



Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time August 22, 2010

" *The Shrine* "  
**St. Odilo Parish**  
**National Shrine of the Poor Souls**

*St. Odilo Church is the only parish in the United States dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory.  
It was founded and sanctioned as the Shrine of the Poor Souls  
by His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, in 1928,  
with a special indulgence of 200 days granted upon each visit to the shrine.*

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**Pastor:**  
Rev. Anthony Brankin  
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Rev. Richard Saudis  
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**School Principal:**  
Mr. William Donegan  
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Mrs. Virginia Uphues

**Music Director:**  
Mr. Paul Rau  
**Parish Bookkeeper:**  
Mrs. Beth Ritzenthaler  
**Secretary:**  
Mrs. Gail Kunce

**Mass Schedule:**

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 8:00AM  
Saturday: 8:00AM, 4PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 (Latin), & 11AM & 12:30PM  
(Spanish)  
Holy Days: 7:00PM the previous evening; 6:30,  
8:00AM, 12:00 Noon and 7:00PM  
**Church is open:** Weekdays from 6AM - 4PM  
**Confessions:** Saturday 11:15AM - 12Noon & by  
appointment.  
**Rectory Office hours:** Monday thru Friday: 9AM -  
9PM Saturday 9AM-9PM Sunday 9AM-9PM

**All Sacraments and ceremonies are available in  
Italian, Latin, Spanish & of course English.**

**Baptisms:** Every Sunday at 1:30PM. Parents are re-  
quired to register with the Pastor. Parents should be reg-  
istered parishioners. Please call to make an appointment.  
**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at least six  
months in advance with a parish priest. Please call the  
rectory to make an appointment.  
**Visits to the Sick:** Please inform the rectory for  
hospital or homebound visits.  
**Quinceaneras:** Cotillion Masses are available for our  
girls who have been confirmed-please call.

## **Ramblings - Fr. Brankin**

Assumption 8-15-2010

I like to go to the cemetery to visit my family. I have my father and mother, sister along with my grandparents and aunts at Holy Sepulchre in the south suburbs. They used to call the cemeteries: "God's Little acre."

And how peaceful cemeteries are really. It is only television with all the silly visual garbage written, produced, and directed by people who do not believe in God or Jesus that has tried to portray cemeteries and death as something scary and ugly and evil. They are not. Cemeteries are beautiful and peaceful and full of faith, hope and love. They really are.

And the more ancient the cemetery—the more suggestive it is of all those peaceful wonderful feelings. You see the old trees as they reign majestically over the shadowed or sunny hills. The paths—sometimes narrow and not even paved—wind quietly around the cemetery grounds passing by all the monuments and stones. You look at all the names and notice the years of birth and death; and you wonder about the families' sorrows when they stood there in that very spot to bury their father or mother or their husband or wife.

Sometimes you see graves with all kinds of flowers and you conclude that the death must have been recent and the pain is still sharp enough to prod the family to plant and decorate and water every day.

Other times a grave looks pretty old, and there are no flowers—only grass growing up to the edge of the stone—and you decide that maybe everyone in that family has either moved away—or they too are buried somewhere.

Sometimes—and I hope you don't think this is grisly— but I will stand at the edge of my parents' grave and look down. I will try to peer through the six feet of earth and then pierce the concrete box and casket with my "x-ray vision" to try see my father—or mother or sister—one more time. To see them in the clothes in which we buried them. To see their dear faces one more time—and be able to say: "That's them. They don't look too bad."

Oh, I know they don't look so good. It has been many years since their souls were firing up their hearts and lungs and brains and keeping them the parents and sister I loved. It has been along time since their souls left their bodies and went back to God.

And while I am standing there, I try to imagine the End of the World. No! not the ugly, crazy television stuff—but the real End of the World when Jesus comes in the clouds—announced by all his Angels—and what a beautiful, beautiful scene that will be.

I suppose all of us will see it—no matter where we are in the world. The Last Judgment! The Second Coming! When all of this is over—no more going to work—no more hospital visits—no more tears—no more trouble. No more walkers and wheel chairs—no more traffic—no more too hot or too cold. No more sick—no more suffering. The End of the World when all of creation is renewed—recreated—restored—redeemed. Jesus has come back—and it is a whole new day for all of us.

And while I am imaging the End of the World, I try to imagine the Resurrection. Because we have always believed that at the End of the World, part of what happens is that our souls come back to our bodies and our bodies actually rise from the dead.

I can imagine the earth quaking and erupting, the stones toppling over and being moved out of place. And then the caskets rise to the surface, open up and there they are—all my family and all your family—and they

are back! Everyone we loved is alive again! And they are exactly as they were, so that we will know them; but now they have glorified bodies and they are healthy and happy and young again.

