IN MEMORIAM
St. Maria Goretti Church
November 6, 2016 - October 22, 2017

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Catherine A. Cowley  Esther H. Gulotta
John Krull, Sr.  Ian A. Lucas  Cecilia G. Miller
Saturday, October 28, 2017
1:30 pm  Wedding of Nicholas Foster and Amanda Kalinowicz
4:00 pm  Robert Gruszka by his wife Alice
          Olivia DeLeurere by the Family

Sunday, October 29, 2017
8:30 am  James A. Donovan by his wife Fay
          John Vale by Maryann and Family
10:30 am  Umberto C. Gonnella by the Gonnella Family
          Gerry Bazant by the Family
4:00 pm  Mass of Remembrance

Monday, October 30, 2017
8:30 am  Phyllis M. Thomas by Jim and Georgia Stewart

Tuesday, October 31, 2017
8:30 am  No Mass Scheduled

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
8:30 am  All Saints Day

Thursday, November 2, 2017
8:30 am  No Mass Scheduled

Friday, November 3, 2017
8:30 am  No Mass Scheduled

Saturday, November 4, 2017
4:00 pm  Earl Margraf by Mary Ann
          Joseph C. Kovach by his wife Helen
          Special Intention, Blessing for Dave and Gloria Dolak

Sunday, November 5, 2017
8:30 am  John M. Novak by Jack and Pat Kosich
          Kenneth Balka by Maryann Balka
10:30 am  Karyl M. Pawlowski by the Family
          Hanna Swacus by the Family
          Mike Martiradonna by the Shamel Family

THOSE SERVING US

November 4 - November 5

Altar Servers
4:00 pm  Alex Bond, Caden Andreatta
8:30 am  Cecilia Mason, Charlie Mason, Lily Mason
10:30 am  Jack MacDonald, Abby Burton, Max Burton

Readers
4:00 pm  Susan Santelik
8:30 am  Kenny Stone
10:30 am  Rich Biel

Eucharistic Ministers
4:00 pm  Kerry Erickson, Pamela Miller, Presider,
          Mary Kselman, Gerald Miller, Volunteer,
          Cheryl Keylor, Ira Kanaya
8:30 am  Jordan Smevoll, Marsha Urbanczyk,
          Presider, Rich Stelmaszek, Karen Marsh,
          Volunteer, Tammy Furiak, Evelyn Varela,
          Julie Smevoll
10:30 am  Linda Barrell, Albert Stinicic, Presider,
          Barb Dabrowski, Joe Panfil, Peggy Szumski,
          Nick Stoming, Becky McKeever,
          Riley McKeever

Word Teen Helpers
10:30 am  Tenley Edvardsen

OUR COLLECTIONS FOR
October 21 – October 22, 2017

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WEEKLY 50/50 CLUB
The Number Drawn on
Tuesday, October 24th, 2017 was #3519
The Winner Would Have Won $980.00.

The next drawing will be held on
Tuesday, October 31st, 2017 at 9:30 am

Current members of St. Maria Goretti Parish are eligible for the club. You must use
2 separate envelopes dated for the current week. In your weekly offering envelope,
your contribution MUST be at least $5.00 and you MUST use the corresponding
weekly 50/50 envelope with EXACTLY $5.00 in that envelope.
If you donate with checks, you MUST write two separate checks
for each envelope every week.

Envelopes MUST be at the business office by 8:30 a.m. on Mondays prior to the
Tuesday morning drawing. Please use the secure drop box with the slot located on
the right side of the business office door. DO NOT use the black U.S. mailbox.
A NSF check will make a participant ineligible.
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THESE RULES, WILL RESULT IN
INELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THAT WEEK’S 50/50 CLUB.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 30, 2017
CFP 8th Confirmation Preparation, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Music Ministry Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, October 31, 2017
50/50 Club Drawing, 9:30 am
Acrylic Painting Class, 1:00 - 3:00 am
French Class, 3:45 - 4:45 pm and 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
Chair Yoga, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Parish Offices Closed 12:00 Noon

Thursday, November 2, 2017
Liturgy Aid Assembly, 1:00 pm
Gentle Yoga, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Music Ministry Instrumental Rehearsal, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Friday, November 3, 2017
Parish Offices Closed, 12:00 Noon
Fish Fry, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 4, 2017
CFP Session B, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Sunday, November 5, 2017
Word Program in Chapel, During 10:30 am Mass
Dear Friends,

These are not my words for the wind, they belong to my friend, Richard Rohr.

