

*As Jesus  
blessed his disciples,  
he parted from them and  
was taken up to heaven.*

~ Luke 24:51

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc. Photos: DavidMSchrader/Essentials Collection/iStock, ZU\_09/Signature Collection/iStock  
Excerpts from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970, CCD.

## TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

*St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil*

*Parish Office: 6135 S. Austin Ave Chicago, IL 60638*

*(773) 767-1523*



# Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

## Welcome to Two Holy Martyrs Parish!!

St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil

This weekend we, the Church, celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

St. Augustine expressed quite well the importance of this event when he wrote, "Out of compassion for us He descended from heaven and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by grace."

Never underestimate the importance of grace in our lives. There is a temptation in this life to think we don't need God. We don't need Jesus. We don't need the Holy Spirit. To give into this temptation would be a grave mistake. Whether we want to realize it or not, there are forces at play in this world seeking to pull us away from God and from one another.

Grace is God's gift to us. We don't purchase it. We don't earn it. Instead, we open ourselves to receive it and share it. Grace is God's life in us, thanks be to Jesus, the Christ. Can we lose grace? Yes. Can grace be restored? Yes. God wills that all be saved. Do we desire to be saved? Do we even realize our need for a Savior?

Why do we need saving? Because sin, evil and death are a reality that we can't overcome on our own. Pride tempts us to say, "I don't need a Savior." Humility helps us see more clearly the reality of things. Folks can deny sin and evil, but no one can deny the reality of death (although many of us do our best to act like it won't happen to us).

Jesus saves us from all three: sin, evil, and death. The Paschal Mystery of Christ is his suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. Sometimes we stop at the resurrection. The ascension is part of the mystery. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We need Him as our Bridge from this world to what awaits us.

Although He has ascended, He remains with us in and through His Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. The promise is that when Christ comes again, He will come in glory, and bring all things to fulfilment. A kingdom of peace, justice and righteousness will reign. This is what we must keep in mind as we go about our daily life. Light triumphs over darkness. Live in the light now, and help bring others to the light.

### Memorial Day

Having sat through my share of history classes in grammar school, high school, college and seminary, it is amazing how so much of learning history involves the various wars humans have waged through the millennia.

For whatever reason, we find it necessary -- time and time again -- to go to war. We'd be hard-pressed to find a significant stretch of years where there was not a war being fought somewhere on planet earth.

Our idealistic side cries out, "No more war." Our practical

side recognizes that although we might not have started the fight, we must do something to bring it to an end. And those who see the dollar signs of war seek to take advantage of human aggression. War is big business.

On Memorial Day, we formally take time to recognize the men and women who have lost their life in service to our country -- the United States of America. Some of these fallen soldiers signed up to serve while others were drafted. Either way, they paid the ultimate price -- their life.

As Christians, we understand this sacrifice. Some things are worth dying for. Jesus showed us this truth on the cross of Calvary. Jesus died for ... YOU! You are worth dying for. Body and Blood given for every single human person to be saved from sin, evil and death. At every single Holy Mass, we make memory of Jesus' redemptive act continued through time and space.

Giving one's life for others makes no sense if there is nothing beyond this world. Giving one's life for others makes no sense outside the reality of love. In the Person of Jesus Christ, Love was crucified, and Love is risen. Although the earthly battles may continue for some time, the eternal war has already been won. That's why Good Friday and Easter are so important.

Jesus can confidently say "Do not be afraid," because He knows the outcome.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered in our parish on Memorial Day at 8 AM in our St. Rene Goupil church. Please join us to pray for those who gave their life in service to our country, and to pray for peace in our world today.

### Health Update

Ever since my hospitalization and ensuing recovery from COVID pneumonia, I regularly have folks asking me how I am doing. Overall, I'm doing quite well. The first month out of the hospital was tough as I regained strength and dealt with the side-effects of steroid use and other meds.

I do have an upcoming doctor's appointment. Outside of my lungs, everything else seems fine. The question will be if there has been any permanent lung damage or not. We shall see. The positive is that I am using less and less oxygen assistance as I go about daily life.

Thank you to all those who prayed for me, and made inquiries about my health. Thank you for caring. Life is fragile, indeed. Cherish each day.



### Quote of the Week

*"The Lord opening the way to heaven gives us a foretaste of divine life on this Earth."*

*~Pope emeritus Benedict XVI*



# Rediscover Sunday

Imagine God giving us one intentional day of the week for our own good. Well, the Lord has done just such a thing. The Jewish people call this day the Sabbath. Christians, in the wake of the crucified and risen Jesus, call this day Sunday; or the Lord's Day.

Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is

Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death. Sunday is the day which recalls in grateful adoration the world's first day and looks forward in hope to the "last day" when Christ will come in glory and all things will be made new.

We are invited, at this time in history, to **REDISCOVER SUNDAY**. In Mark 2:27-28, Jesus says, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is master even of the sabbath?" This means we should view Sunday as pure gift from our Creator who always knows what is good for us.

