Fr. Matt recently blessed the Nativity at North School Park in Arlington Heights. Our St. James School Bulldog Chorus was present, to raise their voices in song!
A Reflection…. from Fr. Gilbert Mashurano, Associate Pastor

December 11, 2016

A few weeks ago, Fr. Matt asked three parish Commissions (Human Concerns, Spiritual Life, and Faith Formation) to meet to wrap up our 2016 goals using the Renew My Church Road Map from the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the book, *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell. As we met for the discussion, some members started asking what Renew My Church means. One member, explaining to them, said: “It is all about the Archdiocese of Chicago closing parishes.” I was surprised to hear that, and I said I would share what I know about Renew My Church.

Cardinal Cupich has named this process Renew My Church after being inspired by the story of Saint Francis of Assisi in the Church of San Damiano. From the crucifix (San Damiano Cross) in that church, Francis heard the Lord say to him, ‘Renew my Church, repair my Church’. Cardinal Cupich is asking us all to take up the mission as disciples with fresh vigor and enthusiasm, not just for a year but in a way that transforms all of our parish communities for generations to come, by taking an honest look at our situation in the case of both the spiritual needs of the people and our resources.

In describing the San Damiano Cross, we notice that unlike most crucifixes, Jesus, while near death, is depicted in this scene as still alive and speaking. It is a reminder that taking up the mission in every age is Christ’s work, not ours, and discipleship will therefore always involve a dying, a leaving behind of old patterns and pathways that have made us comfortable and even complacent. There will be a dying in this process of Renew My Church, particularly as we move beyond a view of Church that was defined only by my parish, or my needs, to one that includes the good of the entire Church of our Archdiocese. This should not leave us afraid, for the one calling us to become more intentional as disciples and to take up this work is Christ himself, the one who conquered death.

The first step of Renew My Church is a discernment process, in other words, listening to each other and most especially, listening to God. We want to know where the Lord is leading us. The final step will be decision making and implementation. In this process of Renew My Church, the great hope is to become a more faithful Church, that is, more faithful to what God wants of us.

Here at St. James, our Campaign Prayer gives us the same idea of Renew My Church, especially when we ask God to give us the courage to find wisdom in our sacrifices and a greater awareness of our need to grow, to change, to be transformed and to be compassionate to one another.

-Fr. Gilbert

(A podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
**Liturgy and Worship**

**Pray the Rosary both before and after daily Mass:**

- **Monday:** Human Life
- **Tuesday:** Military
- **Wednesday:** Marriage
- **Thursday:** Priests and Religious
- **Friday:** Sick
- **Saturday:** Souls of the faithful departed

**12:00 Noon Masses**
Mon.-Fri. in the Church, during Advent. Confessions immediately after Thursday 12:00 Mass.

**Pray the Rosary**

The **Children's Rosary Group** will meet **WEEKLY**, each Monday, at 3:45pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend!

**Advent Reconciliation Services**

**December 19th**—7:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside

**December 20th**
- 3:00pm at St Edna;
- 7:30pm at St. Mary’s in Buffalo Grove

**December 21st** - 7:30pm at St. James (Church)

**December 22nd**
- 7:30pm at St. Colette in Rolling Meadows (Spanish service)

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**Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule, 2016**

**Christmas Eve, December 24th**

- **Church:** 3:00, 5:00, 7:00pm
- **Parish Center:**
  - 3:00pm (Children’s Mass)
  - 5:00pm (Children’s Mass)
  - 11:00pm

**Christmas Day, December 25th**

- **Church:** 8:00 and 10:00am
- **Parish Center:**
  - 10:00am and 12:00 Noon

**New Year’s Eve, December 31st, 2016**

- **Parish Center:** 5:00pm

**New Year’s Day, January 1st, 2017**

- **Church:** 7:00am, 8:30am, & 5:00pm
- **Parish Center:** 10:00am & 11:30am
**Holy Hour**
All are invited to the **7pm Thursday Holy Hour in the Church with Deacon Matthew Hahn.** This 7pm Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, Rosary, and Benediction.

