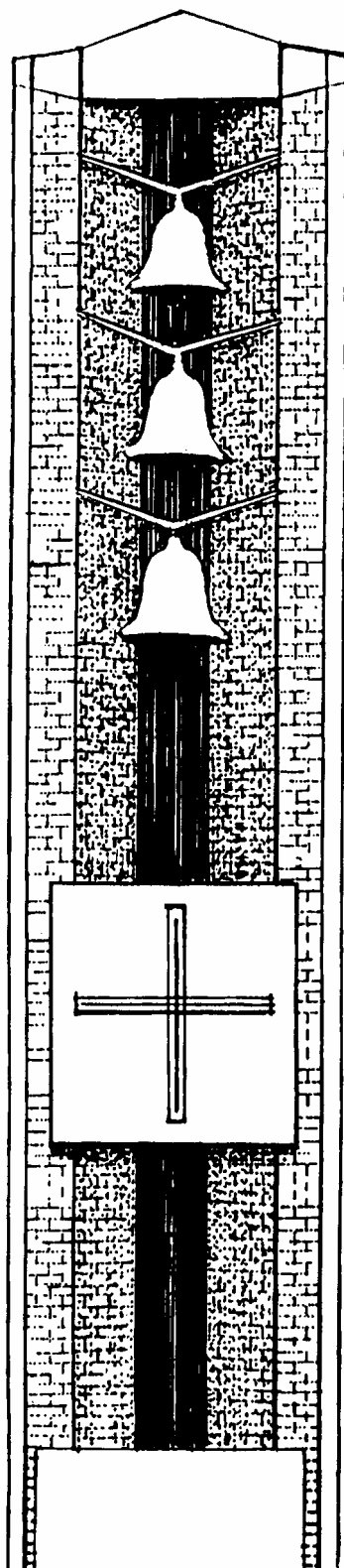
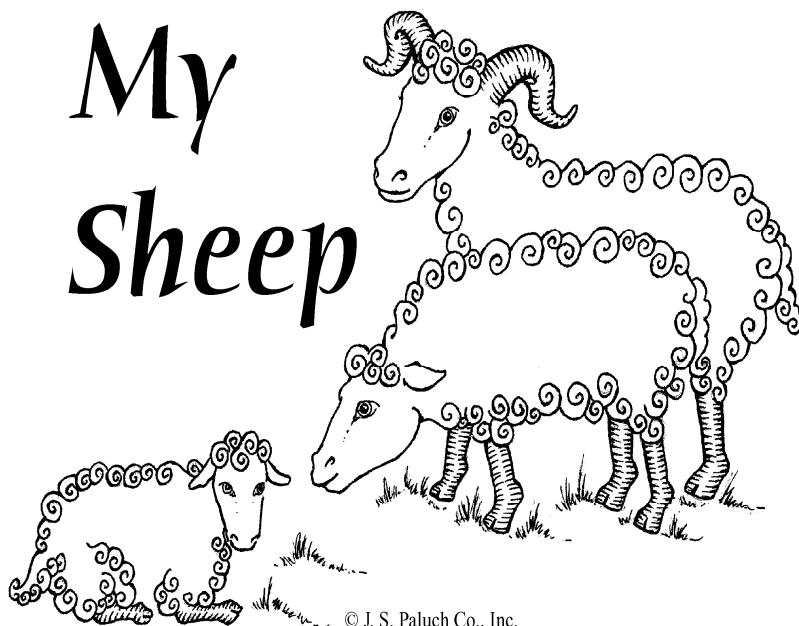


# Saint John Fisher Parish

April 18, 2010  
Third Sunday of Easter



*Feed  
My  
Sheep*



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**SJF Parish website: [www.stjohnfisher.org](http://www.stjohnfisher.org)**

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**SJF School Home Page: [www.sjfschool.net](http://www.sjfschool.net)**

*Office of Religious Education: (773) 238-1851*

**Weekend Liturgies**

4:00 P.M. Saturday

8:00, 10:00 A.M., and 12:00 Noon Sundays

**Weekday Morning Liturgies**

Monday through Friday 6:30 A.M. Communion Service

Monday through Saturday 8:15 A.M. Daily Mass

## ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher, formed by the gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and united by love, are called to celebrate the kingdom of God and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

