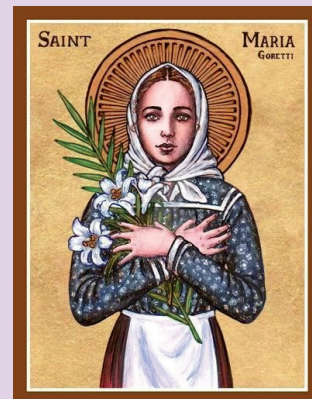




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent



Rectory:

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Rev. Robert Schultz, Pastor
Marlene Bacha, Business Manager
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Weekend Mass: Saturday—4:30pm, Sunday—9:30am, 11:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday—Thursday at 8:30am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm

Confession (Reconciliation): Saturdays from 3:30-4:00pm

Baptisms: Celebrated once a month at 1:00pm

Contact the rectory to register as a new parishioner or to schedule a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or Anointing.

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Advent, and Happy New Year! Yes, this weekend we begin not only the season of Advent, but we also begin a new liturgical year. At the Masses this weekend, we bless our Advent wreath, and we light the first candle on it, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th.

One of the best ways to prepare for this is by celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation. **Our annual Advent confessions will be offered on Tuesday, Dec. 12th from 7-8pm in church.** There will not be a prayer service that night. Instead, you are welcome to come anytime between 7-8pm for individual confession, and several priests will be available.

This coming Friday, Dec. 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception, which refers to Mary being conceived without sin inside the womb of her mother, St. Anne. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. However, Dec. 8th falls on a Friday this year, and because we may get fewer people at a Friday night Mass, the Mass schedule for this will be slightly different. **Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, Dec. 7th, and at 8:30am & 12:00pm on Friday, Dec. 8th.**

I hope that you can join us for our Parish Christmas Party. It will take place next Sunday, Dec. 10th at Allegra Banquets in Schiller Park. Doors open at 2pm, and dinner will be served at 3pm, with a cash bar. Dinner tickets are \$35. You can buy them at Mass this weekend, or at the rectory up until Wednesday, Dec. 6th. In addition to the dinner tickets, we are also selling raffle tickets. At the Christmas Party, we will have a raffle for several prizes, including gift baskets, as well as several cash prizes: three \$100 prizes, one \$200 prize, and one \$500 grand prize. Raffle tickets (sold separately from the dinner tickets) are \$5 each, or six for \$25. You do not need to be present at the Christmas Party to win, and you can buy raffle tickets up until the drawing begins.

Another great opportunity to win money comes from one of our most popular fundraisers, the HYPOD raffle (HYPOD stands for Help Your Parish Out of Debt). HYPOD tickets are \$10. You can purchase them at the rectory, and they are also available in the pamphlet rack at the back of church (the green tickets). And while HYPOD tickets can be purchased anytime throughout the year, the best time to get them is now. That is because every ticket that you buy is valid for every weekly drawing of the year (because even if your ticket wins, it goes back into the pot for the next week's drawing). The weekly prize is either \$100 or \$500. It is possible to win more than once with one ticket. The first drawings for 2024 will begin in January, so any 2024 ticket that you buy before then will be valid for all 52 drawings of the year.

Finally, I want to give everyone a heads-up about our Christmas Mass schedule. Because Christmas falls on a Monday this year, the schedule might be a little confusing. That is because the weekend of Dec. 23-24 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and we will have our normal weekend Mass schedule: 4:30pm on Dec. 23rd, and 9:30am & 11:30am on Dec. 24th. But once we get into the afternoon of Dec. 24th, we then move into Christmas Eve. We will have two Christmas Eve Masses on Dec. 24th, at 4:00pm and Midnight. Then, on Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, we will have Masses at 9:30am & 11:30am. This means that there will be four Masses on Sunday, Dec. 24th, but the two morning ones will be for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and the afternoon and evening Masses will be for Christmas. If this sounds confusing, don't worry, we will be publishing the schedule, and I will remind everyone more about it in the coming weeks.

Holy Virgin Martyrs, pray for us. May God bless you.

