

St. Gertrude

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 16 2011



Marty Hegarty (1928 — 2011)
Go in peace, with our gratitude, unto your heavenly home.

Render unto God what is God's

Rumor has it that Cardinal Cody, while visiting our parish, asked the pastor how the spiritual needs of the folks on Sheridan Road were being met, thus putting into motion the creation of St. Gertrude East. Fact is that Marty Hegarty for some 25 years has been the de facto pastor of the 9:30 Gertrude East community. Because of his big heart, robust intellect and deep love of the Church, Marty demanded full, vibrant liturgy despite the humble size of the congregation. He recruited top quality musicians and drew the best from everyone who played a part there – lectors, ushers, servers and sacristans. When someone took ill, Marty kept close track, visiting, praying and sharing the Eucharist. Individual needs became the concern of all those who gathered in the little lobby that houses this tightly knit assembly. Marty Hegarty loved his parish and worked tirelessly to elevate her greatest asset – us! He joined the saints of heaven last weekend, leaving a lasting legacy of courageous and compassionate ministry from which our parish, and well beyond, is so much the better. Godspeed, Marty. Pray for us. ~ PB

(See page 2 for more about this remarkable man through whom God's light has shone among us.)

*From Father Grassi**

Father Grassi continues to make progress in his recovery at his home. At his next appointment with his cardiologist, he will find out when he can begin his cardiac rehabilitation. He will return to the rectory as he is able.



Marty Hegarty

One of the lions of our parish and community, let alone the Catholic world, went home to God this week. When you look up the word ‘friend’ in the dictionary, the first listed synonym is Marty Hegarty. A friend extraordinaire.

A couple of years ago I named my new young cat after Marty. Hegarty wasn’t quite sure what to make of it. He only rested happily when I explained that this particular cat was intelligent, extremely handsome and had a mind of his own. There you go! Marty!!

Marty was the most connected person I ever met. He seemingly knew everyone and everyone knew Marty. I met him more than 30 years ago at St. Clement Church. And he later rescued me from a serious drift away from the Catholic Church by inviting me to participate in the sweet and intimate liturgy over at Sacred Heart. “St. Gertrude East”: I am thinking he probably coined the phrase. But, whether he did or not, it has been a labor of love in which he has been the devoted local shepherd to that satellite congregation for over two decades. At the moment, none of us who attend that Mass regularly can fathom Mass without Marty. He was more than a fixture. He was the heart, soul and glue of that community.

But, here’s the rub: he was the heart, soul and glue of many groups. He was an independent, “original” with a billion interests. A force of nature! There is no way to even begin to tally up the scope of his associations and enthusiasms. As co-founder of WEORC, he helped countless former religious find meaningful work outside of religious life. He was gung-ho about his men’s club of recent years: The ROMEOS. Retired Old Men Eating Out. [He named his precious cocker spaniel “Romeo”-- who is nicely photographed in our current parish photo directory.] And he was an active member of the lay preaching team here at St. Gertrude. He not only possessed a face that sported the map of Ireland on it, he was keen on all things Irish. And, of course, he was passionate about his Notre Dame football team and never missed a game, either in person or on TV.

Marty was remarkable not only in his breadth but also in his depth of compassion. Mary Grover reminded me of the Sundays -- every single year -- when Marty would stand up and read the names aloud from the bulletin of all the people in the parish who had died in that past year. He would get to many names on the list and have to pause because he was overwhelmed. His depth of feeling was so acute. And of course, it can’t go without saying that, for all Marty’s loves and enthusiasms, they all began and ended with his treasured and beloved wife of 42 years, Carole.

KC Conway said it best: “the goodness in the world would have been greatly diminished without his great heart fueling his great love.” I know that many parishioners have been connected to that goodness in numerous ways through both Marty and Carole Hegarty. And I know that Carole would love to hear stories from you now in her time of profound loss and sorrow.



Claire Conley for Growing in Faith

Spotlight

Come Try Out the Revised Mass Texts

On the First Sunday of Advent, 2011, the new translation of our mass prayers will be put into effect. Some of the changes will be barely noticeable, but others will stand out dramatically.

To make this transition as graceful as possible, we will run through the entire mass so that you have a chance to try out each of the new responses in their proper context.