## BAPTISM

We welcome the following children into God's family:

*Erin Kathleen Ashley*

*Molly Frances Doyle*

## REST IN PEACE

Please remember especially in your prayers this week : Eileen Perell; Martin Walsh, father of parishioner Brian Walsh; Parishioner Helen Menard; Parishioner Joanne DeLuca

## PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

*We would like to keep parishioners and all those who are serving in the military in our prayers, especially: MSG Kevin Daley; Sp4 James Garrity; Sp4 Kevin Garrity CPL Thomas Leonard, USMC; Recruit Raymond Doran; Daniel Wagner; Pvt 1st Class Michael Carroll, USMC; PFC Lane Kreisl, 82nd Airborne; Major Eric Dougherty, USMC; Lance Cpl Kevin Butler, USMC; Lt.jg Meghan Ryan; Pvt. Christopher Dinaso; PFC Ryan Hensley; PFC Steven Folliard; Sgt. John T. LaGiglia; Captain Michael McCann, US Army; Kevin Roche; Steve Ayon; Pvt. Anthony Schmidt; PFC Terrance Wilson, US Army; Cpl. Robert Brennan Carroll, USMC; Lt. Patrick F. McNerney, USN.; Captain Patrick Tierney, USMC; Kyle Sellers, USAF; Lance Cpl Brennan C. McDonald, Jr., USMC; LCPL Jack Fitzpatrick, USMC; AN Joseph L. Boyce, USN; Darin Oberhart, USN-MA1; Sgt. Thomas Hopman, USMC; CA Christopher Chirillo, USA.*

## BETWEEN JOBS MINISTRY

The mission of the Between Jobs Ministry is to provide practical and spiritual resources to support the unemployed and underemployed of our parish. We welcome those who are between jobs or looking to improve their current situation. We need your help! Part of our resources includes helping folks with their networking and making connections. Do you know of job opportunities, companies that are hiring, contacts that could help our members? Please us know. You can contact the rectory and leave a message. Also, we meet on Sunday after the 10am Mass in the Rectory. If you can't join us then, or want to volunteer or learn more about this ministry, contact *Mary Pat Anders (773) 239-3624, Jim White (773) 322-2518* or *Deacon Tom*.

**STEWARDSHIP = TIME - TALENT - TREASURE**

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

This has been turning into a quarterly report for the past year or so, and maybe that's just fine. However, even though this report doesn't appear monthly, please don't forget that the needs of the parish exist on a daily basis, and it's only with your support that those needs can be met. So here is where we stand from January thru March, compared with the same period in 2009:

January 2009 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$43,969.00...DOWN: \$5321.00

**January 2010** – BUDGET: \$61,500.00...ACTUAL: \$52,108.00...DOWN: \$9392.00

February 2009 – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$45,216.00...DOWN: \$3984.00

**February 2010** – BUDGET: \$49,300.00...ACTUAL: \$45,161.00...DOWN: \$4039.00

March 2009 – BUDGET: \$61,500.00...ACTUAL: \$53,706.00...DOWN: \$7794.00

**March 2010** – BUDGET: \$49,200.00...ACTUAL: \$46,908.00...DOWN: \$2292.00

**Christmas** brought us **\$65,525.00**, \$14,475.00 below our budgeted goal of \$80,000.00, based on last year's Christmas offerings of \$77,284.00 (one large donor who gave \$10,000.00 each Christmas has moved out of the parish in the past year). We have adjusted our Christmas budget goal for the coming year accordingly.

In addition to your regular weekly offerings from January thru March, you gave **\$3157.30** to our sharing parish, St. Ann, and **\$3696.00** for Christmas flower memorials.

Because of declining weekly offerings, we've had to eliminate any church subsidy to the school in preparing the budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. That's a very unfortunate situation, but it simply reflects reality. Even though the church is the primary reason St. John Fisher exists, the school is an essential part of parish ministry and there should be sufficient income from Sunday offerings to allow us to provide a substantial subsidy to assist those families who choose a Catholic education for their children. For the past few years we've budgeted an annual church subsidy for the school, but declining weekly offerings have forced us to take money from church savings to cover that promised subsidy. We can no longer afford to deplete limited church savings and risk a situation where we have no funds left to cover unexpected repairs or necessary preventative maintenance, like the \$80,000.00 + boiler repair work that has to be done this summer in the rectory, church and school.

