

*Our Lady of the Brook Parish*  
*Northbrook, Illinois*



**January 3, 2010**  
**Feast of the Epiphany**

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***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.**

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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 2, 2010**

5:00 PM For Peace in the World

**Sunday, January 3, 2010**

8:00 AM All the Members of Our Lady of the Brook Parish family

9:30 AM † Joseph Shaker request of Breit family,

† John Paul Calandra request of family

11:15 AM † George Kiefer Jr., request of family,  
 † Teresita Villanueva request of OLB Adult Choir

**Monday, January 4, 2010**

8:30 AM † Lori Lee Paxhia request of Virginia Paxhia  
 † Fr. Fred Rudolph, SVD request of Rosalie Rodiek

**Tuesday, January 5, 2010**

8:30 AM † Dolores Michiewicz request of Rosalie Rodiek

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

8:30 AM † Natalie Petroskey request of Renee & Jim Mitchell

**Thursday, January 7, 2010**

8:30 AM For All Those Suffering from Diseases of the Heart

**Friday, January 8, 2010**

8:30 AM † Sharon Lebsack request of John & Virginia Bradley

**Saturday, January 9, 2010**

5:00 PM † Deceased members of the Bubak & Dougherty family

**Sunday, January 10, 2010**

8:00 AM All the Members of Our Lady of the Brook Parish family

9:30 AM † George Kiefer, Jr. request of family,

† Alec Gillan request of Frances Gillan

11:15 AM † Natalie Petroskey request of Jim & Renee Mitchell



***For Those Who Have Requested Our Prayers***

Donald Abernathy, Sidney Ament, Aaron Baqai, Paulette Baqai, Katie Buchert, Paul Butzen, Fredrico Colina, Audrey Copa, Irene Corcoran, Soledad de la Torre, Mary Didier, Harry Duppler, Elizabeth Ely, John Fielkowski, Laura Gilbert, John Horency, Brady Irwin, Vince Jans, Milton Johnson, Fr. Charlie Kouba, Rev. Medard Laz, Phyllis Murphy, John Ormond, Dorino Politano, Katharina Rill, Tony Rodino, Monica Rosenquist, Lucille Sommers, Angelo Suranno, Jade Swisher, Patricia Tingay, Victor P. Villasin, Colleen Vita, Marcella Zerwic

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

Ronnie Charliss,  
 Christine Bronken  
 Michael Kubis,  
*son of Anna Mae and Bob Kubis*

Annulment. There's a word that can cause confusion at best and consternation at worst. During the *Catholics Come Home* cam-

paign it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the number of people asking about annulments. At least, there *should* be such an increase. There are a good number of non-practicing Catholics who have stopped coming to Church because they think their matrimonial situation separates them from the Church. In many cases this perception is inaccurate. In some other cases the situation can be taken care of fairly easily.

## Lines of Communication

When speaking about annulments, the first thing to realize is that we are talking about the Sacrament of Matrimony. Because it is a sacrament of the church, the church has the final say about who can celebrate the sacrament and what conditions have to be met by those who celebrate it. It is good to recall here that the groom and bride are the celebrants of the sacrament: the priest or deacon is simply the official witness for the church. An annulment is a decision that the conditions that the church has determined are necessary had not been met at the time the marriage was celebrated, and the sacrament had not been conferred.

Basically there are two types of annulments: the documentary and the formal. Neither will be considered until the civil matter of divorce has been taken care of.

The documentary annulment is granted for "lack of form". This means that the Catholic party married a non-Catholic without the approval of the church. Usually the marriage took place in a non-Catholic church or with the blessing of a rabbi or before a judge. Approval for a proposed marriage in the church of the non-Catholic party or before a rabbi is granted easily – not for a "purely civil marriage" before a judge. A Catholic who failed to get the required approval can petition the church and, upon presentation of the necessary documents, be granted an annulment. Hence the name, "documentary annulment".

A formal annulment is sought when the marriage fails because there was something about one, or both, of the parties that stood in the way of him, or her, or them entering into a union that met the church's understanding of what marriage is all about. It might have to do with an acceptance of the lifelong nature of marriage, or the obligation of fidelity, or the exclusion of children. It might have to do with one of the party's inability to live peacefully with the other person. It might have to do with alcohol or drug addiction. It might have to do with any number of other reasons that someone thinking about an annulment should talk with a priest, deacon, or other representative of the church who knows what they're talking about. Getting an opinion from Joe or Jane next door is never a good idea. If it appears that there are grounds to seek this type of annulment, a formal case (again, hence the name) is presented to the diocesan tribunal for adjudication.

