



LE DECINE DEL ROSARIO

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII

The Oldest Continuing Italian-American Catholic Church
in the City of Chicago, located in the heart of historic "Little Italy."

A Gift of Italian-American Hospitality, Embracing All People of Faith
Founded in 1911 ✘ Established as a Shrine in 1994

A Message from Fr. Richard... St. Joseph Table Vol. 4, No. #1

The term **shrine** signifies a church or other sacred place to which the faithful make pilgrimages for a particular pious reason with the approval of the local ordinary. At shrines, more abundant means of salvation are to be provided for the faithful; the Word of God is to be carefully proclaimed; liturgical life is to be appropriately fostered especially through the celebration of the Eucharist and penance; and approved forms of popular piety are to be cultivated.

Code of Canon Law, 1230 and 1234

Le Decine del Rosario is the Italian phrase for decades of the rosary, representing the twenty decades of the rosary, for which our weekly bulletin is named.

TODAY...!



Sponsored by
Maurice Bonamigo
*In memory of
Gerald Welch*

Join us in the hall after
both masses!

Dear Friends of the Shrine,

How many of you have ever received an email addressed to someone else? It's confusing, and sometimes it can be frightening. During the St. Joseph's Day mass homily, I made reference to a story of "sending something to wrong email address."

Paraphrasing the story in the homily, many years ago a gentleman and his wife had planned a warm-weather vacation. The husband went ahead a few days and sent an email to what he thought was his wife's email address... but one little typo and the email ended up in the inbox of a woman who recently lost her husband.

You could see how confusing and frightening this was for the widow when she read things in the email like - "I'm waiting for your arrival," and "It's warm down here!"

When we find ourselves similar to being in a wrong inbox, it is confusing. But one place that can always be the right inbox is The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii ~ *where your heart always has a home.*

There is no better way to demonstrate this than to reflect on this past Sunday's St. Joseph's Day celebration. Close to 600 people came from all over Chicago to take part in TWO St. Joseph's Tables.

Honoring St. Joseph is a tradition that goes back to the Middle Ages. There was a severe drought in Sicily and countless people died from famine. Peasants prayed to God for rain and also prayed to St. Joseph. If it rained, they would hold a special feast to honor both God and St. Joseph. The rains came, crops grew and thus Tavola di San Giuseppe was born. The fava bean was the crop that saved the population, many wear red to honor St. Joseph and the day is traditionally capped

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ISSUE:



Consecrated to Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii is a place to pray for peace that embraces all people of faith. A center of hospitality and spiritual growth, the Shrine's ministry is one of spiritual assistance and service where all might experience inspirational moments of prayer, comfort and contemplation. Located on Chicago's Near West Side, the Shrine is a gift of the Italian-American community to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our mission is to dedicate our resources to healing, prayer and pilgrimage.

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Today's Readings:

First Reading - As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading - You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel - The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

Readings for the Week:

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54	Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16	Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30	Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47	Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
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Mass in Remembrance	Tommy Bartuch Sue Belmonte Diana Bifero Angie Branski Francesca Perillo Camelo Romana Caputo Phyllis Marnell Coleman Robert J. Colosimo Judith Ann, Giancarlo & Carmella Consalvo Dorothy Crossett Suzanne Dalesandro Oscar O. D'Angelo	Giachino & Giovanna D'Arrigo Marie Davino Theresa Davis Carmie (Shoes) De Laurentis Rose De Leonardis Joseph & Theresa Di Buono Salvatore & Marie Di Buono Toni Di Fiore Nello, Marilyn & Salvatore Ferrara	Sister Mary Filibert Donald F. Flynn Mary V. Fragomeni Vincent Gemino Joanne Grant Rose Guardino Guardino Sam, Rose & Clara Guardino Arcangelo Iusco Geraldine Jordon Clara Laino Anthony Leone, Sr. Midge & Patsy Mancini Cynthia Marano	Vinzenso & Maria Morici Jeanine Navigato Mr. & Mrs. Jack Panico Provenzano Family Bernard Roman Frank Schwartz, Sr. Jureen Small Rudolph "Rudy" Tarantino Carmen Tosano Donald, Frances & Michael Jesse Van Camp Val Vix Herbert A. Wachsmann Gerald Welch
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Prayerful Intentions	Alicia Altares Gilda Bartuch Peachie Basile Christine Blum Eleanore Camardo Capuano Family Elizabeth Chirumbolo Patrick Considine Esterina Covello Alex Cuatchon Barry Dalesandro Annamarie Di Buono James Di Fiore	Marisela Escalante Anthony & Lucy Fiore Josephine & Mike Fiore Carol Gancer Colleen Grant Donna Hoffman Don Kelsey Amanda Kreiss Cathy La Rocco Misty Lichter Pauleen Lucenti Andrew Lyke Grace Macaluso	Pat Manno Angela Melchiorre Lois Melchiorre Andy Montano Roberto Morelli Mimi Novy Nancy Panico Bob Peters Phyllis Reda Angela Rinaldi & Family Dorcas Roman Robert Romozzi Esterina Rovello	Luciana Ruffolo Judy Sacco Ed Scannicchio Barbara Schifler Jeannine Valentino Nicholas James Vayda Diana Ventrella Herbert M. Wachsmann Elizabeth Wagner Rosalie La Rosa Wolf William Yacilla
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***** PLEASE NOTE:** Names submitted for PRAYERFUL INTENTIONS will remain listed for 4 weeks. Please contact the office to submit your request.

