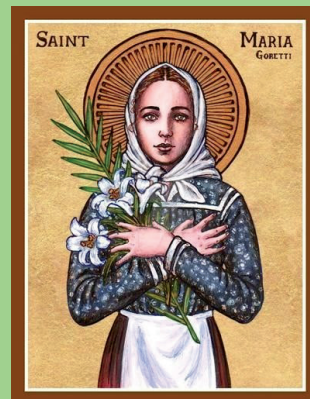




HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

January 14, 2024
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

This past week we began the longest season of the liturgical year, the season of Ordinary Time (OT). It always begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is the day that both concludes the Christmas season and begins the OT season. This year, the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated on Monday, Jan. 8th (which is unusual, as it is typically celebrated on a Sunday). And then, on this weekend of Jan. 13-14, we celebrate the Second Sunday of OT (as there was no First Sunday of OT this year). If this sounds confusing, well, I agree! The short story is that there needs to be 34 weeks of OT in the year, and because Ash Wednesday is so early this year (Feb. 14), the OT season needed to start right away. Anyway, even though our church is no longer decorated for Christmas, we can still enjoy the Christmas flowers until the Lenten season begins next month.

And even though we are now in the OT season, that doesn't mean that we cannot offer things like an evening of reflection (we do not need to confine those types of events to Advent and Lent). So, I would like to invite everyone to join us for an Evening of Reflection this week, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. It will take place on **Wednesday, Jan. 17th at 7:00pm in church**. Our speaker will be Fr. Dominic Clemente, who is the pastor of St. Edward Parish in Chicago (and who used to be our parish's adopted seminarian). The title of his talk is: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who ask you for a reason for your hope." It will be a presentation on the art of explaining and defending the beauty of the Catholic faith. Fr. Clemente is a great speaker, and I hope you will be able to join us.

I also want to make sure to note that the following day, Jan. 18th, marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It runs from Jan. 18-25. It is important for us to pray for unity with our brothers and sisters in the Christian faith around the world, as Jesus Himself prayed for unity. In John's Gospel account of the Last Supper, Jesus prayed to His Father in front of the Apostles so that they could hear His words. As part of His conversation with the Father, Jesus said: *"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one."*

Even though Jesus prayed that all His followers would be of one mind and heart, and part of the one Body of Christ, the sad reality is that many divisions have emerged throughout history. While Christianity is still the largest religion in the world, it is also very divided. It is estimated that there are roughly 200 Christian denominations in the U.S. today, and amazingly, there are over 41,000 Christian denominations around the world! Obviously, a lot of prayer and effort is needed for us to experience the unity for which Christ prayed.

Finally, I want to put in one last plug for our parish fundraiser, the HYPOD weekly raffle. Again, you can buy HYPOD tickets at any time, but if you get them now, you will still have 50 chances to win a cash prize with every ticket that you purchase. Tickets are \$10 each, and the weekly prize is either \$100, or \$500 at the end of each month. HYPOD tickets are available in the pamphlet rack in church, or at the rectory.

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

Fr. Rob



MASSES For The Week

Sunday—January 14th

9:30—Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Kenneth Bauman, req. Darlene Bauman
 Jo Hargus, req. Chrusciel Family
 Joseph Stendebach, req. Women’s Club
 Garry Hickerson, req. Ernie & Dorothy Brown
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 Roger Louis—Charles, req. Family
 Eleno Mayol, Sr. & Calexta Mayol, req. Family
 Evelyn Solare, req. Albert & Cynthia Gualtier
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family
 Genevieve Mastalerz, req. Family

11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Salvatore Segreti, req. Family
 Pearl Stanke, req. Josie Perez
 Michael Holowicki, req. Family
 Genevieve Mastalerz, req. Family

Monday—January 15th

8:30—Rosemary Bauman, req. Darlene Bauman
 Bernie Fuechtmann, req. Family

Tuesday—January 16th

8:30—Pearl Stanke, req. Women’s Club
 Garry Hickerson, req. Cathy & Steve Schreiner