Sadly, for whatever reason, Sunday becomes "just another day of the week;" no different than Monday through Saturday. We allow the daily grind to encroach on the Lord's Day. The busy-ness of the world takes on more importance than giving thanks to our Creator, engaging family life, and simply resting for the sake of the soul.

We at Two Holy Martyrs Parish (St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil) invite everyone to **REDISCOVER SUNDAY**. Please see the Lord's Day, not as a burden, but as gift. We want to distance ourselves from "we have to" and move closer toward "we get to." Yes, keeping holy the Lord's Day is a commandment, but it is a commandment of love from the One who is Love.

What does your Sunday currently look like?

What could your Sunday look like going forward?

1. Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Eucharist) in community
2. Time spent with family and/or friends
3. Rest & Recreation (abstain from technology)
4. Time for personal prayer, spiritual reading, contemplating God's love
5. Abstaining from worldly work

Sunday begins by centering ourselves on Christ. Together, let's **REDISCOVER SUNDAY!!!**

## Project ♥ Linus



A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to all who donated (blankets, fabric or money) to our very successful Blanket Drive.

We had 545 blankets donated on May 21st during our blanket drive-thru. The blankets will be delivered to 4 local hospitals and 7 social service agencies.

There will be an additional 40 blankets dispersed to children who are in need of a "hug" when some TLC work is done on them.

It is mind-boggling the amount of talent and dedication that goes into making these masterpieces. Our Chapter is small but mighty and through the help of dedicated volunteers and donations from those who care we have accomplished much.

Thank you again,  
Mary - Chapter Coordinator  
Rose - Assistant Chapter Coordinator



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of May is for Faith -Filled Young People.

**We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.**



**Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of May is offered for the following intentions:**

**For the repose of the soul of Tom Markham given by Family**

**For the repose of the souls of Vince Porcelli & his daughter Maria Porcelli given by Family**

**May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.**



**“And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always, until the end of the age.”**

(Matthew 28:20)

“This is not, ‘Good bye,’ but ‘We’ll see you later.’” I remember hearing a musician express this distinction when being interviewed at the end of his band’s tour. What he meant was that he and his bandmates were not quitting their performances for all of time but instead taking a break to rest after a lengthy time of travel. Sadly, one of the band members died a few years after the interview and the group was never able to perform together again. This scenario is a melancholic reality of life, the eventual last “Good bye,” which we encounter because of the limitations in this life. How many students at this very time of the year will not see each other again after they graduate or move to new schools or cities? Eventually, even spouses, family members and close friends will see each other for a last time. Whether they know it is the last meeting

with each other and can prepare for it or whether the final interaction happens by surprise and is not realized until after the time is passed, the eventual last “Good bye,” is integrated into our human experience. The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord confronts the reality of separation and follows the pattern of the musician’s words from above: “This is not, ‘Good bye,’ but ‘We’ll see you later.’”

Analogous to Jesus’ rising from the dead and in so doing, revealing His victory over sin and death, our Lord’s Ascension into Heaven reveals His victory over the last “Good bye,” and eternal separation from God and one another. Is the eternal separation from God that is Hell real and a possible result for people, yes; however, the risen Lord’s return to Heaven is not for the purpose of condemning us. Instead, before He ascends to the Father, Jesus explains, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” (John 14:2-3)

Knowing the strain and sadness of the last “Good bye,” and separation from loved ones, the Savior does not suddenly disappear from His Apostles. His presence and words about going to prepare a place for us and eventual return “[to] take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be,” (John 4:3) are intentional. Jesus’ preparation of His followers begins to be fulfilled literally when He first emerges from the tomb; remains forty days with His Blessed Mother, Apostles and disciples; and then rises to the Father’s right hand: “Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.” (Luke 24:50-51) The revelation, which He speaks before His Passion and Death, Jesus now begins to accomplish. The fulfillment of our Lord’s words will not occur until His Second Coming but the preparation of us, deifying us, making us holy, like Himself, has been underway since His time on the earth.

The transition of Jesus from Earth to Heaven is described in the continuity, which we hear in the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, and then in the Gospel Reading, from St. Luke. Additionally, though, the Church arranges for us in the readings a window allowing the light of this supernatural event to shine upon us. Specifically, the Second Reading, either from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians or from the Letter to the Hebrews, reveals some of the anagogical meaning, the saving destiny, of Jesus’ Paschal Mystery, the entirety of His incarnate life, capped by His Ascension back to Heaven. In the Letter to the Hebrews, God reveals some of “What?”, and “Why?”, of Jesus’ Ascension: “Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. ... But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that men and women die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.” (Hebrews 9:24, 26-28)

Our faithful and conscientious participation in the Mass and our cooperation with the Holy Spirit and God’s grace, the conforming of ourselves to Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist, is how we cooperate and become more unified with Jesus, who has entered the sanctuary of Heaven ahead of us: “Therefore, brothers and sisters, since through the blood of Jesus we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil, that is, his flesh, and since we have ‘a great priest over the house of God,’ let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy.” (Hebrews 10:19-23)

How do you understand Jesus’ Ascension? Do see it as being done for you?

