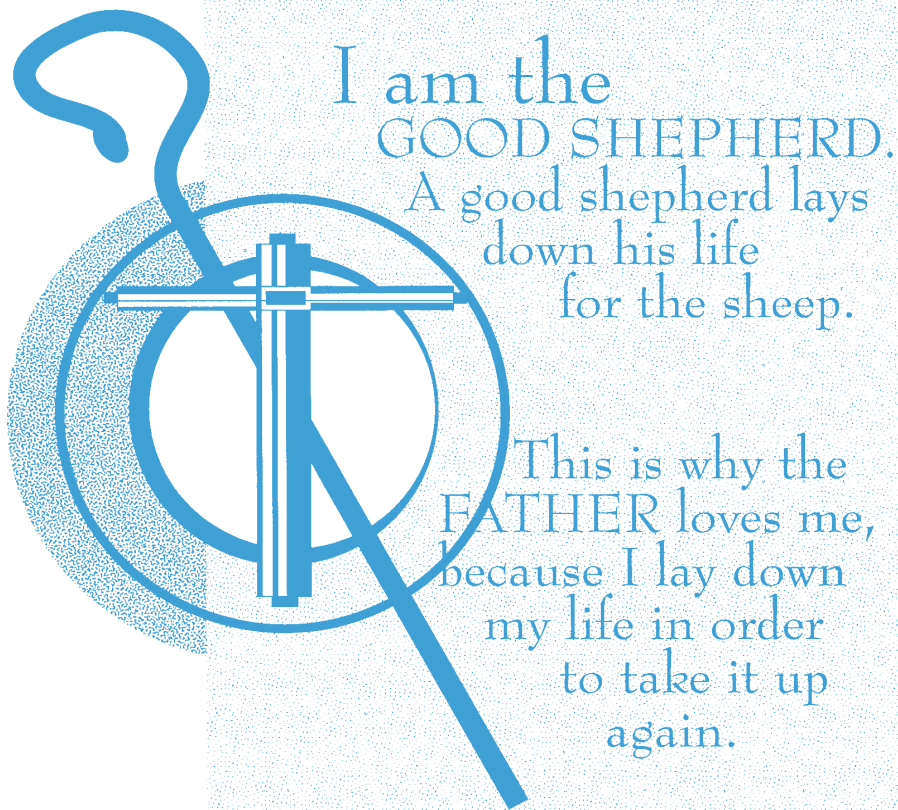


May 3, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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OUR LADY OF KNOCK
CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In the column to the right of this one, you will see information about the Women's Guild and their annual dinner and Installation of Officers for the new year. Many of our parish organizations select new officers and committee members. They are happy to consider candidates that haven't served before. Sometimes, they just don't know who is interested. Now is the time for you to speak up. A good reason to volunteer is that you have an idea that your group could implement for the good of the organization. A better reason is that you have appreciated the efforts of the officers and they may be looking for some relief because they have spent many years in service and are looking for some "new blood."

The Parish Council is also looking for some new and additional members for the coming year. If you have ever wondered how my mind works or what is the process for the decisions being made in the parish; now is the time to express your interest to me or any of the Council members themselves. Our next Commissions Meeting is Sunday, May 17 at 11 AM in the School Hall. The agenda for this meeting usually is scheduling for the coming year. If a representative from your organization isn't there, you may miss your spot in using the parish facilities for your meetings. Another part of the agenda will consider realigning the organizations into proper commissions – Social Life, Spiritual Life, Education, and Human Concerns.

Part of the tithing spirit of Lent was the use of Operation Rice Bowl boxes. Our parish contributed a total of \$711.26 of which \$177.26 was shared with the parish and given to the Calumet City Resource Center for their outreach to the needy.

I would encourage you to look at the bulletin boards in the rear of the church. Many times they contain information about activities that didn't quite fit in our bulletin but still may be of interest to you. For example, there are posters/flyers on scouting, vocation days, and the upcoming Flower Sale on Mother's Day for the support of Pro-Life. In the wire racks near the church entrances, you will find copies of the Catholic New World and Senior Connection.

Please pray for me, as I do you.

Fr. Pat



WOMEN'S GUILD INSTALLATION

ALL are invited to join the Women's Guild at their Installation Dinner on Tuesday, May 12th.