Having said all of that, I'm very grateful to all who continue to give so generously and consistently to ensure that St. John Fisher continues its mission of spreading the Gospel and forming Christian community in our little corner of the archdiocese.

*Fr. Bob*

### **A Wonderful SJF Tradition! Women's Club Spring Brunch Sunday, April 25th Beverly County Club 11:15am following the 10:00 Mass Tickets \$30.00 per person**

**There will be a lovely brunch, raffles, and a wonderful opportunity to visit with friends. For tickets, please call Sarah Murnane (773) 238-3410.**

**If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle baskets, or your block would like to create a basket, please contact Gaby Gribble (773) 445-4229.**

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Parishioner Denise La Giglia, MA , is available to provide spiritual direction to a limited number of people during the work week, offering both daytime as well as evening hours. What is spiritual direction? Spiritual direction is a safe place in which to explore one's inner life along with a compassionate listener-guide. A piece called "Wearing Away Rock" by Tilden Edwards explains it beautifully:

*Like spring water slowly wearing away rock, meeting with a spiritual director over time can bring to light the ceaseless dripping water of the spirit in our lives. We become more and more aware of that holy water wearing away whatever hardness is left in us. Little by little we find ourselves identifying who we truly are—identifying not with that hard rock, but rather with the fluidity of the Holy Spirit whose child we are. Slowly we give ourselves with Christ to that sparkling stream of God's Spirit and let it be our way, our truth, our life.*

Denise received her training in spiritual direction from the Institute for Spiritual Leadership, located in Chicago and begun in 1974 by a Jesuit priest and a Fullerton Cenacle Sister. The Institute fosters both personal transformation and professional development. Its mission, in part, is to nurture personal empowerment, effective relationships and authentic leadership. Its spirituality is incarnational; that is, deeply rooted in the belief that God is present in whatever is most real in a person's life.

The usual meeting time with a spiritual director is one hour once a month. The sessions will be held in the St. John Fisher rectory. There is a fee for the service. For more information or to set up an appointment, please call Denise at (708) 707-4481.

## CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S BOOK CLUB



The next book club meeting is **Monday, April 26th at 6:30p.m.** in the **rectory basement**. The book selection for this month is **A Story of Saint John Vianney** by Brother Ernest, C.S.C. As "The Year of the Priest" comes to a close we would like to honor the priests by reading about the patron saint of parish priests. All are welcome!! For more information or a copy of the book, contact **Amy Goggin** (708) 499-2090 or [Gogginreg@comcast.net](mailto:Gogginreg@comcast.net) .

## F.S.A. CAMPING CHAIRS AND BAGS HAVE ARRIVED!

The St. John Fisher FSA is pleased to announce the arrival of the camping chairs and bags, which will be available for pick-up and purchase at the following times

**Saturday, April 17th—after 4:00p.m. mass**

**Sunday, April 18th—after 10:00a.m. mass**

**Wednesday, April 21st—evening MANNA distribution (7:00-8:00p.m. in the convent)**

**Thursday, April 22nd—morning MANNA distribution (9:00-10:00a.m. in the convent)**

**Saturday, April 24th—after 4:00p.m. mass**

**Sunday, April 25th—after 10:00a.m.mass**

The camping chairs are \$20.00 each (3 for \$50.00), and the reusable bags are \$2.00 each.

**Thank you for showing your Fisher pride and helping raise money for the new playground!**

## HOLY NAME NEWS

### SOFTBALL DRAFT NIGHT — APRIL 30 – 7:00 PM

Please plan on attending our next Holy Name meeting on **Friday April 30 at 7:00** in Kane Hall. The softball league draft will be conducted and rosters will be posted that night. We will also have a baseball game on the big screen. The usual complimentary food and beverages will be available. **See you there!**