~Fr. Matt Compton



## **Family Fest 2022 Summer Job(s)**

Two Holy Martyrs Parish is currently searching for 2 or 3 college students to work in various maintenance roles for a few weeks, during the month of July. This work will focus

on FF preparation, FF operation and clean-up for this year’s Family Fest event. Individuals will be paid \$15 per hour.

If interested, please submit a brief resume to the Parish Office 6135 S. Austin Ave. (773) 767-1523. Individuals will be interviewed/hired by mid/late June.

**\$50 registration until May 27th**

**Grow with Us  
Scholarship**

Transfer to St. Symphorosa School from  
a public school

Call now to learn more 773-585-6888

Page 4

Grade 5 learning about Holy Week from Miss Grezenia



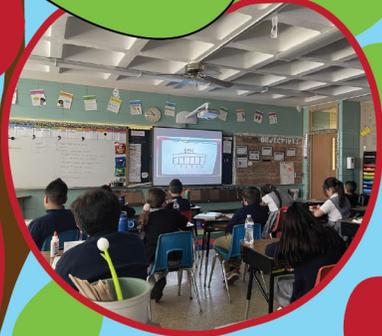
The 6th grade girls at recess.



The 8th graders will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 8th. Bishop Wypych will be presiding.



Third graders are engaged in an interactive lesson all about division!



7th grade leading Holy Thursday mass



Kindergarten learning together to prepare for Easter with our Benjamin Boxes.



Second grade celebrated Easter by taking their alleluia signs out and hanging them up in class.



Kindergarten 103 works hard on i-ready math and reading.



Ms. Baisa's class learning about Holy Week



First grade's Alleluia signs returned after Easter



Fourth grade learned about symbols of Lent.



This month, the preschoolers learned the story of Easter and rising on Easter Sunday! In celebration of his new life, they got to go on an Easter egg hunt in the garden!



# SCHOOL NEWS





**Faith Formation Office**  
 Phone: (773) 767-1523 x226  
 Email:  
 msiebenaler@archchicago.org  
 Coordinator: Peg Siebenaler



**Faith Formation Classes have  
 Concluded for this School Year.**

# WELCOME FAMILIES TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FAITH FORMATION



**Registration for the upcoming 2022 - 2023  
 Faith Formation School year are now open!**

New and returning families are invited to register.

Registration materials are available on our Parish Website. You may also register at the Main Parish Office. We will continue to offer Faith Formation sessions for grades 1- 8. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 - 7:30pm. at our St. Rene Campus. Classes will also be offered on Saturday mornings at our St. Symphorosa Campus. Classes begin after Labor Day! Please call Peggy at (773) 767-1523 ext. 226, with any questions.

We are grateful for your support.

## Thank You

As we celebrate the end of our Faith Formation year, we thank all our Volunteer Catechists and Office Assistants!!! Many thanks, to all those who contributed their time and talents in any way to make our Faith Formation program effective....

*Fidel Arroyo, Taura Basulto,  
 Janine Brzezicki, Diana Ramirez Cortes,  
 Lynn Duerwerth, Paula Escamilla,  
 Barb Grzenia, Amanda Houlihan,  
 Ceil Kucinsky, JoAnn Magana,  
 Annette Matulewicz, Irma Ortiz, Rosa Rios,  
 Nereida Sanchez, Sister Christine Styka,  
 Sharon Tomasik, Rocio Trevino, Mike West,  
 Katie Williams, and Barb Wilschke.*

A very special "thank you" to all our parents / guardians who entrusted their children to us this year.



*Faith Formation Students Honored Mary through-out the Month of May.*

## Gospel Reflections of our Faith Formation Students

I think this week's gospel means that your heart must be open to God the Father and his son Jesus. If we follow Jesus and listen to his teachings, God the Father will love us and forgive us. Our hearts must be open to the purity of God. Once our hearts are open, the lord will spring new life into us. This life involves love, safety, and caring from God our Father's arms. If we love God Our Father, we are guaranteed His love in return!

By: Michael Bania  
 (2023 Confirmation Candidate)



### Family Prayer

God made us a family.  
 We need one another.  
 We love one another.  
 We forgive one another.  
 We work together.  
 We play together.  
 We worship together.  
 Together we learn God's Word.  
 Together we grow in Christ.  
 Together we love all people.  
 Together we serve our God.  
 Together we hope for Heaven.  
 These are our hopes.  
 Help us obtain them, Father,  
 through Jesus your Son, Our Lord.  
 Amen.



"I grew up in the '60s, too, but I'm not sure Ascension Thursday is the time for playing 'Spirit in the Sky.'"



## JOIN OUR FAMILY!

Students are known and loved  
 Driven by Catholic virtues  
 Full and Half Day Pre-K options for ages 3-4  
 Affordable tuition and financial aid  
 Before and After Care  
 Small class sizes



## St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Weekend

The Two Holy Martyrs St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their donation truck in the St. Rene church parking lot (corner of W. 64th St. and New England Ave) on **Saturday, May 28** and **Sunday, May 29, 2021.**

The hours on Saturday will be 12pm - 5pm and on Sunday from 7am - 12pm. Items accepted are gently used clothing and small kitchen items.