The evening will begin with Mass at 6:00PM in church. The dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 178th & Burnham Ave. in Lansing. Cost of the dinner will be \$15 and reservations can be made by calling Fran at (708) 862-4038.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME.

Installation Dinner money can be submitted in the Sunday Collection or dropped off at the Rectory. Please indicate "Women's Guild" on the envelope. Reservations MUST be made by Monday, May 4th.

OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010 WILL BE:

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| PRESIDENT | FRANCES GAMBINO |
| 1ST VICE PRES. | DEBBIE GAMBLE |
| 2ND VICE PRES. | LORETTA ALLEN |
| SECRETARY | LORRAINE PRZYBYL |
| MEMBERSHIP SEC. | AUDREY MORRISON |
| TREASURER | BEVERLY CIPOWSKI |

Please join us in celebrating another successful Women's Guild Year!!



MOTHERS DAY FLOWER SALE

On Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th the Our Lady of Knock Respect Life Group will sell beautiful bouquets of fresh cut flowers after the Masses.

A bouquet of roses is \$12, a mixed floral bouquet is \$10, a bouquet of 6 carnations is \$7.

Proceeds from the sale of flowers help support the life saving work of the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be held on Tuesday, May 5th for the parents of children scheduled for baptism here at Our Lady of Knock Parish. The class will begin at 7:30PM in the Ministry Center. If you plan to have your child baptized during the month of May, you must PRE-REGISTER by calling the rectory, (708) 862-3011 before attending the class.

Please remember that to have your child baptized here, you must be registered parishioners of Our Lady of Knock Parish. Also, the Godparents must be practicing Catholics.



MARKET DAY PICK UP

Market day pick up will be Wednesday, May 6th in the parish hall from 4-5PM. Please be on time. Orders cannot be held.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS

Hopefully the bad weather is behind us and it is time to enjoy the Spring! Let's get together this Thursday, May 7th at 1PM in the Parish Hall.

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon with your friends! God bless you all.

**BROTHER RICE HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC
CAMPS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
www.brrice.org
BY CLICKING "BROTHER RICE TO-
DAY"**

**SOME CAMPS HAVE LIMITED SPACE,
SO MAKE SURE TO REGISTER
ASAP**

COMING SOON...

...an "ETHNIC FEAST" as part of our parish celebration of Pentecost.

The feast will take place in the Parish Hall following the 10AM Mass on Sunday, May 31st, which is Pentecost.

Cost of admission will be your contribution of an ethnic dish.

Watch for further details in coming bulletins!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL**

Calls to Catholic Charities are increasing from people who have nowhere else to turn. People in every parish and every neighborhood are struggling to make ends meet. Most families face unemployment or loss of a home.

Please give generously to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal next weekend so that the people you care about will get the help they need. Your gift brings compassion, love and respect.

- Emergency food & shelter
- Affordable housing for seniors
- Adoption & teen parenting services
- Employment & job training

Learn more from catholiccharities.net or call (312) 655-7012.



FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

Today we are honored to join with our First Communion Class at the 10:00 AM Mass as they come to the table of the Lord for the first time. We congratulate these students and their families and ask that you keep them in your prayers:

- Dolores Ayala
- Adelia Gallegos
- Elise Garcia
- Jessica Garcia
- Matthew Grafenauer
- Cody Hamlin
- Dominic Lopez
- Annisa Saucedo
- Romany Saucedo
- Nicholas Ojeda

Peace,
Cathy

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 3rd - **First Communion**, 10:00 AM
- 16th - Training for new Servers, 11:00 - 12:00
Adults and Children are needed



FAMILY RESOURCE ROOM

As you do your Spring cleaning this year if you come across any new or gently used clothes for infants, children, or women please think about bringing them to our Family Resource Room. We will be very happy to find new homes for these items as well as any baby furniture, strollers, play pens, swings, etc. that you no longer need.

And of course we always need diapers and wipes so that our littlest clients smell and feel clean and dry. Thank you for your generosity.