Wednesday—January 17th

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

Thursday—January 18th

8:30—Joseph & Mary Traxker, req. Family
 Alice Ridgeway, req. Jim & Rose Ridgeway

Saturday—January 20th

4:30—Joseph Ferrara, req. Family

Sunday—January 21st

9:30—Elizabeth Gersten, req. Rich Gersten
 Joseph & Theresa Marczak, req. Family
 Blanca Selsky, req. Steve Selsky
 Jerry Hoss, req. Chrusciel Family
 Joseph Stendebach, req. Louis—Charles Family
 Matthew O’Brien, req. Family
 Napodano Ladies, req. Kusiak Family
 Thomas Griffin, req. Family

11:30—Matthew & Ida Hendle, req. Family
 Deceased Members Piotrowski & Pultorak
 Families, req. Robert & Christine Maszka

January 20th & 21st	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard	Fr. Lenard
Lector	Joan Golembiewski	Roy McCambell	Bobby Lima
Communion Ministers	C. McLean C. Schreiner S. Schreiner	D. Kasper M. Morgan J. Losurdo	B. Kirchen Z. Kirchen K. Lima
Altar Servers	D. Heredia G. Heredia R. Heredia	C. Fiore	A. Herrera E. Gutierrez



Religious Education News

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 20th

Special Sacraments Class—9-11am

Tuesday, January 23rd

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

Saturday, January 27th

Religious Ed. Class—9:00-11:30am
Confirmation Biography Sheet Due

Wednesday, January 31st

First Reconciliation—7:00pm

Sunday, February 4th

Family Mass—11:30am

The 8th Grade will be reading &

The 2nd Grade will be

bringing up the gifts

*We will have the presentation of
1st Communicants at this Mass*

What We're Learning

2nd Grade (Saturday)

Today we learned about forgiveness. We learned that virtues are good habits that can help us say no to temptation. We also learned about the seven Sacraments and how we are preparing to receive 2 of those Sacraments.

7th Grade (Saturday)

We learned that the Church is both visual and spiritual. We discussed how the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ and that it is united to Christ and continues his mission in the world. We learned that Jesus chose 12 men to be his Apostles and that they carried out Jesus' ministry after his ascension to heaven.

Adult Confirmation Classes

The Holy Virgin Martyrs Religious Education program will be offering Adult Confirmation Classes for those adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Communion, but just need the sacrament of Confirmation. There is a \$100 Sacramental Fee which is due the first class.

The classes will meet on Saturday Mornings from 9:30am – 10:30am.

The schedule of classes is: Saturday, February 3rd, Saturday, February 17th, Saturday, March 16th

Confirmation Retreat—March 2nd—9:00am-5:30pm

Confirmation Rehearsal —Monday, April 15th at 7:00pm in Church

Confirmation —Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00pm in Church

You must register for the classes **NO LATER** than Saturday, January 14th. For more information or to register please contact Zerlina Kirchen in the Religious Education Office 847-671-6429 or by email: religiousedcoordinator@outlook.com

Pray For:

Those Who Are Sick:

Betty Bajzek, Char Banyai, Laura Biagini, Terrie Boie, Sonia Bonacci, Frank Bosco, Pat Brandolino, Gus Campeotto, 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, Brian Kelly, Patti King, 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, 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.



Hypod Winner

January 1, 2024

\$100 Winner—Russ Klug

January 7, 2024

\$100 Winner—Mia Saldana Garcia

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



Week 17

\$20 Winner

Bernice Kirchen—Ticket #1538



Parish Support

Week of December 30th & 31st

Weekly	\$3,661.00
Maintenance	\$15.00
Fuel & Heat	\$23.00
Christmas	\$4,225.00
Christmas Flowers	\$15.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,477.90

MANY THANKS!

Second Collections:

The second collection on January 21st is for Fuel & Heat
Please be as generous as you can.