If we have accidentally omitted or misspelled any names, we apologize and ask you to contact the Shrine office.

DUE TO PRINT DEADLINES... Names for "Masses in Remembrance" & "Prayerful Intentions" are due to the Shrine office by 1 pm, **Monday, 3/27** for **Palm Sunday, April 9**. Names are due **Monday, 4/3** for **Easter Sunday, April 16**. **Thank you** for your attention to these changes!

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION in Preparation for Holy Week



Taller de José

Being Christ for One Another **Learning the 'Art of Accompaniment'** **A Bus Pilgrimage**

Saturday, April 8

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. * 8:30 a.m. check-in, coffee

*For I was a stranger and you welcomed me...
Matt 25:35-36*

Presenters:

Taller de José * St. Joseph's Workshop

* How are we to accompany those who encounter difficulties due to illness, lack of food, shelter, schooling and more?

* How do we walk respectfully alongside them, listening, supporting and being present as compassionate friends?

Pope Francis invites us all to practice the "art of accompaniment" which teaches us to "remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other" (EG). We are to welcome the stranger as we would welcome Christ. As we prepare for Holy Week, join us on a unique bus pilgrimage to deepen our understanding on how we may do this today. We'll stop at places in Chicago where people find themselves in need of help such as hospitals, courthouses or social service agencies as we explore the art of accompaniment.

Taller de José staff will lead us, inviting reflections and sharing stories of their ministry of accompaniment. Beyond the hours, training and experience, the most important thing

staff members offer others is their ability to listen with their heart.

Presenters: Taller de José (Staff) is a community resource center with more than 150 partnerships including Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, connecting people to services and services to people. Together they work "welcoming the stranger" and giving clients the tools they need to overcome obstacles when seeking assistance. Located in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood they are a sponsored ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph. Taller de José works so that "all may be one."

Program Begins at The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii
Morning Prayer / Bus Pilgrimage / Lunch /
Reconciliation Service with individual Confession

Registration: \$40 per person.

Includes transportation and lunch.

**Limited Seating. Reservations a must,
due Wednesday, April 5.**

3 Ways to Register:

Call: 312.421.3757 (V/MC)

Online: ourladyofpompeii.org

Mail Check to:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, *Attn: Lenten Day*
1224 W. Lexington Street
Chicago, IL 60607



Herbert Wachsmann,
father of our Pastoral Associate,
Carl Wachsmann,
passed away
Saturday, March 18.

We give Carl our deepest condolences and will have a memorial remembrance for Mr. Wachsmann on Easter Sunday, April 16 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us if you can.

Cardinal Cupich invites everyone across the Archdiocese to join together in launching a historic new moment for the Church of Chicago to respond to Christ's call to "Renew My Church." What we are undertaking will chart the course for greater vibrancy and vitality of our parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago for generations to come.

For updates, visit: www.archchicago.org/renew

**Join us for the
Season of LENT**



**Fridays in Lent 12 Noon
Stations of the Cross**

and every Friday, through Good Friday, April 14.

Palm Sunday is April 9.

