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I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom.
As I, the Lord, have spoken, so will I do.
EZEKIEL 17:24
A Reflection…
from Deacon Jim Bannon

June 14, 2015

Even though I don’t like to think about it, I know that invariably there will be a couple of difficult things in months ahead: blistering hot, humid weather, and the death of someone connected to me in some way. It’s the natural course of life.

Since I was ordained a deacon two years ago, I have been privileged to assist parishioners with many wakes (Vigil), funerals and burials (Rite of Committal). It was the aspect of becoming a deacon that I feared most. But now I thank God for the opportunity to serve families in their time of need. Today I would like to share some thoughts from this experience.

We know that God has created us all for eternal life, that at death our lives do not end. But our lives do change as the body and soul separate. And for those who remain behind on earth, there is a huge void in their lives. Sometimes I hear people say that they want the funeral rites to be a “celebration” of the life of the deceased. And that is wonderful sentiment, because the loved one was so important, deeply touching the lives of so many.

But there is no escaping the need to mourn. And I think that if we don’t mourn during the wake-funeral-committal rites, we have missed a needed part of the healing process. We need to express our sorrow and to find strength and consolation in Christ’s presence and the mercy of God.

So mourn, don’t hold back. When I preside at a wake (vigil) service, I encourage friends and families to speak in remembrance of their loved one. Once, seven people spoke at a wake. It was the perfect opportunity for them to express how the deceased was a gift in their lives and how deeply they felt the loss. And that is the start of healing.

Throughout the funeral rites, we pray to God for the needs of the deceased and the friends and family left behind. We need to pray in community because some things we just can’t handle on our own.

- We pray for God’s mercy, so that the deceased will be raised up to God’s kingdom of peace and light.

- We pray that all the mourners be strengthened and comforted in their time of loss.

- And we thank and praise God for Christ’s victory over sin and death, a victory that gives us all hope for eternal life with the Lord.

So we celebrate the life of a loved one, but we mourn the loss as well. And we pray and we hope that our loved one will be raised up to be with God with all the angels and saints. For we know that life does not end, but it does change.

On a final note I would like to acknowledge and thank the gifted group of bereavement ministers we have at St. James who walk with families as they say goodbye to their loved ones. They are truly doing God’s work.

God bless!
Deacon Jim Bannon

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

Eucharistic Adoration
Eucharistic Adoration takes place from 8:15am-4pm every Thursday in the Church.
Contact: Jo Jozwiak—847-259-2433.

Mass for Those With Special Needs
We welcome those with Special Needs and their families to the **11:30am Mass** on **Sunday, June 28th**, in the Parish Center.

Please join us in worship!
All are welcome.

Women’s Day of Reflection

**Ladies of St. James:** You are cordially invited to join us for a Women’s Day of Reflection, at St. James Church on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

The next one will be on June 17th, from 9:30—11:30am in the Church.

Meditation, Confession, and Benediction will be offered by a Priest from the Prelature of Opus Dei.

Babysitting is available for $5/child, in the Laramie Room, below the Church.

Come and meet new people, make new friends, and take a little reflective time for yourself. Bring a friend...all are welcome.

Welcome To All St. James Visitors!
If you would like to register at St. James Parish or know more about the parish, fill in this form and place it in the collection basket. A St. James Ambassador will contact you.

I would like to know more about or register at St. James Parish.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ______________________________________
R.C.I.A., Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process for those adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

This process is for all adults who:
- are not baptized
- were baptized in another Christian denomination
- or were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation

Every year we have people from all ages and walks of life come to the R.C.I.A. They come for many reasons, such as engagements, marriages, having children, personal losses or spiritual longing. But whatever the reason, they come to the program because they are listening to God’s call.

R.C.I.A. will start meeting Wednesday nights this fall beginning on September 24th. The first two months of the process are called the Inquiry Phase, where you will learn more about the Catholic faith by listening to presentations and personal reflections by a team of parishioners, by sharing scripture, and by participating in group discussions.

After the Inquiry Phase, you will discern for yourself if this feels right for you. You then decide if you wish to receive further instruction in order to receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil next spring. Persons baptized in other Christian denominations would only receive Confirmation and Eucharist as the Catholic Church respects these baptisms.