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.

Save The Date



Wed. Jan. 17, 2024, 7:00 pm

Holy Virgin Martyrs: St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope...” 1Peter 3:15.

Featuring Guest Speaker Fr. Dominic Clemente

A presentation on Catholic Apologetics: the art of explaining and defending the beauty of our faith.

Free Event – Refreshments will be served - Invite your Friends!

Presented by:



Holy Virgin Martyrs
1/16/2024

Diabetes Info Talk

Tuesday, 1/16/2024

*“Health requires
healthy food”*

- Roger Williams

Join us as we learn some facts about Diabetes and ways that it impacts our health. The talk will be held in the Gathering Room

After the 8:30 am mass.

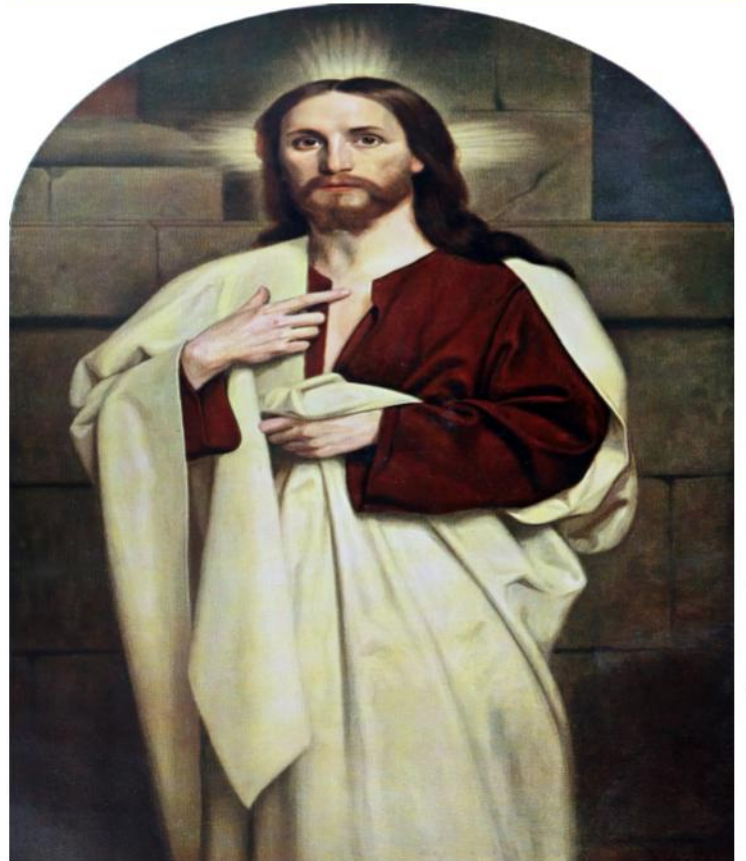
Presented by: Julianne Ciaglia, RN Diabetes Educator

from Ascension Resurrection Medical Facility



Music Notes

*Jesus, rouse us from our drowsiness to listen
for your voice and watch for your presence.*



Mass Intention Request Form

THE 2024 MASS BOOK IS OPEN!

**FILL OUT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MASS INTENTIONS AND
EITHER DROP IT OFF AT THE RECTORY OR PUT IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.
THE MASS STIPEND IS \$10.00 FOR EACH INTENTION.**

**OUR MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:
DAILY MASS-MONDAY—THURSDAY AT 8:30AM
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY AT 4:30PM AND SUNDAY AT 9:30AM AND 11:30AM
HOLY DAY SCHEDULE—8:30AM, 12 NOON, AND 7PM**

**IF WE CANNOT SCHEDULE YOUR INTENTIONS AT THE TIME AND DATE
REQUESTED, WE WILL SCHEDULE THEM AS CLOSE TO THOSE TIMES AS POSSIBLE.**

YOUR NAME

PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL

INTENTIONS

DATE AND TIME PREFERRED

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