



August 13, 2017

" *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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Mr. Paul Rau

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Mrs. Beth Ritzenthaler

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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 11AM - 12Noon & by appointment.

Rectory Office hours: Monday thru Friday: 9AM -9PM

Saturday 9AM-7PM Sunday 9AM-7PM

Adoration: Thursday until 6AM - 6PM

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

Divorce Remarriage

You remember we just did the three part series on the sacrament of matrimony. And I readily acknowledge that three small homilies on such an incredibly important sacrament can only barely touch the surface.

Marriage is like the proverbial iceberg. I can talk about the three vows of faithfulness and permanence and fruitfulness—but eighty percent of whatever we could say about of marriage is still to be revealed.

For this reason I would encourage everyone—married or not—to pray for husbands and wives—fathers and mothers--children and parents. Because marriage and family are under assault—and all of us—including priests—have a stake in the health of families.

Truly, if the purpose of this life is to serve God in all things so that we can get to heaven—then healthy marriages and strong families in this life—will help all of us achieve happiness in the next life. It is all of a piece.

And as I mentioned—the Catholic Church—who is the Teacher of the world—makes a big deal out of the issue of divorce and remarriage—because she makes a big deal out of marriage.

When marriage is treated by a culture as something less important than it really is—or when we develop false notions about what marriage is—that is when we have problems.

Now by culture I mean—the way people think about things, appreciate things—and value things. Culture is the soul of man writ large.

Whatever is going on in here—in our hearts and minds—is being displayed out there—in our music and literature—but conversely—whatever is going on out there—in the world—in politics—entertainment—the media—the negative values, or faithlessness or lack of virtue or enthronement of selfishness (all that which is being presented to us on a constant and daily basis—even as we stand there at Jewel looking at the tabloids) all of that has an effect on us in here, in our hearts and souls. It can hurt us and change us—and we don't even know it.

Basically I am talking about pop culture which is by definition, popular. I am talking about the songs we sing, the books and magazines we read and the films and shows we watch—and those things can reinforce virtue or vice. All that information coming into our eyes and ears and minds will have an effect on how we perceive life or love--marriage or family.

Look at how superficially marriage and family can be treated by a culture—just watch any movie from the early 1930's or after about 1965. It is appalling and amazing to watch movies where men and women walk in and out of marriage as if they were walking in and out of a store. Marriage and faithfulness in some of these movies is almost a running joke.

Adultery is the theme and divorce is the plot device. Thank God they never have children in these movies. I suppose it would only complicate the story by showing a gaggle of heartbroken crushed kids in tears as their parents flit from partner to partner.

But it is not outlandish to think that our modern pop culture has successfully normalized the abnormal and helped transform the immoral and perverse into just another facet of modern life. The suffering this has caused is immeasurable. The amazing thing is that we hardly notice it. And why not? Because it has been done so subtly.

Well this ad had a large photo of two hockey players fighting. One (with a cigarette in his mouth) is slugging the other one; and the player on the bottom is holding up his glove to defend himself.

But what label do I spy on the glove of the player on the bottom? Not Rawlings nor Wilson nor Everlast. No—his label says “Cancer”

Just as plain as you can imagine. I showed it to my brother, “Look at this—what do think this means?” His interpretation (and I am sure he was right) was that the cigarette companies wanted us to learn—subliminally—underneath the threshold of our consciousness—not to worry about cigarettes. They wanted to get across the message that just like the player on the bottom of the pile-up—cancer is being beaten.

You see, we all go through life as learners. What we see and what we hear and what we experience—even if we don’t notice it—comes into our eyes and ears and brains and stays there.

It may lie hidden or buried in the subconscious. But it is there. It may be something good—or it may be bad—maybe it is a tiny virus—that one day will be triggered back to life and multiply its corruption and destroy our lives or our souls.

Of course that information is there. Where else can it go? It is like the information on your laptop. It is sitting there underneath the battery waiting to be called out and used again. It is there.

Thankfully God has made us in such a way that all that is in our minds and hearts and souls most of the time lies fallow and quiet and forgotten. Thank God for that, because it would not be good for us to be overwhelmed by all that history and all those experiences, and all those memories crashing in on our consciousness all at the same time.

Nevertheless—everything that comes into our minds by means of our senses influences us. All that information and all those experiences—the things we see and the things we hear and the things we feel—all of it shades us and forms us and molds us—ever so gently—ever so slowly—ever so surely.

That is why in order to save our lives (to say nothing of saving our souls) we must be very careful of what we take in—of what we ingest—of what we see and of what we hear. Because we are unaware most of the time of how we are being effected by it—or changed. We need to make ourselves aware of what is coming in to us.

