



the Pillar

St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

April 8, 2012 Easter Sunday

FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

Memorial Garden



Let Us Build Our Future Brick by Brick

Easter Exultet

Shake out your qualms.
Shake up your dreams.
 Deepen your roots.
Extend your branches.
 Trust deep water
and head for the open,
 even if your vision
 shipwrecks you.
Quit your addiction
to sneer and complain.
 Open a lookout.
 Dance on a brink.
Run with your wildfire.
You are closer to glory
 leaping an abyss
than upholstering a rut.

Not dawdling.
Not doubting.
Intrepid all the way
Walk toward clarity.
At every crossroad
 Be prepared
to bump into wonder.
Only love prevails.
En route to disaster
insist on canticles.
Lift your ineffable
out of the mundane.
Nothing perishes;
 nothing survives;
everything transforms!
Honeymoon with Big Joy!

~ James Broughton ~
(*Sermons of the Big Joy*)

"...everything transforms"! What a line for Easter- "everything transforms"!!! All of life is transformed into something it wasn't before, transformed by grace, changed by love and renewed with peace! May this Easter Day bring you grace, love and peace!

As we live the Easter season as Easter People we acknowledge all those who enhanced and made the time beautiful. First to all the people of St Irenaeus who faithfully and joyfully come together each Sunday, each Easter celebration, to give thanks and praise to our God--grace, love and peace to you! To all the liturgical ministers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Cantors and Choir members and other musicians, grace, love and peace to you!

To Ann Koranda our Director of Music and the Liturgy Committee with the Art and Environment Team, grace, love and peace to you!

May all of us continue to live in the transforming grace of the Easter season each and every day of our lives.

Easter Blessings!



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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 Sopiarcz 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

Sponsors

Kathy Murphy
William McClain

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

2 wonderful events coming up!

1. 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.)

2. 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 events are held at:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii

1224 W. Lexington Street

Chicago, IL 60607

312.421.3757

www.ourladyofpompeii.org

Job Club is looking for a few good person's!

Have you ever thought about teaching? . . . or maybe you are a teacher and want to help others learn how to write a resume? . . . cover letter? Maybe you're a retired HR professional and want to help others answer tough interview questions? . . . or an Internet junkie and want to share your skills with others in their search for job leads? . . . or maybe you just want to help others succeed in any way you can?

Job Club is looking to form a committee of parishioners who will act as a tag-team of presenters. You can choose your topic and your time commitment. Phyllis Bacon, Job Club Coordinator, has all the lesson plans and materials needed to present the following topics:

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| Topic #1: Formulating a Career Objective and Networking | Time Commitment: 2 hrs / month |
| Topic #2: Exploring Job Sites and Building a Personalized URL List | Time Commitment: 2 hrs / month |
| Topic #3: S.T.A.R. ing Your Resume | Time Commitment: 4 hrs / month |
| Topic #4: Keywords and Cover Letters | Time Commitment: 4 hrs / month |
| Topic #5: Linked-In / Networking in Cyberspace | Time Commitment: 4 hrs / month |
| Topic #6: Preparing for an Interview and Thank You Notes | Time Commitment: 2 hrs / month |
| Topic #7: Group Session / When All This Gets Too Much | Time Commitment: 2 hrs / month |

. . . or you may want to do your own thing?

Contact Phyllis on the Job Club line at 708-527-6834 and she will be glad to assist you in becoming a member of our Job Club tag-team of presenters.

April 8, 2012

Easter Sunday

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever." - PSALM 118:1

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and arose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." But how do we show our gratitude all year to the Lord who spread out His arms on the cross to save us and show us the way to salvation?

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT 2012 ST. IRENAEUS PARISH

As of March 19, 2012

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| PARISH 2012 GOAL: | \$16,654.44 |
| AMOUNT PLEDGE: | \$9,608.00 |
| AMOUNT PAID: | \$6,053.00 |
| BALANCE DUE: | \$3,555.00 |

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Saint Irenaeus!

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your everyday purchases back to the church.

A variety of gift cards are available for purchase at the
Manna table.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 9

8:00 Patricia & Pat O'Connor
Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

Tuesday, April 10

8:00 Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan req by
Don & Judy Korte

Wednesday, April 11

8:00 Brian O'Neal req by
His Son Cody

Thursday, April 12

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, April 13

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, April 14

5:00 Marlene Hamill req by
Bill Hamill

Sunday, April 15

8:30 David Newhuis req by
Rosemary & Family
10:30 Ted & Jeanne Goehler req by
The Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 14 5:00 pm

Lectors

Bev Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Denise Douglas

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Eileen Rose, Barbara Principali,
Richard Marvin, Sally Fortune, Jim Silvia,
Laurie Miller, Loren Bowns

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Myles Greska

Sunday, April 15 8:30 am

Lectors

Mary Schmittgens, Chris Blue

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Marilyn Carroll, Sara Veldhuizen,
Chrys Rudnik, Dennis Condon, Eloise Cooper,
Gerry Berish, Walter Cooper

Cantor

Lucy Lopez

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl,
Kevin Headley

Sunday, April 15 10:30 am

Lectors

Stephanie Sagun, Felicia Jones, Phil Schwartz

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sandy Winder, Connie Rice,
Raye Warkenthien, Kathleen Anderson,
Sevena Merchant, Pat Benjamin

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Linda Marron, Gary Marron, Elysia Sawyers



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at 2:30 PM, at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Couples married in 1962 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register.

For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.



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.

* **Holiday Office Hours** *
* **April 9th the office will be closed.** *
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Church Stewardship

Budget \$5,100.00

April 1 Collection \$5,774.00

Weekly Budget Over \$674.00

Budget Year to Date \$204,000.00

Total Year to Date \$192,633.00

Budget Shortage TYD (\$11,367.00)

Maintenance Fund April 1 \$1,258.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$24,597.00

Easter Flowers \$987.00

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.

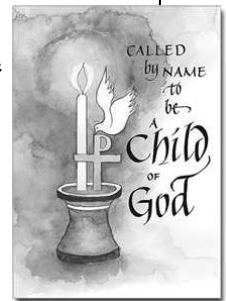
The Sacrament of Marriage

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

Rectory Phone: 748-6891

***Religious Education Center Phone:
748-7997***

Rev. Terry Johnson, Pastor

Loren & Sam Bowns, Deacon couple
Michelle Helson

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Terri Cardin, Administrative Assistance
Nancy Pfeiffer, Business Manager

Web-site www.stirenaeuschurch.com

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Mailing address:

78 Cherry St. Park Forest, IL 60466

Parish Office Hours:

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. 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.