

St. Gertrude

April 22, 2007 - 3rd Sunday of Easter



Music director Mary Herbin Horan feeds the school children with beautiful spiritual music from our Bechstein grand piano every Tuesday morning.

SING, ALLELUIA, SING

Since Father Dom took sick we've seen many priest-presiders step forward to lead us in prayer at Mass. We are grateful for their ministry and eagerness to serve. Meanwhile, the one keeping us on beat is Mary Herbin Horan, our music director. She accents the seasonal Scripture readings with just the right music, planting tunes in our heads that help us remember the message. Mary massages the musical muscles of choir and congregation alike, giving us a platform from which to holler our Hosannas! She is a warm, nurturing presence who loves us all. It is, therefore, a pleasure to affirm her ministry with the exquisitely built Bechstein concert grand piano which now graces our worship space. Thank you to all who have so generously contributed above and beyond your usual parish gift to help fund the new piano (contributions still being accepted). May it return joy and solace to us all in the years and decades ahead.

Father Grassi continues to recuperate at Weiss Hospital and is most grateful for all your cards, well-wishes, and prayers.



This May, back by popular demand: **Wednesdays with St Gertrude!** Mark your calendars now! Our parish celebration of prayer and learning returns with a five-week session from May 2 to May 30. Taizé Prayer will begin at 7pm and the Institute Classes will run from 8-9pm. These five Wednesdays in May will provide an enriching spiritual springtime for our parishioners.

Here's the line-up:

- **Justice for Immigrants and Catholic Social Teachings: Bringing St. Gertrude's into the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform** by the Social Justice Committee. An examination of the Bishops' letters and social teaching to understand our response in light of our call to respect human dignity.
- **Experiencing Prayer** by Ann O'Connor and Bob Backis. How do we pray? To whom do we pray? What are the different prayer experiences of the group?
- **Praying the OUR FATHER for the First Time** by John Horan. To "hear it for the first time" is to glimpse the very consciousness of Jesus and to let the Master's spirituality rework one's own.

Sign up at tables in the back of church after each Mass. Or go to the parish website, www.stgertrudechicago.org. Any questions? Call 764-3621.



"You've had your time on air. I don't have to listen to you anymore!" admonished the irritated young man, after I commented on his *Blue Angels* computer screen savers. Photos of the U.S. Navy's flight demonstration squadron hardly merit surprise in a society where military service is glamorized in "Go Army" ad campaigns and game companies cash in on our youth's fascination with "virtual" violence. But at the Archdiocese of Chicago radio studio, after a recent roundtable discussion on the Iraq war, I was caught off guard by the military promo shots. "I have a sticker at home that reads *Real Angels Don't Drop Bombs*," I explained, and then extended my hand to the young man glaring at me. After a moment of strained pleasantries he informed me that he loves to drive his gas guzzling (*his* words) pick-up truck around the city. "Quite a week of '*global warming*' huh?" he said in parting, alluding to Chicago's recent snow showers.

When U.S. military prowess is glorified on Archdiocesan computer screens, and a church intern derides environmental concerns, I believe we as Church have work to do! Today's reading from Acts surely inspires us out of complacency. Publicly censured, flogged, jailed and threatened *with worse* if they didn't shut up, the Apostles leave the Sanhedrin "rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name." If we identify foremost as world citizens rather than as U.S. citizens, and pledge our allegiance to God and God's creation rather than to national self-interest, we can expect to be told to shut up by those in power, and by our fellow citizens! Let us pray that, like the Apostles, we will be filled with the Holy Spirit and joyfully proclaim in this *our time* in history, the challenging Good News of Jesus Christ!

Laurette Hasbrook for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Leadership Summit -- This Tuesday, April 24.

We will reflect on the State of the Parish through the lens of our Synod groups, and in particular talk about our weekly Mass schedule.

All are Welcome. 7pm to 9:15pm in the Social Hall.

-- Sponsored by your Parish Council

What's Happening? Take A Look!

Market Day - Market Day forms are available at the back of the church and due April 29. The pick up date is Saturday, May 5, in the cafeteria.

