

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekend of May 26/27

4:00 PM + Helen Zurawski - Sue Banach
 8:00 AM + Marlene Kubiak - Lorri Milewski
 9:45 AM + Rose Grzeskowiak - Daughters
 11:30 AM + Emilia Silva - Family

Monday, May 28

8:15 AM + Eddie Kosmala (3rd Anniv.) - Stanley & Leona Panek

Tuesday, May 29

7:15 AM + Marion Vargas - Family & Friends

Wednesday, May 30

7:15 AM + Denice Feltman - Mom & Dad

Thursday, May 31

7:15 AM + Deceased of the Twardosz Family - Evelyn & Helen

Friday, June 1

8:15 AM + Robert Zielinski - Family

Saturday, June 2

7:30 AM + Makara Family - Family
 4:00 PM + Frank Hurysz - Daughter, Ceil

Sunday, June 3

8:00 AM + Benjamin Simons - Mr. & Mrs. Moreno, Sr.
 9:45 AM - Anniversary Mass - Knights of Columbus
 11:30 AM + Francisco Javier, Patrick, Francisco Sr. &
 Maria Saldana - Saldana Family

Week of May 27 - June 2

The Gifts of Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of
 Mary Ann Piaskowy - Sister

The Tabernacle Candle will be lit this week in memory of
 Mary Ann Piaskowy - Sister

READERS June 2012

4:00 PM A. Bonczek
 8:00 AM K. Gibson
 9:45 AM L. Morse
 11:30 AM R. Oseguera & L. Jimenez

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, June 2

4:00 PM M. Bensett, D. Gaczkowski, R. Rodriguez

SUNDAY, June 3

8:00 AM B. Echevarria, N. Mooney, J. O'Keefe
 9:45 AM M. Gomez, D. Ranos, A. Shea
 11:30 AM M. Ortiz, X. Gutierrez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

June 2012

4:00 PM

D. Karczewski
 B. Peak
 J. Gibbons
 M. Cowperthwaite
 P. Gadus
 C. Motkowicz

8:00 AM

S. Jezior
 E. Podsiadlik
 N. Moll
 K. Gibson
 D. Ciciora
 C. Bozovic

9:45 AM

V. Maccagnano
 P. Maccagnano
 P. Haro
 P. O'Rourke
 O. Haro
 M. Czarobski

11:30 AM

A. Davila
 O. Cruz

USHERS June 2012

4:00 PM

C. Cowperthwaite, M. Aducci
 E. Pindara, A. Lubanowski,

8:00 AM

T. Zalewski, N. Zalewski
 A. Wopinski, T. Nester,
 A. Jasek, M. Noworyta,
 J. Shanahan, J. Young

9:45 AM

E. Lihota, G. Slusarczyk,
 K. Podgorny, R. Furman,
 T. Baker, M. Gasior,

11:30 AM

R. Manriquez, J. Gonzalez
 M. Suarez

The Feast of Pentecost

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom - Understanding - Counsel
Fortitude - Knowledge - Piety - Fear of the Lord

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord” (Isaiah 11:1-3).

The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. These are permanent dispositions which make everyone docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Charity - Joy - Peace - Patience - Kindness
Goodness - Generosity - Gentleness
Faithfulness - Modesty - Self-Control - Chastity

The Catechism tells us that “the fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory”.

Mark your calendars and please join us . . .

***Farewell Reception for
Rev. James Mezydlo
and celebration of his
35th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination***

Saturday - June 9, 2012

4:00 PM Liturgy

Reception to follow
in St. Florian Gymnasium
131st & Houston Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Dinner served at 6:15 PM

(catered by Ace Catering)

Advance Tickets (through June 3, 2012)

Adults \$10 Children (under 12) \$5

Tickets will be available after all Masses and may also be purchased at the Rectory and School Office.

Tickets purchased after June 3:

(limited tickets/seating -

availability & space based on advance purchases)

Adults \$15 Children (under 12) \$10

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

May 2012

Dear Catholics of the Archdiocese of Chicago:

Because public discussion of the Department of Health and Human Services’ interpretation of the requirements of the health care reform legislation will remain a matter of public debate, I would like to pinpoint the Catholic Bishops’ concerns. They are two: 1) government infringement on religious liberty; and 2) restrictions on freedom of conscience.