**How Are We Praying?**
Your Liturgy Team is interested in hearing about your experience of prayer and worship at St. James. We welcome your evaluation of our liturgical celebrations in the Church and Parish Center, during these **ADVENT** and upcoming **CHRISTMAS** seasons. Your feedback will assist the team in future preparations. Please email: stjamesliturgy-board@yahoo.com

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**Advent Adoration Schedule**

*7:30 am Mass & NOON MASS in the Church*

**All Day Eucharistic Adoration 8 am – 8 pm**

**Thursdays: Dec. 1, 15, 22**
Chapel of Divine Mercy at 3 pm

**Holy Hour with Deacon Matt Hahn 7 pm – 8 pm**

* No adoration on December 8th due to Mass schedules for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Contact: Sue or Jim McPherrin at 847-506-1618

**Extended Silent Adoration hours during**

**ADVENT: 3:30 pm - 7 pm**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Confessions following **NOON Mass**

Advent is the season to step back, kind of be quiet, and look forward with real anticipation.

You are invited to follow St. John Paul II’s call for all laity to participate in Eucharistic evangelization “so that the whole people of God could develop a personal relationship with Jesus, Our Savior in the Blessed Sacrament.”

**SEE ADORATION SIGN UP IN CHURCH VESTIBULE**

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**LIVING THE CATHOLIC LIFE**

**FULLNESS OF PURPOSE**

with Ken Yasinski

**February 26-28, 2017 - 7:30pm**

at St. Edna Catholic Church

2525 North Arlington Heights Road

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Could there be more to your faith experience, than what you have experienced? Dynamic speaker and author Ken Yasinski will be leading a three-day parish mission, designed to help answer life’s most meaningful questions: 1)Why have I been created? 2)Where is Joy found? 3)Does my Catholic faith matter? This mission is Catholicism in everyday simple language that will make relevant the timeless truths of our faith. Come be inspired to live your full potential in life.

Sponsored by St. Edna, St. James (Arlington Heights), and Our Lady of the Wayside parishes
Open Our Hearts in Welcome:
Commitment Weekend Results

(As of 12/4/16)
Total Raised: $7,036,148
Number of Families: 732

Just over $800,000 was pledged to the campaign last weekend!

On December 3rd and 4th we asked the entire congregation to consider supporting the Open Our Hearts in Welcome campaign. Over 220 families joined our mission to making the church handicap accessible and addressing the parking as well as the needs within our school and office building.

Thank you to those who made sacrificial commitments!

If you were not able to attend Mass this past weekend or are still praying about your decision, we will provide another opportunity to pledge at Mass on December 17th and 18th. This will be our final effort to reach our goal that we are so close to achieving. Can you help us get to $7.5 million?

CHRISTMAS Remembrances

The Environment & Art Ministry invites you to create a tangible remembrance of your departed family members and friends by helping to fund the Christmas décor in the Church and Parish Center. In addition to providing for flowers and candles and lights, the names of those being remembered will also be published in the Christmas weekend Bulletin.

To create a Christmas Remembrance, please fill out the form below and return it by December 12th to the Parish Office. A donation of $25 per Remembrance is suggested. Checks should be made payable to St. James Church and either mailed to the Parish Office, 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004; or deposited in the collection basket at mass in an envelope marked “Christmas Remembrance.”

We thank you for your heartfelt generosity and wish you a blessed Christmas,
The Environment & Art Ministry

Christmas 2016 Remembrance

In Memory of:
(Please print)

Remembered by:
(Please print)
CALLING ALL MEN TO SAVE THE DATE

Saint James Men’s Retreat
Experience a two-day spiritual retreat that is powerful, positive and fulfilling.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

CRHP

WEEKEND RETREAT

Start: Saturday, February 25, 2017 • 7:30 am
End: Sunday, February 26, 2017 • 1:00 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN-UP, CONTACT

Matt Marcheschi
mmarcheschi@stjamesah.org
(224) 345-7210

Tom Sommers
toso1466@gmail.com
(773) 851-6255

Come join the weekend’s spiritual leader;
Father Matt Foley

JOIN US January 14… For a Journaling Prayer Workshop

With the SACRED INTERCESSION PRAYER JOURNAL

This Year … Grow in Prayer & Intimacy with God

This interactive workshop is designed to encourage and inspire a renewed commitment to prayer. Together we will experience quiet prayer, journaling prayer and healing prayer.