For more information contact Fr. Joji at the Parish Office or Jim Hamman at 847-506-1368 or email: jhamman@rcgdirect.com

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Elizabeth Ministry Volunteer Moms Needed

What is Elizabeth Ministry?
Elizabeth Ministry is an international movement offering encouragement, hope and healing on issues related to childbearing, sexuality and relationships. This ministry is based on the visitation story of Mary and Elizabeth in Luke’s Gospel.

Whom do we serve?
We offer outreach to those undergoing difficulty in any of the following areas of concern: fertility/infertility, adoption, pregnancy, prenatal/infant/child crisis, miscarriage, infant or child loss, natural family planning and parenting.

How can I reach out for help?
Please call Ann Baker at #630-460-7911 or email elizabethministry@stjamesah.org and let us know how we can help you. You can also visit the “blessing bouquet” in the parish center to receive prayerful intentions and support.

How can I help others?
We need your help! We are currently expanding our volunteer list of women interested in mentoring those in need of outreach. If you have gone through a difficult time or just would enjoy working with women in need, we encourage you to join us! You will be contacted when needed and can help if your schedule allows it. Volunteer opportunities vary from calling, emailing, visiting or praying for a fellow woman in need. Please contact Ann Baker at #630-460-7911 or elizabethministry@stjamesah.org to be added to the volunteer list.

For information about Elizabeth Ministry International see http://www.elizabethministry.com
Scouting for boys and girls is available at St. James from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Boys begin as Cub Scouts, working their way to become Boy Scouts, while the girls’ scouting journey begins with Daisy, crossing over to Brownie, and finally bridging to a full-fledged Girl Scout!

Why Scout? Scouting has many benefits for our youth today. Scouting goes beyond teaching basic skills, by encouraging a deeper appreciation for service to others in their community. It provides children with the belief they are important as individuals, regardless of whether a game is won or a good grade was earned. Scouts promote activities that lead to personal responsibility and self-esteem. It allows children to be themselves and be confident in the decisions they make.

In order for children to fully understand who they are and what they are capable of achieving, leadership opportunities must be provided. Scouts are the perfect outlet for new experiences! It’s a chance for boys and girls to think about what they value, how they can connect with others, and what they can do to make the world a better place! This year the Boy Scouts made a substantial monetary donation to the “Dig Deep Campaign” in Fr. Gilbert’s village of Tanzania, Africa. A well was built to provide clean, safe drinking water for all the people living in this village! The scouts also chose to dedicate time visiting with the elderly residents from St. Joe’s Retirement Home.

Scouting programs satisfy the need young people have to serve. Scouting encourages youth to recognize the needs of others and then take action! Being a scout reinforces the values of empathy and compassion and allows them to fulfill their lifelong desire to “help others.” By donating items to Lurie’s Children’s Hospital, and serving those in need at PADS and FMSC (Feed My Starving Children) the Girl Scouts were able to serve their community and realize the importance of their roles globally.

Finally, scouting enriches a child’s spiritual formation. We all know the importance of faith in a child’s life. While participating in scouts, children are encouraged to use their moral compass for activities that require critical thinking and decision-making skills. The healthy values and morals that are instilled in scouts also help them resolve conflicts effectively and feel connected to the world around them!
Welcome To Our New Youth Ministry Assistant!

My name is Bridget Schank and I am thrilled to be the new part time youth ministry assistant at St. James. As I am sure most of you can relate, when my husband and I moved to Arlington Heights with our two children, Jack and Gracie, and our golden retriever, Rockne, we knew we had found a “home” at this wonderful parish. I grew up in Lombard and attended the University of Notre Dame for undergrad and then the University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy for graduate school. My jobs have been varied and all involved working for non profits and faith based organizations across the country, including as a community organizer in Fresno, California and on the south side of Chicago, a lobbyist, first in Washington DC for Catholic Charities and then in Illinois, and policy analyst for politicians. Motivated by my Catholic faith and deep commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, I have spent my career so far as a professional crusader for peace and justice for the marginalized in our country.

