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February 22, 2009

*Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



*“But that you may know
that the Son of Man has AUTHORITY
to FORGIVE sins on earth” —
he said to the paralytic,
“I say to you, RISE, pick up your mat,
and go home.”*

MARK 2:10-11

Worship Schedule

February 25 - Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.: Mass
12 noon and 4:00 p.m.: Service

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass
Thurs.: Communion Service
All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Note from the Pastor



And now we begin...again.

It wasn't too long ago that we were singing the September Song with its days dwindling down to a precious few. Now we are about to reverse the process as we enter the holiest time of the year: Lent. Lent is an old English word meaning to lengthen. The darkest days are behind us and for the next 40 days we prepare ourselves not only for the rising of the Sun but the resurrection of the Son. Not only will we celebrate his victory over depression and death but, depending on how seriously we take this season now upon us, our own as well. And we certainly can use a little resurrection from depression and death.

This Ash Wednesday, as I have done for the past 38 years, I will "Blow the trumpet in Zion! Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; gather the people, notify the congregation; assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast..." It is our annual call to renewal, to begin again. And this year there is a special urgency to the call.

One of the most wonderful things about this faith of ours is that everything is redeemable. If we didn't get it right the first time we get a second chance and a third chance. Now we have another chance and opportunity not just to get it right but to simply get it, to begin to understand the mystery of life and the fullness of life that all have been called to. That's what Lent is all about. But it doesn't come cheap. Even though it is utterly and absolutely free there is no cheap grace. It's not about feeling warm fuzzies or even feeling good about ourselves. It is about clearly understanding and entering into the mystery of redemption which will always entail two things: death and resurrection. Resurrection is the easy part. Death, not so easy. And that's what Lent is all about.

For the next 40 days we are given the opportunity to take a hard clear look at the track we are taking, the path we are walking and the bridge we are crossing. If, indeed, it is the bridge to nowhere, the path of destruction and that we are off track, it is time to stop. Just stop. It is time to listen to that small still voice deep within our hearts calling us to get back on track. It is time then to act. Lent is a time of not only stopping, looking and listening but a time of holy

action. And these are the actions prescribed: prayer, fasting, almsgiving and works of mercy.

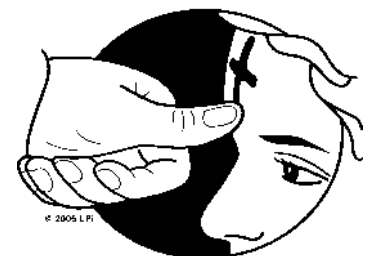
There are two classic paths to redemption: prayer and suffering. One we have no control over. As a matter of fact its definition simply means to be out of control. We suffer when we are unable to do as we please. Our egos' desires are thwarted by the realities of life. We want everything to be just so and it is not. Our jobs collapse, our marriage falters, our children are wayward and the harder we try to glue it together by our own efforts, the worse it gets. That's suffering. No one chooses to suffer and yet when we are able to see it for what it is, the royal road through darkness and death (our egoic desires, false self, illusions) to the fullness of life (who we are in God, our truest self), we are not afraid to embrace it. Why? Because One of us has already embraced it, carried the cross of human suffering, tasted death and came out the other end fully alive. We are called to follow Him and that's why we walk the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights of Lent. They are not some masochistic exercise but the path to life and salvation.

The other road to redemption is prayer. As I wrote last week, prayer is not necessarily saying prayers but this wonderful communion and listening to the Divine within us. Lent is the stellar opportunity to pray and to learn to pray. Do mark your calendars and clear a space for our parish day of learning how to pray on Saturday, March 7th from 10 am to 3 pm.

And now we begin again. But this time it's different. Can you feel it in the depth of your soul? Can you feel it in your bones? There seems to be a cosmic call to repentance. It is in the air. It is a special time, it is what Saint Paul calls the acceptable time and this year, we dare not miss it.

In Jesus our Pasch,

Father Tony



**Come to Mary Queen of Heaven Parish's
next speaker in the series
Call to Holiness and Discipleship**

**Saturday, March 7th, 2009
10:00 - 3:00pm Barrett Hall**

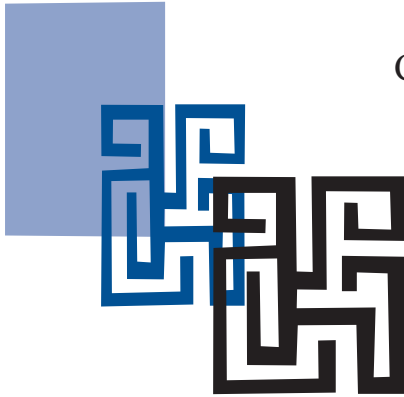
Lord, Teach Me to Pray

presented by **Tu Anh Holm**
Father Tony's daughter

Prayer of Compassion

Centering Prayer

Lectio Divina



Good will offering gratefully accepted

RSVP to Lynn Suwanski, 630-530-2523

Join us Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 at 7:00pm
for the next in the series
Call to Holiness and Discipleship
St. Paul and his Call to Discipleship
with **Cackie Upchurch,**
Director of Little Rock Scripture Study

