

Our Lady of Knock Church
All Souls Day
November 2, 2008



Please pray for all the faithful departed,
especially those members of our parish family who
have died during the past year:

STEVE NORKUS
GEORGE DALLE MOLLE
DOROTHY ADAMS
JOHN MAGRAW
MARY HOLECHKO
PHILLIP SOSNOWSKI
LUCILLE BAKKER
MARY COSENTINO
EUGENE RABASSI
GLENN PERL
CHARLES SMITH
CATHERINE GRACZYK
GERTRUDE WIERZBA
ANNA ZANDY
ANTHONY J. GUZAN
MARIANNE JOHNSON
HELEN DWORAK
FLORENCE MALACKOWSKI
JOHN CHURILLA
AQUILA DOMINIAK
MARY BERKOWICZ
BRIAN BRADY

JACOB KROLO
VIRGINIA KROLO
ANGELINE RZONCA
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MARION BEATA
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ANGIE HORAN
DOROTHY M. LEWKOWSKI
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SOPHIE KMETZ
HELEN KURTZ
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THERESE GRUTZIUS
MARGARET PHILLIPS
PAUL CARLOS
RAY DANIEL GRIGGS



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I hope you were as impressed as I was with the “witness talks” given by Karen Brodzik, Denise Rzonca, and Deacon Tom Knetl. Please give prayerful consideration to the mailing with the “intent” card and see how generous you can be to our parish.

A humorous response did come in through the “suggestion box.” A pastor is greeting people at the church entrance (look familiar) and says to one after the financial report, “Don’t think of it as tithing. Think of it as a cover charge.”

The Archdiocese asks all parishes to do an October count. For our parish this year, the weekend average was 431 down about 80 from last year. Averages for the individual Masses are as follows: 5:30 PM Saturday Mass – 128, 8 AM Sunday Mass – 88, and 10 AM Sunday Mass – 215. At an upcoming cluster meeting of local parishes, we will share our numbers and I will give you an idea of their attendance as well.

The parish Liturgy Committee meets regularly to put together planning teams for the various seasons, holidays and holydays. They handle implementing new suggestions from the Archdiocese as well as questions from our parish. At a recent meeting new officers were chosen. They include: Chair, Deacon Tom Knetl; Vice-Chair, Cathy Knetl; and Secretary, Sr. Alban. Please feel free to contact me or anyone of them about liturgical concerns. If you might be interested in our activities, come to our next meeting on Nov. 17, at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room.

I offer occasional internet sites for our computer savvy friends. So men can get a better impression of abortion, try this website www.menandabortion.info.

Last weekend, we had a chance to enjoy the cooking skills of our Women’s Guild. Their November meeting will let you see them in another mode – the presence of prayer in their lives as they gather for their November event – Thanksgiving Mass. The Guild does it early because many are responsible for a family meal on Thanksgiving Day itself.

With all the voting information on radio and TV, as well as in the newspapers, it would be difficult to say I don’t know who to vote for. It would be a shame if any of us choose not to vote this Tuesday.

Please pray for me, as I do you.

Fr. Pat



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Tuesday, November 4th at 7:30PM in the Ministry Center for the parents of children scheduled for baptism here at Our Lady of Knock. If you plan to have your child baptized during the month of November, you must **PRE-REGISTER** by calling the rectory, (708) 862-3011.

Please keep in mind to have your child baptized, you must be **registered** Our Lady of Knock Parishioners. Godparents must be **practicing** Catholics.



FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Our next Focus on the Positive will take place on Thursday, November 13th in the parish hall from 7PM-8PM. Guest speaker will be **Rev. Dominic Grassi**. Father Grassi is the author of the popular “*Bumping Into God*” books.

The program will begin at 7PM and conclude at 8PM. Delicious refreshments will be served. There is no fee. All are welcome. For more information, please call the rectory at (708) 862-3011.



