

September 11, 2011 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

We join people throughout the world today in marking the 10th anniversary of 9/11. This tragedy has had profound implications on every American. We have all been affected by the changes that have been implemented to respond to the ever present threats to our safety. We have seen significant divisions that have resulted in hatred and suspicion between the "West" and the Islamic world. There are sweeping changes occurring in Arab countries.



I welcome to Holy Family this morning the Chicago Fire Department as they remember the hundreds of fire fighters and paramedics that lost their lives responding to the terrorist attacks. Images of that day serve as a constant reminder to us of the sacrifices and courage that fire fighters, paramedics and police officers make every day for our safety.

The scriptures today speak of mercy and forgiveness. These are challenging messages because much of our response has been centered on retaliation and eradicating terrorism. We may feel that forgiveness is beyond our ability. Such is the challenging edge of scripture. Forgiveness does not deny evil or suggest that hurt has not been done. Forgiveness cannot happen until we break the offense-retaliation-offense cycle. As we reflect on the ways we have been forgiven by God, we may find in our hearts a better way of living in hope and restoring peace. We must pray that the grace and mercy of God finds a way into the current world we live in.

In the aftermath of 9/11, I realized I knew almost nothing of Islam and Muslim culture and history. For the past few years I have been part of a Muslim-Catholic dialogue group at Catholic Theological Union in Hyde Park. It has been a blessing for me to get to know Muslims who want the same things any one of us would want for our children and the world. The journey that brought them here to the United States is not different from the hopes and aspirations of my grandparents who immigrated here. I would be interested in exploring ways we could provide bridges of understanding here at Holy Family. The reality is that there are many Muslims and Arabs living in our neighborhood.

This past week we had the privilege of celebrating the life of Fr. Jim Close, the former president of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. Fr. Close was deeply respected for his leadership and commitment to assist children who were homeless or in need of a safe environment. Over the years, Mercy has become a model for child care. He loved Holy Family and we are honored that his funeral was here.

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Masses

Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from
8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be
made at least six



Focus on the Word

The Sunday readings are placed in this bulletin for the benefit of those who might have a hearing impairment, and for your reflection before Mass and during the week. Since an important part of our Sunday worship is hearing the scripture proclaimed, we urge you to LISTEN to the readings as they are proclaimed. Thank you.



Reading 1

Sir 27:30-28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Reading

2 Rom 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord

This afternoon is the Second Annual Golf Tournament. There are still tickets available. Thanks to the committee that has worked so hard.

Next week we will celebrate Grandparent's Day.

As you know, there are significant changes coming to the celebration of the Mass. For the next several weeks there will be bulletin inserts describing the changes and why they are happening.

Special thanks to the Southwest Sertoma Club. Through the efforts of Ray Walsh, we received a donation of \$500 for equipment needed for Damen Hall. Thank-you!

The Finance Committee met yesterday to review our 2011 end of the fiscal year report. I am grateful for their guidance. These have been such challenging times to try and keep meeting our obligations and to grow as a parish. We can be proud that in the past year we finished in the black. We have many challenges facing us now that will demand that we expand our financial resources. Later in October a complete report will be made to you.

I welcome Jim Bruton who will be organizing our religious education efforts this year. Jim is a student of theology and has been involved in parish ministry. He will need your help as we try and provide religious formation for all of our children, not just those making the sacraments.

This week marks the 10th anniversary of my sabbatical. I participated in a program at the North American College in Rome. I am attending a reunion in Rome and will avail myself of some "refresher" courses in theology and Church history for about 10 days. I look forward to returning better prepared to continue my ministry here at Holy Family. You deserve the best!

