HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS

St. Beatrice and St. Maria Goretti Parish

AUGUST 2, 2026

THE 18TH 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

I need to begin this article by first offering an apology to those of you who attended the 9:30am Mass last Sunday, July 26. If you were there, you know that the visiting priest was not present, so a Communion service was offered at 9:30am instead of a Mass. I originally had a visiting priest scheduled for that Mass, but then he let me know he would not be available. I reached out to another priest, and he was not available, but he suggested another priest who would be. Unfortunately, there was a miscommunication, and this third priest never received my request, even though I believed that he had received it and was planning to come. So, I am sorry that there was not a priest at 9:30am last Sunday.

But I do want to explain something that I know some parishioners had questions about regarding this incident. As I said, a Communion service was celebrated in place of Mass. Now, it is true that these two liturgies are not the same, mainly because there is no consecration of the Eucharist at a Communion service. So, the hosts that are distributed at a Communion service were not consecrated at that service; they were consecrated at a previous Mass.

However – and this is the point that I want to make clear to those who attended the 9:30am last Sunday – even though a Communion service is not the same as a Mass, the question of whether or not you fulfilled your Sunday obligation is a separate issue. If you came to Mass at 9:30am last week, and there was no Mass, that was not your fault. There was nothing lacking on your part. You came at 9:30am in good faith to attend Mass and fulfill your Sunday obligation. If the Mass was not offered when it was supposed to be, that does not change your intention. You are not at fault for missing Mass, as you had every intention to attend. Again, I'm sorry that this happened, and it certainly was not ideal, but please know that, if you were here at 9:30am, you intended to fulfill your Sunday obligation, and it was through no fault of your own that you received the Eucharist through a Communion service instead of a Mass.

On another note, I'd like to highlight one of our ministries that starts up next month, particularly because I want to remind you about its name change. The ministry that helps adults become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church used to be known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. As of last year, it is now called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, or OCIA. This change basically came about because of a re-translation of the Church's ritual texts (just like, for example, the Roman Missal was re-translated in 2011, and we went from saying, "And also with you" to "And with your spirit.")

But while the name has changed, and some of the OCIA ritual texts have slightly changed with the new translation, the purpose of the OCIA is still the same. The OCIA is for adults who seek to become full members of the Catholic Church through Baptism (if needed), Eucharist, and Confirmation. Our parish's OCIA classes will begin in September, and they lead up to Easter next year (OCIA candidates are always received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass). If you or someone you know is considering becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, please contact the rectory at 847-678-0138 or hvm-parish@outlook.com so that we can put you in touch with our OCIA coordinator. There is also a QR code for OCIA that you can scan in this bulletin, or you can fill out an inquiry form on our website at www.hvmparish.org/becoming-catholic-ocia.

As I mentioned here a couple of weeks ago, summer is the time when Sunday collections drop, so we greatly rely on our parish fundraisers. Next weekend, Aug. 8-9, we will begin selling tickets for our annual Football Mania (FM) fundraiser. Each FM ticket that you buy gives you a chance to win a cash prize for each of the 18 weeks of the NFL regular season. Tickets are $20 each, and there is a guaranteed winner each week. Prizes range from $25-$400. Starting next week, FM tickets will be on sale at the back of church after Masses, and at the rectory during business hours.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday—August 1st
4:30—Vito Ciaccia
Stanely Pawlowski
Edward Galey
Irene Czerech
Chris Benesch
Joseph & Mary Traxler
Helen Fienies
Jimmy Hendrickson
Eugenia & Leon Leszczynski
Tracz, Twarowski, and Trzaska Families

Sunday—August 2nd
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
James Florio Family
Carmelita Rubio
Donna Harding
Pat Brandolino
James Cashman
11:30—Pat Sullivan
Deceased Members of Gervais Family
Deceased Members of the Piotrowski & Pultorak Families

Monday—August 3rd
8:30—Joseph Ferrara

Tuesday—August 4th
8:30—Mary Ann Pearch
Ralph "Pat" Brandolino
Michael Passialis

Wednesday—August 5th
8:30— Carol Heidorn
Charles Wagner

Thursday—August 6th
8:30am—Susan Bratanick
Joseph & Mary Traxler

Saturday—August 8th
4:30—Chris Benesch
Patricia Rutkowski
Jimmy Hendrikson
Daniel McGovern
Michael Passialis
Private Intention

