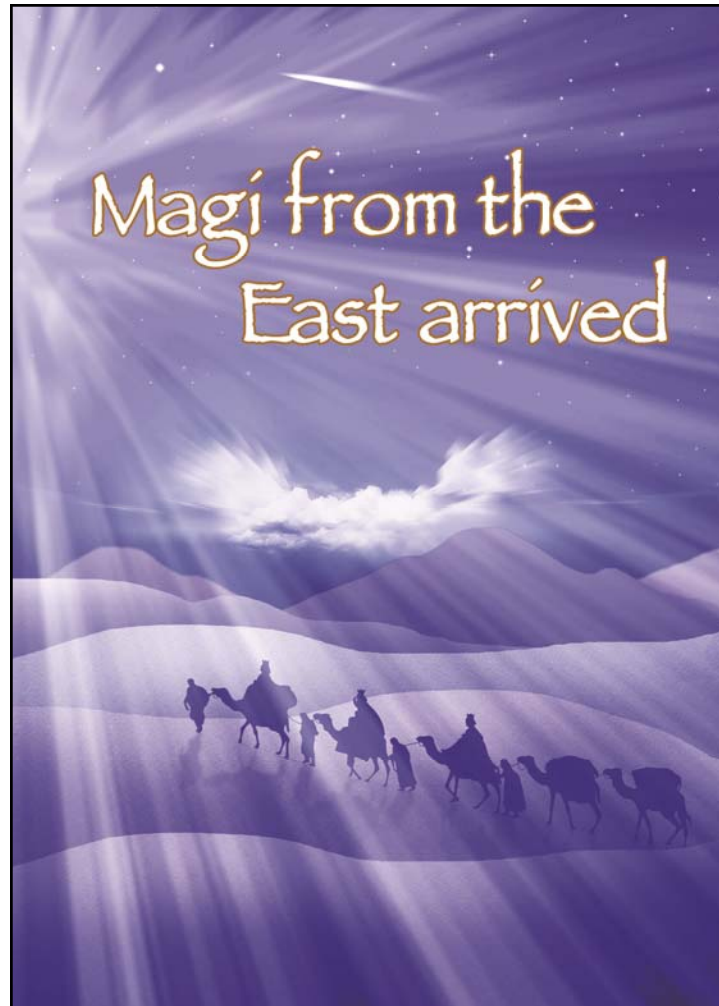


Our Lady of the Brook Parish
Northbrook, Illinois



January 8, 2012
Epiphany of the Lord

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 7, 2012

5:00 PM † Margaret Cavanaugh request of Bubak family

Sunday, January 8, 2012

8:00 AM For All Members of Our Lady of the Brook
 (no incense at this Mass)

9:30 AM † Robert A. Rempa request of family
 † Louise Schwall request of Joanie Sosinski

11:15 AM † Mae Wood request of family
 † Don Abernathy request of family

Monday, January 9, 2012

8:30 AM For All Those Considering Religious Vocations

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

8:30 AM For Unity Among All Christian Faiths

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

8:30 AM † Mae Wood request of family

Thursday, January 12, 2012

8:30 AM † Stephanie Donovan request of Women's Guild

Friday, January 13, 2012

8:30 AM For The Unborn

Saturday, January 14, 2012

5:00 PM † Louise Schwall request of Bubak family
 Florence Dougherty request of Kathy & Adnan Almaney

Sunday, January 15, 2012

8:00 AM For All Members of Our Lady of the Brook

9:30 AM † Ron Bauer request of Kobussen family
 † Catherine Adams request of Frances Gillan

11:15 AM † Mae Wood request of family



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, Evelyn Whitson, Audrey Zywicki

Pray Also For Those Born to Eternal Life

Rev. Gery Stefanski
 Sister Timothea Reinert

I was both amused and bemused last month when a great deal of public attention was paid to the announcement that progress had been made toward the confirmation of the existence of the Higgs Boson. The Higgs Boson is a postulated particle that explains why there is mass and, I think, gravity in the universe. If it is detected the so-called “standard model” would be confirmed. The standard model is sometimes called the “Theory of Everything” because it explains...well, everything – at least as far a modern Physics is concerned.

Lines of Communication

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

Most of us, I think, had lost interest in Physics soon after we put our last science class in high school or college behind us. We knew that $E=mc^2$ and a very few may have remembered that $e= -mc^2$ is also true: but that was it for Particle Physics. All the glamour was given to Astrophysics and the dreaded but fascinating Black Holes and their propensity for eating stars and belching forth nothing.

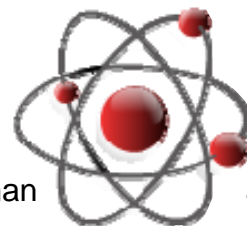
Astrophysics also gave us the Big Bang theory of the beginning of the universe as we understand it. We may think of the Big Bang as an explanation of the galaxies and stars but since the first things to emerge from the primal mess were subatomic particles it really brings us back to Particle Physics and the Higgs Boson.

