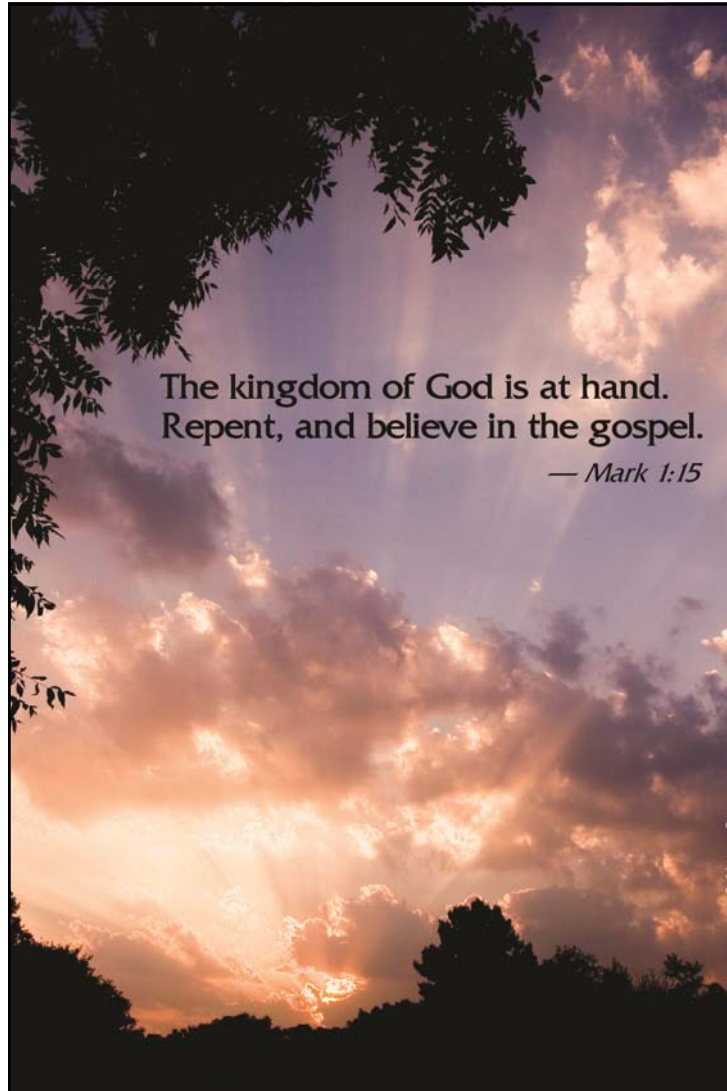


# *Our Lady of the Brook Parish*

*Northbrook, Illinois*



**January 22, 2012**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## ***Our Lady of the Brook Mission Statement***

**Our Lady of the Brook Parish is called to be a Catholic Community where all are welcome.**

**Believing God to be the center of life, we commit to:**

- † Remember the values handed on to us in the  
Sacred Scriptures and teachings of the Apostles**
- † Celebrate Christ's presence among us in Word and Sacrament**
- † Act to foster peace, justice and compassion for all.**

**OUR LADY OF THE BROOK PARISH**

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**Mass Schedule****Saturday Anticipated Mass - 5:00 PM****Sunday Masses - 8 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:15 AM****Daily Mass - Monday through Friday - 8:30 AM****Holy Day Masses - as Announced****Baptisms**

Baptism - 1:00 PM on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

**Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing**

The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturdays at 11:00 AM until all confessions are heard or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the Homebound is available upon request.

**Weddings**

Marriage - Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.

For all of these sacraments, please call the rectory office.

