

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 13, 2016

# " *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

**Priests:**  
Rev. Msgr. Richard Saudis  
Rev. Robert Coleman

**Deacon:**  
Mr. Alfonso Salgado

**School Principal:**  
Mr. William Donegan

**School Secretary:**  
Ms. Laura Canaveral

**CCD Coordinator:**  
Mrs. Idalia Gonzalez

**Music Director:**  
Mr. Paul Rau

**Business Manager:**  
Mrs. Beth Ritzenthaler

**Secretary:**  
Mrs. Gail Kunce

**Marketing/Advancement:**  
Mrs. Ruby Martinez

**Mass Schedule:**

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 8AM  
 Saturday: 8:00AM, 4PM  
 Sunday: 7AM (Sp.), 8:00 (Eng.), 9:30 (Latin) & 11AM (Eng.) & 12:30PM (Sp.)  
 Holy Days: 6:30PM (Eng.) the previous evening; 6:30, 8:10AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:30PM (Sp.)

**Church is open:** Weekdays from 6AM - 6PM

**Confessions:** Saturday 11:15AM - 12Noon & by appointment.

**Rectory Office hours:** Monday thru Friday: 9AM -9PM  
 Saturday 9AM-6PM Sunday 9AM-3PM

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

**Baptisms:** Every Saturday at 10:30AM & Sunday at 1:30PM. Parents are required to register for baptism with a priest. Parents should be registered 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

Mercy 2016

I have to apologize. I know that this is the Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. And I know that the Pope requested that every parish remain open Friday for twenty-four hours of confession—kind of a festival of mercy.

Well, I admit that we did not remain open for twenty-four hours for confession. We did not have time. And I can console myself by noting that we weren't partying.

In fact this Saturday—and every Saturday every week there were four priests hearing confession between 11 and 12. And we have been doing that for quite some time now.

As well, we were saying Mass and seeing people in the office. We were consoling the bereaved and arranging for Baptisms and coordinating Quinces. We were scheduling Confirmations and First Communions. We were handing out charity—this one needed food—this one needed a bus pass. We visited the sick. It was pretty busy—and I think we were doing the work of the Lord—and I think we were pretty naturally extending Our Lords Mercy to those who needed it.

Actually this happens everyday—We are in the office from nine to nine—and then when the secretaries go home- a priest answer the phones. I will admit to sounding grumpy at two in the morning when the chaplain at MacNeal calls.

But I manage to stumble out of bed, run a comb through my hair. I don't even put on socks. But I get to MacNeal—and there in the ER or in ICU I find the poor sick person who is likely at the very end of their life.

Now, the family of the dying person—often enough—does not go to church anymore. They really don't have a parish. Sometimes they do not even know what the name of the parish in their neighborhood is. And that is—I think—part of the Great Apostasy that may be upon us.

But at least they know that they need and want a priest to give the last rites to their beloved mother or father—grandmother or grandfather. They know—at least—God has to be involved in this moment—and they are right.

Actually I sometimes think that what is happening is that the Sacred Heart of Jesus is fulfilling His promise of Mercy. What do I mean by that?

Well, maybe a long time ago—when this dying person was a little boy or little girl in some Catholic school—or Catholic family—certainly they grew up in a more religious culture—back in the 50s—they were told about the Nine First Fridays.

They heard—that Jesus told St. Margaret Mary that if someone went to Communion on the First Friday of each month for nine months in a row—for the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—they would receive at the end of their lives—final penitence—final sorrow for sins—and the last rites of a priest.

I picture Jesus in heaven—almost as if He is at some heavenly switchboard—scrambling to get a priest to this person's bedside—before they die—to fulfill Gods part of the bargain. I know—call Saint Odilo!

Maybe that is a childish way to look at it. And I am sure all the brilliant theologians and Bishops in Europe and America would chuckle at the naiveté of it all. “Oh tut tut—that is just more of that Neo-Pelagian stuff. Tut tut—don't be so silly. Do you think that sacraments and Jesus actually work like that?”

Well Actually I do think that is how it all works. And if God is merciful—this is how He is merciful. In real situations with real people.

In fact God's mercy is so real that it comes with definite expectations and definite rewards. And the conditions are this: Jesus says: "You must love me—You must pray to me—You must be sorry for your sins—even if imperfectly—You must do what you can to repair any damage your sins have caused—and you must change your way of life."

If we can fulfill those conditions then He gives the gift Mercy—His part of the bargain—but not a moment before. It is only after penitence—after sorrow—after firm resolutions to sin no more—that Jesus says to the person: "Come into my kingdom."

