to Spring Break
- March 31/April 1 No classes due to Spring Break
- April 7/8 RE classes in Session  
Special Needs in Session at Parish Center



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

## 5th Annual Fall Fest - St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

**R.W.S. Landscaping & Lawncare**  
708-489-6333



*Thank you to all of our 2018 Fall Fest Sponsors!*

*Sponsors at the \$2,500 level and above will be featured in the St. Cletus Canticle as Preferred Providers.*

# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tomatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Dry pinto beans (1-3 lb. bags)
- Diapers (sizes 5 & 6)
- \$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).



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

CALL THE  
24-HOUR PHONE  
FOR HELP:  
708.485.5254

*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

**BAGELS GALORE!!!!** Each week we get a very generous and delicious donation of bagels from the Great American Bagel in Western Springs. Clients are able to take an unlimited supply of bagels, in almost any flavor you can imagine! Pizza, jalapeno, cinnamon raisin, blueberry crunch, salt, everything, egg, wheat, 10 grain, banana nut, sesame, plain, pumpernickel, poppy seed, asiago cheese, veggie, sundried tomato, cheddar bacon, French toast, chocolate chip, and more! Something for everyone!



## ENCOUNTER LENT



*Encounter Annet* - In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.



*We Pray* - For Annet and her family, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all refugees in search of safety and security, after fleeing violence and hardship. For those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities.

## WORD OF LIFE



“Maya discovered she was pregnant six months into her freshman year of college. When her son was born, she placed him with a very kind adoptive family; she ‘just knew they were the right choice.’ Now, years later, Maya emphasizes the importance of offering ongoing support to expectant mothers considering adoption.” Learn how at [www.usccb.org/women-consideringadoption](http://www.usccb.org/women-consideringadoption).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption”

## AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Respect Life Ministry Meeting March 25** - Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross will gather to continue discussing ways we can partner together on a Respect Life Ministry, jointly advocating for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions. Save the date for our next meeting on Monday, March 25th at 7pm in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Kendall Grant.

**Illinois Bishops Warn Against Pending Abortion Legislation in General Assembly** - As Illinois faces so many pressing issues involving human life and dignity, our elected officials have decided the pressing issue of the day is to enhance the chances that the lives of the most vulnerable and voiceless will be taken. We are encouraged to become aware of House Bills 2495 and 2467, and Senate Bills 1942 and 1594. Opposition to these bills does not require one to assume a pro-life political



position. We encourage you to contact your representatives and ask for your prayers and support as you certainly have ours.

**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>

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

SAVE THE DATE & SAVE YOUR STUFF! The St. Vincent dePaul Donation Truck will be here May 4-5!

**Clean your closets. Change lives forever.**

**We welcome the following donations!**

We welcome donations in boxes and/or bags.

- > Clothing
- > Blankets
- > Tools
- > Books
- > Shoes
- > Draperies
- > Lamps
- > Toys
- > Purses
- > Linens
- > Small Furniture\*\*
- > Office Supplies
- > Jewelry
- > Rugs
- > Household Goods
- > Old Electronics\*\*\*
- > Baby Items\*\*\*\*

\*Free items are provided through our emergency voucher program, which provides free clothing, furniture, and household items to those in need\*  
 \*\*Furniture - larger items can be brought to stores or call to schedule a pick up\*\*  
 \*\*\*Old Electronics - computers, lap tops, key boards, mice, flat screen monitors\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*Baby Items - excluding baby cribs\*\*\*\*

**Thank you!** 

**[svdpchicago.org](http://svdpchicago.org)**  
 773.779.6700 ext. 111

**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**Volunteer drivers needed to transport older adults**  
 Can you spare an hour or more a week to drive an older adult? Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Volunteer drivers provide accompanied transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, hairdresser, and church. Contact us at 708-354-9328 for a volunteer application, visit us on the web at [InterfaithCommunityPartners.org](http://InterfaithCommunityPartners.org), and like us on Facebook. We'll work with your busy schedule.

**INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK**

**Linkedin – New Ideas for Everyone**

Your LinkedIn profile is the second most important job hunting tool, next to your resume. On Thursday, March 21, 7-9 pm, our speaker, Denis Curtin, will focus on different ways to use this free tool to improve your job search. Denis will present methods you can apply to attract internal and external recruiters to your LinkedIn profile. His program will be geared toward beginners new to LinkedIn, but everyone will learn some new ideas. Specific Do's and Don'ts will be discussed so you can quickly set up and improve your LinkedIn profile. Techniques to hold the recruiter's attention on your profile will also be discussed. Denis is a LinkedIn trainer and coach who for more than 15 years has helped job seekers. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no charge to attend. Please join us at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs.