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, January 21, 2012**5:00 PM † Jack Banner request of Irene Toton  
† Deceased Members of the Bubak & Dougherty families**Sunday, January 22, 2012**8:00 AM † Louise Schwall request of Rita & Ray Niebur  
9:30 AM For All Members of Our Lady of the Brook  
† Joseph Shaker request of Breit family  
11:15 AM † Martin & Kathleen McAdams request of family  
† Raymond Panfil request of Betty Cantalupo**Monday, January 23, 2012**

8:30 AM † Mary Lou Patekski request of Walter Patelski

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012**

8:30 AM † Don Brandt request of Pomponi family

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012**8:30 AM † Louise Schwall request of Elizabeth Kiefer  
43rd Anniversary: Violet & Virgilio Magsino**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

8:30 AM † Rengel family request of family

**Friday, January 27, 2012**

8:30 AM † Teresa Skierski-Camarata request of family

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**5:00 PM † Joseph & Rose Shafer request of Bassel family  
† Jack Doherty request of Doherty family**Sunday, January 29, 2012**8:00 AM For All Members of Our Lady of the Brook  
9:30 AM † Jacqueline Elwood request of Gillan family  
11:15 AM † Mae Kupres request of Marie & Joe Balaz  
† Frederico Colina request of Nina Colina**For Those Who Have Requested Our Prayers**

Sidney Ament, Aaron Baqai, Carole Gilchrist Bassett, Grecina (Nannette) Bonner, Paul Butzen, Betty Carr, Elizabeth Chen, Wilfred Copa, Carmella DiMaggio, Estelle Douglas, Anna Polus Esha, Sally Faso, Beth Hansen, Dottie Hudash, Brady Irwin, Milton Johnson, Sara Klimaszewski, Fr. Charlie Kouba, Mary Leider, Margaret Lupo, Jane Malley, Todd Moser, Ray Niebur, Irene Noonan, Peter Oh, John Ormond, Dolores Politano, Dorino Politano, Carolyn Price, Christine Rakow, Kristin Rill-Cohen, Alexandra Salamone, Talie Schnoll, Arlene Stensby, Angelo Suranno, Patricia Tingay, Ann Verhulst, Frederick Verhulst, Victor P. Villasin, Colleen Vitu, Marion West, Evelyn Whitson, Audrey Zywicki

**Pray Also For Those Born to Eternal Life**

This column is about Lent. Some folks might think this is just a wee bit premature since Lent is a full month away, but here goes anyway.

# Lines of Communication

***OLB's Food Outreach  
One Shopping bag of food  
Per household Per month.***

For many years it has been a custom at Our Lady of the Brook to have a Bread & Soup Supper before the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent. In recent years, attendance has fallen off in alarming numbers. Ten or twelve people in addition the soup providers has been the norm recently. Maybe another ten arrive for the Stations – so a group of twenty five people has been pretty standard.

Deacon Duderstadt has been leading the charge to reverse the trend by encouraging various groups (the SCW, Choir, Environment Committee, Parish Staff, the Pastoral and Finance Councils) to each take a turn providing soup for the simple meal. Sometimes the soup group will lead the Stations: the SCW for instance will lead one week using a set of Stations as seen by Mary.

Other weeks one of the ordained ministers will take the lead. We have at least five other versions of this devotion available, so there should be very little repetition although the set based on the Gospel according to Mark will most likely be favored this year.

Now the question: Just how will you improve your prayer life during the upcoming Lenten Season? The Stations are traditional yet, with the different versions, new. Our older parishioners may have forgotten this devotion that was so common years ago. And I have the sneaky feeling that many younger (even relatively younger) members of the parish may never have tried to pray the Stations.



So, it's not too early to write about Lent. Start planning now to make this Lent a season in which you really participate. Make the adjustments to your schedule now. Don't wait, don't delay! A Soup & Bread Supper at 6:00 pm and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 – every Friday of Lent.

Peace, now and always,

*Fr. Tom*

## **MUSIC MINISTRY:**

### **Recruiting Singers for Choir at OLB**

We are looking for additional singers for the choir here at OLB. Anyone high school age and up may join.

Currently, the choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and for special feast days of the church.

If you enjoy singing, give us a try. You'll be using your gifts to serve the liturgical life of our parish!