Join us on **Tuesday, October 18, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, in church.**

Let's pray that the new language will bring us closer as a parish and deeper as believers.

Hope to see you there.

~ Your Pastoral Council

OFRENDA ALTAR

St. Gertrude Parish Honors and Celebrates ~ the lives of our loved ones who have died.

Please join us for our annual
Masses in Memory of the Dead,
Saturday, October 29 at 5 pm, and
Sunday, October 30 at 8, 10, and 11:30 am.

The names of those from the parish who died during the past year will be read at each Mass. Everyone is invited to bring a small, framed photograph or memento of a loved one, whether or not the person died in the past 12 months, and place it on our ofrenda altar in the church. (An ofrenda is an altar or table created to recall the life and times of a deceased loved one. Frequently, it includes personal objects or mementos that help us recall memories of a loved one.) For further information, please call Ann O'Connor at the rectory: 773-764-3621.

Calendar Notes

Saturday, October 29

WOW Teens to Starved Rock State Park

Sunday, November 6

Market Day pie tasting after all the Masses

Central Standard Time returns ~

Turn clocks back one hour

3pm - **All Are Welcome** Concert

Sunday, November 13

11am ~-St. Gertrude **Centennial Opening** Liturgy
 (Combined Mass)

Sunday, November 20

French Nuns will be selling their baked goods.

3pm ~ ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 24 ~ Thanksgiving

10am Mass *only*

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent (regular Mass schedule).

New Translation for Mass begins

Advent wreath making after the 10, 10:30 and
 11:30am Masses

Parish News

Who do you say that I am? Stories from Afghanistan: Come hear parishioners and neighbors, Jake Olzen and Jerica Arendts, share their experiences from a recent trip to Afghanistan which they spent with the Afghan Youth Movement. Wednesday, October 19, 7:30pm, in the Social Hall. For information, call Jim Manzardo at 773-743-4632

WOW Is Going to Starved Rock! Mark your calendars now for our annual Starved Rock State Park Day trip: Saturday, October 29, 9 am to 8 pm. Call Ann O'Connor at the rectory: 773- 764-3621.

Poetry Pilgrims: In October we'll read and discuss poems by Mark Strand, a former U.S. poet laureate, who said, "Each moment is a place you've never been." And also, "You can get away with a lot more if a dog is speaking in the poem." All are welcome on Monday, October 17 at 7:30pm in the rectory. Contact Mary Grover at 773-338-3564 for information and the poems.

Open Hands ~ invites St. Gertrude Parishioners to our annual Family Fall Fest! Please join us in the Ministry Center from 6-9pm on Saturday, October 29, for food, fun and fellowship! There will be a chili cook-off again this year! If you would like to participate, please bring your chili to the Ministry Center at 5:30pm. This is a family-friendly event, it will be alcohol-free with lots of silly dancing and games! Costumes are encouraged! Email Chrissy at c.sofranko@gmail.com.

Pastoral Council: All are welcome to the next meeting of the Pastoral Council. Plan to meet Tuesday, October 18 in church from 7-8:30pm to review the new translation of the Mass. For more information, call Peter Buttitta at the rectory: 773-764-3621.



Market Day: Order forms may be turned in at the rectory by Sunday, October 16, or go on-line to marketday.com and place your order by 11pm on Wednesday, October 19. Pick up will be on Saturday, October 22 from 9 - 10am in the school cafeteria. Please be prompt.



Plan Your Work and Work Your Plan....

St. Gertrude

**Christmas Bazaar and
Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4

We are now in the planning stages of the bazaar. As we get the ball rolling, we are in need of volunteers every step of the way. Here's how you can help:

PREPARE: We will need folks to help with some of the work before the bazaar, such as help with distributing flyers prior to the weekend and help with getting volunteers signed up after Masses. If you can help with this phase, contact Mary McCormick at 773-465-6421 or mwmccormick@sbcglobal.net

SET UP: We will need a team to help with the set up the evening of December 2nd. If you've got big muscles, or a flair for decorating, or are just a helpful person, consider lending a hand in this way. Contact Leigh Holzman at lholzman@ncaweb.org and she'll put you on the list.

