

St. Gertrude

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Easter: Being & Becoming

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb...and two men in dazzling garments appeared to them: "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here but has been raised." ~Luke 24:2, 4

Life and death are a single mystery. That is what the Paschal Mystery teaches us. Death is inevitable — but so is resurrection. ~Judy Cannato

When our eyes see our hands doing the work of our hearts, the circle of Creation is completed inside us, the doors of our souls fly open, and love steps forth to heal everything in sight. ~ Michael Bridge

At Easter

As Easter breathes hope for a joyous tomorrow

E'en out of the depths of despair,

So may this day banish from you every sorrow

And make you feel free as the air.

While hearing grand anthems that swell to the sky,

And breathing sweet lilies' perfume,

May you feel assured that your soul will not die

As life does not end in the tomb.

~Winifred Sackville Stoner, Jr.

May Easter grant us all the grace to push through our dyings back into life!

From Father Grassi

It is Easter. Jesus is risen. Alleluia! It has been an incredible Lent and Holy Week here at St. Gertrude. From Taize, to Simple Supper, to Faith Sharing, the Stations and the Rice Bowl, the Lenten Retreat, the Penance Service and so much more. We were a parish invested in Lent. None of this happens without a lot of work. I begin by thanking the staff who works so hard throughout the year and especially these special days. This goes from maintenance to music, from those who taught our children in KidsWord, and those who walked with our candidates on their R.C.I.A. journey and gave so much of themselves.

The church looked beautiful throughout Lent and Holy Week thanks to our Environment Committee and sacristans and last Saturday's clean up crew. Thanks, too, to the Gym Mass and Sheridan Road crews who set up and decorated at their sites. What memorable music! Thank you Mary Horan and Mike Tobin and Carol Beatty and all the cantors, choir members and musicians. Let's not forget our Palm Sunday dancers and drummers. The liturgies were enhanced by our altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, celebrants and preachers. Thanks to those whose feet were washed and who then washed our hands. Ushers and greeters made everyone feel welcomed as they always do. Folks prayed through the night on Holy Thursday and into Good Friday morning giving witness to all.

A special welcome to all whose journey in the RCIA brought them to the church on Holy Saturday. And finally, thanks to all of you. Let the yellow daffodil we hand you at Mass this weekend be a sign of my gratitude to all of you. We are an Easter people here at St. Gertrude. Alleluia!

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Celebrating the resurrection in every day.

Our crosses come in various ways- oppression, violence, addictions, broken relationships, illnesses, and economic hardship to name a few. I am inspired by how people bear these burdens and search for redemption. During the past several Lenten seasons, living with cancer and facing the idea of my own mortality has been a profoundly spiritual journey. What do I gain by embracing my cross, struggling to carry it, and falling down over and over again? I am comforted by the commonality of pain, the reality that all people share in this woundedness. It reminds me that I am human, from the ashes that commence Lent, and a part of the entire history of Creation. Hopefully, my compassion deepens and I try to listen, be present, and respond. I am reassured by the promise of redemption and healing.

For me, the cross represents that intersection between the human condition, rooted in the earth, and the divine, found when reaching up and out of myself toward the love of God. There is that small but powerful moment when I have to resist my natural instincts, and to choose to live up to being created in the image of God. This feels like resurrection to me. I experience a brilliant glimpse of gratitude and joy, so awesome, that time is suspended and death has no hold.

Thankfully, opportunities to practice and create redemption are presented all around me- most often in those relationships close at hand. I may fall down and fail more than I succeed, but I get up and keep trying. When I consciously choose to embrace my life, wounds and all, and believe in the hope of being forgiven and forgiving, I can heal myself and others in the only way that truly matters. This is resurrection. And it is an ongoing, every day possibility and promise. Alleluia!



Carol McRaith for *Growing in Faith*

Spotlight



St. Gertrude Parish Welcomes You
as We Celebrate Easter and
As We Prepare for Our
Centennial 2012 Celebration...Stay Tuned.



Your Pastoral Council invites You to the ...

Parish Summit

State of the Parish, School and Community
reflections by Father Dom

* **Special Reports**

What's this about a new translation
of our prayers at mass?

Celebrating 100 years as a parish!!

Followed by

* **Small group discussions**

* **Snacks (of course)**

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

In the Social Hall

Details? Kevin Cheers or Peter Buttitta

773-764-3621

Calendar Notes

This Weeks's Activities

Monday, April 25

The rectory will be closed.

Save the Date

Tuesday, May 3

7pm ~ Parish Summit (Social Hall)

Saturday, May 7

10am ~ Sacred Heart ~ First Communion

Saturday, May 14

10am ~ St. Gertrude ~ First Communion

Sunday, May 15

3pm ~ Sacred Heart Confirmation

Parish News



Market Day: Our April sale is just around the corner so pick up an order form and turn it in to the rectory by Sunday, April 24, or go on-line at www.marketday.com and place your holiday order by 11pm on Wednesday, April 27. Pick up will be on Saturday, April 30 from 9 - 10am in the school cafeteria. Please be prompt!



