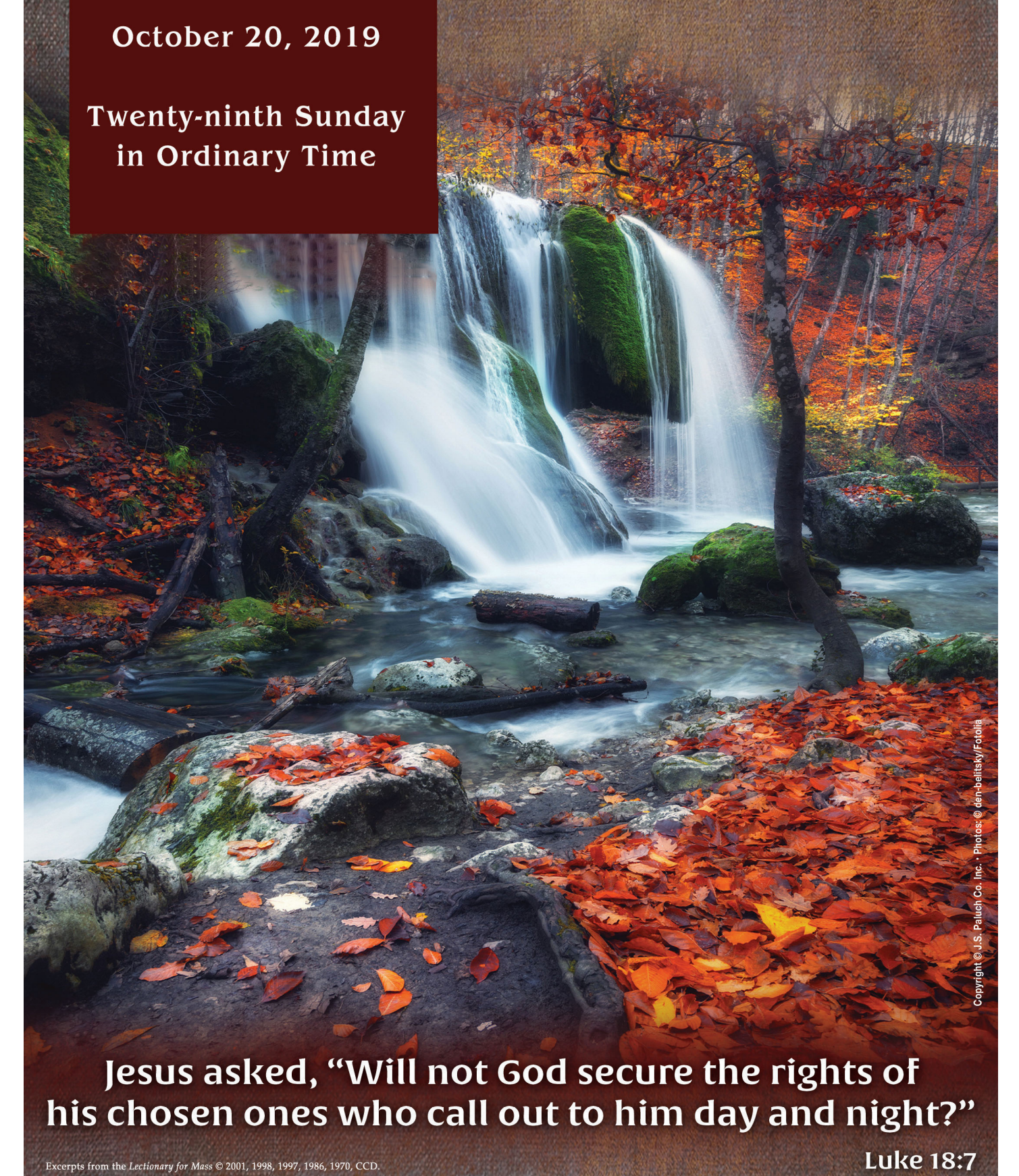




October 20, 2019

Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jesus asked, "Will not God secure the rights of
his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

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Luke 18:7

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus, in today's Gospel, recommends only one method: keep praying! Persist in your prayer! Don't give up! Insist that God answer you!

Most of us give up far too easily when we ask for things from others. We accept a negative answer and believe that we can do nothing more. In prayer, if God does not give us what we are asking for almost immediately, we presume that His answer is "no" or that God simply does not care.