**Career Search and Development Boot Camp**

Please join us on Tuesday, March 19 from 7-9 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. A panel of HR professionals will provide informational, phone and onsite interviewing techniques to help you get the job you want. The panel will also answer any and all questions you may have about the process. There is no cost to attend the Boot Camp. However, everyone is encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of the training offered. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

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

**LYONS TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

Please join us for a discussion group about mental health services in Lyons Township! This is a Public meeting. We will talk about mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, and services for people with developmental disabilities. Your input will help strengthen mental health services in the area. Refreshments will be provided.

Tuesday March 19, 2019, 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
 Park District of La Grange  
 536 East Ave, La Grange, IL, Room 112

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mindy Schneiderman at [schneiderman@niu.edu](mailto:schneiderman@niu.edu) or call 815-753-0039



MARCH 17, 2019  
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**STAND FIRM IN THE LORD**

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, “Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things” (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, “our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (3:20). He will “change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body” (3:21). Note that he says “body” rather than “bodies.” He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So “stand firm in the Lord” (4:1). God. So “stand firm in the Lord” (4:1).

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Ps 27).

**Second Reading** — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17-4:1 [3:20-4:1]).

**Gospel** — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- 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
- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick’s Day
- Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- Tuesday: St. Joseph
- Wednesday: Spring begins; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
- Friday: Abstinence
- Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

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**IRELAND**

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.

—Venerable Bede

**AMBITIONS**

Many ambitions are nipped in the budget.

—Anonymous



# LENT

2019

## ST. CLETUS PARISH

*Join us during Lent*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARCH 17</b> St. Patrick's Day 	<b>MARCH 18</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b> 9am School Mass 10am Adoration 6pm Holy Hour with Benediction 7pm CCW Mtg & St. Joseph's Table 	<b>MARCH 20</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b> 2:30pm School Stations of the Cross	<b>MARCH 22</b> 7pm Stations of the Cross 	<b>MARCH 23</b> 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions 7:00pm Fr. Ken Baker & Friends Concert in Parish Center - \$35 per ticket 
<b>MARCH 24</b>	<b>MARCH 25</b>	<b>MARCH 26</b> 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	<b>MARCH 27</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b> 2:30pm School Stations of the Cross	<b>MARCH 29</b> 7pm Taizé Prayer 	<b>MARCH 30</b> 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions Spring Auction
<b>MARCH 31</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b> 7pm Parish Reconciliation Service 	<b>APRIL 2</b> 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>APRIL 4</b> 2:30pm School Stations of the Cross	<b>APRIL 5</b> 7pm Stations of the Cross 8pm Holy Name Society Meeting	<b>APRIL 6</b> 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions 5pm Welcome Committee
<b>APRIL 7</b> Welcome Committee in Narthex 	<b>APRIL 8</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b> 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	<b>APRIL 10</b> 9:00am School Prayer Service, Washing of the Feet 	<b>APRIL 11</b> 2pm & 7pm Living Stations presented by the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students 	<b>APRIL 12</b> 7pm Stations of the Cross	<b>APRIL 13</b> 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions CRS Rice Bowl Collection this weekend 
<b>APRIL 14</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 7am Pancake Breakfast  <small>PLEASE NOTE:            CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY</small>	<b>APRIL 15</b>	<b>APRIL 16</b> 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	<b>APRIL 17</b>	<b>APRIL 18</b> <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> No 8am Mass No Food Pantry 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	<b>APRIL 19</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> No 8am Mass 3:00pm Passion of the Lord in Church 6:30pm Passion of the Lord in Spanish in the Parish Center 	<b>APRIL 20</b> <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> No 8am Mass No Confessions No 5:00pm Mass 12:00pm Blessing of Food Baskets in Parish Center 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass
<b>APRIL 21</b>  <b>Easter Sunday Services:</b> 7:00 am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)						

# Ken Baker & Friends Concert March 23

When your friend, ROBERT SIMS is headed to Lincoln Center to give a concert and invites you to direct the concert, you have to celebrate! Don't miss ON THE ROAD TO LINCOLN CENTER, presented by KEN BAKER & FRIENDS. KEN BAKER will be joined onstage by lyric baritone Robert Sims, Gold Medal winner of the American Traditions Competition, in a send-off celebration of music from Broadway to Spirituals. Joining them onstage will be the award-winning duo of BECKIE MENZIE AND TOM MICHAEL, the phenomenal CYNTHIA CLAREY and the classically trained dynamic trio, TreDiva Sopranos (JONITA LATTIMORE, ANISHA MCFARLAND & ELIZABETH NORMAN).