WOMEN’S GUILD NOVEMBER MEETING

Please join the ladies of the parish on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00PM in church for a Mass of Thanksgiving. Please bring non-perishable items to be given to the Calumet City Resource Center.

After Mass there will be an informative meeting in the parish hall. Kris Kringle names for the December gift exchange will be selected. As usual, there will be great door-prizes, split-the-pot raffle, and delicious refreshments. Please join us for a wonderful evening of prayer & fellowship.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS

Just a reminder: the Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, November 6th at 1PM in the Parish Hall.

WOMEN'S CENTER OF GREATER CHICAGOLAND FAMILY ROOM

The **Family Room** is off to a great start. As the ladies arrive from the Women's Center we have already found that it is important that we take the time to get to know a little about them. This enables us to better meet their needs and the needs of their children. Some of the ladies are young and expecting their first child, while others are older and might already have children. Whatever the case, our goal is to treat each person who comes through our doors with kindness and respect.

We hope that you can help by sharing this list of most needed items with friends, relatives and neighbors and help us provide for those who come to us. Items can be brought to the portable. The list includes: gently used clothes for moms, babies, and children, **disposable diapers (all sizes)**, baby furniture, bedding, car seats, strollers, diaper bags, safety equipment, formula, blankets, baby soap, shampoo, wipes, etc.

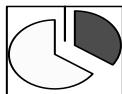
We could also use some racks to hang the clothing on so that the room looks even more inviting.

The Room is staffed by volunteers and is open on Mondays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and Fridays from 9:30AM – 3:00PM. We can always use more helpers to sort clothing as well as help with the clients, so if you can help for even a few hours each month, please call Cathy Knetl, 868 – 1711.

Please keep the volunteers and the families we serve in your prayers.

Pot of Gold

The Pot of Gold again made just a small spurt this past week. Your help in returning paid chances is extremely important for this major parish fundraiser in support of our parish school – Christ Our Savior. With less than a month to go, we need to make a bigger push and get your chance returns in. Please be sure you make your returns as soon as possible. This way you will be eligible for the 2nd and remaining early bird drawings.



■	689 Tickets Sold
□	1311 Unsold



ADVENT, 2008 A TIME TO SHARE

The Liturgy Committee recognizes the fact that most of the people of our parish are extremely generous, they are great givers and their generosity is very much appreciated. However, we also agreed that **Sharing** is a two-way street; the ability to **Give** of our treasures should also be balanced by our ability to ask for and graciously **Receive** what we need. So our **Sharing** theme for the Advent season, which begins in a few short weeks, will embrace both ideas. Watch the bulletin next week for more details.



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will be **TUESDAY**, November 25th from 4-5PM in the parish hall. Order forms are available at the church doors and can be returned to the box in the vestibule or to the rectory.

MASS BOOK TO OPEN

The rectory office began taking intentions for the year 2009 on Wednesday, October 29. Intentions will be taken Mondays through Fridays, 9AM to 5PM. Parish policy limits each family to **ONE** weekend **OR ONE** holiday Mass and **FOUR** combinations of weekday Masses and communion Services.

Mass intentions will be taken by phone for parishioners who are unable to come to the rectory in person.

Requested donation is \$10 per Mass or Communion Service.

SPECIAL MASS, ROSARY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR ELECTION 2008

To pray for an outcome to the Election which is pleasing to Almighty God
St. Andrew the Apostle Church
Tuesday, November 4 at 8AM
Following Mass there will be Exposition, Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration until 3PM.

FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

Only 1 more week until our:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST/ RAFFLE/BAKE SALE

Date: Sunday, November 9th
 Time: 8:00AM – 12:00PM
 Place: Parish Hall
 Menu: Delicious homemade pancakes,
 sausage, and beverages
 Also: Bake sale and raffle
 Tickets will be sold at the door.