1) Religious liberty means that all religions are free to identify and control their own ministries, without interference from the government. The institutional names of our public ministries are well known; for example, there are Catholic universities (like Loyola, DePaul and others) and schools (like St. Ignatius, Marian, Fenwick and others). There are Catholic hospitals and health care centers (like Resurrection, St. Anthony’s, St. Bernard and others). There are Catholic social service agencies (like Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese) and child welfare institutions (like Misericordia, Mercy Home, Marillac House and many others). Under the HHS regulations, none of these institutions is Catholic. The government has unilaterally decided that it has the right to determine what is Catholic (or Jewish or Muslim) and what is not. Religious ministries are reduced to public services, with their identity changed by government edict. This is a novel intrusion of the government into the internal life of the Church and other religious organizations. It is a First Amendment issue and will eventually be decided by the courts.

2) Freedom of conscience means that neither an institution nor an individual should be coerced by the government into doing or paying for an action they believe to be immoral. Conscience had previously been protected in federal health care legislation by the Hyde, Church and Weldon amendments. These legal protections have been removed from the health care law, and freedom of conscience has been restricted. This is a policy issue and will probably be decided by either legislative or executive action.

It will take time to decide these issues, and the public debate will be acrimonious. In an election year, it will be hard to avoid partisanship; but religious liberty and freedom of conscience are issues that should be bigger than politics. I hope these few comments are helpful to a better understanding of what is at stake in the disputed HHS mandate. Thank you for your life of faith in the Church and of faithful citizenship in our country.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

We pray for . . .



Charlotte Frjelich, Edward Kawa, Grant Joseph Bradtke, Larry Kawa, Stanley Wrona Sr., Austin Cichy, Elaine Antuna, Dale Pelekant, John Koza, Harriet Brodzik, Mary Rolek, Dorita De Cardona, Michael Boston, Steven Schwartz, Marietta Falbo, Linda Stannish, Yesenia Guajardo, Beth Lassetter, Chestine Trzupek, Thomas Frain, Laurie Ferry, Irma Bulatovich, Alicia Davila, Leona Krawczyk, Stanley Bonczek, Kevin Chocholek, Chris Wopinski, Philip Corich, David Donahue, Ricardo Morales, Bob Konecek, Martha Kowalkowski, Paul Sherman, Michael Auld, Rosa Guadalupe Guajardo, Jim & Ann Cummings, Dennis Grzyb, Asunción Villalpondo, Thomas J. Lohr, Irma Garcia, Irma Cardenas, Karen Kil, Bertha Soto, Martin Covarrubias, Joseph B. Mistarz, Jr., Policarpo Naya, Genoveva Nateras, Peter Ladowski, Barry Piotrowski, Melissa Young, Judy Prokapeka, Rosie Dunmore, Carl Abram, Felicia Pancer, Helen & John Larson, Irene Stincic, Michelle Kendra, Shirley Ostrowski, Maryann Henney, Paul & Pat Pirowski, Joe Moncada, Alfonso Soto, Dianne Williams, Allysa Garcia, Helen Hennessy, Bob Frjelich, Tom Best, Charlene Jones, Barbara Anderson, Anna Mrdak, Frances & Chester Zakrzewski, Residents of Hammond-Whiting Care Center and Residents of Dolton Health Care Center and Residents of Burnham Terrace.

We pray for the homebound, sick and hospitalized. If your name appears in the above list and you no longer wish to be included due to recovery, please contact the Rectory at 773/646-4877.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - May 28

Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday - May 29

Reading 1 Peter 1:10-16
Gospel Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday - May 30

Reading I 1 Peter 1:18-25
Gospel Mark 32-45

Thurs. - May 31 - Visitation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Friday - June 1 - St. Justin

Reading 1 Peter 4:7-13
Gospel Mark 11:11-26

Saturday - June 2 - St. Marcellinus & St. Peter

Reading Jude 17:20b-25
Gospel Mark 11:27-33

Sunday - June 3 - Holy Trinity

Reading I Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Reading II Romans 8:14-17
Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

What is a Mary Garden?