If we can understand that we are being manipulated (and almost all the time) we have a chance.

I read somewhere—about Facebook—that many people wonder how there seems to be this huge social communications service that you don’t even have to pay for—Facebook. They ask: where do they get the money to run this thing?

And the point was made—that if you can’t figure what the product is that they are selling—then *you* are the product. And they are selling *you*.

And in order to sell us—they have to manipulate us and fatten us and make us sellable.

This is why we must be wary of all entertainments—movies—television—books—magazines—radio—music—anything that make light of traditional moral values. We must avoid anything that disparages marriage and family or laughs at the concept of one husband and one wife and one family or mocks faithfulness or despises having children or staying together.

Does that mean that we should no longer participate in modern popular culture? Maybe. Does it mean we

We might need to start isolating ourselves from all the bad learning possible out there.

But it works the other way too.

If we consume good things—if we read and watch and listen and sing only that which is beautiful and happy and whole and even holy, the bad will be subsumed and buried—hopefully never to surface again; and the good (which Our Lord has always intended for us) particularly as it revolves around love and life—marriage and family—will become who we are—

And we will be beautiful because we will be good—And we will be good because we come from God Himself who is true.

And all those bad evil things that have conspired to hurt matrimony and marriage--- to injure our husbands and wives—mothers and fathers--sons and daughters—all of that ugliness and dirt will be buried under the

The Guadalupano Society is selling raffle tickets today and next Sunday for a raffle.

They have many great prizes.

Tickets are 3 for \$5.00. The raffle will be held on Sunday, August 20.

All proceeds will go towards the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration in December!



THIS IS A LETTER THAT WAS FOUND IN CHURCH....

Hello, you might be reading this right now. But may I ask you a favor? Will you please pray for me? In all honesty, I really do not know what to do anymore. I'm depressed and sometimes it gets worse when anxiety started kicking in.

Life has been rough and I was thinking of trying to finish the show and completely close the curtains for so many times.

The reason why I am still here is because of my best friends and my family (spiritual family) here at Saint Odilo. I always ask Our Lord and Our Lady to give me comfort. I'm so sorry if I sound selfish. Cause sometimes I think people wouldn't understand. I've been having troubles with my life and spiritual life. I am confused perhaps?

I am lost. Sometimes I feel like being ignored. I hate those feelings. Maybe it's just they're getting tired of me. I've been really wanting to end this misery of mine. I'm trying to be strong and keep on going but sometimes I am just getting tired

I AM TIRED...

I love everyone with all my heart. I am sorry for this very long message. And now, all I ask is please pray for me and for my soul. Thank you for sparing your time reading this.



School Supply Donation

It's back to school time again. When you are out buying supplies for your own children, or just wandering down the school supply aisle, why not pick up a few items to share with the children from Saint Agatha / Blessed Sacrament, our sharing Parish? The supplies we collect will be distributed through Sister Patricia.

Please donate new items only.

Children could use:

Looseleaf Paper	Pens	Scissors
Notebooks	Pencils	Rulers
Folders	Crayons	Colored Pencils
Binders	Markers	Pencil Pouches/Boxes
Glue Sticks	Backpacks	Erasers
Lunch Boxes	Highlighters	Composition Notebooks
Kleenex	Index Cards	



**The Catholic Citizens Forum Luncheon on August 11, 2017,
will feature Theodore (Ted) Daley, Director of the Laboure Society.**

Ted Dayel is a graduate of the West Point Military Academy with a BS Degree. He received his MBA from the University of St. Thomas, Opus College of Business. He served in the United States Army and Army Reserve, 101st Airborne Division in the Korean War and Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He was elected to the Minnesota Senate and served from 2011 - 2013. Mr. Daley will speak on the work of the Laboure Society in promoting and facilitating vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Join us to hear this important talk!

Luncheons are at 11:45 a.m. at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. Tickets \$35.00. Business attire. Reservations required. Call Maureen at 708-352-5834.

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15th
is a Holy day of obligation.**

Mass times are:
Monday, August 14 - 6:30pm (English)

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Then Follow Me!



If you are a young adult or even an adult who has not been baptized or who has not made your First Communion this is the program for you.

Any adult, including young people in high school, that needs to receive Baptism and/or First Communion is welcome to attend our weekly catechism classes!

Classes will be every Monday from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the church with Fr. Brankin. We will also be asking for copies of certificates of the Sacraments already received.

Classes begin September 11th!!

To sign up you may call 708-484-2161 or you may also stop by the rectory!