Please contact the Music Director -Teresa DuSell, after mass, at [tdusell@olbparish.org](mailto:tdusell@olbparish.org), or by phone at 847-272-5686 ext. 18.

## ***Give GOD a button!***

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*Give God a button* – and make Him “**numero uno!**”

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**Brook Happenings**

**Sunday, January 22, 2012**

9:00 AM Choir warm ups

**Monday, January 23, 2012**

No events scheduled

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012**

9:15 am & 7 pm Adult Faith Formation

12:10 PM Communion Service

7:00 PM Friends of Bill

**Wednesday, January 25, 2012**

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

9:15 am & 7 pm Adult Faith Formation

12:10 PM Communion Service

**Friday, January 27, 2012**

No Events Scheduled

**Saturday, January 28, 2012**

11:00 AM Confessions / 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, January 29, 2012**

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Spiritual Life Activity Report**

Our plans for our parish Missions of 2012 and 2013 are moving forward. We have retained Sr. Cathy Sherman for March 4-6, 2012, and Msgr. Kenneth Velo for 2013. Sr. Kathy's proposed theme is –

Day One -- Journeying with Christ: Responding to God's Love and Call in Our Lives

Day Two -- Journeying with Christ: Recognizing the Presence of God in All That Is

Day Three -- Journeying with Christ: Incarnating God's Dream for the World

The men's silent retreat at Bellarmine Retreat Center has been re-scheduled for 3/24-25, 2012 so as to avoid the conflict with the Palm Sunday. We have been allocated eight spots.

**FREE FREE FREE**

**Parish calendars for 2012 are available in the church entrances.  
Please feel free to help yourself to one.**

**www.olbparish.org**

Don't forget that our bulletin is available online at our parish website. It's in color, and has all the information you might have missed! Deadline is noon on the Monday before the weekend.

**Upcoming Dates  
Mark your Calendars Now!**

Jan. 29 : Chili Supper 4 to 7 pm

**Readings for the Week of Jan. 22**



Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30,  
or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;  
Mk 16:15-18  
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;  
Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41  
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35;  
Mk 1:21-28

**Joyful Again**

Retreat for Widows/widowers who want to find joy in living again. Sponsored by Rainbow Hospice.

March 17 & 18

Resurrection Health Care/Holy Family Medical Center  
100 N. River Road (at Golf)  
Des Plaines

Call (708) 354-7211 to register or email joyfulagain@att.net.  
For info, go to www.joyfulagain.org

**Stewardship of Treasure**

	2011	
	Jan. 15	Month to Date
<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,901.00</b>	<b>\$25,209.00</b>
<b>Goal:</b>	<b><u>\$10,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,500.00</u></b>
<b>Excess/(Deficit):</b>	<b>\$ (2,599.00)</b>	<b>\$ (6,291.00)</b>

**Poor Box \$7.00**

**Christmas Collection to date: \$28,898**

**Have you switched to Electronic Giving yet?**

*Thank you for your continued support. Remember Our Lady of the Brook Parish in your will.*



## “Bulletin Building Blocks” - 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary” is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your “ordinary birthday gift,” or “the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party”? No restaurant advertises its “ordinariness,” no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, “Look how ordinary it is!” Yet here we are in “Ordinary Time.” The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means “ordinal,” or “numbered” Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus’ life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number.

You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the “Ordinary Sundays” begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing “ordinary” about “Ordinary Time!”