**NO ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE CAN BE ACCEPTED!**

Thank you for your generosity!!



Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now us.

**When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.**

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342

## NOW ENROLLING!

### Grades PK-8th for 2021-2022

Call 773-585-6888 or email

[stsymphorosa1@gmail.com](mailto:stsymphorosa1@gmail.com) to enroll or request a tour!

6125 S. Austin Ave Chicago, IL 60638 (773) 585-6888 WWW.STSYMSSCHOOL.ORG

## FAMILY FEST IS FAST APPROACHING!!!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish  
 St. Symphorosa - St. Rene Goupil  
**GRAND RAFFLE**  
 DRAWING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

<b>1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE ..... \$10,000</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE ..... \$5,000</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZE ..... \$2,000</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> PRIZE ..... \$1,000</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> PRIZE ..... \$500</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> PRIZE ..... \$250</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> PRIZE ..... \$200</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> PRIZE ..... \$150</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> PRIZE ..... \$100</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> PRIZE ..... \$50</b>	

BASED ON 2500 TICKETS SOLD  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZES to be Pro-rated if less than 2500 Tickets Sold  
 Early Bird Drawing \$250 MAY 10, 2022 & Early Bird Drawing \$500 JUNE 7, 2022  
 (TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED 1 DAY PRIOR TO EARLY BIRD DRAWING)  
 DONATION: \$20.00 SPECIAL: 6 TICKETS FOR \$100.00  
 CITY OF CHICAGO RAFFLE LICENSE APPLIED FOR WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN  
 Cash Prizes may be subject to IRS reporting and taxes may be withheld.

Grand Raffle tickets are now available for pick up in the parish office. Stop on by to grab your tickets for the chance to win \$10,000. (No payment necessary until completed tickets are returned.) Tickets will be sold in the church narthexes during the weekends of May

28th and June 4th, prior to the second early bird drawing on Tuesday, June 7th. **TICKETS MUST BE IN OFFICE BY MONDAY, JUNE 6TH TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY BIRD DRAWING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH.**

## Join Us For...



When: Sunday, June 12, 2022  
 Where: St. Rene Goupil (Flannery Hall)  
 6949 W 63rd Place  
 Time: Doors open at 12:30pm  
 Games begin at 1:30pm  
 Cost: \$20 at the door

Please call the parish office for more information at 773.767.1523

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*The Ascension of the Lord*

At the Mass during the Day gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Two Holy Martyrs Parish  
 Offerings for the weekend of:  
 Sunday, May 22, 2022  
 Contribution: \$7,662.55  
 Thank you for your generosity!



*Split the Pot*  
 May 22, 2022 Received: \$430.00  
 Winning envelope: #63325  
 Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.



## Employment Opportunity- Teacher Needed

If you believe a community of kindness, love, and support equals success, we need you! We are currently accepting resumes for an 8th Gr/Junior High Math position

beginning this August at St. Symphorosa School. Interested and qualified candidates should send a resume and cover letter highlighting experience and interest in the role to [kberry@stsymsschool.org](mailto:kberry@stsymsschool.org) no later than June 1st. Please help us spread the word!

Totus Tuus 2022

## PARISH SCHEDULE



<b>Week 1</b> <b>June 12 – 17</b>	St. Damian	5300 155th Street	Oak Forest, IL 60452
	St. Leonard	3318 S. Clarence Ave.	Berwyn, IL 60402
	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	601 Biesterfield Rd.	Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1775 Grove St.	Glenview, IL 60025
<b>Week 2</b> <b>June 19 – 24</b>	St. Francis de Sales	135 S. Buesching Rd.	Lake Zurich, IL 60047
	St. Peter Damian	109 S. Crest Ave.	Bartlett, IL 60103
	St. Mother Theodore Guerin	3020 N. 76th Ct.	Elmwood Park, IL 60707
	Our Lady of the Woods	10731 W. 131st St.	Orland Park, IL 60462
<b>Week 3*</b> <b>June 26 – July 1</b>	Our Lady of the Snows	4810 S. Leamington Ave.	Chicago, IL 60638
	Mother of the Americas	3047 W. Cermak Rd.	Chicago, IL 60623
	St. Elizabeth of the Trinity	6020 W. Ardmore Ave.	Chicago, IL 60646
	Holy Child Jesus Parish	2324 W. Chase Ave.	Chicago, IL 60645
<b>Week 4</b> <b>July 10 – 15</b>	St. Alphonsus – Chicago	1429 W. Wellington Ave.	Chicago, IL 60657
	St. Paul the Apostle	6401 Gages Lake Rd.	Gurnee, IL 60031
	St. Emily	1400 E. Central Rd.	Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
	Mary, Seat of Wisdom	920 W. Granville Ave.	Park Ridge, IL 60068
<b>Week 5</b> <b>July 17 – 22</b>	St. Julie Billiart	7399 W. 159th St.	Tinley Park, IL 60477
	Our Lady of the Wayside	434 W. Park St.	Arlington Heights, IL 60005
	St. Mary – Lake Forest	175 E. Illinois Rd.	Lake Forest, IL 60045
	Queen of All Saints	6280 N. Sauganash Ave.	Chicago, IL 60646
<b>Week 6</b> <b>July 24 – 29</b>	St. Catherine Labouré	3535 Thornwood Ave.	Glenview, IL 60026
	St. James	820 N. Arlington Heights Rd.	Arlington Heights, IL 60004
	St. Edward	4350 W. Sunnyside Ave.	Chicago, IL 60630
	St. Norbert and Our Lady of the Brook	1809 Walters Ave.	Northbrook, IL 60062