Mercy is not some cheap routine where God says to us "That's ok—do whatever you want. Continue in your life as you are. I will not judge—Don't worry—be happy. Don't even bother saying your sins—in confession—that's too hard." Well that is not mercy. Because that doesn't make sense.

And God—if anything—makes sense.

Even the person in a coma at McNeal in the middle of the night—who receives the Last Rites—needs at least to have had the fear of hell in their hearts before they slipped into the coma—in order for the Last Rites to work. That is called "imperfect contrition." Imperfect contrition is the least we need—before God can work His mercy and forgive our sins.

No-contrition means that a person did not want God's forgiveness—nor did they care about God's justice. No-contrition means a person is perfectly content to go to hell. And God will not go against that exercise of free will.

So the least we need—is imperfect contrition—where at least we do not want to be punished. It's not perfect—but it is good for starters.

Do you think that the Prodigal Son would have been forgiven by his father—if the son wanted to bring all his prostitutes and pigs with him?

"Oh father—you have to take me back—and take me as I am—and with all my friends—who are you to judge?" The father would not have accepted that. The father offered mercy—but mercy depends upon justice—and justice demands that the sinner first repent of the evil—then accept mercy. The father said to the Prodigal Son: "You leave the old life of sin behind—or you do not come another step."

Mercy exists when God does that which God does not have to do. God does not have to forgive us. God does not have to take us to heaven. God can say—in justice—you have sinned—and you will be deprived of life. But God does not leave it at justice. He makes—as a part of His justice—mercy—but He does so freely. Justice is necessary—but Mercy is freely given.

God says to us sinners—if you are sorry and willing to change your lives, if you resolve to fix what you have ruined—and determine not to do it again—I will not condemn you as your sins deserve. I will forgive you.

Did I mention confession? Is there a sacrament more full of justice than confession? Is there a sacrament more full of mercy than confession?

And may I teach with the Church—that in the sacrament of confession—the penitent who has repentance and resolves not to sin again—mentions by name and number—their mortal sins. Every sacrament must have form and matter—the matter for confession is the enumeration of our serious sins—the form is the absolution given by the priest.

A person does not have to go into morbid detail—but they need to say what they did wrong and how many times. And this is not to shame the person or to satisfy morbid curiosity. It is meant to help the person come to grips with the enormity of their sin—and help the priest understand better how he might be able to help.

But Mercy—even as it comes in confession—is not cheap. It comes with a price. The price of mercy is repentance. But the reward is greater than the cost—it is life eternal in heaven.

## EASTER SHARING PARISH COLLECTION

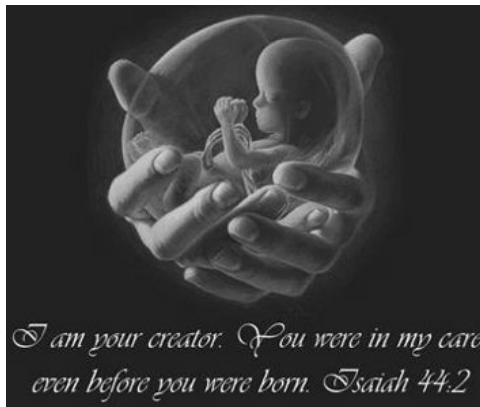
### PLEASE REMEMBER!!!

Easter Sharing Parish wrapped candies for the goodie bags for the children of Saint Agatha / Blessed Sacrament Parish should be dropped off at the Rectory before noon, **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for your kind generosity.



## Pro-life Talk for Children & Youth



**Guest Speaker:** John Jansen

(Director, Generations for Life, Youth Outreach of the Pro-Life Action League)

**When:** March 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday **Where:** Parish Hall

**Time:** 7-8pm \*Parents of children and youth attending are invited to join in.\*

**Sponsored by:** Little Flowers / Little Women & Blue Knights of St. Odilo

## The Way of the Cross

DOWNTOWN CHICAGO, GOOD FRIDAY 2016



**Gather 8:45 AM**  
**DALEY PLAZA**  
(Dearborn/Washington)  
9:00 am - Introduction  
9:15 am - The walk begins

Sponsored by the Catholic lay movement  
Communion and Liberation | [www.cdonline.org](http://www.cdonline.org)

[www.wayofthecrosschicago.org](http://www.wayofthecrosschicago.org)  
[info@wayofthecrosschicago.org](mailto:info@wayofthecrosschicago.org)  
Ph: 312-725-2320

Tentative Route

**VETERANS MEMORIAL**  
(Riverwalk @ State/Wacker)

**TRIBUNE TOWER PLAZA**  
(Michigan @ Chicago River)

**WATER TOWER PLAZA**  
(Michigan/Chicago)

11:30 am - The walk ends  
**HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL**  
(State/Superior)  
12 noon - Conclusion



**St. Odilo Parish  
2016 Holy Week Schedule**

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

Saturday Evening (March 19) Mass: 4PM  
Sunday Mass: 7AM (Esp.), 8AM, 9:30AM (Latin),  
11AM, 12:30PM (Esp.)