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### Ministry Schedule: Jan. 28 & 29, 2012

	SAT. 5 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 9:30 am	Sun. 11:15 am
Lector	Mary Manso	Florianne Rzeszewski	Diane Spanier	Roland Catenacci
	Sal Manso	Louise Rzeszewski	Dulce Stahl	Valerie Catenacci
Ministers of Communion	Kathy Carroll Mike Nees Maxine Ratajczyk Sal Manso	Susan Eimerman Ginny Hartzler Walter Kurczewski Elaine Kurczewski Anita Loewenstein	Tom Artz Peg Kritek Renee Mayer Lettie Bratta Jan Zorn	Dennis Morrissey Medy Newman Anna Di Filippo Suzanne Noonan
Altar Servers		Rosie Fleming Isabelle Fleming	Kevin Byrne Nolan Whalen Leo Mayer	Lauren Tzirides Gianna Sparacio

Sacristan

Valerie Catenacci

Linen Sacristan

Kathy Gianni

#### NEWS FROM THE OLPH PHOENIX GROUP

Are you alone, over age 60? Come have cake and coffee with singles like yourself on Friday **February 3 at 7:30pm**. Meet some new people. Join us for some activities during the month: movies, bridge, dinner.

The OLPH Phoenix Group is a group of Catholic singles age 60+, who share a social life by attending events of common interest together. We are a cooperative support group, with all members helping with the events. Each first Friday we get together to visit and plan outings and activities for ourselves. If you would like to meet new people and make new friends, join us at **7:30 PM on Feb. 3**. We meet in the Francis Room of the Lafayette Building of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Glenview. For more info call Mary Jane at 847-398-3528. **All members take turns driving and planning activities.**

#### St. Norbert

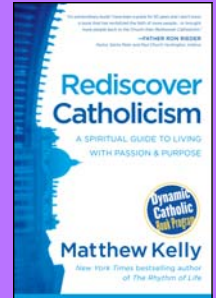
St. Norbert will be offering Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Readings from Sacred Scripture, Silent Meditation and Benediction on Saturday January 21, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. All are welcome. For information please contact Emilia Yosick at 847-498-5169.

## Adult Faith Formation

“Be proud of your Catholic faith. Find ways to learn and grow in understanding of our history and the teachings of the Church. Participate in adult formation in your parish and share all that you learn with others” (*Catholics Come Home – Chicago*)

### A Christmas Gift...*Rediscovering Catholicism*

Our Winter Adult Faith Formation offerings have started. On Tuesdays, we will be hosting a conversation on Matthew Kelly's *Rediscovering Catholicism*. The books are available on the tables in the Social Area. Our sessions will meet on Tuesdays in the Social Area at 9:15AM and again at 7:00PM. Check out our posters at the entrances. Registration forms are available at the exits, in the Social Area, and on our website. Please feel free to join the conversation at anytime



### Not so Ordinary Time...The Gospel in Parable...according to Mark

On Thursdays, we are discussing the *Gospel in Parables* focusing on the Gospel of Mark...the Gospel for this year's cycle of readings at Mass. Our sessions will meet at 9:15AM and again at 7:00PM in the Mother Cabrini Room. Check out our posters at the entrances. Registration forms are available at the exits, in the Social Area, and on our website.



## Homemade Chili Supper

Sunday, January 29, 2012

4:00- 7:00 PM in the Social Area

*Sponsored by Our Lady of the Brook Women's Club*

**\$ 5.00** per person (\$7.00 at the door)

**\$20.00** per family (\$25.00 at the door)

**Games**

**Live  
Entertainment**



## Religious Education & Youth Ministry

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 9:30 AM Mass through June. This program is for children age 3 through grade 5. Liturgy of the Word for Children is an opportunity for families to attend Mass together, with children dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word to experience and learn about the readings with a community of other young people.

Please see the binder at our Baptismal Font of the 2012 St. Norbert and OLB Candidates for First Communion and Confirmation and their Declaration of Intention. Please pray on behalf of our children...One Community, One Church, Two Parishes.

### RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

Classes resume this week, Monday, Jan. 23rd and Weds. Jan. 25th. There will be Intensive class next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.



### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION St. Norbert

#### Reconciliation

**On January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in church the 3<sup>rd</sup> gr. Reconciliation Service** will be held for students and their families This service reinforces the healing nature of this holy sacrament and we hope all third graders will be in attendance.

