Saint Mary Parish Celebrates First Communion
May 6, 2017

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Jennifer Guerrero
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Damaris Gomez
Perry Lovensky
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Matthew O’Connor
Nelli Ossmo
Henry Patyk
Esteban Saenz
David Sanchez
Kennedy Su
Charlie Titzer
Christian Vanegas
Ivan Vargas
Henry Wolcott

Alemawung Asonganyi
Cormick Blunk
Henry Calvo
James Feeney
Luis Guerrero
Dominic Garcia
Alexander Gil
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Yissel Saenz
Aurora Sanchez
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Camila Torres
Oswaldo Vargas
Diana Vargas
Evandar Zepeda

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Fatima Gomez
Rachel Cisneros
Emiliano Garcia
Jesus Gil
Juliana Hernandez
Marvin Maldonado
Lupita Martinez
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Julian Pamaran
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Adrien Sanchez
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Juan Diego Vargas
Emily Verdon
I Know I Belong

Thank you for your prayers and support over these last ten years. As I prepare to make perpetual vows with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, I reflect upon my life as a religious. My day to day journey is touched by darkness and light; there are quiet revelations of God in the midst of daily life. There is struggle, and joy and pain.

In the midst of struggle this morning, my sister and friend echoed an oft-quoted saying of our present pope, Francis. She said, “The shepherd smells very much like his sheep.” My friend was commenting compassionately on my experience of feeling lost and distracted. She went on “God loves you right where you are and is with you in it.” The words rang true. I realized this truth in myself. God was with me and loved me in that moment. I am aware that while I was struggling I was also desiring, seeking and journeying to know and love God.

As a seven year old, I realized God as blessing and love. I wanted to go to church every day in response to a moment of deep love and connection with God.

In college I read philosophers and spiritual writers who speculated about their relationship with God and the place of human beings in the universe. I fell in love, “head over heels,” with a God I could not see but who burned in my heart anew.

In response to love and through searching for belonging, over the course of 11 years I explored numerous religious communities. Each reflected love uniquely and had a particular beauty. Sisters of the Visitation, Trappistine Nuns and a few different Franciscan groups were among the communities I explored. I observed that God was reflected in each of their lives. I fell into the rhythm of their prayer and work and I paid attention to my own heart. I wondered how God was calling me.

The beginning of my relationship with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) was marked by experiences of deep encounter. When an FSPA sister shared with me that the love of Jesus was her primary focus and that God dwelt in her heart, my own heart leapt. There was the call to prayer and deep contemplation which I had had for years. When I visited La Crosse, a simple visit to the adoration chapel ‘knocked me off my feet’ so to speak. I felt the imperative — pay attention! Seemingly mundane moments were marked with an awareness of the profound.

I paid attention, returned several times, and then entered as an associate, committed as a novice, and took simple vows. I lived these vows in community for seven years. I looked back and ask, “Is this the group with whom I am willing to commit and to whom God is calling me?” “Is this the group I am willing to claim and grow and become with?” In response, I realize I have grown to know myself because of FSPA’s support, compassion, challenge, encouragement, and love. I recognize gifts in myself and limitations. I also know the gifts and struggle of living community. Nonetheless, love has increased and I have decreased. I recognize that God is evermore the center to which I am called.

Today, after the consolation received in the conversation with my friend, a fellow Franciscan, I went to jail to visit with female inmates. My current volunteer role is to provide spiritual and emotional support. In response to real suffering and pain shared on behalf of the other, I shared about the Good Shepherd who walks through the dark valley with us and whose rod and staff guides us. I shared about the shepherd who smells like his sheep and who stands with us in the messiness of our lives. I shared from my own experience about the shepherd who is not far off. I prayed with one woman after another. I stood with them in their beauty and vulnerability. In this ministerial moment I knew myself and the other as loved. I realize I am made whole in reflecting Christ, in being with Christ in the other. I know I belong.
Religious Education Classes for Your Children
Preschool 3s & 4s, Kindergarten-8th Grade, High School

Preparation to Celebrate Sacraments
First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation

Registration & Information Sunday
THIS Sunday, May 21 in the Gathering Space

Saint Athanasius Parish Brings Totus Tuus to Evanston This Summer
Registration forms available at: http://www.saintasparish.org

Totus Tuus is an Archdiocesan catechetical summer program led by a young adult team of seminarians and college students who teach the Gospel through catechetical instruction, the Mass, Sacraments, music, games, fun and more!

ONE PROGRAM, TWO LOCATIONS

Children Entering Grades 1-6
Monday-Friday 07/25-29
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Athanasius
1615 Lincoln Street, Evanston
$75/one child, $65/each for 2 or more

Youth Entering Grades 7-12
Sunday-Thursday 07/24-28
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary
1012 Lake Street, Evanston
$20/each

To register & for more info contact: Margaret Waldron, Dir. Of Religious Education
(847) 328-1430 x124 or familyprogram@saintasparish.org

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Sunday, May 28
Note that the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been permanently moved to the seventh Sunday of Easter in the province of Chicago. We invite you to celebrate the Eucharist with us at the usual times for Sunday Mass next weekend.
To arrange for the following, please call the Parish Office at 847 864-0333.