So, you may be wondering, what on earth qualifies this crazy lady to do youth ministry? I will tell you. After my husband Tim and I got married, we decided that we wanted ministry work to be an essential element of our marriage. Then Hurricane Katrina pummeled New Orleans and the southern coast. Old St. Pat’s, our parish when we lived in the city, had a meeting to decide what the parish was going to do to help. The newly hired youth minister stood up and announced that she needed help starting a youth group. I jumped to my feet and volunteered us to start and run the youth group. When I told my husband the new plan, he was surprised and a little apprehensive but got on board and the next 5 years were some of the best of our life together. 5 service trips around the country. 5 retreats in Michigan. Thousands of laughs. Thousands of tears. Thousands of prayers. Thousands of hours doing community service with the teens. Thousands of car dance parties. Thousands of “what is the meaning of life” conversations. Thousands of moments of growth. Thousands of moments in God’s presence. Every single one of the 100 teens in the group were a reflection of God’s love in the world and had in them great possibility for making this world a better place by living out their Catholic Faith. We worked hard to help the teens fulfill their potential as Catholics.

And this was just our volunteer work. I was a lobbyist at the time, and Tim was on the partner track at his law firm. I loved my job as a lobbyist but I LOOOOVED youth ministry. Every single part of it. A second vocational adventure had started.

Then we had our first son Jack and had to pull back from the volunteering. At one year old Jack was diagnosed with end stage liver disease and had a transplant 9 months later thanks to the living organ donation from my husband, Tim. Now, four years later, Jack is doing very well, and I am able to follow this new calling and vocation: to work with young people as they figure out what it means to live out their faith in this wild and crazy world at a particularly challenging time in their lives.

I am thrilled me be a part of the youth ministry team at St. James. I can’t wait to meet you and have you join Sister Faustina and me on what will undoubtedly be one of the best experiences of your life so far – as a teen, a parent with teenagers, or a 20-something aspiring adult leader. So if you see a very tall and loud Irishwoman running around with Sister Faustina, stop and introduce yourself! So blessed to be here.

Fun Facts about Bridget:
- I played women’s football at Notre Dame and love playing all sports.
- My bucket list includes sky diving, race car driving, and doing improv comedy.
- I love to sing and performed both with the Old St. Pat’s choir at Symphony Center on St. Patrick’s Day and on many van rides with the Old St. Pat’s Youth group to and from our service trips.
- Nutella is my complete and utter obsession.
- I can quote movies with the best of them.
- Give me a sunset, a bonfire and my family and I don’t need much else.
- Favorite quotes: “Come Holy Spirit” and “We will either find a way or make one.”

Bridget
St. James Respect Life Ministry

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...” Jeremiah 1:5

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS LIFE ISSUES FORUM

Establishing The Culture Of Life
By Anne McGuire

In the midst of the many attacks on human life these days, we are called to help establish a “culture of life” that has at its heart the understanding that each of us is deeply loved by God, created to be with him, and offered redemption through Christ’s death and Resurrection. We can vote in a way consistent with respect for life, take part in Respect Life Month observances each October, and participate in events like the March for Life each January. But is there anything else we can do?

Establishing a culture involves more than occasional prayers, practices, or participation in events and cannot be reduced to isolated actions or private beliefs. Our understanding of each person as created in the image and likeness of God must inform our day-to-day lives. Building up a culture of life requires sacrificial, life-affirming acts every day.

First and foremost, we can turn to God in prayer. We may be tempted to brush past this, thinking, “I know I can pray, but what can I do to effect change?” But as St. John Paul II wrote in his encyclical on building the culture of life, “Jesus himself has shown us by his own example that prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil (cf. Mt 4:1-11)” (Evangelium Vitae, no. 100). The U.S. Catholic bishops invite us to pray for the protection of life throughout the year.

For example, we are invited to annually participate in “9 Days for Life,” a special time of prayer during the days surrounding the anniversary of Roe v. Wade in January. Throughout the year, a monthly devotional email is also sent to those who have subscribed to receive the novena (www.9daysforlife.com). Additionally, we can join thousands in the bishops’ Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty prayer campaign. Visit www.usccb.org/pray to watch the promo video at the bottom of the page and sign up for a weekly prayer intention by email or text message.

Second, we can become informed about what is happening on life issues at the national and local levels and respond accordingly. On the national level, the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes a monthly e-newsletter with news on pro-life issues, people, events, resources, prayers, and ongoing efforts to build respect for human life. Consider subscribing to pro-life resources from the USCCB at www.usccb.org/prolifesubscriptions.