SHEDSOMELIGHT

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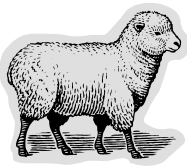
We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Meet and Greet committee spearheaded by Dr. Robyn DuBose for a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship on Friday, April 24. We thank Mrs. Nicole Fulford, Mrs. Roxanne Foster, Mrs. Tanzy Lewis, Mrs. Sherrie Wells, along with Dr. DuBose, for the many countless hours they spent in preparing for this event. We would also like to thank the following merchants of South Holland: Sharks, Poppin Popcorn, Jewel Osco, Walt's Food, Jimboos; Dolton: Italian Fiesta Pizzeria, Fairway Foods, Mrs. Winter Cakes, Trophys Are Us; Calumet City: Ted's Family Restaurant; Chicago: Whole Foods, Kraft Foods, and the McDonald's Corporation who supplied and donated our refreshments and goodies. A great big thank you to Tanzy Lewis, our Institutional Advancement Director, who was instrumental in the planning of this evening.

Congratulations to the following 8th grade students who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 23 at St. Jude the Apostle Church by Bishop John R. Gorman: Carmelo Cianflone, Miracle Diala, Morgan Ellison, Letitia Evans, Deonte Gardner, Justin Graham, Taylor Harding, Thomas Jeudy, Peter Klein, Zachary Krugman, Taylor Mohn, Kevin Phillips, Jr., Douglas Roach, Jr., Joshua Thomas, and Jesse Unzueta.

The following students of the East Campus were winners in the "Patriot Pen Essay Contest" sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8141 in Calumet City: 1st Place Deon-Jamal Jackson (7th grade), 2nd Place Justin Grahman (8th grade), and 3rd Place Taylor Harding (8th grade). Well done fine aspiring writers!

West Campus 8th grade students Letitia Evan, Ashley Hamilton, and Brianna Stuckey have been selected to attend the 21st Annual Student Government Day in the Village of South Holland. These students must attend an orientation on Saturday, May 2, observe a village board meeting on Monday, May 4, and conduct a "mock" board meeting on Monday, May 18. Congratulations to these young ladies!!!!

With God's Blessings,
Cindy Rogers, Principal
Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal



ON DEAD SHEEP, SHEEP POETRY, MOVIE SHEEP, AND THE GOOD SHEPHERD

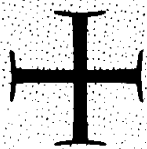
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When I think of sheep, a few things always enter my mind. First is the bloated sheep I saw nearly half a century ago--really--out at Spring Lake, an undeveloped tract of land where I often went exploring as a kid back in Streator, IL. I was romping around the place when I came across this big old dead sheep that was blown up tight and taut like a like fuzzy balloon. I can't remember if it smelled, but it probably did. I can't remember if flies were buzzing around it, but they probably were. I just remember that huge, lifeless, inflated sheep lying there in the springtime sun, and if I haven't forgotten it over the course of these past many decades, I don't suppose I ever will.

Next I think of a guy named Bob. I have no idea what he's doing now, but in high school we had an English class together. Bob was one of the smart kids--at least that's how I saw him--and for one of our assignments, he came up with a sheep poem. I can't remember if he wrote it himself or if he found it somewhere. I just remember that even though it was about sheep, it wasn't really about sheep. It was about people who act like sheep, who are easily led by the ways of the world. The poem portrayed sheep as stupid with no minds of their own, blindly following somebody else's lead, and that's, I guess, how Bob saw the masses of American society. Maybe even his classmates.

Next I think of Babe. You know. The movie about the talking pig who wants to be a sheepdog. I put this in my top ten list because of Babe's unwavering persistence, because of Babe's unwillingness to take no for an answer. If Babe were a movie about a kid who wanted to play football for Notre Dame, it would be called Rudy. But I also like Babe because of its portrayal of the other animals on the farm, especially the sheep. Here--unlike the animals in Bob's sheep poem--they are intelligent, willful animals that refuse to be bullied (or led) by a pig chasing a dream, *especially* when the pig is arrogant and mean in its initial approach. With understanding, however, the sheep come around, choosing to follow by their own free will.