\* Convocation



*Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak;  
heal me, Lord, for my bones are  
shuddering."*

~Psalm 6:3

Guadalupe Almendarez  
Raeann Arends  
Ignatius Battiato  
Jean Bell  
Mary Bieser  
Fr. Ted Bojczuk  
Kathy Calcagno  
Maxine Carey  
Michael Clifford  
Larry Cretes, Sr.  
Marilyn Cretes  
Margaret Dolton  
Debbie Flint  
Maria Flores  
Geri Gestaut  
Heather Hradek  
Shawn Hughes  
Denise M. Jandura  
Rich S. Jandura  
Joan Juris

John Kappel, Jr.  
Lee Karpinski  
Claudia Kwilosz  
Sharon Labiak  
James Lapsansky  
Maryann Larson  
Domenico Lepore  
Rose Ann Lindsay  
Maria Lopez  
Diane Malarick  
Cathy Mazieka  
John Martin  
Lori McCarthy  
Maria Perez Montiel  
Bob Pac  
Eleanor Pastorek  
Juan Perez  
Maria Paz Perez  
Stanley Polit  
Ann Robertson

Edward Robertson  
Inez Rodriguez  
Fr. John Rudnik  
Joseph Rudnik  
John Shipper  
Mary Shortall  
Brian Styka  
Sr. Christine Styka  
Terry Styka  
Joanne Tishka  
Shirley Tloczek  
Buddy Valela  
Michael Waltz  
Judith Webber  
Becky Williams  
Virginia Wolniak  
Beverly Zimmerling  
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family. Please call the parish office (773.767.1523) to add or remove a name.

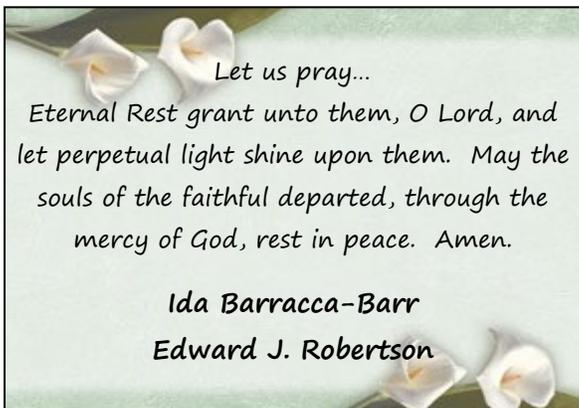
## PARISHIONERS

EARN \$250 IN GIFT  
CARDS FOR REFERRING  
A FAMILY TO ST.  
SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL



[www.stsymsschool.org](http://www.stsymsschool.org)

Family writes your name on the referral form at  
the time of enrollment



**Mass Intentions for the Week of May 28 - June 3**      **Mass Intentions for Saturday & Sunday**

**Saturday, May 28, 2022**  
 4:00pm *St. Rene Church* †Joseph Lascola (*Jeannine & Gerri Lascola*)  
*Presider: Fr. Bob*  
 5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †Dee Willis (*Art & Katie Carpenter*)  
*Presider: Fr. Matt*

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**      **The Ascension of the Lord**  
 7:30am *St. Rene Church* †Alan Beyer (*Lucy Cotugno*)  
*Presider: Fr. Bob*  
 †Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)  
 †Sergeant Omar Saucedo (*Family*)

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* All Altar & Rosary members, living & deceased  
*Presider: Fr. Norm*      (*Altar & Rosary Society*)  
 †Mary Michelle Galason (*Arlene Scaletta*)  
 †Deceased members of the Sullivan & Alvarez Families (*Family*)  
 †Roberto Rodriguez (*Inez Rodriguez*)

10:30am *St. Rene Church* †Kathy & Joe Clement (*John & Gloria Bodoki*)  
*Presider: Fr. Bob*      †Zeneida & Victor Narea (*Vincent Narea*)  
 †Jack Orsi (*Family*)  
 †Gary Suarez (*John & Gloria Bodoki*)

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church* For all military personnel who have lost their  
*Presider: Fr. Matt*      lives serving our country & their loved ones

**Monday, May 30, 2022**  
 8:00am *St. Rene Church* Health & anniversary blessings for  
 Wes & Debbie Szumowski  
 For all families to grow in love, faith, hope, joy &  
 peace in Jesus Christ (*Joann Pelegrino*)  
 †Tony Pelegrino (*Joann Pelegrino*)  
 †Angela Uram (*Barbara Rendak*)