Dates to Remember

November

- 2nd – Reconciliation Parents' Meeting,
9:00 AM
- Sacramental Enrollment Mass,
10:00AM Refreshments to follow.
- Community Meal
- 9th – **Pancake Breakfast/Raffle/
Bake Sale**
- 23rd – Advent Lunch of Sharing & Prayer,
11AM
All are invited.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Today our Confirmation Candidates will cook a delicious meal here at Our Lady of Knock and then serve it this afternoon at St. Victor's to the needy of our community. They are planning on preparing Sloppy Joes on a bun, onion roasted potatoes, a vegetable, and salad. Please keep them and those they serve in your prayers.

Peace,
Cathy Knetl

SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

We are very fortunate to have Officer Kim Abogunrin of the South Holland Police Department teaching the G.R.E.A.T. Program to grades 4 and 6 at the West Campus. G.R.E.A.T. stands for "Gang Resistance Education and Training." The fourth grade curriculum is a six week program and the sixth grade curriculum is thirteen weeks long. In this program, the students learn skills to help them avoid participation in bullying, violence and gangs. It is an interactive skills based class which correlates to curriculum standards in social studies, language arts and health. It is the goal of this program to prevent youth violence and to develop a positive relationship between youths and law enforcement officers. Officer Kim will meet with the students once a week. Classroom teachers will do follow-up activities in between the sessions. There will be a graduation ceremony at the end of the program for those who successfully complete this course.

The end of October is designated as National Red Ribbon Week, an anti drug campaign. Our students "socked it to drugs" by participating in a crazy sock day sponsored by our Student Council to reinforce the theme of the week.

A great big thank you to the students in grade 8 at the West Campus for taking good care of the seniors who attended a breakfast on Tuesday, October 21 by serving them and spending time in conversation with them. A special thank you to the eighth grade students at the East Campus for assisting those who attended the St. Andrew Anointing Mass on Wednesday, October 22 and then helped to serve them a delicious lunch as well as clean up afterward. Student Council members, along with those students in grades 2, 4, 5 and 6, made beautiful luncheon place mats.

On Tuesday, October 28, representatives from the following high schools visited our campus and brought information about their schools to our 7th and 8th graders: Seton Academy, Marian Catholic, Mother McCauley, Mount Carmel, St. Francis de Sales and Marist.

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

IT'S TURKEY RAFFLE TIME!

Ushers will begin selling tickets for their annual turkey raffle next weekend at all the Masses. Hope you have good luck!

WOMEN & MEN IN ARMED SERVICES

Students of Christ Our Savior School are working with the Knights of Columbus in sending packages to those in the Service. Personal items will be collected along with prayerful messages from students. Names of people and addresses can be sent to Sister Alban at Our Lady of Knock, 501-163rd St. Calumet City. Thank you.

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**ON THE COMMEMORATION OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**
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A friend asked me a couple of weeks ago if I miss my folks. “Every day,” I replied. It’s not totally true because there are certainly days when my parents fall off my radar screen. But most days, they remain at least an intermittent pulse, reminding me of who I am and where I come from. “Please God, embrace in Paradise *this* day Mom, Dad, and Helen...” This is one of my first prayers of the morning, often spoken silently as I shuffle from the bedroom to the shower. Many of you know Mom and Dad. Helen was a dear friend who passed away two years ago now. We weren’t related by blood, but by something much, much thicker, she was the great-aunt I never had.

I ask God to embrace all three in Paradise because I’m not sure about the whole Purgatory thing. You know. Per the Catechism, “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified...after death (they) undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect...” Look. Mom, Dad, and Helen are all saints in my book, going straight for the Pearly Gates with their final breaths. But as we heard recently, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, says the Lord.” God may have seen fit to give each of them some Purgatory time, and thus every morning--or most mornings--it’s, “Please God, embrace in Paradise *this* day...”