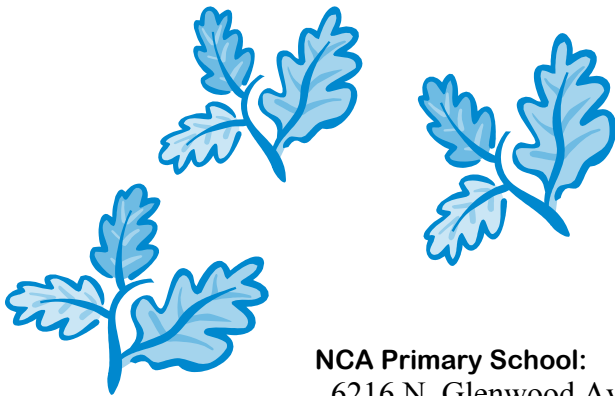
THE WEEKEND: This is the big one - we're going to need dozens upon dozens of volunteers to make the Bazaar a success. We're looking for 2-3 hours (or more) of your time, and you'll get to run into all of your parish and neighborhood friends at the same time! There's the pancake breakfast, kids arts and crafts, white elephant sale, book table and more - decide when you can give some time, then contact Leigh and let her know what you'd like to do, and she'll plug you in (***NCA families, remember your service hour requirement has doubled this year, so you can take care of many of your hours this weekend.***) Leigh Holzman at lholzman@ncaweb.org is the person to contact to volunteer.

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT
BAZAAR WEEKEND!**

Community Activities

Friends of the Orphans ~ an international non-profit organization, is hosting a gala at the Intercontinental on Saturday, October 22 to benefit Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, a network of Catholic Orphanages throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. All proceeds from the gala go directly to benefit children living in the nine Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos homes. NPH does amazing work in developing countries and is currently home to more than 3,700 orphaned or abandoned children. The gala is a fantastic way to learn more about the mission of the organization, meet some of the leadership, and spend a wonderful evening. It will include speakers, dinner, dancing, drinks, and a special dance performance by the dance team from the NPH Mexico home! For more information contact Anna Blauw at annaruthblauw@gmail.com or go to the event website friendsoftheorphans.org

Don't Miss *In Between* ~ a semi-autobiographical one-person play by Ibrahim Miari, son of a Palestinian-Muslim father and Jewish-Israeli mother, who portrays the complexities and contradictions inherent in Palestinian-Israeli identity. The play recalls his childhood in Acco, memories of his Jewish and Palestinian grandmothers, of war. Questions surrounding his identity become even further complicated by his imminent marriage to a Jewish-American woman. Sunday, October 23, 2pm at Loyola University's Sullivan Center, Galvin Auditorium 6339 N. Sheridan Rd. Free will offering.



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

School News and Activities

Introducing New Staff at NCA

Ms Kelly Luka: NCA Middle School Teacher

I am a born and raised Northsider (Go Cubs!). I graduated from Eastern Illinois University as an English major with a teacher endorsement and a business minor. After graduating, I went back to school to obtain my middle school endorsement as well. With a background in high school education (I student taught and attended Whitney Young), I push students hard and hold high expectations.

Outside of the classroom I can be found with my nose in a book, volunteering at a local soup kitchen or bowling. The world of technology hasn't taken me over completely; I still enjoy printing pictures and making a good ole scrapbook! Whenever I have time, I love to travel!



Ms Julie Rysemus: Resource Teacher

Hello, my name is Julie Rysemus and I am so excited to start this new school year at NCA as the new resource teacher. I graduated from Bradley University (GO BRAVES!) in Peoria, IL where I studied Elementary and Special Education. I grew up in Skokie, IL just a few miles north of NCA and recently joined the Chicago community in Old Town. I've been enjoying my new city life, rooting on the Cubs at Wrigley Field, biking down the lakefront, and visiting the farmers markets of summer's end.

My goal is to be an advocate for all learners. Some learners may need directions twice, an example in front of them or even just that little extra push. By going into the classrooms, I hope to fill in these gaps and create a community of thinkers! Don't forget to check out my virtual classroom at www.rysemus.weebly.com.