**On February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in church 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** will be held. Parents and children are expected to attend. During this simple service, the children will write down one or two things that they are sorry for, to help them talk to the priest, and express what they want to confess. They then will receive individual absolution.

## 2012 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL CONTINUES

*“Be Imitators of Christ!”*

Thank you to all who have responded to the mailing from Cardinal George. We are still two weeks away from the in-pew request. If you received the mailing and have not responded, please take advantage of this time to do so.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help to other ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: *“Be Imitators of Christ”*. We are all challenged to try to live our lives using the life of Christ as an example. Christ gave us the path to eternal life. His love for each of us cannot be taken lightly.

As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$29,490 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

## Our Lady of the Brook Parish Pastoral Council January, 2012

### Community Life Activity Report

#### **Chili Supper -- January 29, 2012 – 4:00 – 7:00 PM**

Come in from the winter cold for all the chili you can eat plus great entertainment—all for only \$5 a person or \$20 for a family of 5 or more (\$7 per person and \$25 per family at the door). Tickets will be on sale in the Social Area after all Masses weekends of January 14/15 and 21/22. The Chili Supper is presented by the Women's Club.

#### **St. Joseph International Table – March 18, 2012 – 4:00PM**

As we transition from winter to spring we will gather for our second annual St. Joseph International Table to share a sampling of the rich variety of foods that reflect our various heritages. We'll hang the flags again, but we'll have a new twist with a new experience... "a taste of trivia".

### Education Activity Report

Our joint St. Norbert's/OLB Youth Ministry continue with their Bridging the Gap sessions and the monthly Hilda's Place Soup Kitchen.

CLOW continues at our 9:30 Mass. The new Liturgical Publications *Growing with the Gospel* materials have been well received (a weekly activity sheet that is age appropriate). We provide extra copies for Sunday, 12/25, and 1/1 for families to pick-up since we were not holding CLOW. Our attendance continues to average about 7 children weekly. We have registered 10 children. The goal is to link these families together as part of the developing "Circle of Friends".

During Advent our focus was on the Advent calendar of which a copy was made available to every parishioner. We held four AFF sessions looking at the calendar and the experience of the season.

As a Christmas gift to the parish, copies of Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism* were given away. We will host a conversation on the book on Tuesday mornings and again in the evening for those who would like to explore and share their own lived experience.

During short Ordinary Time we will complete the reading of The Gospel in Parable with a focus on the Gospel of Mark on our Thursday morning and evening gatherings.

We will be hosting another Vicariate II Adult Confirmation session during March and April. We have six candidates already registered.

During the Lenten-Easter seasons we will also finish our reading of the third section of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults on the commandments.

We have purchased "A History of Catholicism" produced by the History Channel and will be purchasing Fr. Barron's new series *Catholicism* that was recently reviewed on WTTW. These and other DVD based material will be integrated into the next three years' series of adult faith formation offerings.

### Human Concerns Activity Report

**Giving Tree:** Provides Christmas gifts and food certificates to families at St. Martin de Porres. Volunteer opportunities include being a coordinator for a group of families (preparing the "Angels", ensuring everyone brings their gifts, packing gifts for pick-up by St. Martin's.) *Contact: Ron Hartzler or Marnee Kenny*

We had another very successful year, and are looking forward to our Lenten-Easter **Feed My Lambs**

**Bread Brigade:** Meets on various mornings to package donated bread in preparation for distribution to local shelters. *Contact: Susan Eimerman*

In progress...the "brigade" meets on Tuesday mornings in the parish kitchen.

**Hilda's Place:** Soup kitchen service in Evanston. *Contact: Mary Vollkommer*

In progress in conjunction with our joint Youth Ministry program with St. Norbert's.

**Food drives:** occurs seasonally to replenish supply at St. Martin's Pantry. *Contact: Dcn Dennis McAllister*

Our November-December food drives were very successful. Our goal is to continue with a monthly gathering of food to support pantries as well as St. Martin's.