PARISH LIFE

To arrange for the following, please call the Parish Office at 847 864-0333.

REGISTRATION. Saint Mary Parish welcomes new parishioners. Please make an appointment with the pastor.

Eucharistic Adoration. Every Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. or as announced in the bulletin.

Marriage. Arrangements should be made with the parish at least six months in advance.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
For adults or teenagers interested in becoming a Catholic and receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation).

Ministers of Care.
Ministers of care are available to bring Holy Communion to those who are home-bound, in the hospital or in a nursing home.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday-Sunday, May 27-28

Ascension of the Lord

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Greeters

North
Delores
Rosemond
Christi Miller

East
John Fuller
Nancy Fuller
Theresa Cameron
Karie Ferrell

Lectors

Vince Gerasole
Steve Torres

Maura Canavan
Dan Clark

J.P. Rauh
Bob Hauser

TBA
Kristin Mariani

Eucharistic Ministers

Richard Krause
Ann Murray
Jayne Schaefer
Jane Torres
Steve Torres

Donald Michelin
Jerre Michelin
Patrick Walsh
Erica Whitmore
TBA

Giselle Bernadel
Gael Day
Tom Duval
Teresa Forman
Alexandra Hauser
Linda Hauser
Brian Keran

Cliff Barber
Sue Bova
Katrina de los Reyes
Lea Filipik
Joe Ingraffia

Altar Servers

Xavier González
TBA

Christie Lamothe
Sophia Borman

Emma Joy Wall/Cody
Michael Sullivan

Maeve McCauley
Patrick McCauley
Jack McCauley

Confession

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Fr. Kevin

Please remember in your prayers...

... those who are sick, especially Mary Beth Egner; Yolande Vilsaint; Edovia Bernadel; Joan Sowinski; Dean Mitchell; Jackie Salmeron; Janet MacNaughton; Teddy Nooney; Anne Teoli; and Mike Murphy. Also please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Rev. Joseph O.J. Ntamere, brother of Alfonse Ntamere.

Pray for our military, pray for peace...

LCDR Edward Carlton, U.S. Navy, son of Frank & Caroline Carlton
Airman Lindsey Foley, U.S. Air Force, Scott AFB, niece of Chris Foley

Have a name to add or remove? Leave a voice message at 847 864-0333 ext. 231 or email to bulletin@stmaryevanston.org.

Parish Life

Mass Schedule.

Saturday (vigil) 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Monday - Saturday: 8 a.m.
Holy Days: 8 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

Reconciliation.

Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Baptism.

Infant baptisms are celebrated on the third Sunday of the month. Parish membership is a prerequisite. Parents of infants are invited to participate in a one-time baptism preparation session prior to scheduling the baptism. These sessions are held on the second Monday of every other month. Please call the parish office to register. Next session: June 12, 2017.
**RESPECT LIFE**

**Get With It or Get Out**

Remember these words from the Hippocratic Oath, the solemn undertaking of physicians: “I swear ... I will not give to a woman a pessary to produce abortion.” These words forbade murder of the unborn. Elites who think they know (and should decide) what’s good for us have scrubbed them from the oath.

Now the sophisticates are trying to force medical practitioners to do the very thing the excised words forbade or leave of their chosen field.

“Health care professionals who are unwilling to accept these limits [i.e. join the abortion brigade] have two choices: select an area of medicine, such as radiology, that will not put them in situations that conflict with their personal morality or, if there is no such area, leave the profession.” (emphasis added)

This isn’t a slick commercial from Planned Parenthood to expand its abortion and aborted baby parts business. It’s an excerpt from a current article on medical conscience in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, one of the world’s most prestigious medical journals. The article is coauthored by bioethicist Ezekiel Emanuel, one of Obamacare’s principal architects.

In the words of Wesley J. Smith of the Discovery Institute, the article’s authors and the interests they reflect are advocating *“an absolutist position, claiming that personal morality has no place in medical practice.”*

Tyranny of this sort never ends well. Think of Hitler’s Germany. In the end, both the power class and its victims suffered. Dictatorship of one kind or another is inevitable when our first freedom, freedom of conscience, is denied.

If tomorrow we find ourselves where Germany was, we shouldn’t complain. We saw what was happening, we clearly understood its implications for the dignity of the human person and we decided to do nothing.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 20**
- 5:00 † James Griffin

**Sunday, May 21**
- 8:00 † John & Ann Coffey
- 9:30 For Our Parishioners
- 11:00 TBA

**Monday, May 22**
- 8:00 TBA

**Tuesday, May 23**
- 8:00 TBA

**Wednesday, May 24**
- 8:00 TBA

**Thursday, May 25**
- 8:00 † Adam Joseph Tumas

**Friday, May 26**
- 8:00 TBA

**Saturday, May 27**
- 8:00 † Marianna Lisowski
- 5:00 TBA

**Sunday, May 28**
- 8:00 TBA
- 9:30 TBA
- 11:00 For Our Parishioners

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**Saints and Special Observances**

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday of Easter
**Monday:** St. Rita of Cascia; Victoria Day (Canada)
**Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord
- (unless transferred to Sunday)
- Julian Calendar Ascension
**Friday:** St. Philip Neri
**Saturday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury

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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
- Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
- Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
- Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
- Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
- Jn 17:1-11a; or [for Ascension]
- Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
- Mt 28:16-20
Deacon Robert Carlton is a seminarian at University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein studying for ordination in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2018. He is the son of parishioners Frank and Caroline Carlton. Please keep him in prayer.