Join us Saturday, March 23, 2019, 7:00 - 9:30p.m. Tickets: \$35.00 – General Admission.  
Purchase Tickets in the Parish Center Office or online: [KENBAKERSINGS.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM](http://KENBAKERSINGS.BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM)

**KEN BAKER & FRIENDS**  
Presents  
**ON THE ROAD TO LINCOLN CENTER**

Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 7pm  
St. Cletus Parish Center in Clark Hall  
600 W. 55<sup>TH</sup> St. La Grange, IL  
TICKETS \$35 at [www.kenbakersings.com](http://www.kenbakersings.com)

Ken Baker Robert Sims  
Cynthia Clarey Beckie Menzie & Tom Michael TreDiva

## Worship Ministry

**SCRIPTURE**

“And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.”  
*Matthew 6:12*

**REFLECTION**

A priest once told this story about his family. Two of his uncles were farmers in the community where he had grown up. At some point, the two uncles had a severe disagreement, and they refused to speak to each other. But, as it turned out, each uncle farmed land that was behind the home of the other. So each day they planted or harvested, they had to drive their tractors past one another. For 20 years, as they went to work in the morning and returned in the evening, they did not speak a single word to one another.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear in its interpretation of Matthew 6:12. God’s “...outpouring of

mercy cannot penetrate our hearts as long as we have not forgiven those who have trespassed against us.” (CCC 2840). No one of us can love the God we cannot see if we refuse to love the sister or brother we do see (1 John 4:20). Refusing to forgive leads inevitably to closing ourselves out of God’s merciful love.

This season of Lent is again an opportune time to let the love of God break through any shell of our unforgiving nature. The disciplines of Lent help us to recognize the blindness in ourselves as we look out at the world and see people we dismiss, hate, or despise, either as individuals or as perceived enemies. It is an especially important time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we confess our sins, God opens our hearts to God’s grace.

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# Other Ministry News

## SCCCW MEETING MARCH 19



**SAINT  
JOSEPH'S  
DAY**

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**MARCH  
19  
7:00PM**

Come join the women of CCW as we celebrate St. Joseph's day with our do it yourself St. Joseph table. Bring a finger food to share along with a donation to the food pantry & spend some time making friends & munching together!

Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with our St. Joseph table to follow. Come learn about CCW & help the food pantry too!

The date is Tuesday, March 19th in the Gallagher room of the parish center. See you there!

SAVE THE DATE: April 14th for the CCW Bake Sale at the Pancake Breakfast.

## PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

St. Cletus has started a ministry to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal. The ministry is open to all, and all are encouraged to join. You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. Each email will contain a suitable prayer for those of us who find words harder to come by. The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries & Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please give your name and address to the parish center and we will send you each offering via the US postal service. Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630 849 5857) at [prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com](mailto:prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Are you ready to roar?** Head out on an African adventure and create a stampede of fun at this year's vacation bible school (VBS).

Experience jaw-dropping discoveries and run wild with high energy activities. VBS runs June 17-21.

Sign up at <https://stcletusparish.com/vbs>

## SPRING AUCTION



### 2019 ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

**Saturday, March 30th, 2019**  
 5:30pm Registration, 6pm Games start, 7pm Auction begins  
**Capri Banquets, 6240 Joliet Road, Countryside**  
 \$75 per person includes  
 food, entertainment, live & silent auctions!

**Just 4 weeks until the auction! Don't forget to...**

Purchase Auction Tickets online/RSVP to event

- \$75 per ticket

Become a Family Sponsor

- Family Sponsorship includes 2 event tickets
- "Family Plus" option includes \$125 in raffle tickets

Register to play in our "RED and WHITE GAMES" Cornhole Tournament

- \$20 per person

Win 50 bottles of wine in our Instant Wine Cellar Raffle!

- Buy a cork for \$50
- Donate a bottle of wine or make a monetary donation to the office

Purchase Specialty Auction Glasses!

- Pint or Rocks Glass
- \$15 each pre-order, \$20 at event
- Upgrade your beverage options at the event! (limited number available; while supplies last)



## 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

### JOYFUL AGAIN



For widowed men and women - Still looking for ways to move forward to a more joyful time in your life? Join us for a Retreat/workshop March 30 & 31, 2019 Holy Family Med. Ctr., Des Plaines. All are welcome. To register, call: 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Website: www.joyfulagain.org

### 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](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048.

**Earthy Mysticism** - Thursday, March 21, 7-8:30 PM. Facilitator: Marci Madary. Simply said, a mystic is a person fully in love and in divine union with God. Since the mystic sees God in all things, all of the earth becomes God's reflection. Spend an evening contemplating God through the senses by reflecting on the sensual poetry of the mystics. Cost: \$15

**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

### AGING CARE CONNECTIONS



The Memory Café is a casual time for individuals with memory loss and their caregivers to enjoy food, socialization and activities in a supportive and fun environment. There is no cost for the program.

