

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

The Easter Season is a time of great hope and new life. As Lent was about the renewal of each of us personally, the Easter Season is the time of renewal for the community of believers. The Scriptures for the next several weeks will re-tell the first experiences of the disciples as they came to believe in the resurrection. There will also be instructions on how we are to live as a community of faith.



Here at Holy Family we are all about the process of growing as a community. Part of this has to do with the wonderful influx of new parishioners; the other part is the ongoing process of renewal that any community must be part of.

The parish council is constantly looking at the ways that we can build a stronger sense of community. Through the great assistance of Sr. Pat Bombard BVM, we have been reflecting on issues and hopes that were raised from our parish meetings last fall. We are making great progress. The next meeting of the parish council is Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. Join us if you can.

You may have noticed the front of the Church has a facelift! This past week in keeping with the ongoing renovation of Roosevelt Road, new sidewalks and new street lamps are being installed. Through the help of the City and our Alderman I was able to get part of our deteriorating sidewalks replaced. I am grateful to the City for their flexibility to work around Holy Week at Holy Family and Spring Break at St. Ignatius.

The celebrations of Holy Week and Easter were awesome and I am grateful to all who assisted and attended. It was quite something. We had all of the media attention surrounding the angels. The Angels made all of the major television stations and newspapers. Last Monday I was interviewed coast to coast on the Canadian Broadcasting System, describing the Montreal connection to Holy Family. Dick Barry, Ellyn Caruso and Phil Caruso did a fantastic job getting the word out and assisting the media.

The Concert by the Chicago Chorale of Bach's "Passion of St. Matthew" a

Rectory

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Masses

Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)

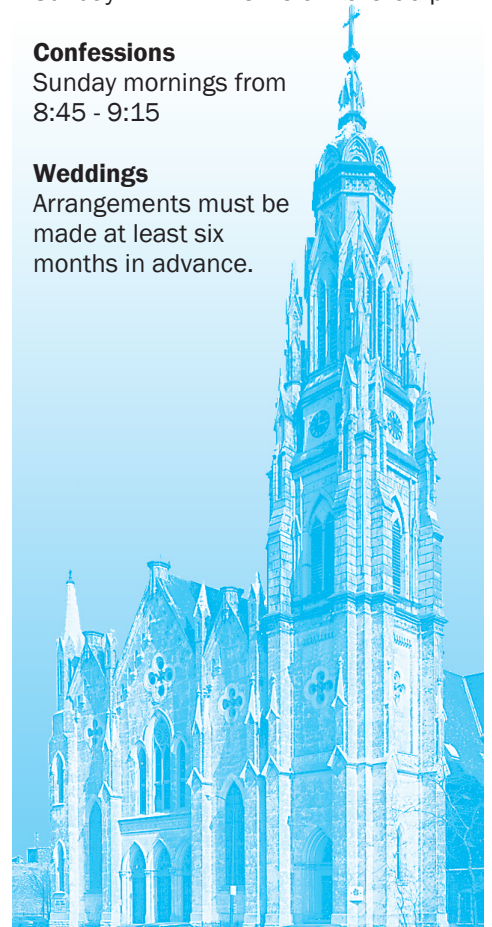
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from
8:45 - 9:15

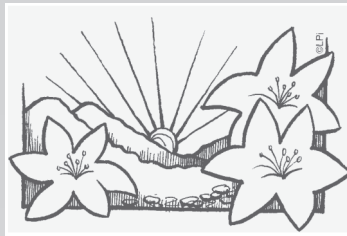
Weddings

Arrangements must be
made at least six
months in advance.



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

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting. has become the cornerstone.

Reading II

1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice

with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail-marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

week ago Saturday has received widespread critical acclaim. The Church was: packed and it was a memorable performance. The Chorale has fallen in love with Holy Family. They have scheduled 2 performances of Handel's Messiah next December and will perform Shostakovich's Vespers next April. The Hamilton College performance on Monday of Holy Week Motets was deeply moving.

The Holy Week services were well attended and deeply moving as well. I am grateful to the Choir which added so much, to Sam Parker who gives so much to our music program, to Heinrich Wasner who performed so beautifully on Good Friday, to our Liturgy Committee; Sr. Mary Angela, Pervis Balthazar, Nora Jackson, Josephine Ramirez, Elizabeth Bray, Sharon Carroll, Minnie Moore, to Matthew May who created yet another spectacular Paschal Candle, and to Renee Mason and Gloria Dante who take of the Altar linens THANK - You. Also thanks to all of our friends at the Safer foundation who spent many days preparing the Church for Easter under the guidance of David Cole our maintenance engineer-Thanks!

We are truly a blessed community!

I wish to extend a welcome to members of Holy Name Cathedral that are joining us during this time in which the Cathedral is closed. Welcome!

Please continue to pray for Steve Archer, Helen Beverwyck, Elizabeth Bray, Mary Everett, Mildred Jackson, Hattie Miller, and Viola Singleton who are all recovering.

Have a Blessed week,

Fr. Jerry

Liturgy

March 30 at 9:45 am

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland.
 Cross BearerAnthony Karp
 Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson &
 Kathleen Rubin
 Banner Carrier..... Josephine Ramirez
 LectorsStacey Mullins & Sandi Tenfelde
 Responsorial Psalm.....Marilyn Reidy/
 Charlene Galloway
 Communion Ministers..... Elizabeth Bray,
 Mildred Jackson, Linda Gaspero,
 Betty Ferguson, Rita Gardner,
 Pervis Balthazar, and Antonio Canino
 Altar Servers.....Troy Boccelli
 & Gianni Mancini

Next Sunday, April 6 at 9:45am

Lectors Joyce McKenzie &
 Pervis Balthazar
 Altar Servers.....Amare Wilson
 & Amber Wilson

March Greeters

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay,
 Viola Singleton, and Sol Giampa

March Collection Ministers

Eastside Tony Canino
 East CenterRoy Summers
 Westside.....Steve Broussard
 West Center.....Shuming Gu

April Collection Ministers

Eastside Tom Justic
 East Center Anissa Conley
 Westside..... Josephine Ramirez
 West Center.....Betty Parker

April Entrance Procession

Cross BearerVirginia Clayton
 Candle Bearers.....Tom O'Malley &
 Katie Terone
 Banner Carrier..... Willie Ramsey
 Responsorial Psalm.....Jay Borchert

Sunday Collection

March 16, 2008 \$3,966.72
 Easter\$10,081.13

Thank You!

Please remember to print your
 name and address on your enve-
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Mass Intentions

March 23

Robert Sr., Dorothy Lee, and Lizora
 Bolden,
 Pat Murphy

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Steve Archer, Helen Beverwyck,
 Elizabeth Bray, Mary Everett, Susan
 Hawel, Mildred Jackson, Hattie Miller,
 and Viola Singleton

Recently deceased:

Micaela Reyna



The Women's Center

5116 North Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL
 60630

We urgently need baby cribs, bassinets and infant car seats. May God bless you for your assistance. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us otherwise call 773-794-1313 to have a volunteer pick them up.

BRANCH OFFICES: 9730 S. Western,
 Ste. 318, Evergreen Park, IL and
 1455 E. Golf Rd., Ste. 114, Des
 Plaines, IL



The Golden Wedding Anniversary
 Mass will be held on Sunday,
 September 7th at 2:30 p.m. at Holy
 Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St.,
 Chicago.

Couples married in 1958 who are
 interested in attending this celebration
 should contact their parish to register.

For further information call the Family
 Ministries Office at 312.751.8351 or
 visit the website:
www.familyministries.org.



Coming Events

- May 25th - Corpus Christi Sunday -
 St. Raymond's Pastor, Fr.
 Pietrzak, Guest Preacher
 @ 9:45 am
- June 1st - Lumen Corduim Society
 Mass - Cardinal George
 presiding, 3:00 pm
- June 2nd - National Order of
 Forrester's Mass and
 Board meeting. Bishop J.
 Peter Sartain presiding,
 5:00 pm
- June 7th - Jesuit Ordinations at Holy
 Family 10:00 am
- June 27th - Knights of Malta Mass
 and Celebration,
 Cardinal George
 presiding, 5:30 pm
- July 31st - The Feast of St. Ignatius
- Aug. 24th - Parish Picnic, Mass at
 Noon
- Sept. 7th - Archdiocesan
 Celebration of
 the Feast of
 St. Peter Claver 12:00
 noon
- Nov. 1st - Celebration of the 175th
 Anniversary of the Sisters
 of Charity of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary - BVM's
 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23rd - Sr. Otilie's Christmas Sale

IGNATIUS VOLUNTEER CORPS Retired? Eager to "give something back"?

Ignatius Volunteer Corps is accepting
 new members (age 50+) to work with
 the materially poor and marginalized
 in the greater Chicago area two days
 a week, and to reflect and pray on
 that experience in the Jesuit tradition,
 beginning September 2008. For fur-
 ther information contact George Sulli-
 van, 773-975-6871 or chicago@ivcusa.org.
 Contact IVC National of-
 fice at (toll-free) 888-831-4686 or
 visit the website at www.ivcusa.org.

