



St. René Goupil Church

New England Ave & 64th St, Chicago, Il. 60638

Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2012

The **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**, falls one week after Christmas. When Catholics celebrate this day we not only honor Mary as the Mother of God, but we also honor God who is fully God as well as fully human. When we use the term “Mother of God” we are giving Mary the highest honor which we could possibly give. New Year’s Day is also called the World Day of Peace as Mary is the “Queen of Peace.”

Sub Tuum

We fly to thy patronage,
O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

3rd Century; Oldest Known Prayer to Mary

Catholic Collect for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Let us pray
[that Mary the mother of the Lord,
will help us by her prayers]
God our Father
may we always profit by the prayers
of the Virgin Mother Mary,
for You bring us life and salvation
through Jesus Christ her Son
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

Pastor **Father Thomas R. Kasputis**
Pastor Emeritus **Father Peter Paurazas**
Deacon **Rev. Mr. Sal Lema**

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS
SUNDAY**

January 22, 2012 and February 26, 2012
Baptismal Preparation Classes, 1PM, in Church

From the Desk of the Pastor

*We pray, O God, for confidence in ourselves,
our powers and our purposes in this beginning
of a New Year. Ward us from all lack of faith and
hesitancy and inspire in us not only the determination
to do a year’s work well, but the unfaltering belief that
what we wish to do, we will do. Such Faith, O Lord,
is born of Works. Every deed accomplished finishes not
only itself but is fallow ground for future deeds.
Abundantly endow us, Our Father, with this deed-born Faith.*

W. E. B. DuBois

May God bless you and remain a felt part of your life and the lives of those that you love all through this new year.

Father Tom K.

P.S. I hope that you will spread the word this new year about the importance of the Annual Catholic Appeal for our parish. Ours will be one of the few parishes in the Archdiocese that will be allowed to apply all the funds collected through our 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal process to reduce our outstanding debt with the Archdiocese. This alone would be a great help to us. But an even greater benefit is the fact that the Archdiocese will **match** all money collected, dollar for dollar. During the week of January 9th, all who have responded to the Appeal within the past several years will receive a letter from Cardinal George. Although this letter will speak in general terms about the larger needs of the Archdiocese, be assured that your gift will remain in the parish, be used to reduce our parish debt and will be matched. Please respond to this mailing as soon as possible and encourage those that you know who might not have given to this Appeal in years past to consider pledging this year.

I want to thank you for all that you do for our parish and thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request and your generous response.

Mass Intentions for the Week

<i>Monday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 2, Sts. Basil & Gregory</i> George Nowak
<i>Tuesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 3, Christmas Weekday</i> Genevieve Tokarz
<i>Wednesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann</i> Ann Wozniak
<i>Thursday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 5, St. John Neumann</i> Bill Schaeffner
<i>Friday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 6, Christmas Weekday</i> Marilyn A. Freeman
<i>Saturday,</i> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<i>January 7, Christmas Weekday</i> Vito DeVito Mary Kral
<i>Sunday,</i> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<i>January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Catherine & Gaspere Amaro Chester Krupecki Donald Raschke

Altar Servers Schedules distributed in school

<i>Saturday,</i>	5:30 pm
<i>Sunday,</i>	7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Altar Cleaning (Altar & Rosary)

Jan 6—Jan 7—	Marie Zilka, Joan Knable, Michelle Woodson
Jan 13—Jan 14—	Mary Lou Halerz, Bernice Cieslewski
Jan 20—Jan 21—	Helen Mailhot, Gladys Gonzalez

The following infants were recently baptized at St. Rene:



*Nicholas Joseph Ceska, son of
James Ceska & Amber Schreck Ceska*

*Frances Christine Hardin, daughter of
Eve Marie Hardin*

**We congratulate the proud and happy
parents and their relatives and friends.**

Bible Passages - For Sunday, January 8, 2011 are:



**Isaiah 60: 1-6
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12**

School News

Junior High English News:

Congratulations to sixth-grader Xitlali Djangi and seventh-grader Viviana Ramirez who each won first place at their grade levels in Congressman Bill Lipinski's Veterans Day Essay Contest! The girls will be honored at an Awards Night in February.