Everyone receives a Sacred Intercession Prayer Journal and we will put it to use during the workshop!

LOCATION: St. James Parish – School Resource Center
Saturday, Jan 14 @ 8:00-Noon

FEE: $40 per person
Includes one SACRED INTERCESSION PRAYER JOURNAL, use of journaling supplies and food/beverage during the event.

REGISTER Online by Jan 9:
www.givecentral.org/location/270/9522

For more information or questions email:
tina@haisman.net

EVENT SPEAKER:
I’m Julie Rudnick – creator of the Sacred Intercession Prayer Journal. I have a passion for prayer and the desire to encourage others in their journey of faith. Be sure to join me for a fun and inspirational morning on PRAYER!
This is the weekend….

to turn in Christmas gifts
for St. Malachy School in
Chicago. Please drop them at the
Parish Office before Dec. 10/11, or
drop them at the Old School,
Door A5, on the weekend of
Dec.10/11, before and after Masses.
Following our presentation at Masses in October, United Power and its sister organizations in Lake, DuPage and Kane counties hosted a regional conference on Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) on November 3. It was well attended. Over 100 people were present, including top-level State people, like Rodger Heaton, the Director of Public Safety, who is responsible for CIT training in the State, and Robert Mendonsa, from the IL Department of Children and Family Services, and about 20 police departments, including many in our immediate area, as well as representatives from hospitals and mental healthcare providers. They arrived at some important next steps to take to secure more CIT training for police and other first responders and getting more crisis stabilization centers in our area. Sessions will be held to initiate implementation of the steps identified at the conference. We continue to separately move towards getting more permanent supportive housing. In our own area, the most recent to open is PhilHaven in Wheeling. The next scheduled site will be in Palatine. Steps are being taken to identify and seek approval for a site in Arlington Heights.

The initiative has been focused on three areas of primary concern: CIT [crisis intervention training]; crisis stabilization [pre-arrest diversion procedures and stabilization centers] and supportive housing. These are inter-related areas. Various trends are leading to what we are working on: increasing population of our prison system and calls for reduction of the prison population; growing realization of the impact of mental health on many aspects of life; the effect of criminalization on mentally ill persons; and the ineffectiveness, even worsening, of treatment of mental illness in prison.

This is a long-term effort and we will continue to seek support and leadership from our organizations and allies. This effort must continue for the good of our entire community.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Richard Fung at rwqfung@comcast.net or 847-392-2804.
Human Concerns Commission

St. James Earth Shepherds

Christmas Mercy Box Reminder

Filled Mercy Boxes are due back on **Sunday, December 18th ONLY**, from 7am until 1pm in the Old Grade School parking lot, and will be transported to Chicago on December 19th. The boxes will be delivered directly to city parishes in need.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please see the St. James website, www.stjamesah.org for the link to the signup genius.

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Charities Opportunities to Help

Catholic Charities professional clothing center, Mary’s Closet, is in need of career-ready clothing, accessories, and shoes for men and women, especially in larger sizes. Mary’s Closet is a program that helps Catholic Charities clients who are in need of assistance preparing for job interviews or seeking employment by providing them with work-ready clothes and interview coaching.

All donated items may be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Monday-Friday from 8am—7pm or Saturdays from 9am—5pm or at our other drop-off location: Relevant Radio, 145 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

For more information or for pick-up service, visit: www.catholiccharities.net/maryscloset or email: maryscloset@catholiccharities.net
Confiteor
I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Psalm Response
Psalm Response
Responsorial Psalm: 146:6-7,8-9,9-10
R. Lord, come and save us. Lord, come and save us.

Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; On the third day, He rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Holy, Holy

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Music: VENZ, DIVIN NESSIE
Words: Edward W. Rice
Arr. by Paul M. Fierke
Order of Worship

When We Eat This Bread

When We Eat This Bread

Amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God

Advent Lessons and Carols

Please join our St. James Parish Children’s Choir and Combined Adult Choirs for an evening of Advent Lessons and Carols on December 17th at 6:30pm in the Church.