Fr. Rob



MASSES For The Week

Sunday—December 3rd

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco
 Martha Schimanski, req. Alice Danhoffer
 Roger Alva, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Lewis Arnone, req. Arnone Family
 Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 James Florio Family, req. Family
 Alexander Buziuk, req. Family
 Bozena Jaskulska, req. The Choir
 Jasia Lipecka, req. The Choir
 James Skuarla, req. Joe & Kristen Bacha
 Richard Wesolowski, req. Jean Wesolowski
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
 11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Michael T. Corbett, req. Marlene Bacha

Monday—December 4th

8:30—Thomas Waguespack, req. Daughter

Tuesday—December 5th

8:30—Thomas Waguespack, req. Daughter

Wednesday—December 6th

8:30—Joe Cunningham, req. Family
 James Cunningham, req. Family
 Sophie Thomas, req. Thomas Family

Thursday—December 7th

8:30—Poor Souls in Purgatory, req. Heidorn Family
 Auntie E. Hiedorn, req. Heidorn Family
 7:00—Al, Mary & Stanley Jediznak, req. Zerlina Kirchen

Friday—December 8th

8:30—Mary Forys, req. Jean Wesolowski
 12:00—Parishioners

Saturday—December 9th

4:30—Joseph Ferrara, req. Family
 Michael Flaharty, req. Friend
 Angeline Chrabaszcz, req. Children & Grandchildren

Sunday—December 10th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
 Franklin & Helen Losacco, req. Fran Losacco
 Gene Danhoffer, req. Alice Danhoffer
 Roger Alva, req. Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 John & Helen Myszka, req. Dennis & Nancy Myszka
 Robert & Frances Rodgers, req. Dennis & Nancy Myszka
 The Bejarano Family, req. The Loesacco Family
 Ray & Lena Gennetti, req. Family
 Matthew O'Brien, req. Family
 James Skuarla, req. Mickey & Stacey Bacha
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Carlo Mele, req. Mother
 Felix Soto, req. Family
 Felipa Gonzales, req. Family
 Bienvenida Caceres, req. Family
 Enrique & Paula Gonzalez, req. Family
 11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Michael T. Corbett, req. Joe & Kristen Bacha
 Bernice Galey, req. Family
 Deceased Memebers Piotrowski & Pultorak Families,
 req. Robert & Christine Maszka

December 9th & 10th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Rob	Fr. Rob
Lector	Char Fiore	Don Kasper	Liz Lynch
Communion Ministers	E. Melnitzke C. Widuch M. Widuch	N. Kent R. Klug R. Kraft	M. Diaz Z. Kirchen L. Louis—Charles
Altar Servers	D. Heredia G. Heredia R. Heredia	S. Cervantes	L. Louis—Charles K. Lima

Immaculate Conception December 7th & 8th	7:00pm	8:30am	12:00pm
Presider	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard
Lector	Zerlina Kirchen	Melanie Hohmeier	Lynn Louis—Charles
Communion Ministers	W. Bernacki C. Schreiner S. Schreiner	D. Brown I. Benesch	B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen
Altar Servers	L. Trischan E. Trischan	D. Kasper	C. Fiore



Religious Education News

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 5th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm
Communion Biography Sheet

Saturday, December 9th

Special Sacraments Class
9:00—11:00am

Saturday, December 16th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am
Communion Date Selection Sheet Due

Tuesday, December 19th

Religious Ed. Class—6:00-8:00pm
Communion Date Selection Sheet Due

Sunday, January 7th

Family Mass—11:30am
The Grade will be reading
and bringing up the gifts.

What We're Learning

Kindergarten (Tuesday)

Today we spent time learning about the Ten Commandments. We learned that God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses.



1st Grade (Tuesday)

We Learned about the Holy Trinity. We Learned that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit make up the three Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity. We learned that Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit and that he is with us always.



2nd Grade (Tuesday)

We spent time learning about the Bible. We learned that the Bible is made up of the Old and New Testaments. We also spent time listening to the story of Noah and the Great Flood.

