

Feb. 18, 2018 • First Sunday of Lent

Holy Family

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Parish

In his Message for Lent for 2018, Pope Francis calls out the false solutions to life's challenges offered by our world, promoted by "false prophets". He goes on here to lay out how Lent can be a journey into the truth:

By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.



Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger. I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in

offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need! Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew. - Pope Francis

For each week of Lent, I will pose some questions for us to ponder during the week, to assist us on this journey into the truth.

First Sunday of Lent:

- What form does "Satan" most take in my life?
- How can I bring a sense of stillness to my life this lent?
- How can I recreate and transform my life this lent?
- What temptations do I feel the hardest to resist?

Happy Lent!

Fr Mike

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Masses

Sunday.....9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.



Feb. 18 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.... Jerrilyn Young
and Cynthia Holden
Lector.....Odell Gordon
Communion Ministers...Vernon Lam,
Debbie Gausselein, Dawn O'Holleran,
Easter Booker, Sr. Pat Cummings,
Joyce Addo
Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios and
Daveion Hightee
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Feb. 18 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Alison Conlon

Feb. 25 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Jerrilyn Young and
Cynthia Holden
Lector.....Dawn O'Holleran
Communion Ministers.....
Vernon Lam, Debbie Gausselein, Dawn
O'Holleran, Easter Booker, Sr. Pat
Cummings, Joyce Addo
Altar Servers.....Alexandria and
Amanda Wilson
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Feb. 25 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Amanda Seddon

Ushers:

Eastside..... Ivory Hill
East Center.....Tyler Romer
Westside.....Duane Crockett
West Center.....Antwan Wilson

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WEBSITE
www.holyfamilychicago.org



“In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.”
—Thurgood Marshall, first African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Mary Breslin,
Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,
Mary Cleveland, Madelynn Jacobs,
Lettece Lee, Phillip Miller,
Janet Miskus, Tom O'Malley,
Joel Rivera, Denise Summers,
Jim Sweeney, and
Dorothy Wrobel



Ed and Evelyn Bogus

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for Sister Mary Angela Buser, BVM. She served for many years at Holy Family, assisting with Liturgy, visiting the sick and teaching at Westside Employment. She was here from shortly before 1995 until about 2010. Sister Mary Angela is experiencing some challenging health issues. She sends prayer, love and gratitude to all those at Holy Family Parish whom she holds in her heart.

**Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House.
Lenten Programs**

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www.JesuitRetreat.org

Fasting as Physical Prayer
Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer for
Men & Women
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 |
9am - 3pm
Fr. Michael Class, SJ, Facilitator

The Way of the Cross through
Mary's Eyes Lenten
Evening of Prayer for Women
Tuesday, March 27, 2018
6pm - 9pm
Mary McKeon, Facilitator

RACE, RACISM, AND THE LAW

This presentation will be held at the Charles Borromeo Center at Lewis University on Airport Road in Romeoville at 2:00 PM on February 13. More details on our website.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,500.00

Feb. 4	-9:45.....\$1,547.00
	-5:00....\$ 254.00
Give Central.....	\$ 440.00
	(Difference -\$1259.00)
Feb. 11	-9:45.....\$620
	- 5:00....\$748
Give Central.....	\$1190

(Difference -\$942)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings	\$88,721.89
*Budget	<u>\$112,000.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(-\$23,278.11)

*(\$3,500 a week for 32 weeks.)

If you use an envelope that is not pre printed with your name or #, please be sure to write the information on it so you can receive proper credit.

Contributions can also be made at givecentral.org Call Sharon in the office with any questions or for help with online donations.

You can also click on the 'Donate' link on our web page www.holyfamilychicago.org

Calendar

**Feb. 18, 2018
12:00**

Circle of Peace
Support Group

**February 25—3:00 -
We're Still Here**

A Talk & Tour of Holy Family by
Chicago historian, Ellen Skerrett

**March 10, 2018
7:30 pm**

Apollo Chorus

**April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday**

**April 15th 2018 -
Celebration for all those married at
Holy Family**

**July 15th 2018 -
Closing of our 160th Anniversary**



INVITATION FROM POPE FRANCIS

Worldwide Day of Prayer and Fasting for peace February 23

Pope Francis invites Roman Catholics and members of all other religions on Friday, Feb 23 to observe a day of prayer, fasting and initiatives for peace, urging everyone to 'say no' to violence and conflict.

Feb. 23 is a Friday in the first full week of Lent, during which fasting from food and extra acts of charity are encouraged as a sign of penitence.

He said "everyone, in their own consciences, before God, should ask 'what can I do for peace?'"

Surely, we can pray but not only: each one of us can say 'no' to violence in their own way, because victories obtained through violence are false victories, while working for peace benefits all," he said.

He specifically invited non-Catholics and non-Christians to join the initiative in any way they saw fit, "but all together".



The Apollo Chorus of Chicago will return to Holy Family Church on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 pm to present its Choral Classics concert, performing Verdi's *Requiem*. The Apollo Chorus is honored to perform at Holy Family Church as the parish celebrates 160 years in the community. As the longest running choral group in Chicago, the Apollo Chorus salutes Holy Family's strong history of serving their neighborhood, as Apollo continues to provide a rich cultural service to the city's many neighborhoods and suburbs with its wide-ranging season. Holy Family parishioners receive a special discount by using promo code **HOLY FAMILY** at checkout; visit apollochorus.org to reserve your seats today. \$30 adult/\$15 student with discount.

Archdiocese of Chicago Immigration Ministry

"I encourage all the faithful to share the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church... favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor." - Pope Francis

The fate of nearly 1.8 million Dreamers remains uncertain as Congress has yet to reach a bipartisan deal to protect these youth. Unfortunately, every day that passes without a solution is a day where DACA youth fall out of status and lose their ability to go to school, serve in the military, and work legally.

ACTION: As we begin the Lenten Journey this month, we ask you to join us in prayer, fasting and action by urging your lawmakers to work together for an immediate solution for Dreamers. Visit the USCCB website: www.JusticeforImmigrants.org.

WE'RE STILL HERE



A Talk & Tour of Holy Family by Chicago historian, Ellen Skerrett

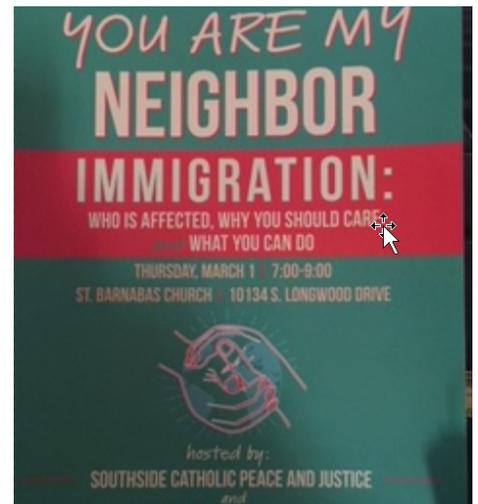
**SUNDAY, FEB, 25
3:00 PM**

Please join us for a lively, informative talk and an opportunity to tour the church with an expert historian and parishioner of Holy Family.

Following the presentation and refreshments, guests are also welcome to join us for our regular 5:00 Sunday liturgy.

REFLECT Catholic Singles Retreat

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House,



WHO IS AFFECTED WHY YOU SHOULD CARE, WHAT YOU CAN DO

Thursday, March 1 — 7:00—9:00
St. Barnabas Church
10134 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago

REFLECT Catholic Singles Retreat (con't)

Mundlein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on March 2-4, 2018. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Call (630) 222-8303, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.