



# the Pillar

*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

*March 25, 2012 Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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## **FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN**

*Memorial Garden*



*Let Us Build Our Future Brick by Brick*

## St Irenaeus Parish Lenten Theme 2012: Christ Be Our Light

"Christ be our light, shine in your church gathered today." Often, as we gather as the Body of Christ we sing this refrain and acknowledge that Christ shines in the community gathered for prayer and worship.

Christ Our Light shines in the midst of the ordinary events of our lives, in our families, in our communities and in our hearts as we journey along the path of faith as disciples of Jesus. And so as we approach the beginning of this Lenten Season 2012 we look to Christ to continue to be that light in our lives that leads us and guides us and nurtures us into wholeness and peace. May this Lenten Season be filled with light, joy and peace!

### Our Lenten and Holy Week schedule is as follows:

Palm Sunday	April 1	5:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM
Holy Thursday	April 5	8:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30 PM Potluck In the RE Center
Good Friday	April 6	12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	April 7	10:00 AM Easter Basket Blessing In church 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 8	8:30 AM 10:30 AM
Stations of the Cross	Lenten Fridays	12 Noon In Church



### Lenten Faith Sharing Groups 2012

Please consider joining a group of fellow parishioners so that you might journey together this Lent as we walk in the Light of Christ. Please call the rectory for more information.

Last weekend you heard from fellow parishioners about "Fr Daniel O'Sullivan Memorial Garden". It is a wonderful way to move us into the future while at the same time building on the parish mission statement that Fr O'Sullivan guided and nurtured with other parishioners. It will assist us as we continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Park Forest. We, as a parish are committed to "bringing the love of Christ to all in our parish family through worship, faith formation, social justice and loving service ..."

There has been an overwhelming response to the garden both in enthusiastic support and in financial commitments. Please be sure to stop by the table in the back of church to pick up your order form so that you might get involved in this project as we "build our future brick by brick."

Fr. Terry

# FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

## *Memorial Garden*

### SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE LEVELS

#### **\$ 5,000 PREMIER GARDEN SPONSOR**

5 Sponsorship opportunities available to assist in bringing this garden to life.  
All donors prominently recognized during the campaign and with commemorative plaque.

#### **\$ 3,000 MARIAN PRAYER BENCH**

Bring faith formation to the broader community by sponsoring a reflective Kingsley teak bench.  
2 opportunities available. Donors recognized during campaign and on commemorative plaque.

#### **\$ 1,000 LIGHT THE WAY**

##### Sponsors

James & Helen Silvia Family  
Richard & Judy Sopiarsz Family

10 Sponsors will highlight the serenity of this garden by assisting with the purchase of several path and accent lighting stands. Donors recognized during campaign and with plaque.

#### **\$ 500 HORTICULTURE**

Assist St. Irenaeus in providing ground cover, a flowering tree and assorted plants  
for this special location.

15 sponsorships available. Donors recognized during campaign.

#### **\$ 250 FLOWER POT**

##### Sponsors

Chrys Rudnik  
Claire Differding  
Phyllis Bacon & Nick Bataglia

Accents the beauty of the teak benches with these terra cotta flower pots.

10 sponsorships available. Donors recognized during campaign.

*Memorial brick with laser engraving is priced at:*

4 inch X 8 inch \$ 100.00\*

8 inch X 8 inch \$ 175.00\*

Purchase bricks to commemorate your family, your business, wedding date, baptisms, others sacramental dates, deceased loved ones or any other occasion or person you want to honor

\*Prices valid until 06/15/2012

graphics are available to add onto your brick for an additional charge

**Saint Irenaeus Church**; 78 Cherry Str., Park Forest, IL 60466

(708) 748-6891

Father Terry Johnson, Pastor



### Holy Thursday Potluck

Each year on Holy Thursday evening we begin the celebration of the Triduum by gathering together as a parish family for a meal. We'll meet in the St.

Irenaeus room at 6:30 p.m.. Bring a main dish and either a side dish or dessert. We'll provide the drinks. We need help setting up and cleaning up. If you could help please call the rectory @ 748-6891.

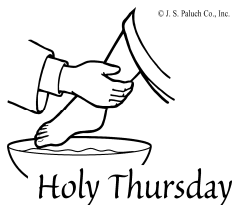


On behalf of myself, the parish staff and the art and environment committee I would like to acknowledge and thank Chris Blue for her many years of leadership, time and talent. We thank Chris for her leadership and creativity. While Chris is retiring from A&E, she continues to be an active and integral member of our Parish family.