Jóvenes desde 9o grado en adelante y adultos que necesiten recibir sus Sacramentos están bienvenidos a atender a nuestras clases. Las clases serian todos los lunes de 6:30pm-7:30pm en la Iglesia con el Padre Anthony. También pediremos copias de los certificados de los Sacramentos que ya hayan recibido.

Las clases comienzan el 11 de Septiembre!

Para apuntarse puede llamar al 708-484-2161 o también puede pasar a la rectoría y dejar su información.

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Josephine Sprovieri, Ernest Karamas, Charlie Turek, Alice Kowalski, Henry Kereluk, Sr. Johanna Trisolieri, Ramon Marentes, William Stepanek, Karen Lewis, Joseph Kirchoff, our Veterans, Barbara Defina, Ralph Cannataro, Mike Kadrowicz, Eddie Shishkoff, Baby Carmody, Milly Kosinar, Shirley Klein, Danny Gale, Patricia Stalzer, Rahman Ayi, Roger Kowalski, Vincent Wallis, Pat Grady, Irene Smith, Lewis Johnson, Peg Kocar, Terry Raso, Georgina Alejos, Belen Salgado, Enrique Gonzalez, Joanne Carlson, Diane Kuntz, Maria Banda, Frank Rossi, Senorina Castillo, Brian Hess, Maria Sanchez, Zianny E. Leyva, Alice Zimmerman, John Mozis, Louise Kuzin, Mary Dedowicz, George Fuoco, Betty Sereno, Joseph Coleman,

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

July 30, 2017	\$9,538.56
Last Year	\$8,350.31

Thank you!
Fr. Brankin

WEDDING BANNS

III-Lauro Diaz & Marlene Avila
III-Armando Lopez & Jacqueline Benline
III-Julio Echeverria & Maricela Sanchez
III-Sergio Marinez & Margaret Huddleston
II-Daniel Rocha & Maria Villa

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...
6:30-Legion of Mary (PR)
TUESDAY...
7PM-Spanish Bible Study (PR)
WEDNESDAY...
6:30-Arts & Crafts (SR)
THURSDAY..
6:45-Armory of Christ (CB)
7PM-Bible Study (PR)
FRIDAY...
6:30-Pequeño Rebaño (CB)
7PM-Faith Formation (PR)

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 7-SAINT SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS; SAINT CAJETAN, PRIEST

6:30AM-Pablo De Vera
(Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Gabrillo & Family)
8AM-Evelyn Kellams (James Wilfinger)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8-SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST

6:30AM-Edward Dedowicz (Son)
8AM-Raffaella Ditrolio (Family)
-Holy Souls
-Michael Pantone (Father & Mother)
-Theresa & Dominick Cimaglia
(Frank & Marie Cimaglia)
-Soledad Regalado (Family)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9-SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

6:30AM-Kujawa Family (Nephew)
8AM-Maralee Runge (Family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10-SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

6:30AM-Intentions for Hermelinda Mandujano
(Maria Nelson)
8AM-Roberta & Carol Kubes (Friend Rita)
-Birthday Blessing Roberta Rooney
(Ron & Roberta Lorenz)
-Marge Shatas (Sister)
-Nick & Melanie Thill (Thill Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11-SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN

6:30AM-Joseph Campagna (Family)
8AM-Mazzulla Family (Mario Gaudio)
1PM-Wedding of Sergio Marinez & Margaret Huddleston
3PM-Quinceanera-Frida Garzon

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12-SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

8AM-Joey & Annie D'Agostino (Family)
9:30AM-Wedding of Armando Lopez & Jacqueline Benline
12PM-Quinceanera-Elisa Flores
2PM-Wedding of Julio Echeverria & Maricela Sanchez
4PM-Lucille Cozzi (K of C Council 1691)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13-NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7AM-Maria Concepcion Cubillos (Lupita Reyes)
8AM-Rudy B. Santos (Santos Family)

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

August 12 & 13	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	E. Hron J. Stockhausen	A. Lopez	A. Espinoza, A. Canaveral Gemma Gleeson, L. Pliego
7AM (Esp.)			H. Garcia S. Garcia
8AM	D. Kaminski, B. Ouska S. Sandoval	D. Kosenesky	A. Rodriguez, A. Rodriguez A. Salgado, L. Salgado
9:30AM			W. Estrella, L. Estrella, A. Cisneros, P. Cisneros
11AM	R. Lorenz, P. Tammen T. Zielinski	F. Miller	V. Hernandez, C. Hernandez
12:30PM (Esp.)			J. Diaz, J. Diaz A. Duarte, E. Ramos