One thing that I often hear is that it cost an awful lot to get an annulment. Not so! In the Archdiocese the handling fee for a documentary case is \$50.00 and for a formal case \$900.00 – which doesn't begin to cover the salaries of those working with the person. The fee is waived in cases of financial hardship, installment schedules can be, and are, set up, and the outcome of a formal case never depends on the payment or non-payment.

So, if you know someone who is staying away because they think their marital situation excludes them, let them know that they should come in to talk. You never know what will happen.

Peace, now and always,

Fr. Tom

**Brook Happenings**

**Sunday, January 3, 2010**

**Monday, January 4, 2010**

No events scheduled

**Tuesday, January 5, 2010**

7:00 PM Friends of Bill Meeting

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Women's Club

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 7, 2010**

9:15 AM & 7 PM Adult Faith Formation

**Friday, January 8, 2010**

**Saturday, January 9, 2010**

11:00 AM Confessions / 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, January 10, 2010**

1:00 PM Decorating Session

**The Star Guides Us to  
All Peoples and All Persons**

Finding one's way in the Middle East centuries ago depended upon the sun, the moon and the stars. One knew where one was and in which direction one was going when the heavens guided the way. The star of Bethlehem guided the Magi to the King of Kings. These kings revealed the Redeemer and Savior has been given for all humanity!

The heavens are not so helpful these days! Like then we need guiding; we need a sense of mission and purpose. Where is our guidance? How do we find our way? Well, as He said, Jesus is the way as well as the truth and the life. Our world holds so many voices which want to direct us. A single voice, the Holy Spirit within, becomes the guide. And this voice is a person, easily recognized because it sounds like Jesus!

The Catholics Come Home evangelization initiative invites all of us, especially our brothers and sisters who have drifted, to reconsider the faith and to deepen the faith. With the Holy Sprit we connect to a living, personal principle, which guides our living, our choosing, and our planning. More than a principle or a value, this guidance is a person, and the Word of God. Growing in our relationship to Christ guides us in becoming a fully human person in the image and likeness of God. The Church and the sacraments become the daily nourishment and molding we need to make sure we are in the right direction. Indeed we need the guidance of such a 'star', in the darkness of our complicated lives as well as in the light of our gifts and talents! God has a direction and a plan for our lives!

Check out the FAQs at [www.catholicscomehomeCHIC](http://www.catholicscomehomeCHIC) -

**Upcoming Dates**

**Mark your Calendars Now!**

Jan. 7: AFF Begins, Thursdays at 9:15 am or 7 pm

**Readings for the Week of Jan. 3**



Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30  
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29 or Ps 104; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Stewardship of Treasure**

2009

Dec. 27 Month to Date

**Sunday Collection** \$ 5,458.00 \$36,419.00  
**Credit/Debit Cards:** 3,975.00  
 \$ 9,433.00

**Goal:** \$ 10,500.00 \$42,000.00  
**Excess/(Deficit):** \$ (1,067.00) \$ (5,581.00)

**Financial Stabilization Fund (FSF) to Date:**  
**\$113,229.00**

**Poor Box \$18.00**

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

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

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION TO DATE:**  
**\$35,057.00**



AGO.org as you enter this New Year. Allow your understanding of Christ, of the scriptures, of personal prayer, of an active sacramental life, plenty of room for growth and depth this coming year. If you are reading this and have recently returned to the practice of the faith, WELCOME! The Church calls each year a year of grace! May 2010 be your year of grace! Happy New Year!

**“Bulletin Building Blocks”**

**SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)**

**January 4**

Though her liturgical designation is “religious,” Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also “wife, mother, educator, foundress.” Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William’s tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family’s disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: “Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!”