The Nobel laureate Leon Lederman tagged the Higgs Boson with the name *The God Particle* in his 1993 book of the same name. Since everything in the Theory of Everything depended on the existence of Higgs, it seemed appropriate. In general, physicists dislike the God Particle title since, as one PhD was quoted as saying, “The Higgs Boson has nothing to do with God”. The media, however, liked the idea of a God Particle and popularized it, so it stuck. Maybe that explains the public interest in last month’s announcement.

We believers take exception to the idea that the Higgs Boson has nothing to do with God. We tend to think that every quark, boson, muon, electron, positron, proton, neutron and all of the other specimens in the subatomic zoo have an awful lot to do with God; and more importantly, God has an awful lot to do with them. They may not be the God Particle, but they are all God’s particles.

Peace, now and always,

Fr. Tom



A final thought: The Higgs Boson may well explain mass, but it will take more than a God Particle to explain the new translation of the Mass.

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 \$5.00 a person or \$20.00 for a family of 5 or more (\$7.00 per person and \$25.00 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.



Brook Happenings

Sunday, January 8, 2012

9:00 AM Choir Warm ups

Monday, January 9, 2012

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

9:15 AM & 7 PM Adult Faith Formation

12:10 PM Communion Service

7:00 PM Friends of Bill Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

5:30 PM Music Ministry

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12, 2012

9:15 AM & 7 PM Adult Faith Formation

2:10 PM Communion Service

Friday, January 13, 2012

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, January 14, 2012

10:00 AM Decorating Session

11:00 AM Confessions

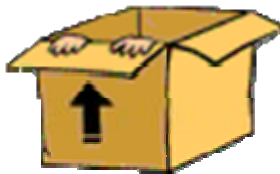
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 15, 2012

9:00 AM Choir Warm ups

BOXES NEEDED

When you receive packages from UPS or the Postal Service, please save the corrugated boxes for use by the Human Concerns Committee to pack up food and household items that come in for St. Martin de Porres. Please unfold the boxes and flatten them so they will be easier to store. Bring the boxes the Worship Center and put them in the storage room to the left as you enter the south door of the main entrance. (The entrance closer to Dundee Road)



Thank You

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. Check out our FACEBOOK Page!

Upcoming Dates
Mark your Calendars Now!

Jan. 10 & 12: AFF begins—did you get your book?
Jan. 29 Chili Supper sponsored by the Women's Guild

Readings for the Week of Jan. 8



Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11;
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

FREE FREE FREE

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

Stewardship of Treasure

	2011	
	Jan. 1	Month to Date
Collection	\$10,402 .00	\$10,402.00
Goal:	<u>\$10,500.00</u>	<u>\$10,500.00</u>
Excess/(Deficit):	\$ (98.00)	\$ (98.00)

Poor Box \$9.00

Christmas Collection to date: \$26,898

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” - Epiphany

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today’s feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ’s identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ’s coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

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Ministry Schedule: Jan. 14 & 15, 2012

	SAT. 5 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 9:30 am	Sun. 11:15 am
Lector	Mary Ann Duderstadt	Dee Phillips	Louise Philip	Donald Roalkvam
	Charles Sansone	Marian Steinwandtner	Jan Zorn	Suzanne Noonan
Ministers of Communion	Charles Sansone Maxine Ratajczyk Robert Alt Dcn Duderstadt Mary Ann Duderstadt	Lynn Siau Anita Loewenstein Elaine Kurczewski Walter Kurczewski Mary Vollkommer	Renee Mayer Donna Johnson Lettie Bratta Dcn McAllister Peg Kritek	Dennis Morrissey Medy Newman Anna DiFilippo Suzanne Noonan
Altar Servers		Rosie Fleming Isabelle Fleming Joseph Cross	Kevin Byrne Nolan Whalen Leo Mayer	Lauren Tzirides Gianna Sparacio

Sacristan	Lynn Siau
Linen Sacristan	Carla Milazzo

St. Norbert Hosts Anti-Violence Event January 8

Event: Too Many Victims – One Year After the Shooting Tragedy in Tucson

Date: January 8, 2012

Time: 2:00-3:00 pm

Location: St. Norbert Church, 1809 Walters Avenue, Northbrook,

Description: A community-wide gathering to learn about the problem of violence in our time, how it affects everyone, and what can be done to stop it. Clergy from area churches and synagogues will speak. Admission is free and open to the public.

For further information or to volunteer to help contact: Lee Goodman 847-559-9525 ntglhg@aol.com

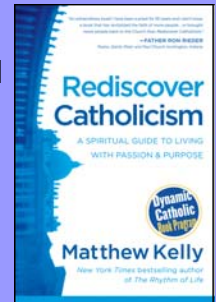


Adult Faith Formation

"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...*Rediscover Catholicism*

You may have heard of Matthew Kelly and his book *Rediscover Catholicism*. Well you are in for a treat. We are giving copies of this book to every parishioner, making it a parish wide Christmas Gift. They are available at the exits of the Church today. In short Ordinary Time, Tuesday, January 10th through February 21, we will have an opportunity to gather both in the morning and the evening for a conversation around the week's reading. Registration forms are available at the exits, in the Social Area, and on our website. Come to whatever session you can.