Senior Connection - Welcome Spring at a luncheon at the Misericordia Greenhouse on Thursday, May 10 at 11:30am. Paid reservations of \$13 are due at the rectory by May 6.

Retired Men's Group - Meets Thursday, April 26, in the ministry center from 9:30 until noon. All retired men who live in or near the parish are welcome. Information: Wally Bradford ~ 761-1912.

FOCUS - A one-day conference, Saturday, April 28, for young adults in their 20s & 30s (married and single), at Loyola University, noon to 11 pm. Workshops focus on relationships, faith, work and personal growth. Conference will conclude with Mass and an American tapas meal and a party. Information and registration can be found at www.yamchicago.org.

Through Conflict To Connection - Mary Butler, D.Min, will present a workshop for couples, partners and singles that teaches the skills necessary for joyful partnerships. Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 - noon. Pre-registration is \$15. \$20 day of the event. For information contact Bob and Carolyn Backis ~ 262-0492.

Benefit/Fundraiser - for Pat Stich will be held in the social hall on Saturday, May 5, 6-10pm. Refreshments will be served along with a cash bar. Raffles and prizes will be plentiful. \$25 Admission tickets will be available at the door. Contact Marty Stich for details at 848-0859, or mestich@gmail.com.

The Ignatian Spirituality Project is hosting an informational session on Saturday, May 5, 3-5pm. ISP, located in St. Gertrude's ministry center, is a retreat ministry combining Ignatian Spirituality, recovery, and social justice that works with men and women who are homeless and recovering from addictions. Potential volunteers or anyone who is interested are encouraged to attend. Dinner will follow, so please RSVP to info@isporg.org or 465-8699 by April 23.



New Parishioners

Stephen and Jennifer Salvatore and their children Joseph, Thomas and Nicholas

Prostate Surgery and the Body of Christ

On the Tuesday after Easter, I had very successful laparoscopic surgery for prostate cancer. On Thursday, my surgeon called me, excited to report that my pathology results "were great," and he declared it "a CURE." Praise God !

I want to thank all of you who were kind enough to pray for me prior to, during, and after my surgery. I have had a remarkable spiritual experience, receiving and riding on so much prayer and love. It has been very beautiful and moving. I was filled with peace prior to the surgery, lifted up by all of you, and confident of the love and support of the Communion of Saints (whom I knew personally, like my parents, Joe Swearingen, Delle, Gene Ryder, Jim Barry, etc) - a profound Catholic experience. Anyway, thank you all so much, and Happy Easter.

~ Mike Tobin.

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, APRIL 23

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †
9:00am Virginia Jurgensen †

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

7:00am Deceased of Connery Family †
9:00am Bonnie Burnham †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

7:00am Teresita Ocular †
9:00am Dorothy Guthrie †

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

7:00am Deceased of Richter Family †
9:00am Communion Service
John Resch †

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

7:00am Dolly Heintz †
9:00am Mary Lillian Collins †

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

8:00am William Ryan †
5:00pm Bonnie Burnham †

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8:00am Loreta Kator †
9:30am Held at St. Gertrude East
Family of St. Gertrude
10:00am Julia Wall †
10:30am Deceased members of Wilson Family †
11:30am Peggy and John Collins †

† Indicates the Mass in being said in memory of an individual

Rosary: 8:40am Monday - Friday; 8:30am Saturday

Wedding Banns

II Mary Lenahan & Kevin Yarashefski

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

5:00pm Luke O'Connor, Josh Ortiz, Rob Weber

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

10:00am Fiona McRaith, Jennifer Korol,
Emilio Raby-Newsom
11:30am Nick Holzman, Claude Allen, Ryan O'Toole

Lectors

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

5:00pm Norman Bowers, Clarisse Croteau Chonka

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8:00am Kathy Kollar, Jon Anderson
10:00am Mary Elsbernd OSF, Bob Dwyer
11:30am Elizabeth Hartman, Matt Kollar

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 - 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9, 14b-17;
Jn 10:27-30

Through the mercy of God may he rest in peace ...

