

seek, share, rejoice - pastor's letter



Father Jerry Boland

Dear Parishioners,
Happy Mother's Day!

Today, throughout the country, we acknowledge and express our love for those women who have brought us to life and have influenced us in many life-giving ways. Please take time this Sunday to express your gratitude to those women who embody the best of Mother's Day.

It is so fitting that the Church devotes the month of May to veneration of the Blessed Mother. May 13 is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Take some time this month to visit the Lady Chapel. Perhaps you would like to join other parishioners praying the rosary after the 8:30 morning Mass.

This weekend we will be taking up a second collection to support the annual Mother's Day Appeal for Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities is completing a year of observing its hundredth anniversary. Founded by Cardinal Mundelein, Catholic Charities has been a source of compassion and hope for the most vulnerable in our metropolitan community. OLPH can be proud of the many ways we support the mission of Catholic Charities. I am so grateful for all you do! Please be generous to this vital source of funding for Catholic Charities through the second collection. Generous support of this collection also keeps my brother off my back!

It is wonderful to have our social worker, Beatriz Mandanas-Camasosa here on campus several days a week. She is on the staff of Catholic Charities and has made such a difference as we try and do the best we can – through the resources of the Needy Family Fund – in assisting folks on the road to self-sufficiency.

Recently, Fr. Paddy led yet another outstanding Kairos weekend for our teens. This experience for many teens is the most significant of their high school years. Fr. Paddy devotes hours of time forming the teams that present this rich spiritual experience. Thanks Fr. Paddy!

Congratulations to Deacon Christopher Weiland who was ordained on Saturday. Next Saturday we will celebrate his first Mass as a Deacon at the 5:00 Mass. A reception will follow, in McDonnell Hall.

Congratulations to all our First Communicants. On Saturday all our Religious Education second graders came to the Lord's table.

Congratulations to Tom Zanoni and Ben Tchaou who were honored this week by the Men's Club for their inspiration, service and leadership in our parish community. On behalf of all of us, I am deeply grateful to the Men's Club for its generous support of so many parish

ministries. The Men's Club raised almost \$250,000 this past year. Thank you to Andy Engels for an awesome year as president. The new president is Mike Braasch.

Congratulations to Dawn Ludden who will be serving as the Lay Coordinator of the OLPH Scripture Study Program. She will bring much to this wonderful ministry in our parish.

This time of the year many of our organizations and councils are going through a discernment process for new leadership. Leadership matters! Thanks to all who are discerning the possibility of serving in a leadership position.

We are always trying to develop new spaces to address the critical need for meeting space. One of the under-used spaces is the rectory porch. It could be a wonderful space for groups looking for a social setting or small group gatherings in the nicer weather. We recently received a donation of patio furniture, and with a monetary donation from the men's basketball league, we are acquiring additional pieces. The porch can be scheduled for groups by contacting Laura Kearney at the Parish Ministry Center.

May is the month most priests observe the anniversaries of their ordinations. This month I mark my 37th anniversary (this Sunday); Fr Lara, his fourth; Fr. Kostyk, his third; Fr Paddy Tyrrell, 52 years; Fr. Tom Hickey, 48 years; Fr. Thinnes, 54 years; and Fr. John Flavin, 58 years. We are all blessed to serve in this wonderful parish.

Have a blessed week!
Fr. Jerry Boland

Joy

*You are invited to share
in our expression of joy and gratitude
at a Mass of Thanksgiving
for the ordination of*

Deacon Christopher Weiland

*Eucharist will be celebrated on
MAY 19th, 2018
at 5:00pm*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1775 Grove Street Glenview, IL 60025

**Reception following mass
in McDonnell Hall**



Evolve Ministry: Celebrating Pentecost Eve

Fr. Larry McBrady Saturday, May 18, 9:30-11:30, McDonnell Hall

Despite its importance, Pentecost is often overlooked due to the time of year. This is an opportunity to join Fr. McBrady and other parishioners in reflecting on the presence of the Holy Spirit within us and within our parish community.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see how members of the early Church were awakened to new realities on the first Pentecost. An amazing realization of who they were in relation to God came upon them. We too can awaken to the presence of the Holy Spirit within us! God seeks to help us increase our awareness of this special source of spiritual grace. How might we use this Pentecost to realize how the Spirit is inviting us into a deeper friendship with God?

Celebrate the Birthday of the Church

Please join us on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, as we commemorate the birthday of the Church! We will celebrate this joyous day with food and fellowship in McDonnell Hall after the 9:30, 11:00, and 12:30 Masses.

We will also be assembling "surprise bags" for the students at St. Philip Neri and invite our children to decorate and fill these bags. All the items for the bags are being supplied by the Engagement Ministry.

Our Personal and Collective Journey

There are many ways to look at the word Transformation. In biological terms, it can describe the way in which an organism changes from one developmental stage to another. Something called metamorphosis. In a personal sense, it can describe the steps one takes to change a behavior or approach to a physical problem. A diet plan or an exercise program could transform someone into a healthier person. In an organizational context, transformation can be a process of profound and radical change that orients an organization in a new direction or takes it to an entirely different level of effectiveness.



Regarding the Parish Transformation process, the archdiocese viewed this initiative on two levels. One level is a personal journey to bring oneself closer to God, through prayer, reflection and time. The other level is a collective journey in which the entire community feels the impact of individual members changing their behavior. Part of the Transformation

journey for us at OLPH was to create an environment where people feel safe and connected. For this reason, we focused some of our work on activities such as "Each One, Bring One." But exactly how does one make a personal spiritual transformation?

In most cases, it means a realignment of our priorities--becoming more intentional in how we pray, reflect, or study. Do you set aside time specifically for these activities? What we have seen since Transformation took root here is a deeper commitment by many parishioners to become involved in Scripture Study, Hearts Afire, or parish retreats. There has been an increase in the number of people who participate in devotions, daily Mass or simply a prayerful walk. In the coming weeks, we will be exploring these ideas with some parishioners who have admittedly been transformed. We will learn how the Transformation process impacted their faith journeys and their participation here at OLPH.

On June 15, we have invited Jon Konz, Director of Family Faith Formation at St. Norbert's, to talk to our entire community (youth, parents, grandparents) about the power of developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Jon works through story, song and reflection to engage his audience. This is part of the mini-camp series of Transformation programs intended to support our youth but Jon's joyful message is valuable to all of us. Plan to set aside some time on Friday night, June 15, for this special event.

Your Transformation Team