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

In short Ordinary Time (Thursday, January 12 through-February 16, 2012), we will also be looking at the parables of Mark this year using Fr. John R. Donohue's, SJ, book The Gospel in Parable. This is the third year of our three year sequence which began with the study of the parables of Luke in 2009 and Matthew in 2010. All are welcome whether you attended last year or not. Registration forms are available at the exits, in the Social Area, and on our website. Come to whatever session you can.

Life
is
now celebrate!

JANUARY 22RD 7pm

Young Adult Ministered Mass

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

JOIN US FOR OUR 1ST MASS OF 2012

COME FOR MASS – STAY FOR PIZZA

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Sparough S.J.

Young Adult "Celebrate Now" Choir Sings the Chicago Blues Mass

Spread the Good News !!!

Dates for Young Adult Masses 2012: 01/22, 02/26, 04/01, 05/20

For additional information, please contact Peg Barry: 847-720-7914; pbarry@maryseatofwisdom.org

The January Young Adult Mass will be held at Mary Seat of Wisdom Church, Granville and Cumberland, Park Ridge, IL at 7pm on Sunday, January 22nd. Fr. Michael Sparough S.J. will be our celebrant and the Celebrate Now Choir will be singing the Chicago Blues Mass. All young adult parishioners should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to worship with other young adults and hear Fr. Sparough as he interprets the gospel message for this unique population.

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

R.E. classes resume Monday, January 9 and Weds., January 11. The next intensive class will be Sunday, January 8. Please mark your calendar for the Confirmation Retreat, Mass and Brunch, Sunday, Jan. 22.

Adorers Needed at St. Joseph the Worker Parish!

Please sign up for Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, at 181 Dundee Rd. in Wheeling. Volunteers are especially needed during the day. The chapel is open daily from 7:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M. Please consider spending a half hour or more a week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

You may sign up by either calling or texting Dan (847-834-1603) or call Joe (English /Spanish) (847-506-1347) or call Eugeniusz (773 842-0334)(Polish). Or you may sign up directly on the sign up sheet in the Chapel at St. Joseph. Please write your name and phone number. We will provide new sign-up sheets every month so that you can commit monthly.

Theology of Park Ridge Winter Series (Held in Rosemont) "Words of Challenge"

Jan. 18: Jim Kenney, Exec. Director of Common Ground, Interreligious Engagement Project. *"Ten Reasons for Global Hope"*

Jan. 25: Rabbi Barry Schechter, Congregation Kol Emeth, Skokie. *"Beliefs and Practices of Judaism"*

Feb. 8: Hon. Anne Burke, Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois. *"Discipleship"*

Feb. 15: Fr. John Cusick, Director Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago. *"A New Religious Agenda: Searching for Faith"*

Feb. 29: Fr. Don Headley, St. Mary of the Woods, Chicago. *"Today's Disciple in Mark & John"*

To register: send check for \$35 payable to Theology of Park Ridge with name & address to:

Mary Lou Murphy

5813 N Nicolet, Chicago, IL 60631 (773) 774-4421

\$10 per single session. Wednesdays at Our Lady of Hope, 9711 W Devon, Rosemont 60018 9:15 am Coffee, 9:30 am Lecture. For info visit www.theologyofparkridge.org

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January 8, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine over 700 children getting ready to receive the Eucharist for the first time in their lives! Through the generous support provided by the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**, last year these young boys and girls from St. Blaise parish in El Pozón, Colombia were taught by trained catechists so that they were well prepared for their First Holy Communion.

For many in the twenty-two countries of South America and the Caribbean, the funds from this collection provide the only help that individual parishes receive to sustain and enrich the faith of their parishioners. Your contributions to this collection will assist in the formation of seminarians, permanent deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and lay ministers of the Gospel.

The natural disasters which occurred in 2010 continue to challenge the Church in Latin America. Your participation in this collection will help the Church to re-establish and strengthen her presence in this region and ensure that the faithful can continue to experience the Lord's love in the sacraments and in their local parish communities.

I am grateful for your support of your local parish, the Archdiocese and the Universal Church. May God, who is never outdone in generosity, continue to bless you and your loved ones in this New Year. You and your intentions are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop of Chicago

An Evening Honoring Mary "*Queen of Peace*"

Monday, Jan. 30

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

1775 Grove St, Glenview

Schedule:

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:55 pm Welcome & Introduction
6:00 pm Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
7:00 pm Holy Mass
8:00 pm Ivan Dragicevic will give personal testimony. He is one of six young people in the remote village of Medjugorje who witnessed daily apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Though the Vatican has yet to rule on the authenticity of the apparitions, over 40 million people have made the pilgrimage to Medjugorje.