Sunday—August 9th
9:30—Thomas Griffin
Holy Souls In Purgatory
Francine Cipriano & Colleen Maloney
Roger Louis—Charles
Vincenta Zaragoza
Victoria Arguello
11:30—Moses Diaz
Deceased Members of Gervais Family

August 8th & 9th	4:30pm	9:30am	11:30am
Lector	Bob Kutella	Sandra Cervantes	Bobby Lima
Communion Ministers	N. Davoli E. Melnitzke K. Weichbrodt	D. Kasper R. McCampbell G. Zech	N. May M. Michalowski Z. Kirchen
Altar Servers	P. Cychosz C. Fiore	S. LoCascio N. LoCascio C. Petrucci	L. Gonzales K. Lima

Hypod Winner

July 27, 2026

$500 Winner—Steven Gradisnik

$100 Winner—Chris Davoli

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

Music

One does Not Live on Bread Alone

If you would ever like to bring up the gifts during Mass, please let the ushers know before Mass. Anyone is welcome to be a gift bearer.

In Loving Memory

Rest in Peace

"It is a holy and wholesome thought that we pray for the dead," please remember:

Maria Melesio and Joan B. Willems in your prayers.

Parish Support

Week of July 18th & 19th

Weekly	$4,104.03
Utilities	$22.00
Maintenance	$20.00
Missionary Co-op	$82.00

MANY THANKS!

Scan the QR Code to donate electronically to Holy Virgin Martyrs.

Second Collections:

The second collection on August 8th is for Utilites

Please be as generous as you can.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is the process by which adults prepare to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. The OCIA provides the opportunity to grow in the faith, supported by the community of Holy Virgin Martyrs Parish. You begin with a period of Inquiry followed by weekly Mass attendance, study of the faith, practices and doctrines of the Catholic Church, which leads to your initiation through either Baptism or a Profession of Faith, and the reception of Eucharist and Confirmation. If you are considering joining the Church, we would love to help you in your journey! Or, if you know of anyone who is considering joining, consider extending an invitation to them!

Have questions, need additional information, not sure if you should participate? Contact the rectory at (847) 678-0138 or fill out and submit the candidate form by scanning the QR Code on this page.

Pray For Those Who Are Sick:

Luz Alarcon
Fr. Ambrosio Arambula
Betty Bajzek
Dan Bailey
Ken Bailey
Char Banyai
Laura Biangini
Chrissy Biegos
Sonia Bonacci
Baby Girl Bosco
Frank Bosco
Gus Campeotto
Phyllis DiBenedetto
Beatrice Giannone
Rose & Pat Glasso
Judy Golab
Karla Gosinski
Ruth Gosinski
Howard Heidorn
Jose Herrera
Stacey Hinterlong-Bacha
Laura Gardeck & Jeff Hinz
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Bernice Kirchen
Joyce Knauss
Leonard Kuffer
Marguerite Kramer
Dan Latoria, Jr.
Mark Latoria
Joan Lester
Diahnne Lopez
Vicky Majewski (nee Julitz)
Geneveve Mastalerz
Carole McCreery
Bryan McIntyre
Bill McMurray
Barbara Miller
Christian Mireles
Pat Morgan
Robert Olender
Christopher Ordo
Michael Pesola
Nancy Piatek
Deacon Ron Pilarski
Melissa Pitts
Mike Ponticelli
Joseph Powyszynski
Betty Quartello
Glenn Rawski
Jacqueline Reiss
Barbara Rodgers
John Saathoff
Kathy Sassolino
Cathy & Steve Schreiner
Jacqueline Spejcher
Michelle Swigost
Sarah Tripoli
Fr. Tom Unz
Bernadette Watson
Joan Weichbrodt
Jean Wesolowski
Nancy Wright
Isabella Yorty

Pray For Those In The Military

Sergeant Michael Bavone
Private Christopher Bavone
US Army PFC Matthew Gonzales
US Army Michael Gutierrez
First Lieutenant Justin Hunt,
USMC Major Michael Keaty
Gunnery Sergeant Osvaldo Rodriguez
USMC Kyle Ruth
USAF Staff Sergeant John J. Schreiner
USMC Second Lieutenant Thomas Wesolowski
HN Nathan Wrobbel US Navy
Omar Vee, Jr.