And I am so happy because I will see my father and mother and sister and all the people from the old days. But it will be better now than even when we were just souls in heaven—because we will be—at the End of the World—as God had made us—not angels—not pure spirits floating around—but humans with flesh and blood, arms and legs and face and smiles.

To stand at the edge of my families' grave and to imagine these things is worth more to my soul than almost everything: Do you see how cemeteries—unlike what unbelievers think—are not about death—but they are about life.

We have just finished celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. I suppose we could call it “Little Easter”—because the Assumption means that Mary—the Mother of Jesus—Mary, the Mother of God rose from the dead herself.

The Assumption of Mary is a real resurrection and what's more—it is a pledge and a guarantee by God to the rest of us—that if we had ever thought that Jesus' Resurrection was unique and unrepeatable and a fluke—we'll think again! Because here is Jesus' Mother Mary—whom He would not allow to molder in some grave, and he causes her to raise her from the dead and be carried to heaven so that she might reign with Him as the First fruits of our redemption.

How appropriate for Mary to be Assumed into heaven and not lie in a hole in a cave until the End of the World. Her life became intimately bound up with the Incarnation of God, and the Salvation of the human race when she said, “Let it be done to me according to thy word.”

How appropriate that she would be the very exemplar of what we mean by salvation of the human race—eternal life with both Body and Soul saved from death—an eternity in heaven with Jesus and all the Saints and all the Angels and all in our families who went before.

You know, they don't even really talk about the “Death” of Mary—because we are not sure exactly what happened. They call it the Dormition of Mary—the Falling Asleep of Mary—moments before she was assumed into heaven. In other words, it was sin that caused death, sadness, suffering and the need to have cemeteries—but since Mary was redeemed even before we were redeemed, her Dormition and her Assumption show us that redemption means Body and Soul in Heaven.

What is the most interesting proof of Mary's Assumption? There is no tomb with Mary's body in it. There are no relics.

We know that if Mary's body were still here, there would be no end to the pilgrims coming to pray where her body was buried. But she—like her Son—is not there. They are both in heaven—body and soul—awaiting that great day of Resurrection and reward when the rest of us shall join them—body and soul.

If you haven't been to the cemetery to visit your family for a while, I would encourage you to do so—certainly before winter comes. And when you go, you will find not just the grave of your father and mother, husband and wife, family and friends, but you will find also much peace.

And just in case you think you may have lost a little bit of faith, hope and love in this ugly modern world—at the cemetery you will discover that you really haven't. You will discover that those virtues are still alive in you—just waiting to be resurrected—just like all your family who went before you.



Join Us for the Annual  
**St. Odilo Oktoberfest**  
 Sunday, September 12th  
 from 3:00 til Dusk



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*A Family Fest at St. Odilo Church  
 with Many Activities for all*

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Kids: Obstacle Course - Moonwalk - Jacob's Ladder  
 Speed Pitch Machine - Football Throw  
 Games and much more

DJ with organized Games

Plus **B I N G O** and raffles



Fall Menu \* priced from \$1 to \$5  
 Beer, Soda, Lemonade

*Mark your calendars to spend the Sunday with us.*

Oktoberfest will be on the grounds of St. Odilo Church  
 23<sup>rd</sup> and East Avenue , Berwyn

Also Consider Volunteering and or Donating Bakery Items







#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies for the children of Blessed Sacrament Parish should be dropped off at the rectory by 12Noon, today, Sunday, August 22.

INSEARCH is a discernment program for post-collage age men that boasts dozens of alumni who are ordained priests or current Chicago seminarians. Meetings will be held at Quigley Pastoral Center beginning October 19, 2010 through April 5, 2010.

Exploring Priesthood Weekend-EPW retreats, held in the fall, winter, and spring quarters at Mundelein Seminary, are designed to give men the opportunity to learn about diocesan priesthood and the seminary. These are highly effective "open house" weekends that men find very helpful in discerning a call to priesthood.

[www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com)

Padre Pio Spiritual Retreat  
Saturday, October 30, 2010

Our Lady of Victory  
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Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
to  
Josephine Falco  
God Bless you always!

### St. Odilo Festival Choir Faure Requiem

This choir season, the St. Odilo Festival Choir will perform the Requiem by Gabriel Faure. We are currently looking for singers who would be interested in participating.

The first performance will be Tuesday, November 2, at 7PM in the church. It will be sung as part of the Mass for All Souls Day. We will sing from the choir loft with a small chamber orchestra and organ.

Rehearsals will be at 7PM each Wednesday beginning September 1, in the rectory. There is a dress rehearsal on Saturday, October 30 at 10 AM in the church. If there is enough interest, we may have two or three Saturday morning rehearsals to accommodate those unable to rehearse on Wednesdays.