Hypod Winner

November 27, 2023

\$500 Winner—Ruth (Toots) Gosinski

Tickets are still available in the pamphlet rack in the back of church or from the Rectory during the week!



Week 11

\$20 Winner

Marlene O'Brien—Ticket #1956

\$20 Winner

Gorzynski—Ticket #1937



Parish Support

Week of November 18th & 19th

Weekly	\$4,375.00
Maintenance	140.00
Fuel & Heat	116.00
Thanksgiving	\$25.00
All Saints	\$15.00
All Souls	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Human Development	\$806.00

MANY THANKS!

Second Collections:

The second collection on December 10th is for Retirement Fund For Religious. Please be as generous as you can.

Pray For:

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Those Who Are Sick:

Betty Bajzek, Char Banyai, Laura Biagini, Terrie Boie, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, Benedetta Cortese, Bernie Cwan, Phyllis DiBenedetto, Joseph & Beatrice Giannone, Dora Gibellina, Rose & Pat Glasso, Judy Golab, Karla Gosinski, Ruth Gosinski, Howard & Carol Heidorn, Mary Hinterlong, Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz, Michael & Vivian Jennings, David Johnson, Brian Kelly, Joyce Knauss, Leonard Kuffer, Marguerite Kramer, Joan Lester, Reina Lopez, Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz), Ann Macey, Carole McCreery, Bryan McIntyre, David Medo, Peter Meyer, Barbara Miller, Pat Morgan, Lois Neilsen, Julie Parkinson, Charlotte Penczek, Nancy Piatek, Deacon Ron Pilarski, Leroy Plier, Joseph Powyszynski, Barbara Rodgers, Sandy Rogalski, Kathy Sassolino, Cathy & Steve Schreiner, Kim Schulz-Malkowski, Sue Schuyler, Susan Siekierski, Pat Sullivan, Sarah Tripoli, Joan & Bill Weichbrodt, Karen Weichbrodt, Jean Wesolowski, Nancy Wright

Those in the Military

*Sergeant Michael Bavone,
Private Christopher Bavone,
US Army Staff Sergeant
John J. Schreiner,
U.S.A.F. Sergeant Michael Keaty,
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy,
U.S.M.C. Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo
Rodriguez,
U.S.M.C. Kyle E. Ruth,
Omar Vee, Jr.,
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
US Army Michael Gutierrez.*



Receive The Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion

HVM Ministers of Care can bring Holy Communion to our parishioners who are Homebound or Sick. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, or would like to know more about this rewarding ministry, then please contact Nancy Ryan (parish nurse) either by leaving a message at the rectory or email at: anne.ryan@ascension.org.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Rest in Peace

