

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
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Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director
Sr. Marion Cypser, RSM, School Co-Principal &
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, School Co-Principal
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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
Word Service with Communion, Thursday, 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 9:00am
Saturday Evening - 5:00pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am

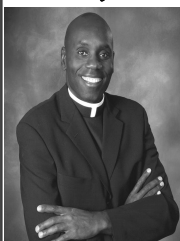
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Baptisms

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate Easter day. First, we would like to welcome all our visitors who have joined us on today. We wish to greet those who find it hard to come and worship with us regularly but have come have joined our regular parishioners to worship with us. We are grateful for our parishioners and the different parish ministries who support us regularly and keep us alive as we continue to serve others. Even if this is your first time, please make an effort to come back again and if there is anything we can do to make you feel comfortable please let us know.

For forty days we have been preparing to reach the spiritual mountain of Easter. We have done this through fasting, penance, almsgiving, prayer, and other spiritual practices. Indeed, to celebrate Easter affirms the many things that Jesus did for us. While on Earth, Jesus prophesied that He would be rejected, tried, beaten, and crucified and that finally that He would rise from the dead after three days. Imagine if you were living at the time of Jesus! Most likely you would have doubted Him. But now each year we prepare for this day; I am hoping it does not become just “another Easter” since we already know what happened more than 2000 years ago. I hope the story is not “old news” but fresh and alive for us!

This day is supposed to renew our faith, and assure us there is hope in the world. It makes us remember that Jesus conquered death and gave it a new meaning. Death is something that we are afraid of, but Jesus opened it to mean that one day even if we have died, we shall raise again. The rising of Jesus proves that we will follow His path to Resurrection. Easter shows us that God loves us to the point of sending His only Son to die for us. Even though we killed him by our sinfulness, He never abandoned us! He continued to look for us. Every time we do something wrong, we crucify Him and as we know the sacrament of Reconciliation gives us another opportunity to reunite with Him. Let us not be afraid of Him but instead ask for His forgiveness. Scripture tell us this morning the events surrounding the first Easter. Strangely, the first receivers of the good news were women who later told the Apostles. At the tomb where Jesus had been laid to rest, the women found that the stone had been removed; they thought that the body of Jesus was stolen! Only the burial clothes remained. It took them time to understand know that Christ had risen!

May God bless you on this sacred Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Rev. George O. Omwando

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council
Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs
Parish Finance Council
John McGuire
Spiritual Life Commission
Faith & Fellowship:
Connie Rakitan
Liturgical Committee:
Cantors: Gail Rohmann
Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen
Ministers of the Word:
Jeanne Visteen

Servers: TBA

Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando
Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

Human Concerns Commission
Peace & Justice Committee:

Mary and Martin Senica
Transportation Committee:
Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando
Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:
Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:
School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services
Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok
Facilities Committee: Fr. George Omwando, Amanda Pomareda
Fundraising Committee:
Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings - Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. April 17

8:30 † **Simon Peres**
By: Thomas Nelson

Tue. April 18

8:30 † **Alice Marshall**
By: Betty Goeb

Wed. April 19

8:30 † **Maria Gehrke**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. April 21

† **Frank Scola**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. April 22

9:00 † **Cornelia Maurelis**
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Joe Lewis**
By: Donna Kanapes

Sun. April 23

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 **Edward Malkowski & Family**
By: Dolores Malkowski
10:30 † **Angelique Eugena**
By: The Vincent Family



Today's Readings

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter; Income Tax Day
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

APRIL 23, 2017

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Altar Servers

Steve Legatzke	Thomas Frank	Mireille Lozes Ian Elsen
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Ministers of the Word

Paul Koko	Mary Jane O'Brien	Rachel Faulman
Paul Knight	Jeanette Cannon	Christine Diaz

Ministers of the Eucharist

Dan Brown	Elaine Podraza	Shelby Boblick
Carol Brown	W. Washington	Terry Sullivan
Brenda Fojtik	Kathy Mortell	David Geffe
Chemetha Baker	Marge Massarello	Doris Brown
	Bill Craig	Bill Holmes
	Marjorie Fields	Pat Nelson

1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

APRIL 23, 2017 - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Luke wrote a two-volume work: Volume One was his Gospel, and Volume Two was the Acts of the Apostles which describes the life of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year, during the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Our second reading during most of this Easter Season is taken from the first letter of Peter, which was addressed to Christians living in the northern part of what is today Turkey. These Christians found themselves out of step with the society in which they lived, and they felt abused and discriminated against. The resurrection of Jesus was held out to them as a basis of hope during their trials, which is why the Church chooses to read from this book during the Easter Season.