**Mark your calendars for upcoming date: May 19th—Bar-B-Que Night**

## *Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!*



# “MAKE-A-CHANGE” CHALLENGE

As we all know there is much fundraising to do for our mission trip to KY. I have challenged everyone participating to “*MAKE-A-CHANGE*”. Yes, to “*MAKE-A-CHANGE*” by volunteering their time for a week, building and rebuilding homes and nurturing the human spirit. We are beginning to do this at home by raising money to pay for our supplies that we are going to use during our time in Harlan, KY. Each participant has been asked to use a 32 oz. Gatorade bottle and write “*MAKE-A-CHANGE*” on the front. Throughout the days to come I am asking that they fill that bottle with only **SILVER CHANGE**. (Fill it with the left over change that rattles around in your pockets after a day at school, or a trip to get a cup of coffee.) I have challenged them to drop that change in their bottles to “*MAKE-A-CHANGE*”! I would like to invite your family to help us “*MAKE-A-CHANGE*”. Create a bottle, keep it on your kitchen table and help us rebuild the people of Harlan, KY. If you decide to participate in this challenge and when you have filled your bottle please drop it off at the parish office. Please attach a small note labeled *Youth Ministry “MAKE-A-CHANGE” Project.* also, if you would like, please leave your family name on the note so we know where the bottle has come from.

Thanks again for your continued support in helping us “*MAKE-A-CHANGE*”!



## **DROP - IN SCHEDULE:**

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON:**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> at SJF (Rectory Basement) \* April 28<sup>th</sup> at MHR (Convent 2nd floor)**

**We hope to see you on Wednesday! Feel free to invite your friends**

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Please feel free to contact the Director of Youth Ministry, Kim Madonia at 708.275.8922 or e-mail at [youtharethefuture@hotmail.com](mailto:youtharethefuture@hotmail.com)

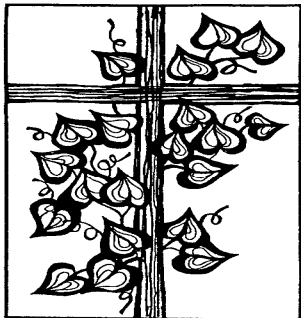
## CANTORS/LECTORS

### Saturday, April 24

4:00 PM Reader: **D. Brennan**

### Sunday, April 25

8:00 AM Reader: **B. Hayes**  
10:00 AM 1st Reader: **C. O'Malley**  
2nd Reader: **P. Wasik**  
12:00 PM Reader: **D. Moore**



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## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### Saturday, April 24

4:00PM 1.) M. Ochs; 2.) A. Kozek; 3.) S. Tesmond; E.M.1) D. McHugh (T); E.M.2) P. Tierney; E.M.3) K. Kozek; E.M. 4) C. Cihocki; E.M.5) H. Peirce

**Eucharistic Sacristan:**

### Sunday, April 25

8:00 AM E.M.1) J. Standing (T); E.M.2) J. Standing; E.M.3) M. Arneberg  
10:00AM 1.) N. Zelek; 2.) A. Schumann; 3.) M. Schumann; E.M.1) J. Rooney (T); E.M.2) R. Riccardo; E.M.3) M. Rooney; E.M.4) L. Fitzgerald; E.M.5) H. Zelek

**Eucharistic Sacristan: J. Boyle**

12:00PM E.M.1) W. Kresse (T); E.M.2) M. Fried; E.M.3) R. Bertucci; E.M.4) Deacon; E.M.5) K. McElligott

## MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

### Monday, April 19

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Helen M. Nitsche—Family  
Jack Dempsey—Family

### Tuesday, April 20

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Phil Gavin—James and Judy Dages  
Brian Carey—Mark and Juanita Stehney

### Wednesday, April 21

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Martha Duch — *SJF Women's Club*

### Thursday, April 22

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Eileen Saviano — *Family*

### Friday, April 23

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Steve Emody, Jr. — *Margaret Fried*

### Saturday, April 24

8:15AM Charles Schuch — *Wife*  
Thomas Green — *Viola Green*  
4:00PM Parishioners

### Sunday, April 25

8:00AM Paul Petrosino — *Angela Petrosino*  
10:00 AM Craig Ford — *Mr. and Mrs. S. Rinella*  
Jack Dempsey — *St. Lawrence Family*  
12:00PM Robert J. Allard — *Teri and Charlie Healy*  
Alice Jeros — *Jeros Family*

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK:

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69  
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

**If you are contemplating making a will or changing your will and plan to leave something to charity, please keep St. John Fisher Parish in mind. A bequest to your parish continues your love and concern for your parish long after your life on earth has been completed.**



The Holy Name Society concluded its second annual parish-wide food drive on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Over 50 volunteers along with their families made this an incredibly successful event. 200 plus boxes of food were taken to the Maple – Morgan Park, Evergreen Park, Sisters of St Casimir, and St Benedict's Food Pantries. All these pantries were so grateful for the outpouring of support and indicated this would allow them to restock their shelves. They have seen an increase in families needing help in the last 6-9 months. Thank you to all those who gave so generously!

