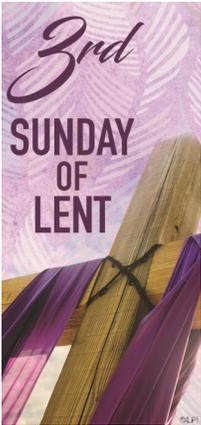


March 4, 2018 • Third Sunday of Lent

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
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## Parish



Fourteen days later, as I put fingers to keyboard this morning, we continue to mourn the 17 deaths, mostly children, lost in the Parkland shooting on Ash Wednesday. In the back of so many of our minds, we continue to wonder where and when the next school shooting will be, adding another community's name to a list already grown much too long. I lament the blaming and scapegoating that continues to poison what passes for a national debate on guns in our society. And I find myself wondering about this: we choose not to ban the sale of high-capacity magazines for military assault weapons like the AR-15, which can be sold with a 30-round magazine. Ash Wednesday is still a fairly recent memory, only some 14 days past us. Yet as the days go by, what will happen to the zeal with which we received those ashes, and made our Lenten commitments? It seems that Lent is much more of a marathon

than a sprint. Easter is still a month away. This morning when the day began, were we even aware that today was a day in the Lenten season? In many ways, Lent is about staying the course. It was Jesus who spent those 40 days in the desert, fasting and enduring temptation. We seek to walk with him. Yet it is not so much an endurance test, as it is a 40 day opportunity. By embracing the three pillars of Lenten spiritual practice—prayer, fasting and alms-giving—we are striving to create a space in our hearts and in our lives. And that space is one where God can enter in and work his will within us. The “turning away from sin and believing in the Gospel” that makes up the stuff of Lent is about conversion and transformation. Yet as we know all too well, so many things we regret in our lives do not respond readily to our own efforts. We find ourselves tempted over and over by the same pleasures, the same self-satisfaction. Rather than leading us to despair, that very experience is what turns our hearts to God. Confronted by our own proven inability to change our own hearts, we hopefully, finally, ask God to do for and in us what we cannot do for ourselves. There's a risk, of course. God is God, not our servant or employee. When we let God be in charge, his actions may not be what we intended. He may choose to change us in ways that we had not anticipated. Faith says that it is God, however, who knows what is really best for us.

“We're Still Here”! A great big thank you goes out to Ellen Skerrett who last Sunday, gave a wonderful presentation on Fr. Arnold Damen and the birth and growth of Holy Family. Thank you Ellen, plus thank you to those who cleaned the church, and put on the wonderful reception which followed.

Our next event is March 10, the Apollo Chorus performing Verdi Requiem. Tickets are still available. Please check our website.

*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.



**March 4 at 9:45 am**

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel  
Candle Bearers....Betty Ferguson  
and Donna Raclaw  
Lector.....Raquel Flores  
Communion Ministers...  
Megan Schulenburg, Taylor Yim,  
Steve Yim, Amare Wilson, Josephine  
Aguilar, Jacque Hale  
Altar Servers..... Javier and Alaric  
Rylon  
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

**March 4 at 5 pm**

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

**March 11 at 9:45 am**

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

**March 11 at 5 pm**

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel  
Eucharistic Minister.....  
Lector.....Anne and Steve Hasselbeck

**March Ushers:**

Eastside..... Ray Walsh  
East Center.....Cheryl Bowie  
Westside.....Cynthia Holden  
West Center.....Vernon Lam

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

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



Ed and Evelyn Bogus

**ONLINE LENTEN RESOURCES**

**Praying Lent: An Online Ministry of  
Creighton University**

Daily reflections, meditations,  
prayers, audio retreats, and other  
guides to deepening our Lent

[http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/  
CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/)



On Sunday, February 18th, Melissa Rebeles, our adult Candidate for Confirmation and her husband/ Sponsor Brian attended the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion Ceremony at Holy Name Cathedral. Melissa was called forward by name, along with hundreds of other Catechumens and Candidates from around the Archdiocese of Chicago. Their sponsors and catechists affirmed their readiness to move forward to receive the sacraments and complete their initiation into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil Masses on Saturday, March 31st. Congratulations, Melissa! You have the prayers and support of the entire Holy Family community during this special time of prayer and preparation!