And on Good Shepherd Sunday, I think of the sheep--the flock--in today's Gospel when Jesus tells us, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine, and mine know me..." I count myself as a sheep in that flock. And yet, sheep still have that "go along" image--Bob's image--and I have trouble with it. Maybe I'm wrong, but I don't think that many individuals would take it as a compliment to be referred to as sheep. But when I look at it closer, I see that discipleship (or "flockship," in this context), is not sheeplike at all as Bob positioned it. It's easy to follow the crowd in today's society, to subscribe to the populist view of things, to go along. But that's not the sheep we are called to be. We are called to be sheep with fight, following our shepherd *against* the populist view of the world on long and difficult journey home. This is the sheep I want to be, and per the sheep in Babe, "...to your flock be true."



What love the Father has bestowed
on us that we may be called
Children of God



Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY (FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

8:00 AM—Katie Yatsko
 (Carol Lembas) (Fr. Fenske)
 10:00 AM—Mary Kozak
 (Mary Ann Kozak) (Fr. Lyons)

MONDAY (EASTER WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Caroline Levinsky
 (Ann & Jim Bartosz)
 8:30 AM Service-Intentions of All Parishioners of
 Our Lady of Knock Parish

TUESDAY (EASTER WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Thomas Ryan
 (Mr. & Mrs. Frank Carone)
 8:30 AM **Mass**—William Moran
 (Moran Family)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

THURSDAY (EASTER WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
 Our Lady of Knock Parish
 8:30 AM **Mass**—Dorothy Lewkowski
 (Lewkowski Family)

FRIDAY (EASTER WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Joseph & Henrietta Havidic
 (Thomas Havidic)
 8:30 AM Service-Intentions of All Parishioners of
 Our Lady of Knock Parish

SATURDAY (VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

5:30 PM—Bob & Della Sosnowski
 (Family) (Fr. Lyons)

SUNDAY (FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

8:00 AM—Thomas Ryan
 (Vivian & Ben Sarbieski) (Fr. Lyons)
 10:00AM—James C. Clewer
 (A Friend) (Fr. Fenske)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group # 2, JO KENNEDY, Captain, please be at the church on Friday, May 8th at 9AM.



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the souls of Rev. Martin J Neary (our founding pastor), Rev. John Ahern, Rev. Thomas Kelly, Rev. James O'Donnell, Rev. Edward Barron, Rev. Michael McPartlan, **CHARLES SMITH, MICHAEL KEENAN**, and all of our beloved dead of past years.



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Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION April 26, 2009

| REQUIRED BUDGET | TOTAL ACTUAL | DIFFERENCE |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| \$7000 | \$5441 | -\$1559 |

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

| REQUIRED BUDGET | TOTAL ACTUAL | DIFFERENCE |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| \$301,000 | \$259,652 | -\$41,348 |

| CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES | NUMBER | TOTAL |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| | 8 | \$11.00 |

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| No. Of Envelopes Used: | 224 |
| Average Donation Per Envelope | \$ 23.06 |
| S.O.S.: | \$694.00 |



A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

We Christians have many reasons to celebrate. God is in his heaven; Christ has risen and we are the sheep of his flock. Yet sometimes, even the most devout believers may become discouraged. After all, we live in a world where expectations can be high and demands can be even higher.

When we fail to meet the expectations of others, or, the expectations we have set for ourselves, we may be tempted to abandon hope. But God has other plans. He knows exactly how he intends to use us. Our task is to remain faithful until he does.

When we are discouraged and that dark cloud is hanging over our head and it feels like our strength is being sapped and our faith shaken, there exists a source from which we can draw courage and wisdom. That source is God. When we seek to form a more intimate relationship with our Creator, He renews our spirit and restores our soul.

God offers us the strength to meet our challenges, and he offers hope for the future. One way that he shares his message of hope is through the worlds of encouraging friends and family members.

As a faithful follower of Jesus, you have every reason to be hopeful. So, if you have become discouraged with the direction of your day or your life, turn your thoughts and prayers to God. And remember, God loves you unconditionally, so how can you ever stay discouraged for long?

Please keep us in your prayers,
Your brother in Christ

Deacon Tom

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Holy Day Vigil: 6:00 PM
Holy Day: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30-5:15 PM

Baptisms: Second & Fourth Sundays of the month at 1:00 PM. Preparation Class (required if 1st Child), 1st Tuesday of Month, 7:30 PM.
Marriages: Call Rectory for arrangements at least 4 months prior to planned date.
Change of Address or New Registration: Call Rectory during business hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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