This year's recipient of the 2d annual
Toni Di Fiore Scholarship (\$1,000)

was awarded to Angela Valentino (*4th from right*) on the Feast of St. Joseph Day at The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii at the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, March 19. Angela & Fr. Fragomeni also received Cubs jerseys. Congratulations Angela!



“Growing up, I have always worn my Italian name as a badge of honor. My family, especially the women in it, have inspired me to live my life with strength and grace in times of trouble. The woman who encompasses this the most is my mom.

The youngest of 4 children, my mom held her ground since she was a child. In a family full of intellectuals, my mother went in a different direction and pursued her artistic side and studied theater in college. This has inspired me to follow her path, and embrace the arts in my future, even though it is a risk. Her marriage to my father was in itself, a risk, because of their age difference and their families' close

histories. That marriage was completely her choice, and although there was some resistance, she stood up to it and met it with kindness and love. They moved back into the neighborhood where their families had lived, and created a life for me that was rich with my culture. I learned from a young age that my family history was a thing to be proud of. My mother supported my intense love for reading, dance, and music from a young age, and I would not be the same person today if I did not have a childhood filled with the arts, and love for the arts.

During a time of separation and chaos in our household, my mother went back to work and began supporting the family by herself. After years of being a stay-at-home mom, she got herself a job right away and jumped feet first into the position of head of household, all the while, raising me and caring for the rest of the family. In a hard time in my life, I was faced with questions of belonging and self-worth. My mother was the first one to reassure me of my worth, but not just with an “Oh honey, you'll be okay!”. She has taught me how to properly deal with and express my emotions; something she herself has had trouble with. I have always been told how much I look like her in pictures. Growing up, I have realized how alike we actually are.

My mom has told me many times before that she believes her purpose on this earth was to be my mother. In times of hardship, we have adapted our relationship to mean more than just mother and daughter. We are, in fact, best friends. Without her influence, love, support, expertise, belief in who I am, and who I can be, I would not be the woman I am today.

~ Angela Valentino



Taller de José

Help us be the compassionate face of Christ to those in need by supporting our ministry of accompaniment!

You're invited to Taller de José's 8th annual
Builder's Day Celebration!

The evening will include a mass, dinner, silent auction, and short program.

When: Sunday, April 23rd 3 p.m. Mass
4:15 p.m. Reception and Dinner

Where:

Mass, Kolbe Assumption Church
(2434 S California Ave)
Dinner, Apollo's 2000 (2875 W. Cermak)

Why: To support the free services that we provide to immigrants, families, and all those in need.

Visit www.tallerdejose.org or call 773.523.8320 to purchase tickets or sponsor the event.



Chamber Music Concert

Hosted by Urban Prairie Waldorf School

Held at: The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii

Friday, March 31, 7 p.m. * FREE Admission

Come and join us for an evening of beautiful, heartfelt chamber music at the Shrine! This concert will feature professional musicians from across the country performing music for stringed instruments by Bach, Brahms, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Piazzolla, and more.

All are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

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off with the Neapolitan pastry known as a *zeppola*.

Attending both Tables Sunday, I could see we had all the traditions

covered. Blessed fava beans were handed out at the entrance, no one wanted for food, and *zeppole* lined every table.

The most touching part of the day to me was how the very large St. Joseph's Table at the front of the room was decorated. It wasn't the baked goods or breads lining the table that made it special, it was the photographs of departed loved ones placed there that made the Table a home.

Clearly everyone who came to the St. Joseph's Day feasts found themselves in the right inbox Sunday.

In closing, **I have to thank ALL the volunteers** who worked countless hours to make this year a success. I am afraid to name everyone by name because I am sure to leave someone out. Know that you all are the heart and soul of the Shrine's St. Joseph's Day celebration and for

that I am very grateful.

Seeing nearly 600 people at the Shrine Sunday was amazing. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our Shrine walls were filled like that every Sunday? If you know someone who attends the Shrine just for St. Joseph's Day, please encourage them to attend the Shrine more often, or **please consider inviting someone new** to the Shrine for **Palm Sunday, April 9** or **Easter Mass, April 16**.

And please go ahead and share these thoughts to someone's email. I'm sure it will land in the correct inbox.

Blessings to you,

Father Richard
Rector

P.S. Please join us every Friday in Lent at **12:00 Noon** for **Stations of the Cross**.