Third, we can follow the words of Pope Saint John Paul II: “[T]he Gospel of life is to be celebrated above all in daily living, which should be filled with self-giving love for others. ...there is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life” (EV, no. 86). This can mean saying a little prayer for a homeless man receiving care from an EMT on the side of the road. It can mean responding with compassion and gentleness to loved ones facing an unexpected pregnancy or struggling to support a sick or dying loved one. It can even mean simply giving up a cup of coffee and donating that money to a food bank.

We are each called to help establish a culture of life in our own unique way; we only need to discover how. With God’s help, our eyes can be opened to the countless ways in which we can build this culture in our daily lives.

Anne McGuire is Assistant Director of Education and Outreach for the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. To learn more about the bishops’ pro-life activities, please visit www.usccb.org/prolife.

Call to PRAYER
Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty

Join the Bishops’ Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage & Religious Liberty!
www.usccb.org/pray
**Mission trip to India with Father Bill Zavaski**

**November 8-22, 2015**

Greetings to you! We would like to invite you to visit India to see the work of FCN and to visit your sponsored individual. It will be an incredible experience. If you would like to join this mission trip, please e-mail Tom Chitta at tomchitta@hotmail.com by the end of June 2015. The total number traveling with Father Bill will be TEN on first come first served basis. So please hurry up. We have been organizing these trip for the past 13 years. We invite you to enjoy the reflections written by some of those who have been to India by visiting the “sponsors visit to India” on our website. Looking forward to hearing from you.

With Prayers and Much Gratitude,
Dr. Geetha and Tom Chitta

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Dear Friends,

I have been supporting Dr. Geetha and Tom Chitta and Foundation for Children in Need (FCN) for the past thirteen years. Since five years ago I have been serving on the Board as one of the Directors. It was a privilege for me to visit India in January 2013. I was able to see firsthand the amazing work of FCN. It is overwhelming to see the impact that our little money has made over the years in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Together with four other sponsors we visited schools, hostels, home for the aged, a tailoring and embroidery training center and village mobile medical clinics that Dr. Geetha organizes. Thousands of needy are affected by the dedicated work of Tom and Geetha and their coworkers. It was great to see how needed and effective the work of FCN is in the villages of Southern India.

We had an awesome visit to India celebrating FCN's Tenth Anniversary. It was good to see the enthusiasm of the children and college students to pursue their education. "The work being done by FCN is great". I saw how grateful the students are to FCN and the sponsors. God has been blessing our efforts.

Please continue to pray, sponsor and support Tom and Geetha in reaching out to the neediest. I encourage you to take the mission trip, and it will be a lifetime experience.

With Blessings, Father Ed Cronin

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**Loaves & Fishes Ministry**

We have completed another season of supporting the homeless of Uptown Chicago. The Homeless are served through two shelters. The women’s shelter is run by Sarah’sCircle and the men’s shelter is operated by North Side Housing. St James has supported the homeless of Uptown Chicago by providing a donated meal of hot soup and bread and a bag lunch for the following day each Saturday evening during the cold winter months for over 30 years.

Many organizations prepared lunches: the St. James Women’s Club, CFM groups, Confirmation groups, SOR groups, members of the Youth Ministry and scouting troops. Many individuals too numerous to mention also made lunches, volunteered to pick up soup and bread and to provide delivery service to the Church parking lot on Saturday evenings. Other volunteers gave up their Saturday evenings to deliver food to the shelters.

Special thanks also to those businesses who donated soup and bread for 100 homeless people on a regular basis: Soup was donated monthly by Egg Harbor Cafe, Palm Court Restaurant, Eros Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor, and Dunton House Restaurant. Bread products were generously supplied weekly by the Central Continental Bakery of Mount Prospect. Please consider patronizing these local establishments.

For all of you, THANK YOU.