Father Rohr is a little bit older than me and has chosen to slow down and write more but talk less. He had for years a schedule of speaking engagements that took him all over the world.

Richard was for 40 years a missionary of hope to the Catholic Church that I was a part of as we suffered through that “great sadness” of papal leadership under John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

Father Richard was repeatedly attacked and his teachings were subjected to continual scrutiny during that era but they could never find any fault in what he taught, so honest and so committed to the Catholic Tradition was he.

Richard worked with envious humility, tirelessly bringing the healthiest and most faithful interpretations of the Gospel to bear on the Church always in companionship with the principles and methods of healthy psychology and philosophy.

He has a daily meditation that you can subscribe to and receive as an email on the website of the Center for Action and Contemplation, cac.org.

His October 23, 2017 meditation follows:

“God comes into the world in always-surprising ways so that the sincere seeker will always find. Is sincere seeking perhaps the real meaning of walking in darkness and faith?

It seems to me that many scientists today are very sincere seekers. In fact, today’s scientists often seem to have more in common with the mystics than do many religious folks who do not seek truth but only assert their dogmas and pre-emptively deny the very possibility of other people’s God-experience.

The common scientific method relies on hypothesis, experiment, trial, and error. We might even call this “practice,” just like many of us have prayer practices.

Yes, much of science is limited to the material, but at least the method is more open-ended and sincere than the many religious people who do no living experiments with faith, hope, and love, but just hang on to quotes and doctrines.

They lack the personal practices whereby they can test the faithfulness of divine presence and the power of divine love.

Most scientists are willing to move forward with some degree of not-knowing: in fact, this is what calls them forward and motivates them.

As new discoveries are affirmed, they remain open to new evidence that would tweak or even change the previous “belief.”

Many religious folks insist upon complete “knowing” at the very beginning and then being certain every step of the way, which actually keeps them more “rational” and controlling than most scientists.

This is the dead end of most fundamentalist religion, and why it cannot deal with thorny issues in any creative or compassionate way.

Now I know why Paul dared to speak of “the curse of the law” (Galatians 3:13). Law reigns and discernment is unnecessary, which means there is little growth or change in such people.

When you do not grow, you remain an infant.

The scientific mind today often has more openness to mystery than religion does!

For example, it is willing to speak of dark matter, dark holes, chaos theory, fractals (the part replicates the whole), string theory, dark energy, and the atomic structure of all material things, which seems totally counter intuitive.

Scientists “believe” in many things like electromagnetism, radioactivity, field theory, and various organisms such as viruses and bacteria before they can actually “prove” they exist.

They know them first by their effects, or the evidence, and then argue backward to their existence. Isn’t this how good theologians have often tried to “prove” the existence of God?

Even though the entire world was captivated by the logical cause-and-effect worldview of Newtonian physics for several centuries, such immediately verifiable physics has now yielded to quantum physics, which is not directly visible to the ordinary observer at all—yet ends up explaining much more—without needing to throw out the simple logic of Newtonian physics in the everyday world.

True transcendence always includes the previous stages, yet somehow also reshapes and expands them—just like mysticism does with our old doctrines and dogmas.

It feels as if the scientists of each age are often brilliant, seemingly “right,” but precisely because they are also tentative and searching—which creates a practical humility that we often do not see in clergy and “true believers.”

A great scientist will move forward with a perpetual “beginner’s mind.”

Thus many scientists end up trusting in the reality of things that are still “invisible” and secret. It keeps them on the search.

This feels like faith to me, whereas what many church people want is perfect certitude and clarity before every step forward.

This does not create great or strong people.”

In reflecting on these words of Richard Rohr and the Gospel texts for last week and this week, I would offer for your own thoughts that we all have a hard time with waiting, I know that I most certainly do.