If we look at the history of prayers, the history of saints who pray, we find that many saints prayed for decades before finally being given what they had prayed for. Even though today's Gospel insists that God will be quicker than the unjust judge, we also know that if we continue to ask for something, God continues to listen.

This is strong medicine for us. We must base our prayer on a belief in God and a belief that God is active in our world. If we have those two beliefs at the very foundation of our life, then we can persist in prayer with the help of God's mercy. We must pester God and keep on insisting that God give us what we need. In this struggle with God, our faith can deepen and our daily awareness of God's love,

compassion and mercy can grow incredibly.

God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

Our divine Lord teaches us, in this parable, the need for perseverance in prayer. This perseverance develops our trust and confidence in God. It helps us to become humble and to realize how weak we are when left to ourselves. It keeps us close to God, as we learn how dependent we are on His generosity. If we only would realize that God is perhaps never closer to us than when we think He is forgetting us! The trials of life, spiritual or temporal, which He allows us to suffer are not obstacles to our spiritual progress but rather stepping-stones without which we could not cross the rivers of life at all.

How many of us can save ourselves without Jesus Christ? None of us! How many of us have friends who can assure our salvation? None of us! We all need Jesus Christ! Therefore, to obtain our salvation,



we must persevere in our living faith, in our adoration of God, in our love towards others, in our righteousness, in our obedience to God, in our servitude, in our humility, all of these being the food that feeds our souls to assure our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Let us ask today for the Holy Spirit to be in our hearts and our minds, strengthening us for the struggle and giving us this necessary persistence. Let us give thanks for God's love for us.

Today let us renew our commitment to pray, to pray without getting weary and pray, supporting one another in prayer. We can form wonderful human communities based on prayer and love. Let us pray!

Fr. Idzi



SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, November 23, 2019, immediately following the 5pm Mass we would like to have a meeting with all those who are Extraordinary Ministers of Communion here at St. Symphorosa Church. This is an important meeting for all who are currently acting as Eucharistic Ministers within our Church. This is also an opportunity for those who have completed training and have their certificate to attend so that they may be added to our Eucharistic Minister schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Maggie Barry in the parish office by phone (773.767.1523 ext. 221) or via email (symphorosa@comcast.net).

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Coordinator

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Assistant Principal

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Schedule of Masses

Sunday
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:
7:30am, 9:30 am and
7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday
after the 8am Mass

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Parish School

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Southwest Chicago PADS



St. Symphorosa Parish will be collecting new and gently used jeans for the Southwest Chicago Pads on 71st & Kedzie starting next weekend, Saturday, October 26, 2019 thru Sunday, November 3, 2019. All donations can be placed in the boxes located in our gathering space at the back of church.



Thank you very much for your donations and continued support. Please contact the parish of with any questions at 773.767.1523.

Join us for Bible Study
every Thursday evening
beginning at 7pm in the Parish
Office meeting room. For more
information please call the office
at 773.767.1523.

HOLY
BIBLE



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of October is for a Missionary "Spring" in the Church.

**That the breath of the Holy Spirit
engender a new missionary "spring" in
the Church.**

Grateful 🌻 Thankful 🌻 Blessed

Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 6:30-11:00pm
Sharp Center (21+ event)

Back by popular demand:

**DARIO RADIO DUELING
PIANOS**



Student Art Auction, Amazing Raffle Baskets, 50/50

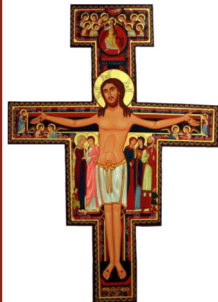
Advance tickets are \$35 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$40. Tickets include dinner, dessert, beer, wine, pop & water.

Call the School Office (773.585.6888) of the Parish Office (773.767.1523) for more information and tickets!

*All proceeds raised from this event benefit
St. Symphorosa School.*

Renew My Church Prayer

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.



Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY MASS SCHEDULE

On **All Saints' Day**, Friday, November 1, 2019, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30am, 9:30am, and 7pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

On **All Souls' Day**, Saturday, November 2, 2019, Mass will be celebrated at 8am and 5pm. At the 5pm Mass, our parish community will be remembering all those who have entered into eternal life. Our rectory office is currently collecting photos of deceased loved ones from family that we can display on our remembrance board in our church throughout the month of November. If you would like your photo displayed please bring it to the rectory office at any time during regular business hours. You may also place your photos in the collection basket at Mass or email them to symphorosa@comcast.net. If you would like your photo returned to you please print your name, number and address on the back of the photo(s) so that we may return them.



The Knights of Columbus & SPRED would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who supported their fundraising efforts during the "Tootsie Roll Drive". Your generosity is greatly appreciated!! All proceeds will help benefit the SPRED program in our community.

E-Giving (Electronic Giving) **One Stop. One Source. One Solution.**

After last weekend's State of the Parish presentation, several parishioners expressed an interest in increasing their donation through e-giving. For those of you interested in increasing your donation, we ask that you please contact Nancy Markham in the parish office. Nancy will be happy to help you with this task as the platform used for e-giving has been updated recently and may look different from your initial sign on. If you would like to register for e-giving please follow the directions below.

Since e-giving is compatible with any computer, smartphone or tablet, you can create an online account and give a single donation or even schedule a series of donations, based on your budget, directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.

Our online E-Giving URL address is:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/stsymphorosa>

Visit the above website or you can visit our Parish Website at "stsymphorosa.org" and click on the "Donate" tab. Please follow the directions online. It's simple!

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at **773.767.1523** and we will be glad assist you.



The 2020 Mass Book will open this Monday, October 21. If you would like to reserve a Mass please come to the parish office or contact us at 773.767.1523.
Thank you!



World Mission Sunday 2019

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith



Be Baptized and Sent—on Mission in the World! Today, World Mission Sunday, in this Extraordinary Missionary Month, we are called to personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to Mission in the world through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world.

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

Please join our Usher Ministry!

I would like to usher at the following Mass(es):

- ☐ Saturday 5:00pm
- ☐ Sunday 7:30am
- ☐ Sunday 9:30am
- ☐ Sunday 11:30am

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Please return completed form in the collection basket or to our Parish Office!

Thank you for your consideration!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to my Eagle Scout project over the past couple of weeks. I am humbled and overjoyed at the outpouring of support not only for my project but for all those who are in need at the Women's Crisis Center. Thank you once again!

Ian Wojcik
St. Symphorosa Graduate
Boy Scout Troop #1439 Member

ANNUAL REPORT

Inserted in this weekend's bulletin is a copy of the 2018-2019 St. Symphorosa Annual Report. Please be sure that you received a copy with your bulletin.

If you did not receive this insert with your copy of the bulletin please contact the parish office at 773.767.1523.

Thank you!

Calling All Vendors & Crafters

St. Symphorosa Parish Transformation Team presents the

6th Annual Holiday Extravaganza
Luncheon, Craft & Vendor Fair
Sunday, November 24, 2019
10:30am - 2:30pm (Sharp Center)

For information and table registration, please contact Monica at 773-814-6116 or holidayext2019@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

RAFFLE WINNERS

Super Club Raffle Winners for October are:

Nancy Alvarez \$25
Sharon Collins \$25
Cathy Carone \$50
Brian Flint \$100

Congratulations to you all!!

Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of October is offered for the following intentions:

For the repose of the souls of Elizabeth, William & Tony Bojarski given by Barbara Ann Rendak

For the repose of the souls of Penny & Eugene Uram, Andrew Budz, Jr. & Andrew Budz III given by Barbara Ann Rendak

In memory and for the repose of the soul of Rosalia Karpinski on the 25th Anniversary of her passing given by her daughter, Mary Trendle

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.



Offerings for the weekend of October 13, 2019

Weekly Budget (Est.): \$9,000.00

Contributions: \$6,633.76

Envelopes: 263

Thank you for your support & generosity!



Split the Pot

October 13, 2019

Received this week: \$305

Winning envelope: #7278

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Saint John de Brebeuf, Priest; Saint Isaac Joques, Priest

- 8:00am †Leo Kopyszka (*Soltis Family*)
 5:00pm †Colette "Cookie" Findysz (*Mary Kruzel*)
 †Larry Kreczmer (*Mary Trendle*)
 †Dolores A. Grisko (*Family*)

Sunday, October 20, 2019

World Mission Sunday

- 7:30am Health & Birthday Blessings for Kailanie Battung
 (*Rosario Battung*)
 †Elaine Scarbrough (*Dale & Colleen Mangelsdorff*)
 †Karen Gricus (*Arlene Scaletta*)
 9:30am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Arlene Wilus (*Mary Trendle*)
 †Marie Ulmer (*Sieпка Family*)
 †George "Al" Heinz (*Lorraine Sieпка*)
 †Maria De Los Angeles Alonzo-15th Anniversary of Passing (*Family*)
 †Concha Moreno & Robert Cardenas (*Family*)
 11:30am †Ben Sajdak (*Pat & Cathy Carone*)

Monday, October 21, 2019

- 8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving for all blessings & prayers received
 (*Pozniak Family*)
 Health & all the Lord's blessings for Edward J. Robertson
 (*Wife & Daughters*)
 †Daniel Tarsa (*Soltis Family*)
 †Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Saint John Paul II, Pope

- 8:00am †Elizabeth Bojarski (*Barbara Rendak*)
 †Frances Sala (*Mary Kolimas*)

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

- 8:00am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Kathy Hynes (*Mary Kolimas*)

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

- 8:00am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Carlos Montes
 (*Mary Kolimas*)
 †Karen Gricus (*Mary Kolimas*)

Friday, October 25, 2019

- 8:00am †Nancy Webb (*Chris Doherty*)

Saturday, October 26, 2019

- 8:00am †Nancy Webb (*Lock Family*)
 5:00pm †Greg Golab (*Mom & Dad*)
 †Frank Knetl & Glenn Nevills (*Mary Nevills*)
 †Dominick Santucci (*Art & Katie*)
 †Loretta Pozniak (*Karen Walsh*)
 †Daniel Alvarez (*Family*)

Sunday, October 27, 2019

- 7:30am All deceased members of the Wolniak Family (*Family*)
 †James Thorpe (*Paprzyca Family*)
 †Ray Oracki (*Barb Grzenia*)
 9:30am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Patrick Carmody (*Fr. Idzi*)
 †James Thorpe (*Family*)
 †George "Al" Heinz (*Ed & Maryann Czuma*)
 †Karen Gricus (*Ray & Mary Lou Kolasinski*)
 11:30am †Reverend Joseph Grembla (*Fr. Idzi*)
 †Guadalupe De La Cruz (*Son Eugene & Family*)
 †Maria Albertini (*Family*)



*There are in the end three things that last:
 Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of
 these is LOVE.*

Ignatius Battiato
 Dorothy Bogumil
 Fr. Ted Bojczuk
 Pat Carmody
 Michael Clifford
 Florence Comiso
 Norma De Stefano
 Chris Doherty
 Juan Figueroa
 Geri Gestaut
 Carol Golab
 Carol Gress
 Suzann Gunter
 Kathy Haars
 Megan High
 Dawn Hoyt
 Heather Hradek
 Denise M. Jandura
 Rich S. Jandura
 Joan Juris
 Lee Karpinski
 Dennis Kline
 Antoinette Kloppman
 Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
 Claudia Kwilosz
 Norman Kwilosz

James Lapsansky
 Donna Lauritzen
 Domenico Lepore
 Debbie Lipien
 John Martini
 Lou Mackey
 Lori McCarthy
 Kathleen McAuliffe
 Thomas Minnich
 Christine Mosqueda
 Genevieve Nagle
 Baby Alexander J Pentz
 Gi Gi Picciolini
 Marie Pratt
 Ann Robertson
 Edward Robertson
 Fr. John Rudnik
 Joseph Rudnik
 Gloria Schillings
 Collyn Schmidt
 Kristyn Schmidt
 Chalida Svatisalee
 Terry Styka
 Mary Thorpe
 Barb Ziegler
 Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
 Please let us know when to remove a name.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC
 Sgt. Ted Bartelmey
 CS-1 Joel Battung
 1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC
 Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC
 Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard
 Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN
 Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF
 Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC
 Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN
 Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army
 Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard
 Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF
 Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army
 Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy
 Corporal Noah M. Konie, USMC
 Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC
 Trevor Lutz, US Army
 Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC
 Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC
 Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army
 SPC Alex Ramos
 Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
 WO-1 Richard Sabeske, US Army
 Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
 1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

**GOD IS LIKE
 COFFEE**

**START YOUR
 MORNING
 WITH HIM &
 HE WILL
 ENERGIZE
 YOU**



Let us pray...

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
 shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Robert Borik