Besides individuals, the HNS would like to thank Azteca Foods and the Velasquez Family, County Fair and the Baffes Family, Integra Graphics (Tim Nitsche), and Schaaf Windows for providing boxes, shopping bags, printing, and the delivery truck. We would also like to thank the students of SJF for not only providing help at the event but getting all shopping bags stapled and ready to be distributed. Thanks to the following and their families for their hard work: *Pat Ashe, Tibaldo Alvarez, Tom Austin, Mike Berger, Jim Brady, Mick Brennan, Bob Canavan, Mike Carrane, Tom Culloton, Paul Dachota, Ann and Rich Doligale, Jim Dowling, John Eastman, Ken Enright, Mike Gallagher, John Gavin, Bob Giglio, Todd Gillerlain, Kevin Glynn, Mike Griffin, Joe Guinane, Patrick Hayes, Eric Horkavy, Sherry and Harry Hughes, John Jacob, Brian Johnson, Jim Joyce, Tom Leiser, Jackie Long, Tom Mahay, Jim Martin, Mike McComb, Jim McKeever, Candy McGuire, Dennis McGuire, Annie and Mike McIlvain, Jim McKeever, Matt McNicholas, Mark Montag, Tim Nitsche, Marty O'Hara, Tim O'Malley, Matt O'Shea, Art Paull, Jim Radavic, Tim Reilly, Bob Rook, John Rooney, Chris Schied, Ken Stubitsch, Joe Sullivan, Mike Vitaliano, Jim Welsh, and Brendan Winters.*

**Hope to see you at HNS upcoming events:  
April 30 – Softball Draft Night  
May 19 - BBQ Night**

## **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be held on **Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 3:00p.m.** at **St. John Brebeuf Church**, 8307 North Harlem Avenue, Niles, IL.

Couples married in 1960 interested in attending this celebration should contact the St. John Fisher rectory office to register before May 15th.

For further information call the Family Ministries Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago (312) 534-8351 or visit the website: [www.familyministries.org](http://www.familyministries.org)

## **SHARE YOUR SOLES AND GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD KANE HALL — SUNDAY, APRIL 18th — 9:00AM-1:00PM**

St. John Fisher Girl Scouts Troops 20181 and 20463 will be collecting new or gently used and clean gym shoes or soccer shoes. The shoes will be collected, sorted, packed and delivered to Share Your Soles and at some point will be delivered to needy communities. Please look deep in closets and donate April 18th in Kane Hall, 9:00am to 1:00p.m. Any questions, please call Mrs. McInerney (708) 704-0952 (cell).

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2010 MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL**

The life-saving work of Catholic Charities only happens because of you. A hot meal, a home, professional help to become self-sufficient—all are provided through your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal. Plan now on donating generously on the weekend of May 8th-9th.

## LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL EVENTS

**Little Company of Mary Auxiliary is hosting the 4th Annual "In Good Company" premier shopping event.** The fundraiser will take place on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Beverly Country Club. Join us for an exciting French Market themed evening filled with shopping, delicious food stations, drinks, raffles, friends and more!

More than 700 people attended last year's event with more expected this year. Most importantly, your participation in this fun-filled evening supports the Auxiliary's efforts to raise funds for Little Company of Mary's Family Birth Center.

Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each or 3 for \$50.00 and winners do not have to be present. Prizes include: 1st Prize of \$1,000.00 to Ethan Allen, 2nd Prize of \$1,000.00 Southtown Paint and Wallpaper, and 3rd Prize is an Eiffel Tower Wine Rack filled with twenty bottles of wine.