**MONDAY, MARCH 21**

Mass: 6:30 and 8:10AM

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22**

Mass: 6:30 and 8:10AM

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

Mass: 6:30 and 8:10AM  
Living Stations with the school children: 2:20PM & 6:30PM

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7PM (Bilingual)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

Stations of the Cross: 2PM  
Confessions: 2:30PM  
Pesame: 5PM (Español)  
Mass of the Pre-Sanctified: 7PM (Bilingual)

**HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

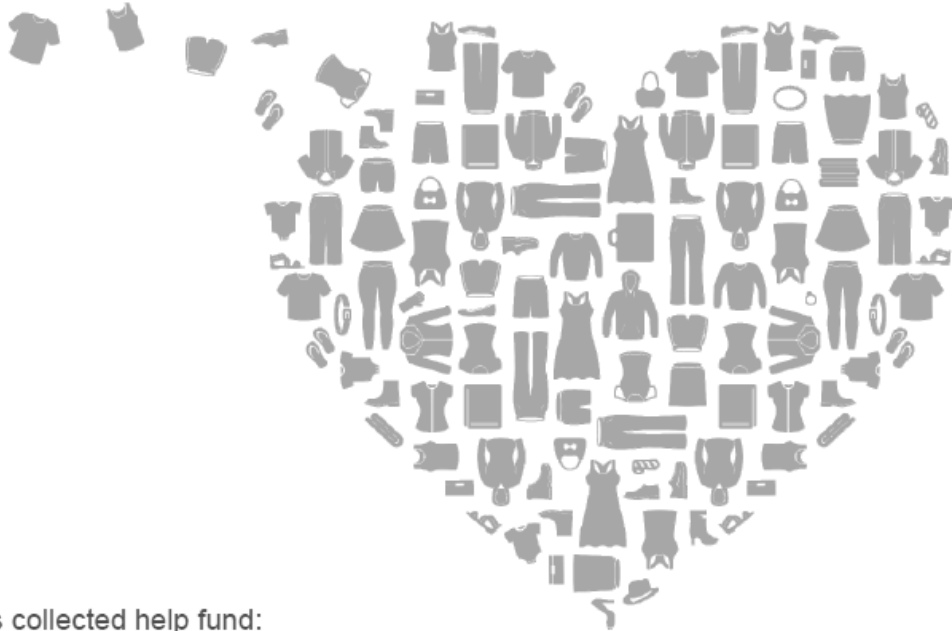
Confession: 11:15-12Noon  
Blessing of Baskets: 12Noon  
Easter Vigil: 7PM (Bilingual)

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

Mass: 7AM (Esp.), 8AM, 9:30AM (Latin),  
11AM, 12:30PM (Esp.)

## DONATION DRIVE

Fill a bag and  
make a difference!



Items collected help fund:

**St. Odilo School &  
The Epilepsy Foundation**

**Help us raise funds by cleaning out  
your closet!**

Bring your items to our Donation Drive event:







**Saturday, March 19, 2016 12-3pm  
6617 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St, Berwyn, IL. 60402**

Truck will be on site for pickup!

For questions, please contact:

St. Odilo School  
708-484-0755

### We are collecting:

-  Clothing
-  Shoes
-  Accessories
-  Books
-  Linens
-  Household Items\*

*\* Small items only.  
No furniture.*

**donation** **drive**  
**savers. UNIQUE**

## SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Josephine Sprovieri, Ernest Karamas, Charlie Turek, George Kasper, Alice Kowalski, Henry Kereluk, Marge Shatas, Sr. Johanna Trisoliere, Ramon Marentes, Richard Wenc, William Stepanek, Karen Lewis, Joseph Kirchoff, our Veterans, Patricia Mars, Barbara Defina, Ralph Cannataro, Mike Kadrowicz, Eddie Shishkoff, Baby Carmody, Frances Rapacz, Maurice Ford, Lucille Chlapecka, Milly Kosinar, Shirley Klein, Anita Sanchez, Karen Halter, L. R. Hammond, Patricia Niwa, Barbara Mance, Deborah Ferguson, Francisco Solis, John Gardelka, Mary White, Jeanette Sprovieri, Hubert Ruiz, Mike Reato, Joseph Cannella Jr., Robert Bujnowski, Patricia Dewk, Sandra Scatchell, Danny Gale, Joan Brunner, Pat Fitzgerald, Patricia Stalzer, Mary Mascitti.