Date: Third Tuesday of each month at Salerno's Pizzeria & Sports Bar 9301 W. 63rd Street, Hodgkins

Second Friday of each month at Young at Heart Adult Day Services Center, 6504 Joliet Rd., Countryside

Time: Program 10:00am-11:30am  
Lunch provided 11:30am-12:30pm

Call for information. RSVP Required to Jessica Haines at 708-603-2260 or [jhaines@agingcareconnections.org](mailto:jhaines@agingcareconnections.org).

### DAN SCHUTTE AT ST. BARNABAS

Sunday, March 31 at 3 pm at St. Barnabas parish, 10134 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL 60643

Corazon a Corazon, a Sponsored Ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, is hosting a Benefit Concert with special guest, Dan Schutte. Join us for a Lenten Reflection in Song!

For more information/tickets, please contact Mayra Pimentel at 708-377-7761 or [mpimentel@corazon-chicago.org](mailto:mpimentel@corazon-chicago.org)

### 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](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport)

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Place: Hitzeman Funeral Home

9445 West 31st St. Brookfield, IL 60513

Time: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. to [info@hitzemanfuneral.com](mailto: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.

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



University of Notre Dame's Jazz Band 1 and New Orleans Brass Band will perform for one night only at 7:30pm 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.

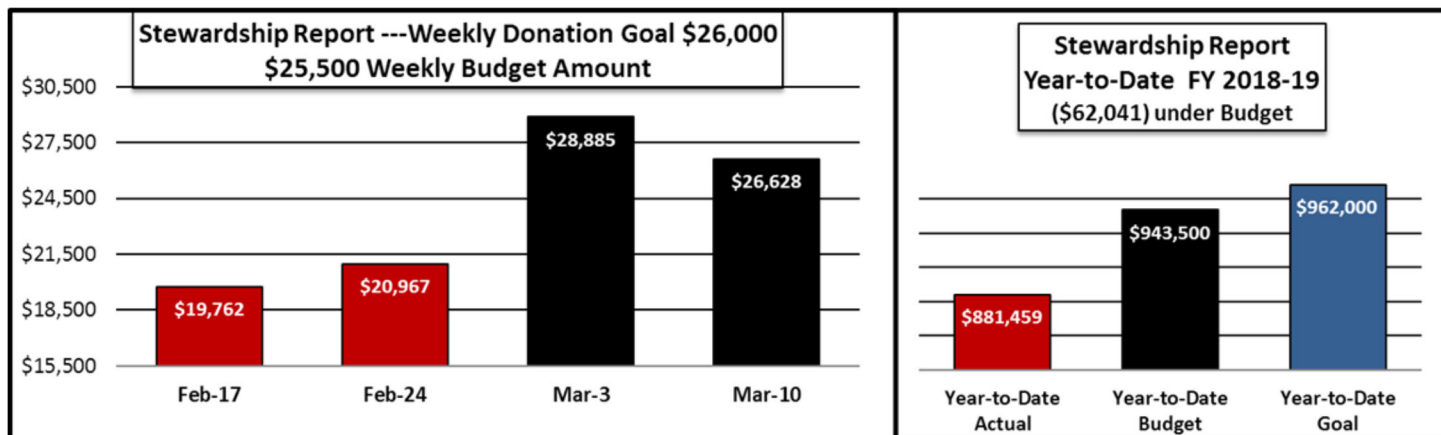
### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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 17	7:00am	Narthex	Ken Baker & Friends Concert Ticket Sales
Monday, March 18	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room PC Gym	Junior Choir Men's Basketball
Tuesday, March 19	9:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Church Church Rectory Church Parish Center Mtg Room	School Mass Adoration Begins Holy Hour with Benediction RCIA Spanish Holy Hour SCCCW Meeting and St. Joseph Table
Wednesday, March 20	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, March 21	2:30pn 5:00pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Room School Music Room	School Stations of the Cross Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 22	7:00pm	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 23	7:00pm	Parish Center	Ken Baker & Friends Concert
Sunday, March 24	2:30pm	Church	Girl Scouts Religious Medal Ceremony

# Stewardship Report



## ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING




**Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!** Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the "DONATE" button. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at 708.352.6209.

## SIGN ME UP! STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR PARISH E-NEWS

**Get all the latest updates!** Sign up to receive emails from St. Cletus Parish using the quick form on the bottom of the home page of our website, [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) or email [addme@stcletusparish.com](mailto:addme@stcletusparish.com). You can also turn in your name and email to the parish office during regular business hours (Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 8am-12:30pm.)

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

## 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.

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Robert Clark, Pastor**  
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