A Mary Garden is a devotional garden planned around a shrine to the Virgin Mary. This style of devotional garden is most closely associated with Catholic tradition, although people of other Christian denominations may also construct Mary Gardens. The concept of the Mary Garden is closely linked with the medieval hortus conclusus, or "closed garden." Mary Gardens can be found in private homes and around Catholic churches, community halls, and other gathering places.

The practice of making Mary Gardens appears to date back to the medieval period, when monks and nuns constructed closed garden shrines to Our Lady. By tradition, a Mary Garden is in an enclosed area, referencing her purity, although when enclosed space is limited, it is certainly possible to put a Mary Garden in an open area, and sometimes boundaries by low fences or walls are used to create a partially enclosed feel.

In a Mary Garden, people plant a variety of flowers, trees, and shrubs associated with the Virgin Mary. Zinnias, snapdragons, Sweet Alyssum, cornflowers, Impatiens, larkspur, marigolds, forget-me-nots, poppies, morning glories, petunias, and sweet scabious are all associated with the Virgin Mary. Other plants one might see in a Mary Garden include laurel trees, mayweed, maidenhair ferns, strawberries, lady's slipper orchids, lily of the valley, trefoil, columbine, ribwort grass, peonies, foxgloves, bachelor's buttons, Amaryllis, begonias, bellflowers, bluets, buttercups, violets, irises, and roses.

A statue of the Virgin is common in a Mary Garden. Some Mary Gardens have a Madonna and Child, while others simply show the Virgin Mary alone, and other religious figures may be included. Commonly, a bench or patio is included so that people can sit in contemplation in the Mary Garden, and gardeners may use a water feature to muffle outside noise, or a birdbath to encourage birds to visit. There may be a space to light candles while saying prayers.

The layout of a Mary Garden can vary considerably. Some people set a Mary Garden up in the shape of a cross, while others make patterns with raised beds. Catholics attach specific meanings to various flowers. The Mary Garden may also be laid out with a winding path which allows people to contemplate various aspects of the Virgin Mary. Overall, the design is meant to be peaceful and pleasant, with the goal of promoting deep thought and providing a space for prayers.

God never puts anyone in a place too small to grow.

St. Florian School Happenings . . .



visit us at our website - www.stflorianschool.org

2012-2013 REGISTRATION!

Registration is underway for 3&4 year old Preschool through Grade 8. For further information, please contact the school office at 773-646-2868.

BINGO - Sorry to inform you, Bingo has ended for the year. We have not had enough players to continue.

Market Day - Orders due Friday, June 8th and pickup is on Friday, June 15th. Profits earned last month: \$104.16. Thank you for all your support through out the school year!

Mission Statement of St. Florian School

Our mission is to provide each student with a Catholic education in all areas. The faculty and school families join the parish staff and fellow parishioners to form a living Catholic faith community. Our school population is multicultural and fosters sensitivity to the needs of all. We promote the students' burning desire for learning. Through education, service, support, formation and challenge, the students are called realize their potential spiritually, socially, and intellectually. For one hundred years our school has been committed to carry out the Gospel values of Jesus Christ on a daily basis.

2012 & 2013 Mass Book



The 2013 Mass Book is now open. Have you come to the rectory to make arrangements for your Mass intentions yet? We also have many openings in our 2012 Mass Book, especially from July 1st through Dec. 31st. Remember, Mass intentions include our deceased, in thanksgiving, anniversaries of marriages and birthdays, for good health, special intentions, etc. You can personalize your Mass intentions in any way possible.

Mass Intentions

Any Catholic may offer up the Mass in which he or she participates for any good intention. Certainly, graces will accrue in accordance with the intensity of that person's participation and sincerity. However, the custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. This is because the Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. The faithful generally make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention. By making this offering, the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the sacred Host, and obtain thereby more abundant fruits. Thus, in normal circumstances, a priest may only accept one stipend for any one Mass even though he may offer up the Mass for several intentions.

Memorial Day Celebrations

Monday - May 28, 2012
St. Florian Parish
 8:15 AM Mass

Holy Cross Cemetery
 Field Mass - 10:30 AM
 Celebrant

Rev. Edward M. Mikolajczyk
 Pastor, Queen of Martyrs Parish



Respect Your Flag - Important Things to Remember

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render military salute.