Reminder~2010 Parish Photo Directory: The 2010 parish photo directories are still available at the rectory. There is one free directory for every parish household that had their picture taken. If you had forgotten to pick yours up, please stop by the rectory. The photo directory is a great way to look back and remember our *wonder-full and vibrant* family of faith. It's also great to show to visiting friends and family at Easter. If you would like an additional copy or would like to send one to a friend, former neighbor or parishioner, directories may be purchased for \$20.

Construction continues... "Hello? Hello?! What did you say again!!" The rectory parapet joints have all been ground out - creating a whirlwind of *dust and noise*. Thanks to all those understanding callers these past weeks who agreed to shout so that they could be heard! We are now putting the final touches of caulking and sealant along the parapet walls and chimney. The next steps are roof and skylight repairs –not quite so dusty or loud! Bids for the new rectory boiler are currently being evaluated and we will keep you posted as to when that work will start – which will once again be a lot of banging so your patient will be appreciated!

Thanks for your patience.

Operation Rice Bowl: Thanks to all who have been using the Rice Bowl as their Lenten Alms Giving focus. You may return your Rice Bowl to the *back of church* or to the *rectory*. May your generosity be magnified by the good and effective work of Catholic Relief Services

Thank You! ~ We would like to extend special thanks to the Ed and Allison Madell and their staff at the Flourish Bakery (1310 W. Bryn Mawr). In the true spirit of St. Gertrude Parish, they generously provided a variety of breads for our Lenten Simple Suppers as well as the WOW youth groups First Annual Pasta Dinner. Thank you!

Young Adults and the Young at Heart: Please join the Open Hands community TODAY immediately following the 10am Easter Sunday Mass for a potluck brunch on the first floor of the Ministry Center. All are welcome!

Share Your Views on Catholic Schools: The Archdiocese of Chicago would like to understand the views of Catholics on a range of topics related to our Catholic schools. They are interested in hearing from all Catholics, regardless of your level of personal involvement in Catholic schools. In particular, they are looking to understand the perspectives of those who have children ages 3-7. All surveys will be anonymous unless participants themselves choose to provide contact information. To participate in the survey, please go to the Archdiocese of Chicago's website at www.archchicago.org and follow the link to the Catholic School Survey. The deadline for completing a survey is Friday, May 6.

Justice for Immigrants

Christ is Risen! We have been seeking the face of Christ during these 40 days of fasting and almsgiving. Let us be challenged to see the face of Christ in all those we call stranger.

May we see the suffering of Christ in our midst today, by creating a new life of solidarity and compassion for our immigrant brothers and sisters.

-Archdiocesan Office of Immigrant Affairs

School News and Activities

Middle School Students Enjoy Elective Courses

Twice each year, we offer elective courses for our middle school students. This spring, a few wonderful volunteers (Maria Wasyluk, Carol Clennon, Colleen Clennon, Rose Cancilla, Mary Ellen Rapp and Leigh Holzman) taught the students how to knit. Students made beautiful squares which will be made into a blanket and donated to a nursing home.



Don't Miss A Great Event

As many of you know, *A Taste for NCA* is a great chance to connect with friends, enjoy great food and music, raise funds to support our children's education and celebrate NCA's unique community. We invite each and every one of you to the school's biggest fundraiser to be held on May 7, 2011 at Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge. We also ask you to please forward this invitation to five family members or friends who'd enjoy this energetic and enthusiastic event: the more the merrier!



Proud Supporter
of NCA



NCA Primary School:
6216 N. Glenwood Ave
Phone: 773-743-6277

NCA Middle School:
5519 N. Magnolia
Phone: 773-271-2008, or

www.northsidecatholic.org

Community News and Activities

Charis Ministries Retreats~

For the Least Social Justice Retreat: Friday – Sunday, May 6 – 8 Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington, IL One of Charis' most popular retreats, this weekend away in beautiful Barrington will focus on Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospel call to lead lives rooted in social justice. A great team of young adults will share their experiences and lead small group reflections. Visit www.charisministries.org!

Be Still: A Silent Retreat: Friday – Sunday, June 17 – 19; Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington, IL. Start your summer with a weekend away to enter the stillness and refocus. Renew your spirit and reflect in the presence of God at this quiet retreat away from everyday life. You'll have the chance to meet with a spiritual director, discover new ways to pray, celebrate Mass, read, journal, and rejuvenate! All in their 20s and 30s are welcome! Visit www.charisministries.org to register.

Save the Date: *Community Walk for Grief*

Support: Celebrating 25 Years of Transformation, the Community Walk for Grief Support will be June 4;

9am registration with a 10am 3 mile walk along the lake in Rogers Park: Loyola Park to Berger Park and back.



Walk to honor those in grief and mourning, walk for comfort and courage, walk to raise money for grief therapy. \$20/adult, \$10/child (12 & under), \$55/family maximum. Call 773-274-4600 or go to www.griefcounselor.org

Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton: A Special Friendship:

On Thursday, May 5 at 7pm, noted peace activist, Jim Forest will discuss the topic at the Chicago Cenacle, 512 Fullerton Pkwy. Forest serves as secretary of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship and is currently launching his new book *All is Grace: A Biography of Dorothy Day*. Tickets are \$10 and the registration deadline is Thursday, April 28. For more information email merton2011@gmail.com or call 773-447-3989.

Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, APRIL 25

7:00am Helen M. Schmidt †

9:00am Edward Cassidy

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00am The Connery Family †

9:00am John Resch †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

7:00am Dolly and George Heintz †

9:00am *NCA School Mass* ~Mary and Lillian Collins †

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

7:00am Communion Service ~ Dolores Perry, BVM †

9:00am Communion Service ~ Thomas Joyce †

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

7:00am Carol Rooney Carter †

9:00am Gertrude Knuerr †

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

8:00am Mary Ellen Hyland †

3:00pm *Mooney/Dawson Wedding*

5:00pm Paul Heidkamp and
Deceased of the Heidkamp Family †

SUNDAY, MAY 1

8:00am Mrs. J. Canning and Family

10:00am Rev. William Kenneally ~
50th Anniversary of Ordination

10:30am The Family of St. Gertrude †

11:30am Carl Goeltenbodt †

† Indicates Mass is being said in memory of the individual
Rosary: 8:40am Monday - Friday; 8:30am Saturday

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

5:00pm Bill Goode, Calvin Keyes, Bill McCormick

SUNDAY, MAY 1

10:00am Sarah Dundas-Gulley, Emma Ellis,
Eileen Lamble

11:30am Melanie Garcia, John Wall, Taylor Hartung

Lectors

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

5:00pm Clarisse Croteau-Chonka, Mary Ellen Thomas

SUNDAY, MAY 1

8:00am Ed Futa, Johnny Outlaw

10:00am Sarah Millar, Rob Sierzega

11:30am Ann White, Elizabeth Sterling

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9;
Jn 20:19-31

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Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

5:00pm Mary Jo and Norm Bowers, Helen Banta,
Peggy Dawson, Kathleen Dawson

SUNDAY, MAY 1

8:00am Hallie Burhoe, Barb Daly, Chris Phillips,
Julie Dorger, Sara McCarthy, Peter Morin,
Margie Skelly

10:00am Tere Zdunek, Rob Sierga, Troy McMillan,
David and Tiffany Chan, Bob Dwyer,
Gail Smith, Jackie Carlton,

11:30am Lina Peon, Lisa Kelly, Karen Griebel,
Elizabeth Hartman, Bill Mitchell,
Anthony Long, Steve Monti

Greeters

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

5:00pm

SUNDAY, MAY 1

8:00am Joe Donnelly, Phyllis Raine

10:00am Rafael Melendez, Linda Orellana, Ray Seitz

11:30am Crissie Bolan, Michelle Kuehlhorn

Financial Highlights

March 2010 Sunday Collection

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$35,950
Electronic Giving.....	\$18,882
Total.....	\$54,832
Budgeted.....	\$56,260
Deficit.....	-\$1,428

Year to Date Sunday Collection

YTD Giving.....	\$483,759
YTD Budgeted.....	555,558
Sunday Deficit.....	-\$71,799

We think of Christmas as a time of giving. However, in Holy Week, the gospel told of people giving.

Someone gave Jesus a donkey. A woman bought expensive ointment. Joseph risked his reputation and give his personal tomb for Jesus' burial. And, finally, Jesus gives his life and forgiveness and a promise not to desert us, even when we desert God.

As at Christmas, your Easter contribution to St. Gertrude Parish is greatly appreciated.

Milestones



New Parishioners

Mark Andrews and John Blazek

Newly Baptized

Jonah Panganiban, son of
Mark Panganiban and Scarlette Quiambao



III William Mooney and Leah Dawson
I Greg Enzinger and Julie Sprunk

May they rest in peace:



Mary Ellen Hyland
Eugene Kohn
Gertrude Knuerr

ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor
Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Peter Buttitta, Director of Ministries
Ann O'Connor, Faith Formation
Mary Herbin-Horan, Liturgical Music
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director
Mary Ann Collins, Social Services
Marge Butzen, Business Manager
Jayne Deiters, Minister of First Impressions

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: Monday - Wednesday, 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 parent preparation meeting is held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All arrangements should be made by calling the rectory.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the pastor. 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 773-761-4164, E-mail stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net

<http://www.stgertrudechicago.org>

MINISTRY CENTER: 6214 N. Glenwood Phone 773-973-5464

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the rectory to introduce yourself and register. And, you may register with one of the Greeters before or after any Mass."

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, SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND MASSAGE THERAPY

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

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY – 773-338-4334, Dr. John Neafsey

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – 773-764-8884

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, Terra Solove

MASSAGE THERAPY –

Carol McRaith, 773-259-1268; Terra Solove, 773-358-8020

SUPPORT GROUPS ...

Heart to Heart ~ Senior outreach and service connection - 773-973-5464

AI-Anon — Sundays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center

Open AA - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Ministry Center, and

Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

Caris Pregnancy Center - Pregnancy Support, free pregnancy tests, and post-abortion help, ~ 773-338-8311.

Gamblers Anonymous — Fridays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center.