Geralyn and Kevin Walsh
Art and Patty Brown
SHARE
Job & Networking Ministry

Are you in transition or looking for a better job? At each meeting, we have a speaker on various topics, followed by networking.
Our Lady of the Wayside
434 W. Park St., Arlington Hts.
For information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact:
Jim Pekarek at 847-767-7859, or Beth Ann Finis at 312-813-9162

Grief Support Group

The St. James Grief Support Group meets from 7-8:15 pm 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 next session will run July 21-August 25th.
For information, call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

Northwest Suburban Catholic Senior Network

16th Annual Senior Day
Sponsored by Vicariate 1DEF Ministry Commission

“Lord, Are You Listening?”

Presented by Amy Florian

Ms. Florian is a nationally recognized speaker, teacher, and retreat director who uses her personal experience along with the best of current research for her engaging and dynamic presentations. She is a liturgy and bereavement consultant who holds a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Studies and a Fellow in Thanatology (the highest level of certification in the field of death and grief studies). She founded Corgenius, a company that teaches professionals how to better serve people in times of transition and loss and teaches in the graduate ministry department of Loyola University in Chicago. Amy has published over ninety articles and two books and has a passion for helping people pray, heal and live fully.

WHERE: St. Thomas Becket
1321 Burning Bush Lane
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

WHEN: Wednesday, June 24, 2015

TIME: Doors open at 10:00am

Coffee, juice and donut holes served at 10:00am.

Presentation from 10:30 to 11:30am
Box lunch to follow.

COST: $9.00 non-refundable (please make checks payable to St. James Parish.
Final deadline is June 15, unless all seats are filled before June 15.
No reservations taken after June 15.

Fill out the form below and submit with your check to the St. James Parish Office.
Attn: Senior Day—Contact Matt Lombardi at 847-502-5911 if you have questions.

Thank you.

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Northwest Suburban Catholic Senior Network—16th Annual Senior Day

NAME (S): ________________________________________________________________

PHONE: ___________________________
COME FLY AWAY WITH US THIS SUMMER!

St. James Theatre Presents

July 10th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th and 25th. Showtime’s – 7:30 PM and Sunday’s 2 PM matinee

Tickets are available for online purchase - please go to www.stjametheatre.org and purchase from the ticket tab.

The Box Office (in the Parish Center gathering space) is open after Saturday night mass at 5:45pm and Sunday 10:45 AM until 11:30AM. Other box office hours are listed under the ticket tab.

Tickets are $17.00, $15.00 and $12.00. Seating charts will show during the purchase process online.

ALL Saturday show seats are $5. These seats can ONLY be purchased in person at the box office with cash or a check.

Saturday the 11th and 18th are FAMILY Shows with activities an hour before show time. On Saturday, July 25th closing night awards ceremony starts immediately after our final bows.

Cast lists and information about opening and closing casts can be found on our website.

Please call the theatre hotline at 224-345-7200 ext. 8514 to leave a message with your questions.

Enjoy the show!

St. James Over 50 Social Group

St. James Over-50 Father's Day Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 18th @ 12:00 noon at Ditka's Trackside Restaurant, 2000 W. Euclid Rd., Arl. Hts. (Euclid & Wilke Rds.) in "honor of our fathers".

We will be issued separate checks & you will be able to order off the menu. Also, there will be off-track betting for those who would like to try their luck.

RSVP to Marcy @ 847-577-2556 by Tuesday, June 16.

St. James Respect Life Ministry

Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign Reminder

Please remember to return filled Baby Bottles before Mass on Father’s Day weekend, June 20th-21st.

This fundraiser helps to support the life-saving work of The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland. In addition to counseling services, material assistance is also provided. The Women’s Center is committed to saving babies from death by abortion—and their mothers and families from a lifetime of regret.

Thank you for your support!
Support St. James Charities! Watch your mail or website for more details!

Jubilation at James
2015 Parishioner Donation Form
Catalog Deadline: September 14, 2015
Auction Event: November 7, 2015
Thank you for your donation!

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Please check all that apply:

☐ Item/gift certificate included. *(All donations should be new or a certified antique.)*

☐ Item/gift certificate to be delivered (date)__________________________

☐ Use this form as gift certificate for winning bidder.

☐ Cash Contribution: Donation Amount ________________________________

*(If you would like your contribution to be used to purchase items for the auction, please check here. Please make your check payable to Jubilation at James or go to www.stjamesah.org to make a donation by Credit Card by clicking on Online Giving and Jubilation at James.)*

Detailed Description of Donation (if not enclosed). You may include any photos, brochures or publicity materials to be used as a display with gift.