Our Advent Lessons and Carols is a service of scripture and song. In this service, we listen to different scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Come and spend your evening praying with us as we await the coming of the Christ Child!

We will have an Advent Taizé service on December 19th at 7pm in the Church.

As we are awaiting the birth of Christ, the Light of Hope, let our voices be a light for all as we pray through our singing.

Taizé worship is a prayer consisting of meditative singing and periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state.

All are welcome to come to participate in our singing and in our silent prayers.
Order of Worship

Opening Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israfel,
Who orders all things mightily;
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
From every foe deliver them;
And open wide our heav'nly home;

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
That mourns in lonely exile here
To us the path of knowledge show,
In ancient times once gave the law,
That trust your mighty power to save,
Make safe the way that leads on high;

3. O come, O great Lord of might,
Un till the Son of God appear.
And teach us in her ways to go,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
And give them victory o'er the grave.
And close the path to misery.

4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

5. O come, O Key of David, come,
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
In one the hearts of humankind;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
And be for us our King of Peace.
Communion Song

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

Verses

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and Word, come, make us whole, be comfort to our main, o pen to us the path-way of your Lord, for we are all the people of his seas, Lord of the stars, and present to us

2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning for your in us, and in your advent, draw us all to pilgrim-age, we ever seek, yet unfulfilled re-made us, let every heart be opened to the heavens, Creator of the mountains and the shad-ow. hearts. ris-ing. peace. hand. now.

3. O Root of Life, implant your seed with hope, you, come, make us whole, be comfort to our hope re-born in dying and in main, o pen to us the path-way of your Lord, for we are the people of his seas, Lord of the stars, and present to us

4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our 5. Come, let us bow before the God who 6. Here we shall meet the Maker of the
God of Power and Mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Give us the courage to find wisdom in our sacrifices, joy in our generosity, and hope in the compassion we show, especially to those most in need of your comfort and care.

Create in us a more open heart and a greater awareness of our need to grow, to change, to be transformed, so that we may be better stewards of your gifts for the good of all.

Amen.

Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,
2. No more cry-in’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
3. No more dy-in’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
4. Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,
No more cry-in’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
No more dy-in’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
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No more dy-in’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
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Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,
No more cry-in’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
No more dy-in’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,

lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

Thank You…from Jubilation

Thank You to “This Way to Wonderland” Volunteers!

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And all the student and adults who helped during the week before Jubilation!

Thank you to these additional donors:

Jeannette Moquin-Bergeson, Helen Soper, Bernadette Velasco, Chad Woehrle

Stewardship in Action!

These photos reflect the Stewardship that takes place at St. James. Our parishioners graciously share their time and many talents!

Painted Hymnal Carts in Parish Center

Ramp railings fixed by a parishioner.

Thank you to all!

Decorations in front of parish sign

Potted plants with fall décor
**Community Groups and Events**

**St. James Parish Groups**

*Annulment Support Ministry*  
Richard Nagengast  847-732-0970

*Elizabeth Ministry*—We are a ministry of women reaching out to other women who are in their childbearing years. We offer support and resources regarding pregnancy, infertility, miscarriage, child loss, adoption, NFP, and other issues. To connect with us, reach out to Melissa Bertram or Sandra Chaplin at ElizabethMinistry@stjamesah.org or http://bit.ly/ElizMinStJamesAH

*Grief Support Group*  
The St. James Grief Support Group meets on every Tuesday (during session times) from 7pm-8:15pm in Conference Room 1 at the Parish Office. The group offers support through sharing, listening, and learning from each other’s story of grief and loss. You do not need to commit to all of the sessions, but may attend as many as you find helpful. (The dates for the next session will be Nov. 22-Dec 13th.) For information, call Mary Jo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

*St. Vincent de Paul* - is an emergency source for food and short-term financial help for parishioners and those living within the parish boundaries. Please call 224-345-7200, ext. 8517. Requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.