Then it’s, “Mom, Dad, Helen, please pray for...” In the second half of my prayer, I list a whole litany of things important to me. Cynics may say this is in keeping with the old maxim, “You scratch my back and I’ll scratch yours.” I see the resemblance. Hopefully, though, my prayer runs a little deeper than that, a little truer, a little less in the mercenary direction. Anyway, after asking God to embrace my folks and Helen in Paradise, I ask my intercessors to pray for the recovery of a friend’s daughter, a young woman dealing with some medical issues. I ask them to pray, too, for my own children, that they might find their way in the word. And I ask them to pray for another friend in a troubling situation, that he might find comfort and peace.

And why do I feel that I can ask Mom, Dad, and Helen for their help in these matters in the first place? I guess that’s what this day is all about, this *All Souls’ Day*, this *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*. We believe that the souls who die in Christ will rise in Christ. We believe in the communion of saints. And we believe what Jesus himself couldn’t make much clearer in today’s Gospel: “And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life...” I miss Mom and Dad and Helen, but I know that *this* day or *some* day, God will embrace each of them in Paradise. Thus the commemoration. Thus the celebration. Thus the early morning supplication.

“THANKS BE TO GOD”

Planned Offering Program

Our Planned Offering Program is one very important way to express our self-giving for the good of others and for God’s greater glory. This program will conclude next weekend with Commitment Sunday. Each registered household has received a summary letter and Declaration of Intentions Card to consider increasing your offertory gift. Please pray about this and return your Intentions Card in next Sunday’s offertory collection. Your donation aids our parish in forecasting revenue for the coming year. Please reflect on your spending priorities, consider where our parish is currently placed within them, and consider making a planned, proportionate and sacrificial gift to our offertory program.



Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY (ALL SOULS DAY)

8:00 AM—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish (Fr. Lyons)
10:00 AM—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish (Fr. Fenske)

MONDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Mass—Joseph Chelbana
(Wife, Irene)
8:30 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

TUESDAY (CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP)

7:00 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish
8:30 AM Mass—Bill Driscoll
(Gerry Thomas &
Romaine Jamrozy)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

THURSDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish
8:30 AM Mass—Paul Harkenrider
(Matt Harkenrider)

FRIDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Mass—Albertina Dietz
(Lorraine Rutkiewicz)
8:30 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

SATURDAY (VIGIL: DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME)

5:30 PM—Catherine Graczyk
(Aida Mannarelli) (Fr. Fenske)

SUNDAY (DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME)

8:00 AM—Beverly Blackett
(Paul & Ann Gill) (Fr. Fenske)
10:00AM—Anne Steiner
(Family) (Fr. Lyons)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group #2, JO KENNEDY, Captain, please be at the church on Friday, November 7 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, and all of our beloved dead of past years.



Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION October 26, 2008

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$7000	\$5729	-\$1271

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$ 119,000	\$ 99,943	-\$19,057

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	13	\$14.00

No. Of Envelopes Used:	236
Average Donation Per Envelope	\$ 23.13
S.O.S.:	\$726.50



A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

There are two topics I would like to address today. The first is All Souls' Day. Praying for the dead was part of early Christian tradition and All Souls' Day is set aside for this purpose.

In the Creed we profess our belief in "the communion of saints." It is a way of saying that we all share one and the same divine life. We are connected in communion with one another. This bond continues after death. So, we continue to pray for, and to, the dead, and count on their continuing prayers for us.

I would also like to address the concept of purgatory. Contrary to popular belief, Catholic doctrine has never specified what purgatory is like (for example, that there is fire, that it is like a prison, or that one's stay is measured in weeks or years). Church teaching simply affirms that there is a purifying process after death.

When we die we retain our identity. We are the person we formed ourselves to be. Few of us would claim to be perfect. So the need for some adjustments seems justified.

Purgatory expresses the belief that we can still grow in perfection after death. It may involve pain but there is a big difference between "growing pains" and punishment.

Though sometimes depicted in paintings as a fearful place of fire and punishment, purgatory is better seen as the kind provision of a loving God who wills not the death of the sinner, but life, peace, and happiness.

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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