Fr Terry, The Parish Staff & Liturgy Committee

### Washing of Feet Holy Thursday

Jesus says in the gospel of Holy Thursday "...you ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14) This Holy Thursday we will be invited to wash each others feet. Please come forward to wash feet and have your feet washed. All as a sign of our commitment to serve each other.



### March 25, 2012 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means that first we recognize that everything we have and everything we are truly belongs to God. It also means that we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for the world just as God cares for us.

### Buy A Manna Gift Card Today!



### The Manna Program provides year-round fund raising for Saint Irenaeus!

When you order Fannie May gift cards, you give 24% of your purchases back to the church.

Fannie May and a variety of other gift cards are available for purchase at the Manna table.

Start your Easter shopping now!



**Easter is right around the corner!**

ST. IRENAEUS MANNA PROGRAM

## 3 wonderful events coming up!

### 1. Saturday, March 31

Lenten Day of Reflection and Reconciliation

With Wonder, Love, and Awe: A Lenten Journey with St. Ephrem, Harp of the Holy Spirit

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Program 8:30 a.m. Check-in, coffee. The day will conclude with a communal service of reconciliation with individual confession available.

Speaker: Richard McCarron, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Liturgy, Catholic Theological Union.

Enter into the beautiful poetry and hymns of St. Ephrem as a guide on our Lenten journey of prayer and fasting, sacrament and service. Known as the Harp of the Holy Spirit, St. Ephrem calls us to a posture of prayer and praise which arise from contemplating the mysteries of God in creation and Scripture.

Poet-theologian and deacon, St. Ephrem lived in the 4th century. Declared a Doctor of the Universal Church in 1920, Pope Benedict XVI praised him in 2007 as a saintly guide who "is still absolutely timely" in our day.

Richard E. McCarron, Ph.D., is associate professor of liturgy at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is the author of The Eucharistic Prayer at Sunday Mass and many articles in the areas of liturgy and catechesis.

\$25 Paid Registration is requested by Tuesday, March 27. (Lunch Included.)

### 2. Saturday, April 21

Discipleship Today: Jesus and Men in the New Testament

A Retreat for Men

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Program 8:30 a.m. Check-in, coffee

Speaker: Anthony Gittins, C.S.Sp., Ph.D.

Professor of Mission and Culture at Catholic Theological Union

#### DESCRIPTION:

The common vocation of every Christian is the call to discipleship. Rev. Gittins will look first at what discipleship entails, second at some of the men in the New Testament who are called to be disciples; and finally will consider the implications for men's lives, aware that we are far from being, as Jesus and his male disciples were, first century Palestinian Jews.

Dr. Anthony Gittins, C.S.Sp., is currently Professor of Mission and Culture at Catholic Theological Union where he has taught since 1984. He has worked for almost 30 years with and among homeless women on the streets of Chicago. Born in Manchester, England and ordained in 1967, Rev. Gittins has earned M.A.'s and a Ph.D. in Theoretical Linguistics and in Social Anthropology from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He has an adopted, multi-ethnic family, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost (Spiritans).

\$25 Paid Registration is requested by Tuesday, April 17. (Lunch included.)

### 3. Saturday, June 2

Moving on with Grace:

A Spiritual Journey for Men and Women Who have Experienced the Death of a Spouse

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. Check-in, Coffee

After the unthinkable has happened, how do you go on? Finding peace and healing after the death of a spouse can seem impossible. Yet, facing fear, anxiety and overwhelming sadness can lead to embracing a new life. It is possible to once again know happiness and live with a full heart.

A morning of spiritual comfort, engaging community and hope through prayer, presentation and discussion.

Speaker: Amy Florian nationally known speaker, author, teacher, and retreat director.

Presider: Rev. Richard N. Fragomeni, Ph. D. Rector, Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii

Program: Liturgy of Lamentation, Presentation by Amy Florian, Discussion, Opportunity for Quiet Reflection, Liturgy of Hope

\$25 Paid Registration appreciated by due Wednesday, May 30 (lunch included).