**9:00 AM Saturday Mass
Mass Intentions**

The Mass Intention Book is open again for the 9:00 AM Saturday Masses. Please contact the office to schedule Masses for your intentions. Thank you.



**Bible Study -
Tuesdays 9:30 AM**

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study at the Rectory. If you are trying to find answers to your daily life questions, or are willing to have an hour of peace and knowledge about our religion, please come. It is totally free.

**Communion &
Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



**Praying for the
Sick In Our Parish**

Coletta Ali, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Raymond Doelker, Anita Evenson, Katherine Gradnik, Marcus Hall, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Dolores Malkowski, Eileen Nauss, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Raul Perez, and Carlton Shanks.

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

-Father George

Stewardship Report

Due to the bulletin early deadline because of the Easter Holiday, our stewardship report for the week of April 16 will be shown later within the April, 2017 bulletins.



As we approach the season of sacraments please keep the children of our parish who are preparing for the sacraments of First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation in your prayers.

Six children will be making their First Communion on Sunday, May 7; thirteen of our children will be Confirmed on Sunday, May 21; four children will make their First Reconciliation before classes are over.

We will also be welcoming four students from St. Bernadine's at Confirmation. Please keep them all in your prayers as they prepare for these sacraments.

Remaining class dates are April 26, and May 10, 2017.

**Liturgical Notes for
Easter—From Universal Norms
on the Liturgical Year and the
Calendar:**

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday." These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung.

The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter and are called, after Easter Sunday itself, the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

Thank you from Sr. Marion, School Co-Principal

I am very grateful for all the support I received from parishioners during my recovery from surgery. Thank you for the e-mails, cards, flowers, candy etc. I am healing well from my spinal fusion back surgery but will not be back to normal for about one year. You are all in my heart.

Gratefully,

Sister Marion

Memorial Brick Garden

Our brick garden project is ongoing. The forms to purchase a memorial brick are in the back of Church and at the Rectory. After Easter we will be placing three special bricks in the garden honoring three very special people.

We honor Father George on the occasion of his 10th anniversary from ordination; we remember Alice Marshall for her commitment to our school, and we honor Sharon Bryant (teacher) for her 25 year teaching commitment to St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.

Easter is Hope

On this day, we rejoice in Jesus' conquest of sin and death & anticipate the Holy Spirit's coming on Pentecost.

-USCCB excerpt

Divine Mercy 9 Day Vigil



The image of Divine Mercy is on display through Divine Mercy Sunday, April, 23rd in front of Daley Plaza in Downtown Chicago.

Divine Mercy 33 seeks to proclaim and witness to Jesus Christ's saving love through evangelization, prayer and deeds of mercy in the public square.

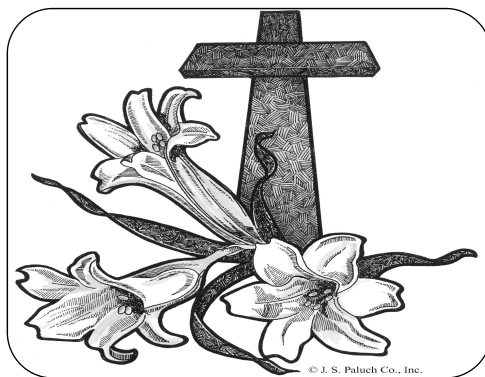


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School News

- # The school is on Easter break this week, returning on Monday, April 24.
- # When we return, our students will be taking the Aspire test, the standardized tests from the Archdiocese. Testing will be done in Grades 3-8 Tuesday, April 25, through Friday, April 28.

Have a blessed and
happy Easter!



Archdiocese of Chicago Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Department of Parish Vitality and Mission is happy to announce that the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2017 will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 2:45 p.m. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

If you're married 50 years this year, or you were not able to come this past year and want to come next year, please keep this date free and keep an eye out for more information, coming soon!

Community of Congregations Spring Meeting Presents:

"Getting to Know you - One Story at a time"

Continuing compassionate conversation with the Austin community. We will feature five women who share their stories to deepen awareness and understanding.