Readings For The Week

Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 2, 2026

Sunday	**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21
Monday	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday	**Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Friday	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	**Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest** Hb 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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 by email aryan2@primehealthcare.com.

Religious Education News

Coordinator of Lifelong Faith Formation: Ms. Zerlina Kirchen
Phone: 847-671-6429 Email: religiousedcoordinator@outlook.com

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Open House

Join us on Tuesday, August 25th from 6:00-7:30pm and Saturday, August 29th from 9:00-10:30am in the religious education building for our annual open house. Come and meet our staff, tour our building, and review our religious education materials. There will even be an opportunity to register your child at the open house.

Registration Information

Our in person religious education classes meet twice a month either Saturday mornings from 9:00—11:30am or Tuesday evenings from 6:00—8:00pm at the Wagner Street entrance of the religious Education building. We will once again be offering our homeschool (elearning) option as well. Our first days of class are:
Tuesday, September 22nd and Saturday, September 26th. Homeschool Lessons begin on Tuesday, October 6th.

There is a 2-year consecutive attendance requirement for a child to be eligible to receive a sacrament in the religious education program. Sacramental Fees must be paid for each child receiving a sacrament this year.
The Sacramental Fees are: **Communion—$50 and Confirmation—$100**

The Tuition for the upcoming year is: **1 Child—$275, 2 Children—$325, 3+ Children—$350**

You DO NOT need to be a parishioner to enroll your child in the religious education program.
Please note the tuition amounts DO NOT include sacramental fees. Tuition and Sacramental fees are to be paid at the time of registration. Families who pay in full at the time of registration will receive a $15 discount. If a family is unable to pay the entire amount at the time of registration, payment plans are available. A $15 Payment Plan fee will be added to your tuition. A $75 **NON-REFUNDABLE** payment along with any sacramental fees are due at the time of registration for those participating in a payment plan.

You can register your child in the religious education program by scanning the QR Code on this page or by coming to one of our registration days at the Wagner Street entrance of the religious education building on either Tuesday, September 8th from 4:30-7:30pm or Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am-2:00pm. For more information about our program or registering your child, please contact the religious education office.

Personal Items Drive

Hello Holy Virgin Martyrs Parishioners! I will be holding a personal care items Drive at HVM Parish the weekends of August 8th & 9th and August 15th & 16th benefiting the New Hope Community Food Pantry and the Resurrection Center Micro Pantry.

Personal items requested are as follows:
Bar Soap, Individual Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Body Wash, Deodorant, Pocket Sized Hand Sanitizer.

If anyone is able to contribute an item or two, rest assured it will be put to good use by those in need.

I will have a labeled bin at each of the church entrances off the parking lot.

Thank you for your consideration!

Health & Blessings to you,
Anne (Nancy) Ryan, RN
Faith Community Nurse
Resurrection Medical Center,
A Member of Prime Healthcare

Lions Club Eyeglasses Update

I wanted to provide an update to you about out HVM Lions Club International Eyeglasses Collection for the Recycle for Sight Program. We have collected another 47 pairs of eyeglasses for a total of 269 pairs! We have also collected 1 pair of hearing aids for the Hearing Aid Recycling Program. Thank you for all your donations!

As a reminder the, Lions International is a charitable organization providing and distributing usable free eyeglasses and hearing aids to individuals who qualify for assistance. Your donations can help imrove the vision and hearing of individuals in need therefore improving quality of life.

Thank you to parishioner Donna Rae Siekierski who has been keeping track of all the donations, and to parishioner Russ Klug for helping to deliver the items to the Lions Club.

Thank you for all your assistance to this worthy cause!

Health & Blessings to you,
Anne (Nancy) Ryan, RN
Faith Community Nurse
Resurrection Medical Center,
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