*Wheels to Worship*  
Need a ride to Mass?  
Call Carol at 847-253-4680.  
carolcerranianderson@yahoo.com

*Stepping Stones*  
Everyone deserves to be in a safe, healthy relationship. If you or someone you know may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists. Get help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE, or locally, contact WINGS 24-hour Hotline at 847-221-5680.

*Lunches by Catholic Charities*  
Luncheons are served M-Fri for seniors 60 and older at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central. Suggested donation of $4.00 on a reservation basis only. Call 847-797-5354 for more info & reservations.

*Senior Health Insurance Program*  
Volunteers trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance offer a free counseling service to help you compare alternative Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Drug, HMO or Long Term Care Insurance Plans and to assist in processing billing or appealing denied claims for these plans. Call 847-253-5532 for information.

*Mended Hearts* - a national non-profit support group for cardiac patients and families meets monthly at Alexian Bros. Hospital in Elk Grove Village on the first Tuesday of each month in 2015. Call Jack Hanahan at 847-398-0791 for the schedule, information and support.

*AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)* - meets in the old St. James School Basement, 821 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.) every Monday and Wednesday evening. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) Both the Monday and Wednesday meetings start at 8:30pm. Enter through Door A5. AA is a self-help group for people with a drinking problem.

*Community Resources*  
Alcoholics Anon.  312-346-1475  
Alanon/Alateen  847-358-0338  
Narcotics Anon.  708-848-4884  
Families Anon.  847-795-8320  
A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington Hts.

*NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness*—847-899-0195

*Escorted Transportation for Seniors*  
Escorted Transportation Services Northwest (ETS/NW) - is a service available to those 60 and over in our community who are in need of rides to medical and dental appointments. It is a multi-denominational outreach to the elderly. If you are in need of such assistance, or if you would like to volunteer to serve seniors in our community as a part of this outreach team, please call Vicki at 847-222-9227.

*Office for Protection of Children and Youth*  
www.archchicago.org  312-534-5254

*Project Rachel - Catholic Charities:*

*For Post-Abortion Counseling Help:*  
Project Rachel - Catholic Charities:  
312-337-1962  
http://www.hopeafterabortion.com

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

*Taizé Prayer at St. Viator*  
Viatorian religious and associates of ‘Arlington Heights invite you to break away from life’s hectic pace for an hour of meditation, Taizé chant, and quiet reflection.

*Wednesday, December 14th—7:30pm*  
St. Viator High School Chapel 1213 E. Oakton St. (2nd floor)  
Arlington Heights

(Each month, on the second Wednesday, we invite you to take time away from your busy routine to spend peaceful time with the Lord. Please join us for this time of quiet reflection.) For information, please call Karen Cutler at 847-637-2125.

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**Thank You!**

To St. James Church:  
Thanking you, a congregation in our Faith Bases Community, that has supported our Lutheran Church of the Cross Food Pantry with a very generous $1000 food contribution this fall to our LCC Food Pantry. We thank you for helping our Food Pantry feed the needy in our community.

Walker R. Reach,  
Director, LCC Food Pantry
Please pray for our sick...
Helen McCarter, Edna O. Martin, Lawrence Kirschner, Helen Jochaniewicz

In Loving Memory

James Mallon...husband of Joyce; father of James (Elise) Mallon III, Paul (Colleen) Mallon, and David (Nicolle) Mallon; grandfather of eight

June Laurenzano...wife of the late Michael Laurenzano; sister of Attorney F. Jean Hanlon; also survived by many nieces and nephews

Rose Peluso...wife of the late Domineck; mother of David and Thomas (Linda) Peluso, and Susan (Donald) Nowakowski; grandmother of seven; great-grandmother of seven

Baptisms

James Joseph Fuja.....son of John & Erica (Frett) Fuja

Billie Kelly-Sierra.....daughter of Noel Sierra & Paige Kelly

Wedding Banns

December 31, 2016
Ryan Baysinger & Kelly Nugent

Rose for Life
This week’s Rose for Life is donated by Marilee Cripe in thanksgiving for her daughter, Sara.