All three events are held at:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii

1224 W. Lexington Street

Chicago, IL 60607

312.421.3757

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

## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Monday, March 26**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00 Pat McCartan & Patricia McCartan

**Tuesday, March 27**

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by  
Bill Hamill

**Wednesday, March 28**

8:00 Pat McCartan req by  
Doug & Dorothy Worthan

**Thursday, March 29**

8:00 Communion Service

**Friday, March 30**

8:00 Communion Service

**Saturday, March 31**

5:00 Val Wolff req by  
Doug & Dorothy Worthan

**Sunday, April 1**

8:30 For the Parishioners of St. Irenaeus  
10:30 For the Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, March 31 5:00 pm**

**Lectors**

Sally Fortune, Denise Douglas, Sam Bowns  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Jim Silvia, Joe Augustyn, Terri Cardin,  
Bev Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk, Laurie Miller,  
Barbara Principali

**Cantor**

Faye Predny

**Altar Servers**

Myles Greska

**Sunday, April 1 8:30 am**

**Lectors**

Helen Silvia, Chrys Rudnik, Gene Schmittgens  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Walter Cooper, Gerry Berish, Eloise Cooper,  
Richard Thomas, Judy Sopiaez,  
Marilyn Olson, Dennis Condon

**Cantor**

Marianne Velut

**Altar Servers**

Karen Ertl, Michael Rosenquist, Kevin Headly

**Sunday, April 1 10:30 am**

**Lectors**

Linda Marron, Raye Warkenthien,  
Bill Carreras  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Richard Guiney, Doris Foster,  
Sevena Merchant, David Perkins, Michelle  
Helson, Diane Gonzalez, Gary Marron

**Cantor**

Lori Schwartz

**Altar Servers**

Stephanie Sagun, Vincent Adami,  
Michael Adami

### Direct relief assistance renewing poor communities in the Caribbean and Latin America

Food For The Poor, the largest international relief and development organization based in the U.S., is an interdenominational Christian agency working to physically and spiritually renew impoverished people throughout 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Fr. Robert White will speak at all the liturgies about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.



The Parish Office will be happy to send you a statement of your 2011 contributions for tax purpose. Please call the office @ 748-6891 if you would like a copy. Thank you for your generosity last year.

### Easter Flowers

*There will be a second collection next Sunday, April 1st for flowers for the altar on Easter Sunday.*

*Please be a generous as the spirit will allow you.*



**EASTER FLOWERS**  
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## ***Church Stewardship***

**Budget \$5,100.00**

March 18 Collection \$5,175.00

Weekly Budget Over \$75.00

Budget Year to Date \$193,800.00

Total Year to Date \$183,131.00

**Budget Shortage TYD (\$10,669.00)**

**Maintenance Fund March 18 \$538.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD \$23,263.00**

### ***Hotlines:***

#### ***COURAGE***

*For single mothers and  
unplanned pregnancies  
708-636-8001*

*Catholic Charities Family Shelter  
312-655-7700*

*Senior Services  
708-596-2222*

*Crisis Center for South Suburbs  
708-429-7233*

*Grief Support Center for New  
Beginnings  
708-985-3010*

*So. Sub. Family Shelter Domestic  
Violence  
708-335-3028*

*So. Sub. Council on Alcoholism  
and Substance Abuse  
708-647-3333*

## ***Ministry of Care & Anointing of the Sick***

Please call the rectory if you, or someone you know, is unable to join us for Eucharist. Our ministers of care visit parishioners at home and in the hospital or nursing home. Arrangements can be made for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

## ***The Sacrament of Marriage***

Couples planning to marry must call the rectory at least six months prior to their desired wedding date. All couples must attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

### ***Need prayers?***

*Call the St.  
Irenaeus Health  
Ministry Prayer  
Line at 747-0974  
with your requests*

## ***The Sacrament of Baptism***



Baptisms are celebrated the first and third weekends of each month. Parents must attend a baptismal preparation session prior to securing a date for their child's baptism. Please call the parish office for further information and/or to sign up for a baptismal prep session.

## ***St. Irenaeus Ministerial Staff***

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748-7997***

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Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm,  
closed from 12pm-1:00pm

### ***Bulletin Submissions***

Articles are due by 10 AM on Fridays 8 days prior to publication date. Electronic submissions are preferred – email to

[stirenaeus@archchicago.org](mailto:stirenaeus@archchicago.org). Please include "Bulletin article" in the subject line. Questions?

Call Terri Cardin at 708-748-6891 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.