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



Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00am Mary Ellen Hyland †
9:00am Dr. Rose Greco †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00am The Connery Family †
9:00am Virginia Buttitta †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00am Alice O'Connor †
9:00am *NCA Children's Mass* ~ Joanne Kranzfelder †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00am Communion Service ~ Helen M. Schmidt †
9:00am Communion Service ~
Those Who Are Ill

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00am Silvana Rebughi †
9:00am Mary Frances Burke †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00am Jake Wons
5:00pm Mary Heidkamp †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00am The Family of St. Gertrude †
9:30am Marty Hegarty †
10:00am Martin Lenihan †
10:30am Virginia Buttitta †
11:30am Joan Miarecki †

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

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:00pm Bill Goode, Maggie Goode, Rosa Ott

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

10:00am Ben Mulick, Thomas Bonvoisin,
Michaelangelo Rodriguez
11:30am Roger DeKind, Jonathan Ashbeck,
Matthew Ashbeck

Lectors

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:00pm Michelle Kuehlhorn, Clarisse Croteau-Chonka

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00am Kathy Osberger, Jay Cook
10:00am Rob Schroeder, Tony Myers
11:30am Jayne Deiters, Elizabeth Hartman

Today's Readings

First Reading: The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, "I am the LORD, there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading : Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel: Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18;
1 Thes 1:5c-10;

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:00pm Mary Cook, Michelle Kuehlhorn, Pat Norcik,
Charlotte and John Sullivan

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00am Mary Stachura, Chris Phillips,
Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Hallie Burhoe,
Chuck Lewis, Ann Bushelon, Donald Nyderek
10:00am Justine Aten, Bob Backis, Laurie Hasbrook,
Val Hastings, Kevin Kaufman, Jackie Carlton,
Tony Myers
11:30am Lisa Kelly, Karen Griebel, Elizabeth Hartman,
Chris Lincoln, Anthony Long, Maria Hertl,
Mary Ellen Thomas

Greeters

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:00pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00am Kate Flynn, Lisa Torres, Chris Phillips
10:00am Kim Wagner, Beth Ruegg
11:30am Steven and Tracey Mitchell

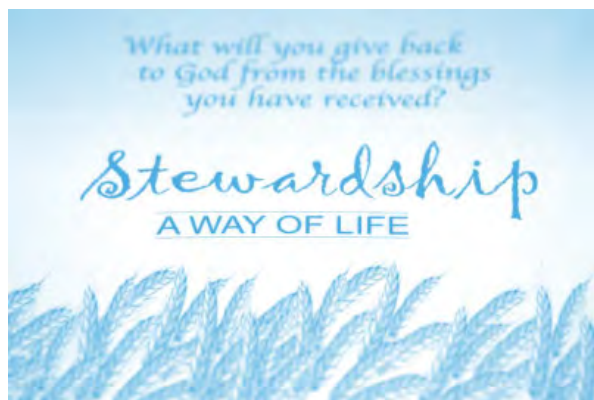
Financial Highlights

Sunday Giving for September 2011

Sunday Envelopes*	\$28,899
Loose Cash	\$ 2,026
Electronic Giving	\$ 17,000
Total	\$47,945

Budgeted	56,260
Deficit	- \$8,315

Parishioners using electronic giving...154.
Families receiving envelopes each month...865.
On average, number of envelopes returned...165.



Milestones

Newly Baptized

Amelia Ann Morrow,
daughter of Stephen and Kristine



New Parishioners

Joi Renee Abarintes
Laura Donahue, and
her sons Michael and Matthew Pytlewski
Melissa and Matthew Dowling
Karen and Paul Herbert, and
their daughter Nora
Katie and Mark Huffman
Miggie and Patrick McCurry, and
their children Nora, Patch, and Maggie
Thomas West and Crispina Chong, and
their son Joseph
Wade Work

May they rest in peace...

Marty Hegarty

Mary Frances Burke



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: 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am
9:30am Gertrude East (at Sheridan and Rosemont)
10:30am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
Monday through Friday: 7:00am and 9:00am
Saturday: 8:00am and 5:00pm (Sunday Vigil)

RECTORY HOURS

Business Hours: Weekdays, 8:30am to 4:30pm
Drop off/pick up: Monday - Wednesday, 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm, Sunday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45pm and by request.

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 7:00pm.
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 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 Ave., 60660; Phone 773-973-5464.
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville, 60660.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center

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

Thursdays at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria.

Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy tests, and post-abortion help: 312-229-5700.

Gamblers Anonymous: Fridays at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center.