Restrictions (limitations, blackout dates and/or expiration dates should be based on event date of Nov. 7, 2015).

Contact Information:

Donor Name:________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________________City:________Zip:________

Home Phone:________________________Cell Phone:_____________________

Email:_____________________________________________________________

☐ Check here if you wish to remain anonymous in the auction catalog.

*St. James is a 501(C) (3) organization and your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law. Fed Tax ID#53-0196617*

Questions? Call Linda Chalk or Mary Lynn Massa at St. James –
Phone: 224-345-7208 Email: lchalk@stjamesah.org Fax: 224-345-7220.
St. James Church & School, 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60004-5699
**Community Groups and Events**

**Respite Care—Gero Solutions**
Gero Solutions has trained volunteers who are available to provide up to 3 hours of respite care per week for family members caring for an older adult in their home. This free service is available by calling the Gero Solutions Office at 847-705-2123.

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

**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.

**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 an appointment.

**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** - Family support group, meets at 7:00pm, the third Wednesday of the month at Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, 4366 N. Kennicott, Arlington Hts. 847-899-0195

**Escorted Transportation**
Escorted Transportation Services Northwest (ETS/NW) - is a service available for older adults in our community who are in need of rides to medical or dental appointments. It is a non-denominational outreach service to seniors. If you are in need of such assistance, please call Kelly at 847-222-9227. To volunteer to drive and be a part of this outreach team call Kelly at 847-222-9227.

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

**Cancer Research Network**
The American Cancer Society has Cancer Information Specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week - call 1-800-227-2345. These specialists can provide: Information about your cancer, tools to help with treatment, help finding lodging and transportation, help with financial and insurance questions, answer prescription questions, provide clinical trials matching service, assist in finding support groups, identify online community for cancer patients and their families, and offer cancer education classes. Information is available on the Internet at www.cancer.org. You may also call Ron Marwitz, the ACS parish contact, at 847-870-1862.

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

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

**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.

**LOSS**
Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide is a free, non-denominational program offered by Catholic Charities to support individuals grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. 312-655-7283 or www.catholiccharities.net/LOSS for info.

**Host Family Needed**
Children Around the World is looking for a host family for a student from China. He will be attending St. Viator High School for the 2015-2016 school year. The student is male, 16 years old, plays the violin, likes to draw and plays basketball. The perfect family would be one that has the desire to teach a student about American culture, help them adjust to a new way of life, and most importantly, love them as a member of their family.

Host family will be reimbursed for living expenses. If interested in hosting, please call Susan at 316-641-0005. For information: www.childrenaroundtheworld.info

**2015 RAGBRAI**
Team Behls/Schuld (St. James parishioners)
www.stayclassy.org/TeamBehls/Schuld
Chrohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America  www.CCFA.ORG
Register’s 43rd Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa
Sioux City-Storm Lake-Fort Dodge-Eldora-Cedar Falls-Hiawatha-Coralville-Des Moines—470 miles
Week of July 19th—7-day ride

**Combined Parishes Big Band Dances**
Featuring the Bobby Sanders 16-Piece Orchestra
Recreating the sounds of Glenn Miller, Les Brown, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie and many others

**Atlantis Banquets**

Sunday, June 28th, 2015
Sunday, July 12, 2015
Sunday, August 16, 2015
Dancing: 7-10pm
Information: (847) 392-0918
Admission: $15.00
Please pray for our sick...
Edna O. Martin, Fr. Bob Heinz, Theresa Kazak, Cathy Colleran, Ann Metzger, Amy Neely, Bill Glass

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Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, June 14
Michelle Svegelf (1st Anniv.), Dana Mangi, Mario Ponce, Gerald Nesius, Raymond J. Bieniasz, Robert Patrick Salvadori (1st Anniv.), William J. Ganz Jr., Herman Boyd, Frank Brennan, Kayla Jean Mueller, Scott J. Krause, Maureen Downes

Monday, June 15
Antoinette Pietrolonardo, Steven Meitz, Jeannette Downes, Sandra Trevino

Tuesday, June 16
Janet Ganz Jr., Lucy Laurie and Family

Wednesday, June 17
Lucille Doyle, Lenore Rettig, Patricia Doyle, Linda Long, Rev. Austin Minogue, Catherine Sabay

Thursday, June 18
Dana Mangi, Patricia DeLio

Friday, June 19
Edward L. Gehrke, Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr.