Paul Depondt

Sunday Offering

April 15, 2007

Sunday Envelopes (176)	\$ 4,406.00
Loose Checks (42)	\$ 1,383.00
Loose Cash	\$ 1,084.76
Parish Pay (116)	<u>\$ 12,581.00</u>
Total Collected	\$ 19,706.88
Budget *	<u>\$ 22,917.00</u>

Difference \$ - 2,102.74

Year-to-Date Collected \$ 507,844.23

Year-to-Date Budget \$ 521,878.00

Difference \$ - 14,033.77

Does include parish pay budgeted amount

Easter Actual \$ 31,211.76

Easter Budget \$ 25,000.00

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

5:00pm Mary Jo Bowers, Peter Mulcrone
Colleen Mulcrone, Pat Norcik, Mary Cook

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8:00am Ed Bugler, Ester Bugler, Roman Reyes,
Hallie Burhoe, Jay Cook
10:00am Ruth Ott, Fran Glowinski, Rosita Nordgren,
Eileen Quinlan, Tere Zdunek, Gail Smith,
Laurette Hasbrook
11:30am Steve Monti, Bernard Ndiwe, Molly O'Hara,
Claire O'Brien, Anthony Long

Greeters

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

5:00pm Maggie Howell, Maria Kulp,
Terri MacKenzie

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8:00am Mary Stachura, Ona Kozar
10:00am Jeff Clennon, Walter Pophin, Matthew Foran
11:30am Steven Mitchell, Melinda Banahene



CALLING ALL TEENS!

What's next for WOW? We want YOU to decide!

Please join your peers for snacks and a discussion about the future activities of WOW. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and a friend to the Ministry Center, **TODAY! Sunday, April 22, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.**

Questions? Please call Ann O'Connor, 262-8617. All are welcome.

Got Tickets?

Would you like to spend an elegant evening of fine wines, hors d'oeuvres, and live jazz? Bidding on an array of unique auction items, including fabulous works of art? "A Taste for NCA" is coming up next weekend. If the event hasn't sold out yet, it's sure to this week. Buy your raffle tickets after Masses on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 or three for \$25. First prize is a 17" Zenith flat screen TV from Minas TV; second prize, a one-year membership to Edgewater Athletic Club; and third prize a \$500 Walter E. Smithe Gift Certificate. Thanks to all of you who have supported our wonderful parish school. We are thriving because of your dedication to Catholic Education.



Primary School Campus
Preschool - 5th grade
6216 N. Glenwood Ave, Chicago



Middle School Campus
6th - 8th Grade
5525 N. Magnolia Ave, Chicago

call 773.271.4310 or visit www.northsidecatholic.org

ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor
Rev. Bill Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Peter Buttitta, Pastoral Associate
Chris Sikora, Pastoral Intern
Ann O'Connor, Faith Formation
Mary Herbin-Horan, Liturgical Music
Mary Ann Collins, Social Services
Walter Pophin, Business Manager
Marge Butzen, Parish Secretary

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
9:30 AM Gertrude East (at Sheridan & Rosemont)
10:30 AM Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
MONDAY through FRIDAY: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM
SATURDAY: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

RECTORY HOURS

Business Hours: Weekdays, 8:30am to 4:30pm
Drop off/pick up: Weekdays, 4:30pm to 8pm
Saturday 9am to 6pm, Sunday, 9am to 1pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 PM and by request
Communal: Consult bulletin for specific times and dates.

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. A mandatory parent preparation meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All arrangements should be made one month in advance by calling the rectory.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the pastor or associate. According to diocesan policy, preparations are to begin at least four (4) months prior to the desired date.

LOCATIONS:

RECTORY: 1420 W. Granville Ave. (60660)- Phone 773/764-3621
Fax 761-4164, E-mail stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.stgertrudechicago.org>

MINISTRY CENTER: 6214 N. Glenwood — 973-5464

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the rectory to introduce yourself and register.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the rectory for details.

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

COUNSELING AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

For information, consultation and referrals for counseling, psychotherapy or spiritual direction, leave a confidential message.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

John Neafsey 338-4334

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, or Janine Denomme 764-8884

SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon — Sundays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center
Pregnancy Support — Free pregnancy tests, post-abortion help, Caris Pregnancy Center, 773-338-8311.
Gamblers Anonymous — Fridays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center.