**Tuesday, May 31, 2022**      **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 8:00am *St. Rene Church* Health & all the Lord's blessings for Joanna Tishka  
 (*Arlene Scaletta*)  
 †Erlinda Cordova and all the poor soul's in  
 purgatory (*Rosario Battung*)

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**      **St. Justin, Martyr**  
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* Health & all the Lord's blessings for Joanne Tishka  
 (*Prayer Warriors*)  
 †Anthony Barone (*Capparelli Family*)  
 †Bruno G. Shotas (*Nancy Shotas*)  
 †Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

**Thursday, June 2, 2022**  
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* Health & all the Lord's blessings for  
 Baby Piper Krol (*Sandy Mega*)  
 †Cynthia Kroyer (*Tim & Pat Sage*)  
 †Jan Sochacki (*Son*)

**Friday, June 3, 2022**  
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Estelle Cyrnek (*Valerie*)  
 †Marion Lance (*Nancy Laduka*)  
 †Mary Marco (*Marie Zilka*)

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**  
 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Annie Murphy (*Murphy Family*)  
 4:00pm *St. Rene Church* †Edward Robertson (*Super Senior Club*)  
*Presider: Fr. Matt*  
 5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †Benjamin Almazan (*Mother*)  
*Presider: Fr. Bob*      †Donald Lupo (*Ron & Joan Kelly*)

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**      **Pentecost**  
 7:30am *St. Rene Church* †Alan Beyer (*Barb Grzenia*)  
*Presider: Fr. Norm*      †Mary Gleason (*Bob & Barb*)

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* All Altar & Rosary members, living & deceased  
*Presider: Fr. Matt*      (*Altar & Rosary Society*)  
 †Mary Charnota (*Sullivan Family*)  
 †Mary Shelly Galason (*Kathy Hynes*)  
 †Bob & Elaine Hilliard (*Your Family & Friends*)

10:30am *St. Rene Church* †Dawn Bodoki-Denis (*Mom & Dad*)  
*Presider: Fr. Matt*      †Joseph & Mary Negoski, Robert J. Negoski  
 (*Ben & Judy Shafer, Betty Sivek*)  
 †Catherine Bartuch Morrell (*Bartuch Family*)  
 †Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church* For all Two Holy Martyrs parishioners,  
*Presider: Fr. Bob*      living & deceased

\*Weekend Presider subject to change without notice\*

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**



Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC Sgt. Ted Bartelmey CS-1 Joel Battung 1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard Pvt 1st Class Jake Fus, US Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF	Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy Sergeant Noah M. Konie, USMC Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC Trevor Lutz, US Army Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army SPC Alex Ramos Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC CW2 Richard Sobeske, US Army Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher LCpl. Justin R. Thorpe, USMC Cpt. Zachary White, IL Army NG
---	---



saint snippets



Our faith is our life.

**Bl. Iuliu Hossu**  
 Romanian Greek-Catholic bishop who was arrested by the Communist authorities in 1948 and lived under house arrest until his death in 1970.

Copyright © 2020, Michael Thimons

June 2

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Mass Time	4:00pm <i>June 4, 2022</i>	5:30pm <i>June 4, 2022</i>	7:30am <i>June 5, 2022</i>	9am <i>June 5, 2022</i>	10:30am <i>June 5, 2022</i>	12pm <i>June 5, 2022</i>
Lector(s)	Frank Zalewski	Bill Wilschke	Melissa Link	Mary Lou Kolasinski Griselda Hernandez	Barb Grzenia	Jack Ruby

# TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

*St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil*

[www.twoholymartyrs.org](http://www.twoholymartyrs.org) (website)

[info@twoholymartyrs.org](mailto:info@twoholymartyrs.org) (email)

## Two Holy Martyrs Parish Office

*located on the St. Symphorosa Church site*

6135 S. Austin Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60638  
773-767-1523 (phone)  
773-767-6135 (fax)

## St. Rene Worship Site

6949 W 63rd Place  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

## Two Holy Martyrs Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Sacrament of Penance

6-7pm every Tuesday (St. Symphorosa Church Site)  
3-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Church Site)

## Two Holy Martyrs Mass Times

### Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00pm - St. Rene Church

5:30pm - St. Symphorosa Church

### Sunday

7:30am & 10:30am - St. Rene Church

9am & 12pm(noon) - St. Symphorosa Church

### Weekday Mass

Monday - Saturday 8am

at alternating church sites

St. Rene Church (*Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.*)

St. Symphorosa Church (*Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.*)

## St. Symphorosa School

6125 S. Austin Ave  
Chicago, Illinois 60638

(773) 585-6888

[www.stsymsschool.org](http://www.stsymsschool.org)

## Two Holy Martyrs Social Media

Twitter - @twoholymartyrs

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/TwoHolyMartyrsParish](http://www.facebook.com/TwoHolyMartyrsParish)

Instagram - twoholymartyrsparish

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Robert Regan  
Pastor

Rev. Matthew Compton  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Norman Trela  
Retired Priest in Residence