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

March 6, 2016	\$11,719.21
Last Year	\$11,691.88
	Thank you!
	Fr. Brankin

## WEDDING BANNS

**III**-Robert Rodriguez & Samantha Gilligan  
**III**-Jose Magana & Veronica Chaidez

**Group Contact Information**  
**Armory of Christ**-708-681-6879  
**Guadalupanos**-708-484-2161 **Legion of Mary** -708-623-9280  
**Knights of Columbus**-708-204-3761  
**Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima** -708-484-1204  
**Little Flowers**-469-487-9506 or limpauline6@gmail.com  
**ESL**-708-287-7347 **Spred**-708-287-7347  
**Ushers**-708-788-8136

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### MONDAY...

4PM-CCD  
 6:30-Legion of Mary (PrR)  
 6:30-Pastoral Migratory (PH)

### TUESDAY...

3PM-Jr. High Choir (SCH)  
 6:30-Little Flowers (PH)  
 6:30-To Teach Who Christ Is (PR)  
 7PM-Special Events Committee (PrR)

### WEDNESDAY...

3PM-Handbells (CH)  
 4PM-CCD  
 6PM-ESL Beginners (PH)  
 7PM-Choir Practice (PR)  
 7:30-ESL Intermediate (PH)

### THURSDAY...

3PM-Children's Choir (SCH)  
 6PM-Arts & Crafts (SR)  
 6PM-Mexican Folklorico Dance (PH)  
 7PM-Armory of Christ (CB)  
 7PM-Bible Study (PR)

### FRIDAY...

6PM-Mexican Folklorico Dance (PH)  
 6:30-Pequeño Rebaño (CB)  
 7PM-Faith Formation (PR)

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, MARCH 14 -LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Lovino  
 8:10AM-Joanne Vaccaro (Brother, Peter Vaccaro)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 15 -LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Mr. & Mrs. Alex Calixto (Friend)  
 8:10AM-God's guidance upon the voters (A. Ostrowski)  
 -Salvatore & Annunziata Miglio (Gaudio Family)  
 -Erika Aguirre (Family)  
 -Clelia Reato (Wodarczyk & Komers Family)

3PM-Divine Mercy

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16-LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Blessings For Danny & Vigny Perilla (Mom)  
 8:10AM-Adolph & Antoinette Mondeika (Family)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 17-SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP

6:30AM-Blessings on Mary & Chuck Kirchoff (Kirchoff Family)  
 8:10AM-Birthday Blessings for Rosa Rendon & Alex Rendon  
 -Birthday Intentions for Lorenzo Salas Sanchez (Sanchez Family)  
 -Matilda Rumbauskas (Ted Priban)  
 -Raul Castro (Vanessa Alvarado)  
 -Don Nosal ( Nancy, wife)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 18-SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

6:30AM-Rev. Joseph Bernard & Harold Hudik (R. Lorenz)  
 8:10AM-Raymond Sr. & Margaret Thill (Thill Family)  
 4PM-Quinceanera-Jocelyn Ramirez

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19-SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8AM-Josephine & Juan Keane (Thill Family)  
 12PM-Quinceanera-Vianca Delgado  
 2PM-Wedding of Robert Rodriguez & Samantha Gilligan  
 4PM-Robert Chiordi (Family)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20-PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7AM-Birthday Blessing for Ma. De Jesus & Abraham Sanchez  
 8AM-Carmella Filomeno (Family)  
 9:30-William Havlicek (Family)  
 11AM-Sal Termini & Dolores Termini  
 12:30-Pedro Ruiz Miranda (Rosario Alvarez)

## SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

March 19 & 20	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	A. Bonadonna L. Bonadonna B. Ouska	R. Faron	C. Gleeson P. Gleeson L. Banet, S. Rollins
7AM (Esp.)	R. Cruz R. Marin O. Pereda	L. Rosillo	H. Garcia S. Garcia A. Rivera, A. Mendoza
8AM	N. Kmet J. Oborski S. Sandoval	J. Gutierrez	I. Medina, J. Saavedra S. Ruiz, V. Bermudez P. Morales
9:30AM			W. Estrella L. Estrella D. Soto
11AM	E. Hron D. Oborski A. Perez	F. Miller	S. Huess I. Gamboa L. Pliego
12:30PM (Esp.)	E. Coronado V. Chavez, A. Mendez, B. Salgado	M. Villareal A. Lopez	R. Navarette J. Diaz, J. Diaz A. Cruz

Servers for March 14-19: M. Gonzalez, D. Sanchez, M. Estevez