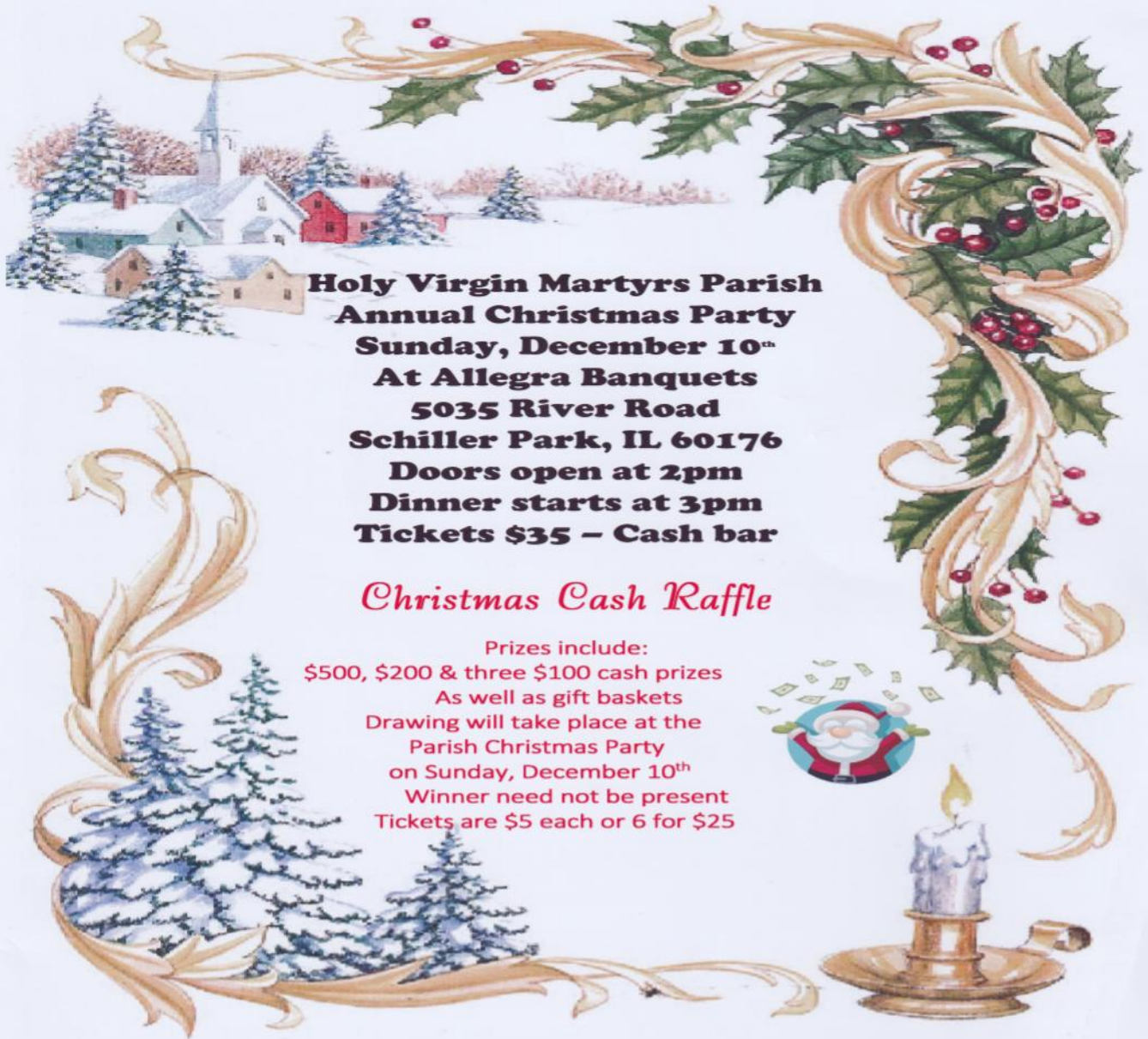
"It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead," please remember: Marilynne T. Carlson in your prayers.



Baptisms
Through the living waters of Baptism the following were welcomed into the People of God:

Penelope Marie Silva, Daughter of Jennifer Flores and Michael Silva

Mateo Valiente Silva, Son of Jennifer Flores and Michael Silva



**Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish
Annual Christmas Party
Sunday, December 10th
At Allegra Banquets
5035 River Road
Schiller Park, IL 60176
Doors open at 2pm
Dinner starts at 3pm
Tickets \$35 – Cash bar**

Christmas Cash Raffle

Prizes include:
\$500, \$200 & three \$100 cash prizes
As well as gift baskets
Drawing will take place at the
Parish Christmas Party
on Sunday, December 10th
Winner need not be present
Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25



Notes From The Parish Nurse...

I can't believe that it has already been a year since I became the parish nurse at HVM parish. I am so grateful to have met many of you at church or in you homes and look forward to meet so many more of you in the future. Through my ministry I enjoy providing education and resources to help you on your health journey. To contact me, you can call the parish office and leave me a voicemail or introduce yourself so that I can get to know you too. My regular workdays are Monday through Wednesday.

Just a reminder we will be offering blood pressure screenings after the Masses the weekend of December 9th & 10th.

Blessings and Health to you,

Anne (Nancy) Ryan, RN
Faith Community Nurse



Need assistance with Medicaid, SNAP, or the Marketplace?
HelpDesk Available with a Representative: Tuesday, December 5th 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
 Ascension Resurrection, Entrance 2 Lobby, 7447 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

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