LA PASQUETTA!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII!

Carol will sign her books, available for sale, \$25 a copy, with 20% going to the Shrine.

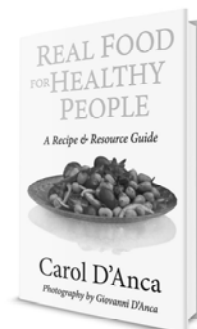
Board certified nutritionist and best-selling author Carol D'Anca joins us for a special presentation followed by a book signing of her recent book, "Real Food for Healthy People; a recipe and resource guide."

Her presentation will be followed by tastings of delicious recipes created from her book.

Carol's pursuit of optimal health took her on a journey back to her grandfather's garden igniting a lifelong passion for answers to what can be a very complex topic.

Presenting her deep understanding of the advantages and obstacles of the Mediterranean diet, she shares personal and professional insights that are sure to help you when considering food choices for good health. You may be surprised at what you learn as Carol's presentation is based on a delightful combination of science and common sense.

Carol earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry and biology with honors at the University of WI and her Master of Clinical Nutrition at Rosalind Franklin University of Health and Science/The Chicago Medical School. She grew up steeped in the Italian tradition and holds dual citizenship with Italy, her family's country of origin.



Photograph Courtesy Giovanni D'Anca

Date
Sunday, April 23rd, 2017

Time
Following the 11:00 Mass

Venue
Shrine Hall /1224 Lexington Street,
Chicago IL

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2017

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
— Psalm 23:1

Has your
Information
(Address,
Email, Phone) Changed?



The Shrine * LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEER * Forms
are Located in your PEW or on TABLES at the BACK.

Please let us know! 312.421.3757
or mps@ourladyofpompeii.org.

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YOUNG ADULT
SOCIETY

CALLING
Young Adults!
Married and Single,
20 - 35!

Say Hello!
pompeiiyoungadults@gmail.com



JOSIE FALBO & ...

... The Lakeside Singers
"Both Sides Now" Songs of Comedy,
Tragedy and a Little Bit of Love

Hope you can come and support one of the most wonderful choruses around! You'll love our new concert. Music by Eric Whitacre, Ralph Vaughan Williams and lots of comedic surprises with a classical twist. Second half features music of Amy Winehouse, Kelly Clarkson, a teen tragedy medley from the 60's, something from the Book of Mormon, a sing along and of course much more.

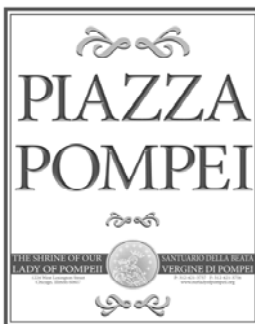
Fri., April 7 7:30 pm Nichols Concert Hall
Music Institute of Chicago
1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston

Friday, April 21, 7:30 pm
Fourth Presbyterian Church
126 E Chestnut, Chicago

Saturday, April 22, 7:30 pm
Grace United Methodist Church
300 E Gartner Road, Naperville

**Tix: Adults: \$35 Senior/Student: \$25
Children under 12: \$10**

A discounted price of \$20 to members of Fourth Presbyterian and Grace United Methodist churches. Group prices available. \$5 discount if ticket purchased from Lakeside member.



Upcoming
Schedule:
**April 30 &
May 21**

TODAY

Sponsored by Maurice Bonamigo
In memory of Gerald Welch

If you would like to SPONSOR a
FEATURED ITEM...

If you would like to VOLUNTEER
to help at 8:30 & 11 a.m...

please contact

Mary Beth ~ 312.421.3757!

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Schedule of Presiders for the coming week 3/26:

- ❖ 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 29: Rev. Michael Gabriel
- ❖ 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 1: Rev. Michael Gabriel
- ❖ 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday, April 2: Rev. John Belmonte, SJ

Shrine Logistics:

- ❖ **DAILY MASS** is held around the corner at Notre Dame de Chicago in the Harrison Street Chapel, 1335 W. Harrison St., 312.243.7400, Mon -Fri: 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ **WASHROOMS** next door, downstairs in Shrine Hall.
- ❖ **Please remember The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii in your will.** Contact Mary Beth Howard 312.421.3757, ext. 319 or mbhoward@ourladyofpompeii.org. Thank you!