## Pastors Emeritus

Rev. Ted Bojczuk  
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Peter Paurazas  
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Idzi Stacherczak  
Pastor Emeritus

Ken Hilliard ext. 222  
Operations Director

Nancy Markham ext. 248  
Office/Tuition Coordinator

Magdalan Koziar ext. 221

Irene Perconti ext. 241

Administrative Assistants

Peg Siebenaler ext. 226

Faith Formation Coordinator

## Parish Staff

Gerry Kanonik

Music Director

Deacon Raul Duque

Parish Organist

Kathy Berry 773.585.6888

School Principal

Chris Garza 773.585.6888

Assistant School Principal

Mark Schusteric

Maintenance Supervisor

**New Parishioners and Updating Information:** Welcome to our Parish!  
We are so happy to have you join our parish community as we celebrate our faith. Please visit [www.twoholymartyrs.org/copy-of-update-contact-information](http://www.twoholymartyrs.org/copy-of-update-contact-information) for a parish registration form. If you have changed your phone number, email, or moved please contact the parish office or email [info@twoholymartyrs.org](mailto:info@twoholymartyrs.org) with the update.

**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:** Please contact our Parish Office to make arrangements. If reaching out after business hours (*M-F 9am to 4pm & Sat 9am to 12pm*) please call our emergency line at 773.242.7525

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Celebrated the second & fourth Sunday at 1:30pm in Church. Parent Preparation Session is required. Please contact Maggie (ext. 221) in the parish office for more information.

**Marriages:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Do not set a wedding date until you have contacted parish office. Contact Maggie (ext. 221) in our Parish Office for assistance.



Saint Symphorosa  
and her  
Seven Sons

Saint Rene Goupil  
and the  
North American Martyrs





# Flood Brothers

DISPOSAL / RECYCLING SERVICES

**We Take Service Personally**  
Contact us today for a customized,  
reliable waste management, recycling,  
or dumpster quote.

## 630-261-0400

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship  
of the Sea of the United States of America  
Take your **FAITH ON A JOURNEY.**  
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email  
eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com  
(CST 211 7990-70)  
[www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com](http://www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com)

# catholicmatch® Illinois



## CatholicMatch.com/myIL



Grow Your Business, Advertise Here.

Support Your Church & Bulletin.

Free professional ad design & my help!

email: krzystekn@jspaluch.com



## Call Nancy Krzystek

## 708.372.2244

### If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

24 Hour Protection at **HOME** and **AWAY!**

- ✓ Ambulance Solutions as Low as **\$19.95** a month
- ✓ Police ✓ Fire
- ✓ Friends/Family **FREE Shipping**  
**FREE Activation**  
**NO Long Term Contracts**



"I have peace of mind... Mom remains independent."

CALL NOW! **800.809.3352**



**GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection**  
Nationwide, No Land Line Needed  
**EASY Set-up, NO Contract**  
24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA

This Button SAVES Lives!  
As Shown GPS,  
Lowest Price Guaranteed!

**DAVE AMATO'S DAYTON**  
**AUTO REBUILDERS, INC.**  
Family Owned & Operated 30 Yrs.  
State Of The Art Body Shop  
**6843 W. 60th Pl.**  
**773-586-1418**

**Thomas P. Murphy, Agent**

Bus 773-586-1500  
Fax 773-435-6539



6247 W. 63rd St.  
Chicago, IL 60638-5009

## WHY ADVERTISE IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH BULLETIN?

**GREAT COVERAGE - 97%** of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.

**GREAT VALUE - 70%** of all households are aware of and look at the advertising in the church bulletin and 68% of households surveyed when making a choice between businesses are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the church bulletin.

Learn More About Advertising In Your Parish Bulletin

Call us at **1-800-621-5197**

Email: [sales@jspaluch.com](mailto:sales@jspaluch.com)

## MARY ANN DYBALA

Your First Choice Realtor

Call For FREE Market Analysis



**773-582-9300**

6165 S. Archer Ave.

## EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE. NO EXCEPTIONS.



Your Parish Funeral Home  
Distinctive and Affordable

6158 S. Central Ave. • 4635 S. Wallace St.

**773-581-9000 • Chapelc.com**

Robert J. Moynihan & Co. – Thomas McInerney's Sons

## Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!



**Receive a \$50 restaurant gift card with in-home estimate & free gutter inspection!**

**\$99 Installation\***

Consumer Disclosure/Lead Rules: All participants who attend an estimated 60-90 minute in-home product consultation will receive a \$50 gift card. No purchase is necessary. Retail value is \$50. Offer sponsored by LeafGuard Holdings, Inc. Limit one gift card per household. LeafGuard products, install, and install services gutter protection. This offer is valid for homeowners over 18 years of age. If married or have a life partner, both collaborating persons must attend and complete presentation together. Participants must have a valid photo ID, understand English, and be legally able to enter into a contract. The following persons are not eligible for this offer: employees of LeafGuard or affiliated companies or entities, their immediate family members, previous participants in a LeafGuard in-home consultation within the past 12 months and all current and former LeafGuard customers. Promotion may not be extended, transferred, or substituted except that LeafGuard may substitute a gift card of equal or greater value if it deems it necessary. Gift card and terms and conditions (<https://www.darden.com/high-card/terms-and-conditions>) of each gift card will be mailed to the participant via first class US Mail within 21 days of receipt of promotion form provided at consultation. Not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or discount of any kind. Offer not sponsored or presented by Darden Restaurants and is subject to change without notice prior to reservation. Offer ends 3/31/2022.