Shopping is from 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m., or you may become a sponsor to begin shopping exclusively at 5:00p.m. at the Beverly Country Club (8700 South Western Avenue). Pre-event tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased by calling (708) 229-5256. If available, tickets at the door will be \$40.00. Visit [www.LCMH.org](http://www.LCMH.org) for more information.

**Beverly Breast Cancer Walk** is a three mile walk through historic Beverly Hills / Morgan Park starting at Ridge Park (96th and Longwood Drive) May 9th beginning at 8:00a.m. on Sunday, May 9th. Walk-up registration and t-shirt pick-up will be held at Little Company of Mary Hospital on April 28th (8:00am to 1:00pm) and April 29th (2:00pm to 7:00pm) or at Beverly Bank on May 1st and May 8th (9:00am to 3:00pm) or at Beverly Pantry on May 5th (4:00pm to 8:00pm). Registration fee is \$30.00 for adults; children 18 and under \$15.00 and includes t-shirt. Day of the walk, registration fee will be \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children 18 and under. All proceeds benefit the Comprehensive Breast Health Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Bus service from east end of LCMH parking lot between 7:00-7:40am with dropoff at 95th and Longwood. Available for return until 10:15am. Participants who are unable to walk the route are welcome to ride a provided trolley.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

... **74th Annual Mt. Carmel High School Alumni Banquet** to be held on Friday, May 7th, in the Club House at Hawthorne Race Course, 3501 South Laramie in Cicero, IL.. Proceeds to benefit Brother John / Frank Kiszka Memorial Scholarship Fund. Cocktails at 6:00pm - dinner follows at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$55.00 per person. Contact Father Peter McGarry, O.Carm (773) 359-0463 for tickets or more information.

... **St. Joseph College Seminary hosts 8th Annual Festa Italiana** on Sunday, April 25th, 3:00pm to 8:00pm at the Lexington House (7717 West 95th Street in Hickory Hills, IL .Tickets are \$65.00 for adults, \$25.00 for children 10 and under. Contact St. Joseph College Seminary (773) 973-9720 for tickets or more information. All proceeds benefit St. Joseph College Seminararians.

... **Maria High and St. Casimir Academy** to hold All School Reunion on Saturday, April 24th at Silver Lakes Country Club (14700 South 82nd Avenue in Orland Park. A mass will be held at 11:15am with the reunion immediately following 12:00pm to 3:00p.m. Visit the website at [www.mariahighschool.org](http://www.mariahighschool.org) or call Kathleen Langdon at (773) 925-8686, ext. 115 with any questions.

... **REST Shelter** sponsors four mile SleepWalk to help homeless adults. Site of walk begins at Irving Park Road and proceeds along the lake front on Saturday, May 8th at 10:00a.m. Call REST (773) 784-0909 to sign up or email [info@restwbe.org](mailto:info@restwbe.org) for more information.



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*"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
to receive power and riches,  
wisdom and strength,  
honor and glory and blessing.*

- Revelation 5:12

### **PARISH PRIESTS**

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Rev. Marion Soprych, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Arthur Marat, Resident  
Rev. Thomas J. Purtell, Pastor Emeritus

### **Associate**

Rev. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A.

### **Deacons**

Deacon Robert Carroll                      Deacon Raymond Reilly  
Deacon Couple Tom and Mary Siska

Sister Jean Anne McGrath, C.S.J., **Principal**

Elena Chermak, D.Min., **Dir. of Religious Education**  
**(773) 238-1851**

### **Music Directors**

Michael Carso, **(708) 396-2738**  
Alan Bukowiecki  
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Kim Madonia, **Youth Minister (708) 275-8922**

### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms:** Sundays at 1:15 P.M.

Baptismal Preparation Class, 11:30 A.M. First Sunday of Month. Contact Rectory for details. A Baptismal Preparation Program is a requirement in the Chicago Archdiocese.

**Reconciliation: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

**Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 P.M. or by appointment**

**Marriage:** Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory at least **six months** before the wedding. A marriage preparation program is a requirement in the Archdiocese (Pre-Cana, Discovery Weekend, etc.).

**Communion for Homebound Parishioners:** Members of our parish family who are ill or homebound, please call the parish office and a Minister of Care will bring communion to your home at your convenience.

**New Parishioners:** We welcome you! Please introduce yourself to us. We ask that you register in the rectory office.