One of the more interesting parts of the seminary program is that, right before we get ordained as deacons, we go to Israel and Palestine for approximately ten weeks to see all the major holy sites that are associated with the life of Jesus. During those weeks, we went throughout Palestine, including Bethlehem where Jesus was born; Nazareth, where Jesus grew up; the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus performed his public ministry; and, ultimately, Jerusalem, where Jesus died. During that time, we had the opportunity to interact with people from all walks of life there: students at Bethlehem University; students at the seminary in Palestine; priests who work in Israel; and many others. I got to be good friends with a bartender in Jerusalem, too.

The focus of the pilgrimage was, of course, on visiting the holy sites. Our time was structured to follow Jesus’ life: starting in Bethlehem and then moving around in the order that he did. However, it is not possible to be over in Israel for any amount of time without dealing with the political situation. One of the first things that we did when we got there was cross through the wall that separates Jerusalem from Bethlehem and the West Bank. When we did that, we noticed just how starkly different the living conditions are for people on the different sides of the wall. In Jerusalem, the standard of living appeared to fairly similar to what one would see in the better areas of Chicago. However, just passing through the wall, it feels like one has gone into the Third World. I had been in Cuba the week before we went to Bethlehem and it appeared to me that standards of living in Cuba were higher than they were in Bethlehem. We certainly talked to a lot of different people on both sides about the political situation and, not surprisingly, got very different answers, which meant that learning the truth of what is going on there was very difficult. We also spent every Sunday that we were there with different Catholic communities, who constantly reiterated to us that they wanted people in the United States to remember that there are still Christians in the Holy Land who feel as if they are being largely ignored by the wider world.

The situation with the holy sites is also somewhat problematic. For one, there is almost perpetual disagreement and conflict between the groups that control the major holy sites. As one example, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, is controlled by three different groups: the Greek and Armenian Orthodox and the Catholics, none of whom seem to trust the others. This distrust is taken to such an extent that if you go there and pray for an hour during the day you will see a priest from each group come and mop exactly the same spot in the church for no other reason than if they do not come and do this then it will be taken as that group giving up their rights to the Church. Also, with the only exception being the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of the first things that the tour guide will tell you when you visit a holy site is that no one really knows where the event actually happened that the site is supposed to commemorate. So, while the Church of the Nativity is, according to legend, the place where Jesus was born, he could very well have been born in a place nowhere near the Church. This was not that surprising but was somewhat disappointing for me. Nonetheless, I am very grateful for the chance to go visit the land where Jesus walked, even if he walked in places different than those commemorated today.

Baby Bottles for Moms & Their Babies
Around the homes of Saint Mary parishioners, baby bottles are filling with spare change to support moms in crisis pregnancies and their babies. There are still bottles available in the vestibules if you didn’t pick one up last weekend. They will be collected on Father’s Day Weekend, June 17-18. Your contributions will be used to support crisis pregnancy centers and give mothers and their babies the best chance at life, both physically and spiritually.
Cardinal Newman Resources in Our Parish Library

From the beginning of the second half of the 20th century, the life, thought, and writings of Cardinal Newman have played an increasingly prominent role. His familiarity with the Church Fathers, combined with his subtle mind, his accomplished literary style and his sincere and dedicated religious character, have combined to make him a prophet of much of the thought of our own age.

Our library is fortunate to have meaningful resources for the study of Newman: two audio-courses: one by Katherine Tillman of the University of Notre Dame, focusing on the literary and intellectual aspects of Newman’s career, and another by Fr. Philip Bochanski of the Oratory, focusing on his life and religious qualities; together they provide a well-balanced portrait.

We also have the biography by Ian Ker, from Oxford Press. There are also considerable examples of Newman’s own writings, including his famous Apologia, his Grammar of Assent, his Sermons, and other selections, including from his Marian reflections. In addition, there are further biographical studies, including by Louis Bouyer, the Protestant pastor who became a Catholic and a member of the Oratory, the order with which Newman was associated.

Newman was with little question the largest figure in English-speaking Catholicism over the past two hundred years, and his recent beatification by Pope Benedict XVI reflects this. Few contemporary intellectual and religious figures so well repay a careful study and consideration.

The Library is open Monday-Friday during business hours & on Sunday morning 9 a.m. to Noon.

Summer Service Trip: You’re Invited

JOIN IN St. NICK’S SERVICE TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA (more information at http://www.nickchurch.org) Trip info: July 22-29th, 2017. Cost: $325 per person ($100 for children ages 3-12, no charge for children under 3). Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by parent, guardian or chaperone. Scholarships are available. This is a multi-generational trip.