Have a blest week,

Liturgy

September 11 at 9:45 am

Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Tony Karp
Candle Bearers.....Virginia Clayton
& Mike Evans
Banner Carrier.....Antonio Canino
Lectors.....Sandra Broussard
& Jim Sweeney
Responsorial Psalm.....Joyce McKenzie
Communion Ministers.....Jerry Hossli,
Diane Allen, Rita Gardner, Debra
Higins, Betty Ferguson, Donna Raclaw,
Sr. Mary Therese Freymann
Altar Servers.....Marlayna Gandy
& Jazá Gandy
Greeters.....Sal Giampa

September 18 at 9:45am

Lectors.....Dan O'Holleran
& Dawn O'Holleran
Altar Servers.....Angel Gandy
& Justin Evans
Greeters.....Sal Giampa

September Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Ron Miller
East Center.....Mike Evans
Westside.....Cynthia Holden
West Center.....Felix Rubin

Mass Intentions

Dan Christophe

Lucy DeFlorio

Peggy Sansonetti

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,000.00

Aug. 28.....\$1,927.38
GiveCentral.....\$135.00
Difference: -\$937.72
Sept. 4.....\$3,026.29
GiveCentral.....\$125.00
Difference: +\$151.29

You can now DONATE ONLINE :

Please go to GiveCentral.com and follow the instructions. Call Sharon at the parish if you need assistance.

If you wish to contribute to the Door Restoration Project you can do so on GiveCentral.com by choosing the event "Church Door Restoration"

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Kay Ansani, Tracy Beyers, Michael DeBlasis, Wilfred Cashman, Rachel Cordero, Jesse Hernandez, Linda Gaspero, Dale Gurney, Eleanor Kotleba, Jim McNally, Philip Mendoza, Phillip Miller, Dan O'Holleran, Christopher Olkiewicz, Eric Shepherd, Patti Tierney, Lupe Torres, Christine Watson, and Jesse West

Recently Deceased:

Reverend James Close

Parishioners who would like to send a card or letter to Linda Gaspero or Dan O'Holleran can send them to the office and we will forward them.

Knights of Peter Claver
Ladies Auxiliary

Will once again sponsor a Casino Trip.
Four Winds Casino
New Buffalo, MI
October 22, 2011

Due to the available time set by the Casino

We must be at the Casino at 8:00 AM therefore we must be at Holy Family at 6:30 AM to board the bus.

For more information you can see Jerrilyn Young or Virginia Clayton or call 708-895-6246

ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE

Holy Family Parish has again been requested to participate in the Yearly **Sock Drive for the Night Ministry.** The Night Ministry serves homeless teens and young adults throughout the city.

They provide meals, clothing, medicine, and counseling. Their vans are on the streets nightly.

You can help by dropping off NEW white (crew type) socks in the back of the Church by the end of October. They are also requesting cloth gloves (one size fits all) this year. The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver will deliver them to the Night Ministry during the first week of November for use during the coming cold months.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Adult Confirmations will be held during the spring months throughout the Archdiocese. Preparation groups are forming now. To register or for information please telephone (312) 534-8047 or go to www.catechesis-chicago.org.



August 31, 2011

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Dear Friends

On Saturday, June 25, 2011, more than 9,400 walkers participated in the 26th annual Hunger Walk at Soldier Field - record breaking! On behalf of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, please accept our thanks for your generous gift of \$1,285.00 in support of these walkers.

The Hunger Walk is a celebration of the community's unprecedented support and the thousands of walkers that come to the walk each year. Without your support, we would not be able to feed the 678,000 men, women & children that turn to our member agencies each year. This even provided the opportunity for our 650 member pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to raise money for their operating expenses, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to these member partners. It also allowed the community to rally together for one day, for one very important cause - ending hunger.

Last year, the Greater Chicago Food Depository distributed over 69 million pounds of food. This certainly demonstrates the strength of our 650 member agencies. Your generosity directly supports these member partners' sustainability - and for that we are incredibly grateful.

Sincerely - Kate R. Maehr Executive Director and CEO

Holy Family's own Gerry Dignan will be singing at McNamara's Restaurant & Pub in Chicago - 4328 W. Irving Park -- Saturday, October 15th -- From 7 - 10PM. Come for some fun,

Calendar

Sept 11 - 2nd Annual Golf Outing
Sept 18 - Grandparent's Day celebration
Sept 28 - Guest House Benefit 7 pm