LeafGuard® is guaranteed never to clog or we'll clean it for FREE\*

- Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles, and debris
- Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean clogged gutters
- Durable, all-weather tested system not a flimsy attachment

## ENGLERT LeafGuard®

Get it. And forget it.®



Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will.

For further information, please call the Parish Office.

## OBIE'S PIZZA

**\$1 OFF Any Order With Bulletin**

Pick Up & Delivery

6654 W. Archer

**773-586-2828**

Daily 4pm-11pm

Fri & Sat 4pm-12 midnight

Sunday Noon -11 PM

# LOYA

INSURANCE COMPANY

**¡AHORRE DINERO HOY!**



SEGURO DE AUTO  
A partir de **\$35/MES**



5601 S HARLEM AVE  
STE E,  
CHICAGO, IL 60638

## (773) 229-8553

**Richard-Midway FUNERAL HOME**  
Family Owned & Operated



**TRADITIONAL FUNERALS ~ CREMATION**

5749 ARCHER AVE., CHICAGO  
773-767-1840 ♦ 773-767-8807  
Jeffrey Anderzunas, Owner/Director  
www.RichardMidwayFH.com

**GEORGE'S PLUMBING & SEWER**  
Flood Control Specialists  
All Types of Plumbing Repairs

- Bathroom Installations • Sump Pumps
- Toilets, Tubs, Sinks, Faucets
- Sewers Inspected by camera
- Foundation Leaks Repaired
- Battery Backup Systems

Quality Work - Reasonable Prices  
43 yrs. exp.  
(773) 585-1893 Lic #058196966

Serving Your Community Since 1975  
Thank You For Your Patronage!

**THREE SONS PANCAKE HOUSE**  
FAMILY RESTAURANT

6200 S. ARCHER  
773.585.2767

Open 7 Days  
7am to 3pm

Quality Work - Reasonable Prices

**DEMMIS PLUMBING & SEWER**



Ask for a PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

Lic# 055-044826 EMERGENCY SERVICE

**773.380.1900**  
www.demmisplumbing.com

**James J. Kash**

**KASH LAW OFFICES, LLC**



- Wills
- Trusts
- Real Estate
- And Other Legal Services

**773-586-1050**  
6545 WEST ARCHER AVE. CHICAGO

GRALAK INSURANCE AGENCY



"Serving Chicago and Southwest Suburbs Since 1991"

**Ray Gralak**  
6826 W. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60638

Office: 773.284.7650 Mowimy  
Fax: 773.284.1007 Po Polsku

www.gralakagency.com

**HERITAGE ROOFING**

FULLY INSURED **708.253.2561**

Ajax HEATING and AIR CONDITIONING



24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

**\$40 OFF All Repairs**

8428 S. 88th Ave., Justice  
**708.952.1400 • 773.767.6700**

ALL NEW BANQUET ROOM!

**MABENKA RESTAURANT**

7844 S. CICERO AVE., BURBANK

**708.423.7679**  
www.MABENKA.COM

Protecting Seniors Nationwide



Medical Alert System

**\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly**

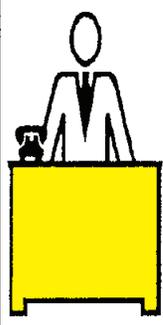
- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608

**PIPES R US**  
Plumbing & Sewer

Senior • Police & Fireman Discounts

24 Hour Emergency Service  
**773-699-9255**  
Licensed • Bonded • Insured  
10% OFF with this ad



Your ad could be in this space!

**FINDaPARISH.com**

Check It Out Today!

The Most Complete Online National Directory of Catholic Parishes

Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!

Sign up here:  
**www.jspaluch.com/subscribe**

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



**ADVANCED HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.**

Sales - Service Installation

Insured, Licensed, Bonded

- Furnaces • Air Conditioners
- Boilers • Humidifiers

**Rheem PARISHIONER DISCOUNT**

**708.485.7827**  
www.4AdvancedHVAC.com

Your Heating & Air Conditioning Experts

**WANTUCK COMFORT SOLUTIONS**



turn to the experts

• SALES • SERVICE  
**773.581.9300**  
www.wantuck.net

**Feeley Balto Funeral Service**

Three Generations of Dedication in Serving Your Family's Needs



City and Suburban Locations  
**773.239.9095**

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You Patronize One of Our Advertisers

**Thank You**

Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!

**Soukal Floral Co., Inc.**

Celebrating 101 years in Business  
Visit one of the largest TELEFLORA greenhouses in Chicago

**773-767-7055 / www.soukalfloral.com**  
6118 S. Archer Ave.