Display the U.S. flag on all days but especially on national and State holidays and other days that may be proclaimed by the President of the United States. On Memorial Day, the U.S. flag should be half staffed until noon.

The U.S. flag should be displayed on or near the main building of every public institution, during school days in or near every schoolhouse, and in or near every polling place on election days.

Always hoist the U.S. flag briskly. Lower it ceremoniously.

Never in any way should any disrespect be shown to the U.S. flag.

When the U.S. flag is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
May 19/20, 2012

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$3,094.00 |
| Loose | \$ 513.75 |
| Children's | \$ 105.00 |
| Children's Offering | \$ 61.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 121.00 |
| Bldg. Improvement | \$ 133.00 |
| Votives | \$ 94.00 |

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box - \$59.00

Important Notice for Summer - Usually, when you see this headline, you know it means a shorter schedule. That's not the case with your St. Vincent de Paul Society. We will be around during the summer months

Fr. Bill Lisowski now resides at the Bishop Lyne Residence for Retired Priests. His address is as follows if you wish to keep in touch!

Fr. Bill Lisowski
Bishop Timothy Lyne Residence
for Retired Priests
12230 S. Will-Cook Road
Palos Park, IL 60464

 **Golden Wedding
Anniversary Mass**

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at 2:30 PM, at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Couples married in 1962 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register. For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

Summer Barbecue

Join John A. Pope, 10th Ward Alderman, Democratic Committeeman at PAPI CHULO'S BAR & GRILL at Sunset Bay Marina, 13601 S. Calhoun Ave. (13600S, 2500E) on Friday, June 8th from 5PM - 11PM. The Barbecue Dinner will take place from 5:30PM until 7PM. Featuring Live Entertainment by the Bed Bugs Band from 7PM until 11PM. Ticket cost is \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 312-854-8018.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| May 28 | Memorial Day - 8:15 AM Mass School/Rectory Office Closed |
| May 31 | 8th Grade Graduation—7PM Mass |
| June 1 | Holy Name (PMR) Officers 7:00 Members 8:00 |
| June 3 | Holy Name Golf Outing - 8:30AM Summertree, Crown Point, IN |
| June 4 | Kindergarten Graduation (Gym) 9:15 |

Baby Bottle Project

We hope you are participating in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicago. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Please return the bottles to the Church this weekend (May 26/27) or during the week at the Rectory. Thank you for helping defend life.

Daughters of Isabella, Circle 859 will meet June 5th at 1PM at the St. Columba Social Center. After the meeting we will have our annual picnic. Hot dogs and all the trimmings, salads and much more. Have a blessed and safe summer. Stay cool and see you Sept. 4th.

Lost - Left at St. Florian 9:45 Mass on May 20 was a small white Macy's box with a cross necklace and pair of earrings inside. Please return to the rectory if found. This was a First Communion gift from an out-of-state aunt.

**Please pray for our
Service Members:**



Chief Dennis Zmija, U.S. Navy - Eugene Zmija, U.S. Air Force - SSGT David Burks, U.S. Army - SSGT Eric L. Abram, U.S. Air Force - Lt. Commdr. Nicholas Garcia, U.S. Navy Pilot - SPC Waylon Bader, U.S. Army - SPC Mark J. Dancer, U.S. Army - PVT Joshua Garza, U.S. Army - PVT Adam Garza, U.S. Army - Aaron Alvarez, U.S. Navy - MSgt James Ritchie, U.S. Air Force - Capt. Christopher Conner, U.S. Marine Corps - Sgt. Michael Marszalek, U.S. Army - Robert A. Islas, Jr., U.S. Navy - Sgt. Matthew R. McGivney, U.S. Army - Cpl Kristin Pala, U.S. Marine Corps - Capt. Lisa Klekowski, U.S. Army - PFC Patrick Paskiewicz - U.S. Army - PVT David Cook, U.S. Army - Seaman Laura A. Tomaczak, U.S. Navy - LTC Peter Allen Kubas - U.S. Army - A1C Kelly Shanahan - U.S. Air Force, - Master Sgt. Christopher Saberniak, U.S. Air Force - A1C Nicolaos Hofbauer, U.S. Air Force

If you wish to have a family member added to this prayer list, please contact the Rectory at 646-4877.