Scientists have to be people of long term patience. Discovery takes time when you are working with the complexity of matter and form considering the myriad forms that occur in just the known universe not even considering that which is still unknown.

So it should be with religion and religious faith. We need fallow times personally and institutionally if our work is the work of the heart and the soul and the Spirit.

Clinging to a boilerplate of religious certainty betrays fear and insecurity not righteousness and fidelity.

Our Church should resemble the paintings of Jackson Pollock, the music of John Cage and Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, the poetry of John Ashbery, the comedy of Lucille Ball and Carol Burnett, the books of Maurice Sendak, our mother’s cooking and the mess of a chocolate fountain at a party of 5 year olds and then we might get serious about the achings of our heart, lonely hunters, but not alone, not at all, ever.

Peace,

Father Niblick
Kathleen Dowling Singh, RIP

No community should botch its deaths. That’s a wise statement from Mircea Eliade and apropos in the face of the death two weeks ago of Kathleen Dowling Singh. Kathleen was a hospice worker, a psychotherapist, and a very deep and influential spiritual writer.

She is known and deeply respected among those who write and teach in the area of spirituality on the strength of three major books: The Grace in Living; The Grace in Aging, and The Grace in Dying. Interestingly, she worked backwards in writing this trilogy, beginning with dying, moving on to aging, and finally offering a reflection on living. And she did this because her grounding insights were taken from her experience as a hospice worker, attending to terminally ill patients. From what she learned from being with and observing the dying taught her a lot about what it means to age and, ultimately, what it means of live. Her books try to highlight the deep grace that’s inherent in each of these stages in our lives: living, aging, dying.

I want to highlight here particularly the insights from her initial book, The Grace in Dying. Outside of scripture and some classical mystics, I have not found as deep a spiritual understanding of what God and nature intend in the process we go through in dying, particularly as is seen in someone who dies from old age or a terminal illness.

Singh encapsulates her thesis in one poignant line: The process of death is exquisitely calibrated to bring us into the realm of spirit. There’s a wisdom in the death process. Here’s how it works:

During our whole lives our self-consciousness radically limits our awareness, effectively closing off from our awareness much of the realm of spirit. But that’s not how we were born. As a baby, we are wonderfully open and aware, except, lacking self-consciousness, an ego, we aren’t aware of what we are aware. A baby is luminous, but a baby can’t think. In order to think it needs to form an ego, become self-aware, in order to think, to understand the world around us, we need to form an ego, become self-aware.

We form our egos this way: First, early on in a baby’s life, it makes a distinction between what is self and what is other. That’s the first major contraction. Soon afterwards, the baby makes a distinction between living and non-living; a puppy is alive, a stone is not. Sometime after that, a baby makes a distinction between mind and body; a body is solid and physical in a way that the mind is not.

Finally, early on too in our lives, we make a distinction between what we can face inside of ourselves and what’s too frightening to face. We separate our own luminosity and complexity from our conscious awareness, forming what’s often called our shadow. Each of these movements effectively shuts off whole realms of reality from our awareness. By doing that, Singh says, we create own fear of death.

Now, and this is Singh’s pregnant insight, the process of aging and dying effectively breaks down these contractions, breaking them down in reverse order of how we formed them, and, with each breakdown, we are more aware again of a wider realm of reality, particularly the realm of spirit. And this culminates in the last moments or seconds before our death in the experience of ecstasy, observable in many terminal patients as they die. As the last contraction that formed our ego is broken, spirit breaks through and we break into ecstasy. As a hospice worker, Singh claims to have seen this many times in her patients.

Elizabeth Kubler Ross, in what has now virtually become the canon on how we understand the stages of dying, suggested that someone diagnosed with a terminal disease will go through five stages before his or her death: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance. Singh would agree with that, except that she would add three more stages: A fall into darkness that verges on despair; a resignation that dwarfs our initial acceptance, and an in-breaking of ecstasy. She points out that Jesus went through those exact stages on the cross: a cry of abandonment that sounds like despair, the handing over of his spirit, and the ecstasy that was given him in his death

Singh’s insight is a very consoling one. The process of dying will do for us what a deep life of prayer and selflessness was meant to do for us, namely, break our selfishness and open us to the realm of spirit. God will get us, one way or the other.