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**Ministry Schedule: Jan. 9 & 10, 2010**

	<b>SAT. 5 pm</b>	<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	<b>Sun. 9:30 am</b>	<b>Sun. 11:15 am</b>
Lector	Marti Sullivan	Florianne Rzeszewski	Jan Zorn	Don Roalkvam
	Charles Sansone	Louise Rzeszewski	Mary Szostak	Jackie Haynes
Ministers of Communion	Kathy Carroll Michael Nees Maxine Ratajczyk Marti Sullivan Charles Sansone	Gerri Miller Paul Miller Elaine Kurczewski Dcn Dennis McAllister Wally Kurczewski	Marty Szostak Josef Mayer Renee Mayer Dcn Peery Duderstadt Kathy Mayer	Dawn McAnaney Dan Miller Aileen Miller Medy Newman Ted Nowaczyk
Altar Servers			Lauren Tzirides Veronica Mayer Leo Mayer	

Sacristan	<b>Veronica Villareal</b>
Linen Sacristan	Kathi Gianni
Hospitality Volunteers	N/A at press time

Volunteers for Hospitality would be most welcome. If you are interested, please contact Joanie Sosinski at 847-634-1372. " *No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.*" Aesop

**[www.olbparish.org](http://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.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Welcome to a new year and the continuation of our adult faith formation offerings for Winter and Spring:

**Ordinary Time: *The Gospels in Parable* – Thursdays, 1/7 – 1/14 – 1/21 – 1/28 – 2/4 – 2/11**

This year we are doing something different changing our Gospel focus from the Fall to the Winter period of short Ordinary Time, January and February, 2010. We will be looking at the parables of Luke this year using Fr. John R. Donohue, SJ, book The Gospel in Parable. Because he treats the parables in all three synoptic Gospels we will be able to use this book for three years studying the parables of Matthew and then Mark successively. Our morning sessions will be hosted by Justin Huyck, and the evening sessions by Dcn Peery Duderstadt.

By moving our Gospel study into Ordinary Time, we are getting closer to the period in which we are actually reading the Gospel. Also, this year it will provide a bit of an entre to our guest Mission presenter. We are planning another joint venture with St. Norbert's.



**Lent-Easter Season:**

Having studied the Sunday Scriptures for the Lenten and Easter Sundays over the past three years, we will begin a three-year study of The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults as recommended by the Bishops in their Pastoral --“Our Hearts were Burning Within Us“ in which they called for “a strong, complete, and **systematic** catechesis...that nurtures a profound, lifelong **conversion** of the whole person and sets forth a **comprehensive, contemporary synthesis** of the faith as presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.” Look for further details in upcoming bulletins and at our website.

**Retreats and Women's Day of Reflection:**

We have begun our planning for the next round of spiritual life opportunities. The next Women's Day of Reflection is planned for April 10 again at Techny with Sister Mary Ruth Broz. Our men's silent retreat is also scheduled for the same weekend, April 9-11 at Bellarmine Retreat Center. A women's silent retreat is also scheduled by St Norbert's for the weekend of April 16-18 at Bellarmine Retreat Center. Look for further details in upcoming bulletins and at our website.

### Catholic High School Entrance Exam

The Entrance Exam for Loyola Academy will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 8 am to 12:30 pm. No registration is necessary. Students should bring two #2 pencils, and a \$25 testing fee. Students who wish to attend Loyola MUST take the test AT LOYOLA ACADEMY. Parents are invited to come to Loyola on the morning of the exam for a presentation starting at 8:30 am in the East Gym. This program will address Loyola's academic program, and placement for the year.

### Midday Communion Services, 12:10PM Tuesdays & Thursdays

We offer an opportunity to reflect on God's word and receive communion on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at 12:10PM. These brief services supplement our daily 8:30AM Mass, the source and summit of our worship, for those not able to make it in the morning. Please join us.

## Religious Education & Faith Formation for Children (K-8 & Preschool)

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

#### **9:30 AM Mass + Age 3 through Grade 5**

By popular request, we have expanded Children's Liturgy of the Word, offered at the 9:30 AM Mass, 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. Children then rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We offer this experience in multiple tracks, for younger and older children. Adult leaders include Steve Gianni, Mary Ann Duderstadt, Lorraine Grod, and Justin Huyck. Please join us.

### **St. Norbert & Our Lady of the Brook Religious Education News**

**R.E. classes:** Happy New Year from all of us! Classes resume this week, Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Sunday Intensives resume January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Jr High Confirmation Preparation Mass & Brunch:** As part of the final preparation for Confirmation, our junior high confirmands will have a Mass and brunch on January 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at the 11:30am Mass at St. Norbert's. This is an important event for the students. Parents should have recently received an email reservation form to participate in this event along with your child. Please RSVP as soon as possible or call the St. Norbert R.E. office to respond. We encourage all students and parents to at least join us for the Mass even if you cannot attend the brunch. There will be a special reflection, presented by a teen, on the significance of Confirmation. We hope the Confirmation reflection will encourage the confirmandi to remain focused during this important step of their spiritual development.