Saturday, June 20
Robert J. De Phillips, Branimir Kucera, Mary Pietrolonardo, James Warnken, Carmela Krogstad (5th Anniv.)

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, June 21

Baptisms

Noah Thompson Marten...son of Christopher & Julie (Schroerlucke) Martens

Annabelle Kathleen Dziubala...daughter of Adam & Amanda (Dion) Dziubala

Wedding Banns

June 20, 2015
Steve Zuwala & Dr. Robin Voight

July 4, 2015
Oscar Vera & Samantha Licoci

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

OUR CHARITY
Thank you for your generosity to our monthly charities. This month, your donations benefit the Retired Priests’ Fund, and the Peter’s Pence Initiative.

Pope Francis tells us: “We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the Cross….It means to enter into Jesus’ logic, who bends down to wash the feet of the Apostles.”

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Jn 13: 35)
Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of June 21, 2015

Presiders (Deacons preaching this weekend.)

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm Fr. Joji Thanugundla

Sunday:
7:00 am Fr. Matt Foley
8:30 am Fr. Matt Foley
10:00 am Fr. Gilbert Mashurano
11:30 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
5:00 pm Fr. Bill Zavaski
(A signer will be present at the 5pm Sunday Mass.)

Altar Servers

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm S. Hahn, A. Hahn, J. Kraus

Sunday:
7:00 am N. Spiess, S. Michelini, W. Michelini
8:30 am W. Waltz, J. Miller, S. Choronzuk
10:00 am C. Kamp, M. Kamp, N. Bentz
11:30 am S. Bell, C. Chambers, J. Goolsby
5:00 pm G. Werling, A. Hemminger, K. Reisinig

Lectors

Saturday evening:
5:00 pm M. Belter, D. Pagnotta

Sunday:
7:00 am J. Bruett, R. Bruett
8:30 am M. O’Hare, E. O’Hare
10:00 am K. Konopasek, R. Cormier
11:30 am P. Ruddy, P. Farrell
5:00 pm A. Nosascomo, C. Jarosz

Eucharistic Ministers (A Team)

Saturday: Parish Center
5:00 pm
G. Sherva, M. Dolan,
E. Duque, C. Williams
M. Nugent, C. Stansbury
S. Szott, T. Szott

Coordinators: D. Duque, T. Gallagher

Sunday: Church
7:00 am
D. O’Grady,
K. O’Grady, Gary Hammelmann
Coordinator: M. Walsh, Jr.

Sunday: Church
8:30 am
C. Burke, J. Burke, E. Crittenden,
M. Jarosz, L. Poelking, F. Miossi
K. Rayburn, I. Roller, T. Talbot, E. Turney
D. Turney, D. Varchetto
Coordinator: T. Stengren

Sunday: Parish Center
10:00 am
K. Ihmoff, K. Kelly, S. Lindemann,
J. Lippert, P. Lippert, J. Young
T. McDonnell, B. Nielsen,
B. Nielsen, M. Purcell, S. Reiss,
D. Vlazny, S. Moeykens, P. Fitzgerald,
J. Anderson, M. Rutkowski
M. Massa, R. Becker, V. Curtis,
S. Gaske, S. Hussey, J. Lippert,
J. McDermott, R. McDermott,
(2 EMs for choir)
Coordinators: D. Adam, T. Adam

Sunday: Parish Center
11:30 am
M. Byrne, B. Gedmin,
S. Sharer, A. VandenAvont, N. Aguila
C. Van Den Avont, S. Van Den Avont,
M. Van Den Avont, L. Behls
Coordinators: Gina & Joe Christophe

Sunday: Church
5:00 pm
P. Farrell, G. Farrell, P. Farrell, E. Jarosz
C. Starr, K. McCarthy, M. Turner, A. Turner,
T. Panzica
Coordinator: P. Farrell

Scripture Readings

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

How Are We Praying?

Your Liturgy Board is interested in hearing about your experience of prayer and worship at St. James.