Doris Brown, faithful parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy will be one of five women who will be sharing their personal stories to deepen awareness and understanding of those who live in neighboring communities Oak Park and Austin.

Please join us **April 27th at 7pm** ~
Euclid Avenue Methodists Church
405 S Euclid Ave, Oak Park.

Refreshments and small conversation after formal meeting.

*"When Christ your life appear,
then you too will appear with
him in glory."*

- Colossians 3:4

About Leaving Your Cars in Our Parking Lots

In case of an emergency that puts you in the position of leaving your car in our parking lots, please call the rectory at 708-386-8077 so we can inform Lincoln Towing about your car. After working hours: leave a voice mail message. You will need to let us know which parking lot(s) you are calling about. They are designated as:

38 N. Austin Blvd. (Oak Park)
Patrolled 11:30 PM 5:00 AM, 7 days a week

5949 W. Washington (Chicago)
Patrolled 24 hours a day, Monday thru Friday

Take this action if you want to avoid your car being towed of the parish parking lots.



Annual CROP Walk



The *Annual CROP Walk* will step off Sunday, **May 7th** from Pilgrim Church, 460 Lake St., Oak Park, at 2PM.

If you wish to walk, pick up a walker envelope from a parish recruiter in the Gathering Area after Mass. If you wish to sponsor a walker, a walk recruiter will be at all Masses from the April 22-23 weekend until the weekend of the walk. Bill Cragg is our Parish Recruiter, phone: 708-383-5776.

Proceeds from the Walk go towards feeding and housing the hungry around the world. In addition, 25% of the money goes to local charities like West Suburban PADS, Pine Avenue, OPRF & Columbus Park Food Pantries, and the Cluster Tutoring Program.

Thank you!
The cost of the trumpet players was underwritten in part by a donation in honor of Jerry Tyler.

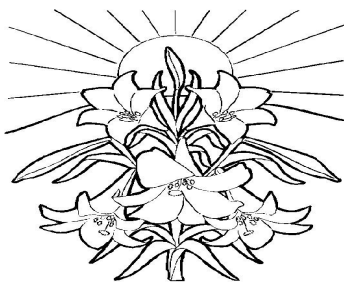
Pray For Our Deceased

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Agnes Robinson
May she rest in peace!

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her family in a prayerful embrace.

May the angels lead her into Paradise



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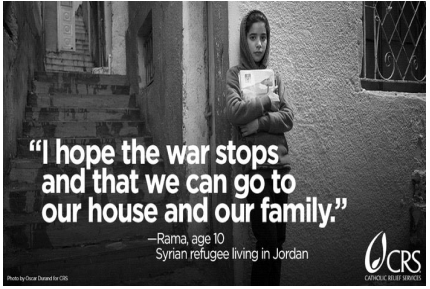
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Winifred Ballew
Mother of Mike (our part-time receptionist)
May she rest in peace!

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her son, in a prayerful embrace.

May the angels lead her into Paradise

Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity Immigration Ministry



The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift "Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter."
-Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2017

A recent executive order, signed on March 6, imposes travel restrictions for nationals of six Muslim majority countries; suspends refugee resettlement for 120 days; and drastically reduces the number of refugees the United States welcomes from 110,000 to 50,000, a historic low.

ACTION: This Easter urge the President & your policymakers to rescind these policies and enforce the core American values of welcoming persecuted families and individuals who come to the U.S. to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. Send an email at <http://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org> or call your members of Congress: 888-562-8232.

For additional ways to advocate for Immigrants and Refugees visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org. esegura@archchicago.org

Dancing for Joy

The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior.

—Alexander Carmichael

St. Bernardine Parish Presents:

OUR SECOND ANNUAL PAINTING FUNDRAISING EVENT
ALL AGES WELCOME!!

APRIL 22nd 2017
6 - 9PM

\$35 per person. Paint, easels, pizza, pop, canvas, and instructional lesson provided. *BYOB and come to share!!*

At St. Bernardine's Fearor Hall, 815 Elgin Ave., Forest Park, IL 60130. All proceeds go to the St. Bernardine's Youth Group and their mission work providing service to those in need. More information please call: 708-366-0839 or via e-mail to: www.stbern.com