The second performance will be on Sunday, January 30, at 3:00 PM in the church as part of a combined choral/symphonic concert like we did last year. There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, January 29, at 10AM in the church.

Rehearsals between the November 2 and January 30 performances are yet to be determined, but they will not need to be as frequent.

Rehearsal CDs with each of the choir sections predominant in the mix are available for home practice at no charge, and full, professional scores are available for use at no charge, or to buy for \$8. Audio recordings and downloadable copies of the music are available at [www.saintodilo.org](http://www.saintodilo.org)

For more information, call Paul Rau at 708-484-2161 or email [rau@saintodilo.org](mailto:rau@saintodilo.org)

## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Julia Adamczyk, Josephine Sprovieri, Barbara Dorolek, Ann Pacauh, Roseanne Beckmann, Eleanore Kocourek, Michael Termini, Mary Sutej, Jenny Lee, Jerilu Rose, Guy Papa, Marie Commella, Glenn Anderson, Christina Termini, Fr. Dudley Day, Victoria Evans, Shirley Kudulis, Teresa De Dore, Susan Miles, Lucille Chlapecka, Charlie Turek, Collette Lesak, Maria Ordonez, Cora Sowell, Paubla Perrez, Mary Kudulis, Eric Lentz, Ernie Kin, Michael Peters, Irene Gibas, Marianne Bingham, Joseph Jelic, Debbie Di Giacomo, Jerry Senkerik, Consuelo Zamora, Kathy Piwowar, Helen Hayan, Anne Majchrowicz, Melissa Romano, Patricia Stalzer, Luz Roque, Elsie Gilbert, Peter Panno, Augustin Quezada, Courtney Barry, Alicia Stepul, Joseph Majchrowicz Sr., Beatriz Palacios, Ernest Karamas, L. R. Hammond, Noreen McGinley & Michael Zindrick.

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

August 15, 2010	\$6,608.47
Last Year	\$7,602.83
	-Thank You Fr. Brankin

## Wedding Banns

II-Angel Huizar & Monica Arreola  
 II-Ignacio Martinez & Veronica Narvaez  
 II-Jose Luis Aburto & Maria Estela Santoyo  
 II-Carlos Galvez & Marcela Dominguez



## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

August 28 & 29	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4:00PM	A. Canaveral L. Canaveral A. Bonadonna	J. Banda	Garcia Marquez Feiwell
8:00AM	J. Crews D. Oborski S. Sandoval	S. Martinek	Reyes, Delira Camarillo Hernandez Camarillo
9:30AM			Padilla Celio Navarro
11:00AM	R. Lorenz E. Hron F. Modica	L. Bonadonna	
12:30PM			Gamboa Naples Pacheco
Servers Week of August 23: Joseph Camarillo, Jose Padilla			

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, AUGUST 23-SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

6:30-Hank Maranda  
 8:00-Bernard Hudik

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24-SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

6:30-Roland H. Martinez (Ramirez Family)  
 8:00AM  
 -Mr. Ramirez (James Brataer)  
 -Rose Stinar (Lef Tufo)  
 -Jim & Mary Rund (Son, Jim)  
 -Milan Rohacek (Norma Kmet)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25-SAINT LOUIS OF FRANCE; SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST

6:30-William Conroy  
 8:00-Birthday Blessings-Rose Thomas

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26-WEEKDAY

6:30-Steve Legare (Steve & Toni Legare)  
 8:00AM  
 -Joe Pavlik (Jerome Urbik)  
 -Mary Holding (Daughter)  
 -George Trucksa (Mr. & Mrs. Ken Machala)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27-SAINT MONICA

6:30-Hank Maranda  
 8:00-Stephen Kutz (Mary Helen)  
 3PM-Quinceanera -Fabiola Delatorre

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28-SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00-Dr. Jerome Zagorski (Dorothy Honek)  
 2PM-Quinceanera-Aaliah Cruz  
 4PM-Peter Vaccaro Sr. (Son, Peter Vaccaro)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29-TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00-Edward, Laddie & Helen Zahradnik  
 9:30-Intentions of Tony Hermida (Hope De La Garza)  
 11:00-Yolanda Cardaropoli (Don & Mary Jane Miller)  
 12:30-The People of St. Odilo

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY...  
 9AM-1:30PM-Registration (SCH)  
 MONDAY...  
 5-7PM-CCD Registration (SCH)  
 6:30-Legion of Mary (PrR)  
 6:30-Pre-K/Kindergarten Orientation (PH)  
 TUESDAY...  
 7:30-Knights of Columbus (PR)  
 SATURDAY...  
 9AM-Rosary Making (PR)

## REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those God has called to Himself from our parish family especially Wendy Erickson.