We welcome your evaluation of Mass in the Church and Parish Center and your ideas about things we are doing well or ways we can improve our experience of praying together.

E-mail us at: stjamesliturgyboard@yahoo.com
**Sunday, June 14, 2015**
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Be the seed, willing to grow**

The life of El Salvador’s recently beatified Archbishop Oscar Romero provides evidence that one life, one humble seed, can become a giant shrub of faith. This unassuming but faithful man was willing to learn and to grow. It is slow work, this growing. But it is necessary to be part of the Kingdom. Be as faithful to the gospel as you know how to be and be open to the surprise of what God can do with one small seed. Place a seed packet on your table as a reminder of God’s invitation to grow in faith.

**Today’s readings:** Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34 (92). “The seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens.”

**Monday, June 15**

**Be fruitful**

In the wake of Pentecost, the first disciples set out to spread the Good News in the world. The fire of the Holy Spirit burned within them, calling them to action. That same Spirit is in action in you today. Aside from the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed on you in the sacrament of Confirmation, the Spirit working within your life produces 12 distinct fruits: charity, generosity, joy, gentleness, peace, faithfulness, patience, modesty, kindness, self-control, goodness, and chastity. When you look at your life, can you see these fruits? How are you bearing these fruits in the world?

**Today’s readings:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). “Behold, now is the very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

**Tuesday, June 16**

**Claimed by God**

“To know God, we must walk through life in love, love for our neighbor, love for those who hate us, love for all,” said Pope Francis in a 2015 Vatican radio address. He reminded us that God’s love has a claim on our actions. We’re called to express God’s love in concrete ways, doing so not only when it’s convenient or when it involves only the people who love us too. Pope Francis urges us to visibly reflect the expansive love of God to all people. How might our actions today express God’s love?

**Today’s readings:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). “I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”

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**Wednesday, June 17**

**Give and receive**

Almsgiving, donating to the poor and performing other acts of charity, is an obligation of Christians—a “witness to fraternal charity” and a “work of justice pleasing to God,” according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has called this concern for others “small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family.” There is much to reap from charity sown, and everyone, including you, stands to benefit from the sharing of gifts. What individuals and organizations could use your time, talent, and things?

**Today’s readings:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (348). “God loves a cheerful giver.”

**Thursday, June 18**

**We are one body**

We insist that our sins are private matters to be discussed with God. But the prayer that Jesus gave us reminds us that we are bound together by “our” Father, and what we do and fail to do impacts the lives of all who belong to the family of God. Our sins are not private. Rather, sin damages the bonds that unite humanity: Greed excludes, lies destroy, lust denigrates, and selfishness ignores the needs of others. The sacrament of Reconciliation helps us make amends with God and community as we name our sins aloud and celebrate God’s mercy and forgiveness.

**Today’s readings:** 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (384). “Forgive us the wrong that we have done.”

**Friday, June 19**

**Feast of Romuald, Abbot**

**Life-changing moments**

Though he ended up living an ascetic life and founding an order of hermit monks, Romuald started off as an aristocrat in Ravenna, Italy (c. 951), indulging in a life of pleasure and excess. When he was 20, however, he assisted his father at a duel in which his father killed a relative over a property dispute. The event profoundly shook Romuald and forever altered the course of his life, leading him to his monastic vocation. Think back on your life and see if you can recall an event that changed its course forever. Has it led or could it lead you to a deeper practice of your faith?

**Today’s readings:** 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth.”

**Saturday, June 20**

**Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturdays with Mary**

For centuries the church has held Saturday as a day dedicated to Mary. Though it is not certain how the tradition began, honoring Mary on Saturday has a deep history. The eighth-century Benedictine monk Saint Alcuin played a significant role in helping to establish this custom. He composed a number of formulas for devotional Masses with two Saturday “formularies” dedicated to Mary. The custom was popular and to this day, we remember Mary in various ways on Saturday from special gatherings to personal prayer to outreach to help others. How might Mary walk with you on this Saturday?

**Today’s readings:** 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). “My grace is sufficient for you.”

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

Weekday Masses (Church) 831 N. Arlington Hts. Road
Monday – Friday 8:00am Mass
Saturday 8:00am 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.

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Saturdays 3:30—4:30pm
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