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 11
Mary Anne Engelhardt, James J. Brick, Chick Simpson, Helen Simpson, Angela Kalemba, Angelo Pettenuzzo, Laura Zanetti, Elaine Pittas, Rehmat Nathaniel

Monday, December 12
Gertrude (Trudi) Pietrolonardo, Lloyd Benjamin, Mary McGrath, Meggan McDermott, Dana Mangi, Joan Walberg

Tuesday, December 13
Angelo Antongiovanni, Francis Vlazny

Wednesday, December 14
Dave Hood, Edward Doherty

Thursday, December 15
Frank Karlovits, Howard Anderson, Pat DeLio, Mary Margaret Hagerty (1st Anniv.), William Sheffler, Baldassarre Pietrolonardo

Friday, December 16
Gretchen Cronin, John G. McLoraine, Dana Mangi

Saturday, December 17
Catherine Sabay, George F. & Regina C. Bieber, Andrew Firnbach Family, Dana Mangi

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, December 18
Andrew Firnbach Family, Dana Mangi, Rehmat Nathaniel, Jack E. Foreman (1st Anniv.), William Foreman, Sr. Delores Krentner, Micky Young, Janet Richards, Jim Pega, Virginia McDermott

Stewardship

December 4, 2016

Weekend Masses — 595 Envelopes $35,370.58
GiveCentral — 211 Online Donations $23,058.50

December 4th Total Collection $58,429.08

Our Charity

Our charity for the month of December is the Retirement Fund for Religious.

This Fund helps to provide nursing care, medications, and other necessities to those senior religious priests, brothers, and sisters who require care.

Please see www.retiredreligious.org for additional information.

We thank you for your generosity to this very important appeal.
Third Sunday of Advent  The Prophet’s Profit

Old Testament prophets were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people to follow God's commands. John the Baptist suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, that God would protect them and support them. Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses.

The third gift of the prophets was hope, hope that by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Second, we need patience, and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Finally, the reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear God's word (Isaiah 35:5), and meet him with joy and gladness (Isaiah 35:10).

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**Retired Men’s Meeting**

*Retired Men’s Christmas Song*

Come, they told us, pa-rum-pum-pum  
a new Associate to see, pa-rum-pum-pum  
his finest gifts he’ll bring, pa-rum-pum-pum  
to present to our group, pa-rum-pum-pum  
rum-pum-pum, rum-pum-pum  
So to honor us, pa-rum-pum-pum  
when he comes.  
Fr. Derek, pa-rum-pum-pum  
we are an older group, pa-rum-pum-pum  
that wants to be inspired, pa-rum-pum-pum  
and we know you will, pa-rum-pum-pum  
rum-pum-pum, rum-pum-pum  
when you come, pa-rum-pum-pum, pum, on Dec. 14th.

Come welcome Fr. Derek Ho, who will speak to us in  
the Board Room of the Parish Office, December 14th at  
10:00am. Bring a Friend! Bring a Rosary!  
- Deacon Pierce

**Making Lunches….**

The St. James School 3rd Grade Brownie Troop recently prepared 50 lunches for the PADS guests. They also wrote notes and placed in each bag!

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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening 5:00pm Parish Center (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 7:00am Church (Cantor)
Sunday Morning 8:30am Church (Traditional Choir)
Sunday Morning 10:00am Parish Center Contemporary Choir & Children’s Liturgy of the Word)
Sunday Morning 11:30am Parish Center (Contemporary Choir)
Sunday Evening 5:00pm Church (Teen Ensemble)

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Monday – Friday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7:30am Mass
Saturday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8:30am Mass

Holy Day Liturgy
Please refer to publicized special schedules for Holy Days.

Sacramental Celebrations
Baptism
Parishioners must notify the Parish Office of preferred Baptismal date at least one month in advance.

Marriages
Congratulations on your engagement! At least six months prior to your wedding date, we warmly welcome you to contact the Parish Office. Our Office Manager will explain the process of preparing for a Christian marriage and assist you in selecting a date for your wedding liturgy.

Reconciliation
Saturdays . . . . . . . . . 3:30—4:30pm
In the Chapel—820 N. Arlington Hts. Road, or you may call for an appointment anytime at 224-345-7200.

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