**Sunday Collection**

Goal: \$3,500.00

Feb. 18	-9:45.....	\$1,590.24
	-5:00.....	\$1 207.90
Give Central.....		\$680.00
	(Difference - \$21.86 )	
Feb. 25	-9:45 ....	\$1553.00
	-5:00.....	\$813.21
Give Central.....		\$465.00
	( Difference - \$668.79)	

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

Offerings	\$ 95,031.24
*Budget	<u>\$119,500.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(-\$24,468.76)

\*( \$3,500 a week for 34 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](http://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](http://www.holyfamilychicago.org)

Thank you for your support.

**Calendar**

**March 10, 2018**

**7:30 pm**  
Apollo Chorus

**March 18, 2018**

Living Stations after  
9:45 Mass

**March 25, 2018**

Palm Sunday

**March 29, 2018**

Holy Thursday—7:00 mass

**March 30, 2018**

Living Stations—3:00

Good Friday—7:00 Liturgy of the  
Lord's Passion

**March 31, 2018**

Easter Vigil Mass—7:00

**April 1, 2018**

Easter Sunday

**April 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 -**

Celebration for all those married at  
Holy Family

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 -**

Closing of our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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**ENCOUNTERING JESUS**

Meeting the Christ of Faith and the Jesus of History  
Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m.

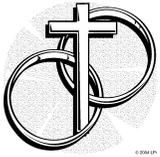
**SEVEN LAST WORDS**

An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus  
Friday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Holy Name Cathedral  
730 North Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611

Join us for two evenings of  
thoughtful reflection, dialogue, and  
prayer. For more information and to  
register for these events, please visit  
[pvm.archchicago.org/events/  
father-james-martin](http://pvm.archchicago.org/events/father-james-martin).

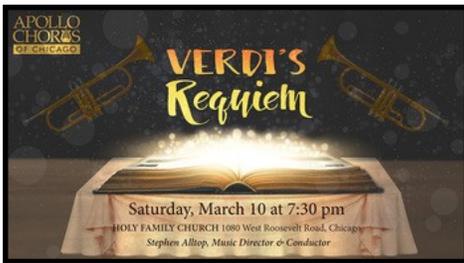




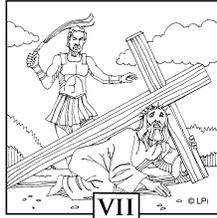
## 160 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

For the past 160 years, Holy Family has been the foundation in faith for the community of believers. People were baptized, received Eucharist, came to be married, and celebrated the lives of loved ones at funerals.

As a part of our continued celebration of our 160th Anniversary, Holy Family Parish invites all those who were married in this church to our **9:45 Mass on Sunday, April 15**. Whether you've been married for one year, five years, or fifty years, or if your parents, grandparents, or other family members celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony at Holy Family, please join us for Mass and a reception afterwards. Take time to remember where it all began!



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](http://apollochorus.org) to reserve your seats today. \$30 adult/ \$15 student with discount.



## Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 18th

Please join us as our parish's youth Confirmation students lead us into the heart of Jesus' passion with the **Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 18th following 9:45 AM Mass**. Come and experience the fourteen stations of the cross and contemplate Jesus's sacrificial actions and the ways he continued to touch the hearts of others even as he was being led to his death on the cross. The Confirmation students will also present the Living Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, March 30th, at 3PM**.

## GOD TURNS OUR TABLES OVER... IF WE ASK HIM TO

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here." When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect. The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up sin -- our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross. In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to..



### Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday

9:45 a.m. Solemn Procession of Palms and Mass  
5:00 Distribution of Palms and Mass

**March 29—Holy Thursday**  
7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Liturgy of Our Lord's Last Supper  
The Church will remain open until Midnight

**March 30—Good Friday**  
1:00—2:30 Confessions  
3:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**March 31—Holy Saturday**  
2:00 p.m. Blessing of Food Baskets  
7:00 p.m. The Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection

**April 1—Easter Sunday**  
9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection