even during Lent, maybe even more so, I still think that I have to earn your love and care. I do things during Lent hoping that you notice and give me credit for it. Help me to appreciate that your love is always there for me. You love me unconditionally.

if I can finally let that sink in, I would be jubilant and living a life of grace. Today may I live in that freedom.

Amen

Fr. Thomas J. Connery
Welcome to the
Sheil Catholic Center
at Northwestern University

If this is your first time worshiping with us, we welcome you and invite you to learn more about Sheil and the programs we have to offer, as well as how to register and become involved in our faith community. Call us at 847-328-4648 and visit our website: sheilcatholiccenter.org

Fr. Kevin Feeney & the Sheil Center Staff

Upcoming Events

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**
12:15 p.m.  GYA Winter Brunch  
6:00 p.m.  GYA Lenten  
            Book Discussion

**MONDAY, MARCH 7**
5:00 p.m.  Mass  
5:30 p.m.  Rosary  
7:00 p.m.  Centering Prayer

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**
5:00 p.m.  Mass  
5:30 p.m.  Rosary

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**
12:00 p.m.  Cheap Lunch  
5:00 p.m.  Mass  
5:30 p.m.  Rosary  
7:30 p.m.  GYA Faith on Location  
            (Celtic Knot)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10**
8:30 a.m.  Centering Prayer  
5:00 p.m.  Mass  
5:15 p.m.  Mom & Tot Bible Study  
5:30 p.m.  Rosary  
6:30 p.m.  Bible Explorers

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**
12:00 p.m.  Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m.  Mass  
5:30 p.m.  Rosary  
5:30 p.m.  Fish Fry Day

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**
3:00 p.m.  Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
3:15 p.m.  Rosary

**NEW RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

Beginning Friday, March 11, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 12 - 1 p.m. every Friday while classes are in session. This is open to all. Additionally, people can continue to email Fr. Feeney at kevin.feeney@northwestern.edu or call 847-328-4648 for individual appointments.
The Busy Student Retreat was developed to allow a retreat experience without ever leaving campus. The schedule is flexible and it requires only 1 hour per day (half hour meeting with spiritual companion and half hour personal prayer). This retreat allows you to spend a portion of each day to “come away for a while to an out of the way place” to retreat—to pray and reflect, to talk and share, and grow in God’s love for you. Everything about this retreat is intended to help deepen your awareness of your faith relationship with God.

The two most important elements of this retreat are the commitments you make to spend time in personal prayer and reflection each day and meet with a spiritual companion to discuss your journey, as well as, the fruits of your prayer and reflection. Please contact Tim Higgins with questions at t-higgins@u.northwestern.edu and register at http://tinyurl.com/ham43fe.
Spring Christ the Teacher Seminars

Elective Seminar - Open to All

Use Words if Necessary:
A Catholic Theology of Mission

What does the church really say about sharing the gospel? Jesus instructed the apostles to “make disciples of all nations”. How does "Making Disciples of all nations" actually work in today’s global environment? This seminar will explore the Catholic understanding of mission – including scripture, church documents, cross cultural understanding, the difference between mission work and volunteerism, and the ethics of mission. This is the perfect seminar for students planning to do a year of post-grad service work (domestic or international), those preparing for or returning from a Sheil service trip, those pursuing a degree in International Studies or Global Health, and anyone who has done a service trip or is genuinely curious about the life of a missionary. http://tinyurl.com/h2vdegg

Students Free  $5 for non-students

Elective Seminar - Open to All

Aspects of the Church in the 21st Century

Mr. Robert Carlton and two other Mundelein seminarians tackle three aspects of the Catholic Church: Vatican II and what it is and what it isn't in regard to the contemporary Church, the recently concluded Synod on the Family and what it means and the topic of vocations (in all their meaning) for the Church in this century. Classes meet on 3 Sundays at 7 p.m., April 3, 10, 17. The first two sessions are 7-8 p.m. and the last session will be from 7-8:50 p.m. http://tinyurl.com/z792kun

CORE Seminar (Section I) Students Only

Faithful Witness: Scripture and Revelation

Seminar meets Tuesdays, 6:15-8:05 p.m. April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3
Mary Deeley facilitates the discussion (see description below) http://tinyurl.com/lggftt

CORE Seminar (Section II) - Open to All

Faithful Witness: Scripture and Revelation

Seminar meets on Wednesdays 5:30-7:20 p.m. April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4
Mary Deeley facilitates the discussion (see description below)
What is the nature of revelation? How does the Church read and interpret Sacred Scripture? What does Tradition have to do with revelation? In what ways do we pass on the faith and what happens when there are disagreements about the content of that faith? This seminar tackles these questions as it looks at the ways God has revealed the divine self to us. http://tinyurl.com/z3f2ozt
EIGHTH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Seven eighth graders from the Sheil School of Religion receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation at St. Mary's on Friday.