We’ve lost a great woman and a great spiritual writer. Her children, writing on Facebook after her death, said simply that their mother would want us all to know that “she was an ordinary person dying an ordinary death.” But the spiritual legacy she left us is far from ordinary.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com; Now on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser
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**FISH FRY MENU**

**ADULT DINNER - $13.00**
- Fried or baked white fish, broasted potatoes, cabbage & noodles, green beans, and all you can eat salad bar.
- Coffee & iced tea included

**CHILD DINNER - $6.00**
(Ages 6-12 under 6 free)
- Chicken nuggets, tater tots, macaroni & cheese, and all you can eat salad bar.

**Salad bar includes:**
- Tossed salad, pickled beets, cole slaw, cottage cheese, kidney bean salad, pudding, fruit, bread and butter.
- *Salad bar menu items subject to change.*

Cash bar and bake sale available.

Food prepared by Ace Catering, Caterer for Casa Maria Banquet Hall.

Please call Karen Boyle at 865.5482 if you need further information.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the back of church.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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**ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH**

**FALL 2017 FISH FRYS FRIDAYS**

November 3rd & December 1st
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

(last ticket sold at 7:00 pm)

Casa Maria Banquet Hall
500 Northgate Drive, Dyer

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**Holiday Season Requests for the SMG Food Pantry**

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to ask you to consider **specific & different needs each week**. During this time of year our requests for assistance are always greater than usual. Of course, we always graciously accept any contribution you are willing to provide. The week of November 11th/12th we are suggesting items rarely offered at our Food Pantry as a special treat.

**Weekend of November 4th/5th**
- **Baking supplies**
  - such as flour, sugar, cooking oil, cake mix, brownie mix, cookie mix, frosting, pie filling, evaporated milk, chocolate chips, etc.

**Weekend of November 11th/12th**
- **Perishable Dairy Products (NO MILK PLEASE)**
  - such as butter, cream cheese, cottage cheese, Velveeta, sour cream, yogurt, etc.

(Coolers will be in the vestibule on this weekend only)

**Weekend of November 18th/19th**
- **Soups/Stews/Combination Foods**
  - such as soup, corned beef, spaghetti & meatballs, beef stew, chili, etc.

We sincerely thank everyone for the generous contributions regularly made to our Food Pantry!

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**PARISH BOOK CLUB**

**TITLE:**  Lincoln In The Barfo  
**AUTHOR:**  George Saunders  
**DATE:**  November 16, 2017  
**TIME:**  2:00 - 3:30 pm  
**PLACE:**  Casa Maria Lounge  
*For additional information Contact Stephanie White @ 219.924.2417*

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**St. Maria Goretti Parish**

is inviting all Veterans and a Guest; to attend lunch in Casa Maria Hall on Friday, November 10, 2017 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.**  
Happy Veterans Day

Reservations are required so we may plan accordingly. Please call 865.8956 before Friday, November 3rd.

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**Chicago Christmas Lights**

**And Lawry’s - The Prime Rib**

Visit Christkindlmarket at Daley Plaza to shop for holiday crafts.

Enjoy a late lunch at Lawry’s - The Prime Rib, magnificently decorated for the holidays.

Experience the annual Christmas display at Navy Pier.

Enjoy a narrated, guided tour of the breathtaking Christmas Lights & the Magnificent Mile Lights along Michigan Avenue.

Wednesday, December 13th
**Cost is $83 per person**
$93 per person (non-parishioners)

Leaving the SMG parking lot at 1:00 pm
Returning at approximately 7:30 pm

Please call 865.5482 for reservations
*Payment is required to confirm your seat!*

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**Wedding**

**Date**  
10/28/2017

Amanda Kalinowicz and Nicholas Foster
In the beginning.......  
God breathed the breath of life into man.. so the First Communion students helped Father Niblick breath into the soil to give it life so that the daffodils and milk weed that the children planted will be a little piece of heaven for all to enjoy at SMG.

Until spring.......  

We also honored Ambrose Kapitan who was apart of the CFP program and will truly be missed.
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