**Jr High Confirmation Retreat:** Jr High Confirmands also have their retreat this month, Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until 2:00pm at Our Lady of the Brook parish. Please mark this important date on your calendar.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reconciliation:** There will be a Reconciliation Service for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and their families January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Norbert's in the church. This service reinforces the healing nature of this holy sacrament and we hope all third graders will be in attendance.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reconciliation:** There will be a parent/child meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reconciliation January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The students meet at St. Norbert's in the church basement and the parents meet in church. All are asked to attend. Please save the date.

**Our Lady of the Brook Faith Formation Office: 847-272-5131**  
**St. Norbert's Religious Education Office: 847-272-3086**

## High School Youth Ministry & Confirmation Preparation

**High School Confirmation Sessions** continue at Our Lady of the Brook on Sunday, January 10, after the 9:30 Mass. We have also been invited to the brunch at St. Norbert's for jr high and high school confirmandi, at 12:30 PM. Please return the RSVP form by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Freshman & Sophomore Winter Retreat:** This Winter Retreat will allow Freshmen and Sophomores to get away from it all and just have fun. We will be enjoying outdoor activities, getting to know each other better, and learning more about ourselves, others, and God. The theme for the weekend is "How The Spirit Moves You." Maggie Bruce from St. Norbert Parish and Justin Huyck from Our Lady of the Brook will be coordinating this Winter Retreat with the assistance of upperclassmen Peer Ministry Leaders. The Winter Retreat will be held January 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, you can contact Maggie Bruce at [maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net) or (847)687-7696; or Justin Huyck at [justin@olbparish.org](mailto:justin@olbparish.org) or (847)272-5131. The cost for the retreat is \$200.00, which covers

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all food, lodging, retreat materials, and transportation. (For OLB Confirmation candidates, this fee was already included in this year's tuition.) A bus will transport the participants to and from Conference Point Center in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Permission Slips and Checks (made out to St. Norbert Church) are due by Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, to St. Norbert Parish Office or Our Lady of the Brook Office.

### **High School Ski Trip to Devil's Head Lodge in Merrimac, WI**

**Jan 29 – Jan 31, 2010:** *If you are interested in joining us for the Devil's Head Weekend Ski Trip, please direct your e-mail to [maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maggiebruce@sbcglobal.net) in order to access the Permission Slip! Sign up as soon as possible because this trip fills up fast (and because it's the nice thing to do for Maggie)!!!*

Trip Details: Cost: \$335 Per Person; Deposit: \$100.00 Due January 5

Late Fee of \$20 for Permission Slips submitted after January 5<sup>th</sup>

Rental: Skis - \$30 Per Day, Snowboards - \$30 Per Day



**Justin Huyck, Our Lady of the Brook: 847-272-5131**  
**Maggie Bruce, St. Norbert's: 847-687-7696**

## **Grief Support Groups**

### *Grief is Like a River: A 6-week Grief Support Group*

Thursday mornings 10:30 to 12:00,  
 Jan. 7 through Feb. 11

This daytime support group is open to anyone who has experienced any type of loss in the last two years. No matter where you are on your journey, you will benefit from this nature inspired new perspective on grief. We will look at the ways grief and loss impact us over the course of the entire lifespan. More importantly, you will learn helpful and practical skills for negotiating your way through all of the troubled waters of life. Come and share the support of other people who also mourn the loss of a loved one and discover the beauty that can be found along the way.

### **Soul Mates**

Is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

### **Legacy**

Is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

All groups are free and open to all. Meetings are held at the NorthShore Hospice Office 4901 Searle Parkway in Skokie. The building is handicapped accessible and there is convenient parking. For more info, call Thom Dennis, Bereavement Services at (847) 4364.

## **NEWS FROM THE OLPH PHOENIX GROUP**

The OLPH Phoenix Group is a group of Catholic singles age 50+, 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 for snacks and planning. Members bring activity ideas, and those interested work out the details. We plan movie nights, and day trips in the Chicago area. These events supplement our monthly bridge group, restaurant group, and book group. If you would like to meet new people and make new friends, why not join us at **7:30 PM on January 8**. 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.**