Alessandro Accattato
Brian DeStefano
Kyle Glavin
Camila Meneses-DuBrin
Meghan Ramseyer
Conor Ward
Natalie Ward

Congratulations to all students, their sponsors and the dedicated teachers, Sam Lobo and Kelly Gonsalves who prepared them for the sacrament. Blessings to all.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control."

Galatians 5: 22b, 23a

SHAMROCKS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual "Shamrocks for Kids" campaign after all the Masses on March 13 to benefit Mercy Homes for boys and girls.

All proceeds will assist Mercy Home in its work to help troubled, neglected and abused children. In return, People will receive a nice shamrock lapel pin in time for St. Patrick's Day.

SHEIL LENTEN SPONSORS

Please consider donating to our Lenten efforts at outreach, evangelization and formation in the Faith by helping us defray the costs of the following items:

- Lent Reflections by Bishop Robert Barron (plus DVD) ---- for students, made available at Sheil and Norris.
- New exterior banner inserts
- Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy pocket cards.
- RCIA Materials

Anything you can give will be very much appreciated.

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THE CALL TO LOVE, THE CALL TO WHOLENESS & HOLINESS FILM SERIES

Sunday, March 20

The Sheil Film Series will hold its next meeting on March 20 from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Our topic for will be on the subject of the endurance of romantic love. The films will be Casablanca and Peter Ibbetson.

Attendees will need to see the films before our discussion because we will not be showing the films on March 20. For questions, please contact Mel Livatino at mlivatino@gmail.com.
“In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.”

Pope Francis

“You ruthless servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” (Mt. 18: 32)

This is the situation. The king, who says these words, had forgiven the servant a huge amount. But this servant did not forgive a fellow servant who owed him a small amount. Instead he sent him to debtor’s prison.

The other servants heard about this miscarriage of mercy and reported the forgiven-but-not-forgiving servant to the king. This sets up the king’s question: “Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?”

Everyone seems to “get it” but the forgiven servant. The king and the other servants know that the burden of being shown mercy is to be merciful to others.

Why didn’t the forgiven servant get it?
The parable doesn’t tell us, but we can guess.

The forgiven servant took his forgiveness lightly, probably as getting lucky. Then he promptly forgot the whole thing and went about his business with the usual knee-jerk reaction of “pay me back or I will punish you.”

The lesson for us is simple but difficult.

- Remember the times we were shown mercy. Perhaps it was a parent, or a teacher, or a friend who responded with graciousness when we most needed it but least deserved it.
- Host these times in our minds and hearts.
- Ponder how significant they were.
- Be grateful to the people who were involved.

The more reflective time we give to our experiences of receiving mercy, the more willing and creative we will be in showing mercy.

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Save the Date
Associates' Habitat for Humanity Service Trip
May 21 - May 28

Applications for the Associate's Habitat for Humanity Trip to Tutwiler, MS are now available. Meet your fellow associates, learn basic home construction, and provide meaningful service to an impoverished community in the heart of the Mississippi Delta.

The cost is $340 per person and space is limited. All applications are due by March 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Perry at (847)-673-0121 or by email: mfp884@yahoo.com.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, March 6
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, March 7
Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 8
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 9
Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 10
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 11
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 12
Jr 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 13
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 6
11:00 a.m. Erlinda Co-Sarno
5:00 p.m. Liborio Macaluso

Tuesday, March 8
5:00 p.m. Special Intention from the Trujillo Family

Sunday, March 13
9:30 a.m. Marta Reichs
11:00 a.m. Matt Hartl

Cooks & Servers Needed for Hilda's Place

Please Consider Feeding the Homeless at Hilda's Place on Sundays. Please contact Tim Higgins for cooking, serving and volunteering instructions. t-higgins@u.northwestern.edu.

Due to budget cuts the shelter is not able to house as many people as in the past. However, we still have a Sunday obligation to feed those who are being accommodated by Hilda's Place.
The mission of the Sheil Catholic Center is to prepare Catholic disciples of all ages to lead lives of faith and reason, by together worshiping, learning, growing, and serving the Northwestern University community and beyond.