Seventh Grade News:

The seventh-graders prepared for Christmas by writing Advent prayers which were shared daily. As we begin the new year, the students are aware of the importance of continuing the Christmas spirit. The students are working diligently in all subject areas and particularly in religion as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on January 27. Some of their work will be on display at the Open House on January 22. All are welcome to visit the classrooms on that day to view a sample of the excellent work completed by our wonderful students.

Mrs. Karen Halusek



Dear Fr. Kasputis,

On behalf of the Faith Community of St. Benedict the African-West, I would like to thank you and your parish family for the sharing donation of \$762.00 that greatly assists us here in our ministry to the poor of West Englewood. The generosity of good, kind-hearted people is never forgotten and is certainly very much appreciated. Please know that you and your parishioners are remembered in our prayers. Thanks again for your generous contribution. God bless you, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Paul Whittington, O.P.
Pastor



Dear Heavenly Father,
 We place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

Please Take Note IN CASE OF ILLNESS — As a church family, we care about you and your family. Please notify us as soon as possible, or have your family/friends notify us, when you are sick, hospitalized or homebound.

Please Pray For Our Sick Patrick Mullins IV, Rose Gallichio, Sophie Setlak, Doreen Kroll, Steve Czopkiewicz, Emily Diraffeale, Peter Paterimos, Rev. Ronald Turcich, OSA, John Schultz, Jo Motyka, Vincent Ciccio, Ron Neubert, Dolores Sorrentino, Vincent Barton, Robert Civinilli, Joseph Vassella, Janet Szponer, Donna Szponer, Dorothy Walsh, Sophie Rovensky, Richard Zilka, Penny Rogalin, Eileen Healy, Betty Piccioni, Hailey Flemm, Joan Russo, Lou Russo, Alice Cello, George Vojtech, Anna Tomassini, Nicole Ciampaglia, Dominic Ciampaglia, Vincent Tonissen, Rich Lenart, Bob Franden, Ann O’Neal, Gabrielle Ziemba, Rosemary Halpin, Chuck Biondo, April Lenart, Betty Baker, Theresa Siedlicki, Ed Heidekruger, Rochelle & Dan Piegari, Rose Lindsay, Tim Lindsay, Larry Adkins, Alan Badowski, Bobbie & Joanie Wilson, Ron Nemchausky, Mary Lou Hobe, Jenny Catterson, Mary Combs, Doug Combs, Jeanne Valenti, Rebecca Leshik, Michael McDonald, David Bouvia, Virginia Korzenowski, Donna Clark, Tony Boudos, Arlene Boudas, Angelique Trevino, Lynn Ternand, George Ternand, Michael Ternand, Sandy Kehoe, Diane Fiorenza, Susan Szumanski, Leon Boyes

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God’s love for the recently deceased:



**Rev. Mariano Vita
 Clarence J. Krol
 Mattie Donaldson
 Irene Wayland**

You Brought Comfort and Peace

During the past year, you have brought comfort & peace to many of our parishioners by your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Peace & joy of this Holy Season to all.

We’re Called To Be Witnesses Of God’s...

by the love we extend to others. Advent was a time to reflect on your life before Jesus & Christmas came. Reflect now on the ministry of Spred. Love to talk, have fun & share a special bond with someone extraordinary—we’re looking for a volunteer. January 8 at 11:30am we will have a Spred mass with sacred movements & our Spred friends will participate. Join us & see what our ministry is all about. Happy New Year!

Monthly Offering for NOVEMBER 2011*

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Basket</u>	<u>PPay</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nov 2011	\$30,383.98	\$3,542.67	\$33,926.65
Nov 2010	<u>29,715.07</u>	<u>3,409.50</u>	<u>33,124.57</u>
	\$ 668.91	\$ 133.17	\$ 802.08
Calendar Year-to-Date (Basket & PPay)			
2011			\$ 320,530.64
2010			<u>327,125.06</u>
Variance			\$ (6,594.42)
<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>			
Actual— Nov 2011		\$ 33,926.65	
Budget— Nov 2011		<u>28,400.00</u>	
Variance		\$ 5,526.65	
Calendar Year-to-Date			
Actual		\$ 320,530.64	
Budget		<u>312,400.00</u>	
Variance		\$ 8,130.64	

***(Offering will be shown only on a monthly basis)**

A Crazy Auction & Raffle Winners!

The Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, January 3, (weather permitting, call the rectory) in the narthex at 1pm. A Crazy Auction will follow recitation of the rosary and the business meeting. Items to be auctioned should be wrapped. Hostesses are Marie Wurtz, Stephanie Adam, Joan Knable and Mary Butti.

Altar & Rosary Christmas Party Raffle Winners are:
Money Raffle—**Barb Grzenia, Helen Mailhot, Pelegrino Family**

Baskets—**Eileen Healy, Betty Piccioni, Marge Masunas**
Congratulations!

We Are Here To Help You

Our Unemployment Network of Services will meet three times in January: 3, 17, and 31, from 10:30am-11:30am, in the narthex. If anyone has a lead on a job, please let us know by coming to the meeting or giving the rectory that information. The number of people seeking work in our network is growing. We had five new people at our last meeting. This is not just about seeking jobs but also about the services that are out there to help.

Please consider coming to our Peace & Justice meeting on Friday, January 20, 7pm, in our narthex. We welcome anyone interested in knowing more about our work.

The next Fair Trade Exchange will be January 28 & 29. We will have our usual chocolates, coffees, etc. that you have enjoyed in the past.

Events Around Town

Catholic Charities Southwest Region presents the Celebrity Bartender Event. This will be an evening in support of Catholic Charities Homeless Services. There will be entertainment for children while Catholic priests act as bartenders. All bartenders' tips will be donated to support Catholic Charities Homeless Services in the Southwest region. Beggars Pizza is donating a portion of all food sales to Catholic Charities. For more information call Jeff Simms at 708-430-0428. Date is Saturday, February 4, 6:30pm-11pm at Beggar's Pizza located at 15600 S. Cicero in Oak Forest.

Finding Christ in Cinema with Paul Jarzembowski.

Mayslake Ministries seminar is a way to retreat into the desert with Jesus in modern and creative ways, and to see how the Lord speaks to each of us through these timeless favorites of the silver screen. Date is Saturday, February 4 from 9am-3pm, cost is \$30 per person (bring brown bag lunch, snacks are provided). To register please visit their website at www.mayslakeministries.org or call their office at 630-268-9000.

On the Lighter Side

The Wisdom of Will Rogers

1. Don't squat with your spurs on.
2. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
3. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier 'n puttin' it back in.
4. If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
5. If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
6. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.
7. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
8. There's two theories to arguin' with a woman. Neither one works.
9. If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
10. Never slap a man who's chewin' tobacco.

Pasturized—Old age is that time when “playing the field” means being put out to pasture.

So Sue Me—How to cut back on the surplus of lawyers in this country: Stop letting them out on parole.

Lunar Luggage—We just celebrated the 25th anniversary of man's return from the moon. Their luggage should be showing up any day now.

Leaky Luck—Bruce: “Do you think you'll ever be rich and famous?”

Bill: “No. With my luck, when my ship comes in, it will be a raft loaded with refugees.”

Newspapers—The bulk of the contents of the modern newspaper is half ads and the other half lies between the ads.

General Parish Information

Rectory

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School Principal Mrs. Paula Calvert

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30 am, 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Holy Days: 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm
Weekdays: 8:30 am
Confessions Every Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Music Ministry Frank Glab (773) 726-0962

Religious Classes (C.C.D.) for grammar school children are conducted on Saturday mornings. Kay Marks, Coordinator.

Phone Saturday Morning Only (773) 586-4426

Baptisms First Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm and the Third Sunday of the month during the 11:30 Mass. Arrangements must be made with the pastor.

Marriages Arrangements must be made with the pastor 5-6 months in advance.

RCIA Adult Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Contact the Rectory, or Ben Shafer (773) 586-5099.

Sick Calls notify the rectory at any time if someone is seriously ill. The sick and those confined to their homes should contact the rectory so communion can be brought to them.

SPRED (Special Religious Development)

Contact Joanna Baxter (773) 320-2703.

AA Meetings Wednesday & Saturday at 7:00 pm, in the Church Narthex.

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our website.

