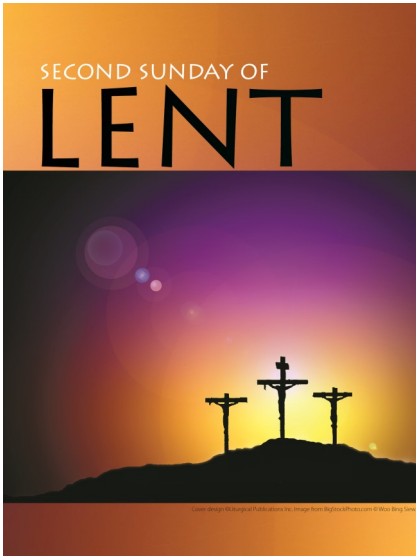


Holy Family

C H U R C H
Our Doors Are Open Wide

Announcement—New Pastor

Rev. Peter McQuinn has been named as the new pastor of the merged parishes of Holy Family and Notre Dame deChicago.



Ash Wednesday is still a fairly recent memory, only some 10 days past us. Yet as the days go by, what will happen to the zeal with which we received those ashes, and made our Lenten commitments? It seems that Lent is much more of a marathon than a sprint. Easter is still more than a month away. This morning when we began our day, were we even aware that today was a day in the Lenten season?

In many ways, Lent is about staying the course. It was Jesus who spent those 40 days in the desert, fasting and enduring temptation. We seek to walk with him. Yet it is not so much an endurance test, as it is a 40 day

opportunity. By embracing the three pillars of Lenten spiritual practice—prayer, fasting & alms-giving—we are striving to create a space in our hearts and in our lives. And that space is one where God can enter in and work his will within us.

The “turning away from sin and believing in the Gospel” that makes up the stuff of Lent is about conversion and transformation. Yet as we know all too well, so many things we regret in our lives do not respond readily to our own efforts. We find ourselves tempted over and over by the same pleasures, the same self-satisfaction. Rather than leading us to despair, that very experience is what turns our hearts to God. Confronted by our own proven inability to change our own hearts, we hopefully, finally, ask God to do for and in us what we cannot do for ourselves. There’s a risk, of course. God is God, not our servant or employee. When we let God be in charge, his actions may not be what we intended. He may choose to change us in ways that we had not anticipated. Faith says that it is God, however, who knows what is really best for us.

Last week, we introduced the Catechumens and Candidates. Today is the Rite of Election. They will be going to the Cathedral and joining with other Catechumens and Candidates to be presented to the Bishop. We pray for them as they are preparing and reflecting on where they are, and seeing the gifts they have and how they can use them to serve God.

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Masses

Sunday.....9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

March 17 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Angie Delgado and Cynthia Holden
Lector.....Erin Shields
Eucharistic Ministers.....Henry Massesy, Jacque Hale, Joyce Addo, Linh Nguyen, Josephine Aguilar, Vernon Lam
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

March 17 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Lector.....Amanda Seddon

March 24 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.....Angie Delgado and Cynthia Holden
Eucharistic Ministers....Henry Massesy, Jacque Hale, Joyce Addo, Linh Nguyen, Josephine Aguilar, Vernon Lam
Lector.....Alaric Rylon
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

March 24 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Lector.....Anne and Steve Hasselbeck

March Ushers:

West Side.....Vernon Lam
Center West...Cynthia Holden
Center East....
East Side.....Ray Walsh

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WEBSITE

www.holyfamilychicago.org

Registration forms for new parishioners, weddings, and baptisms.

News and information about Holy Family Parish

Check it out!

Please send all **bulletin announcements**, including names of people for the prayer list, to :

marina@holyfamilychicago.org
Announcements are due by Monday at noon.

Please Remember in your Prayers:
Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,
Fannie Canino, Sr. Mary Therese Freymann, BVM
The Gibson Family, Spencer Hooper, Sawyer Hunter,
Madelynn Jacobs, Leteece Lee,
Neil Radocha, Denise Summers,
Sam Tripp



Enrique Lopez
Morris Family
Shepherd Family

Living and Deceased Members of the National Catholic Society of Foresters



The **Women Of The Spirit** are collecting **travel size toiletries and hotel samples** for both men and women. There will be boxes in the back of the church to receive these offerings.

Once collected, the items will be packaged and distributed to those in need. Our goal is to make 200 care packages.



St. Patrick's Day—March 17th
Patron Saint of Ireland

In memory of the Irish people who founded Holy Family Church in 1857.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

Mar. 10 9:45.....\$1894.37
5:00.....\$287.20
Give Central....\$1425.00
(Difference + \$406.57)

Mar. 3 9:45.....\$1115.79
5:00.....\$ 335.00
Give Central....\$ 530.00
(Difference -\$1219.21)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....\$111,563.14
Budget..... \$115,200.00
Surplus/(Deficit)(-\$3636.86)

*((\$3,200 a week for 36 weeks)

If you use an envelope that is not pre printed with your name or #, please be sure to write the information on it so you can receive proper credit.

Contributions can also be made at givecentral.org Call the parish office with any questions or for help with online donations.

You can also click on the 'Donate' link on our web page. www.holyfamilychicago.org
Thank you for your support.

Calendar



Sunday, March 17, 2019
Hospitality Sunday
Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 18, 2019
Holy Thursday
Friday, April 19, 2019
Good Friday
Saturday, April 20, 2019
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday



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March 11, 2019

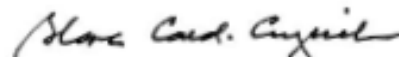
Dear Father Gabriel,

Thank you for taking the time to come with your parish leaders to the pastoral center February 12, 2019.

You were right to share your concerns with me, particularly about the issue of uniting all Sunday morning Masses at the Notre Dame site. I genuinely understand the concern of the parishioners of Holy Family expressed in the letter you presented. At the same time, as I review this matter in its entirety, taking into consideration the detailed process of consultation at various levels, I write to reaffirm my decision that all regular Sunday morning Masses be celebrated at the Notre Dame site. As was recommended by the *Renew My Church* Commission and noted in the Decree, dated February 28 2019, the life of the new parish and regular Masses will take place at Notre Dame de Chicago Church. In terms of timing, all RMC parishes that are uniting are to complete that unification process within a year. Therefore, like other unifications, the regular Sunday morning Mass may continue in the transition, but every effort should be made to unite the parishes at one location in a timely manner. For the life of the new parish to take root at Notre Dame de Chicago Church, that is, ultimately, where regular Masses must be celebrated.

When we began our renewal process, we all knew that the hard work of renewal would mean some sacrifice. I need your help in offering pastoral leadership, in collaboration with Father Peter McQuinn to encourage the parishioners of Holy Family as they begin the process of uniting.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


 Archbishop of Chicago

Tickets \$35.00

Please see Sr. Pat for tickets and additional information.

**Benefit for
 Corazon a Corazon**

***Here I Am Lord...City of God...Sing a New Song
 A Lenten Reflection in Song***

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and song with

Dan Schutte

Sunday March 31, 2019 at 3 PM

St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Drive
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