**March 7, 2009
Saturday, 10-3pm
Barrett Hall - Luncheon**

Good will offering gratefully accepted

(please print) email: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Lord, Teach Me to Pray

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish
426 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126
630-279-5700

RSVP Phone number:
Lynn Suwanski 630-530-2523

Tear off and keep this piece as a reminder

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10:00am-3pm,
Barrett Hall**

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish
426 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126
630-279-5700

Lynn Suwanski 630-530-2523



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday February 25, 2009	
Mass with Distribution of Ashes	8:30 AM 7:00 PM
Service with Distribution of Ashes	12 NOON 4:00 PM

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Parish News

MEDICATIONS ALERT



THIS IS THE WEEKEND! The Peace and Justice Committee of our parish is collecting expired drugs / medications (over-the-counter and prescription) which parishioners want to dispose of responsibly.

Your medications must be in their original containers, with original labels intact. You may black out your name for privacy. Be sure the caps on your containers are on tight. Also, please note: we cannot accept needles.

The containers for unwanted medications are located in the rear (narthex) of the church. These medications will transported to a collection center. Trained medical persons will supervise the sorting process. Useable meds will be provided cost free to those in need. Participation in this collection will keep obsolete and unused medication out of our sewage system or landfills.

Thank you for participating in this collection. If this collection meets the needs of our parishioners, the MQH Peace and Justice Committee may conduct an annual "meds collection."

MQH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN "WOMEN OF THE YEAR" NOMINATIONS

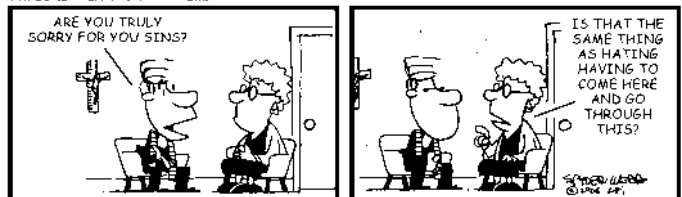


Weekend of February 21/22 and
February 28/ March 1

Nominations slips will be available at the back of church. All parishioners, ages 18 and older, will be asked to nominate a woman they feel leads a life of faith and love and who has given generously of her time and talent to the various ministries and organizations in our parish. They will also be asked to give a reason why they feel their nominee should be chosen. To be eligible for the "Woman of the Year", nominees must be MQH parishioners, not on staff at the parish, over 18 years of age, and not have held the title in the last 10 years.

Voting will be held the weekend of March 7/8. All women of the parish, ages 18 and older, are invited to vote.

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish News

EXCHANGE OF PULPITS NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend Father John Balluff and Father Tony will trade places. Father Balluff is the pastor of the parishes in Gilman and Onarga Illinois and a native of Elmhurst. Father Tony's adopted family is from the Onarga area. Father Balluff will be up here to celebrate with us and to visit friends and family and Father Tony will do the same down in the South end of our diocese. We welcome Father Balluff.

PARISH DAY OF PRAYER

Do mark your calendars for the 7th of March when Father Tony's daughter Tu Anh Holm will be with us to teach and share various ways to pray. The day will go from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be included. Do check the bulletin for details.



PALMS BLESSED IN 2008

If you have palms which were blessed last Palm Sunday, please bring them to church for burning this year. There will be a box available from now until March 29 in the church vestibule where they can be deposited.

Christian Worship Commission



To pray for our sick is an important privilege of our parish family. Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face.

When calling the parish office, please leave contact information and your relationship to the person. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

Baby Alexander Ross
Annette Bojko
Rose Cafarelli
Patricia Coulson
Michael Figiel
Florence Konkolewski
Tricia Mayer
Firoza Mohideen



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Blessed Mother Teresa, the holy woman of Calcutta, received communion daily and often, twice daily, with tremendous devotion. "Her deep, deep reverence for the Blessed Sacrament was a sign of her profound faith in the Real Presence of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Her adoring attitude, gestures such as genuflections—even on both knees in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed, and that well into old age...bespoke her faith in the Eucharist." (from *Come Be My Light*, edited by Brian Kolodiejchuk)

Visitation, our sister parish in Elmhurst, has invited members of our parish to partner with them in signing up for a weekly hour of adoration in their **Perpetual Adoration** chapel. You might say it's impossible to be in the **SAME** place at exactly the **SAME** time **EVERY** week. Good news! Because it's a team effort, you need not hesitate to sign up for **what works for you**. There is always someone ready to help if you can't make it **EVERY** week!

This weekend is sign-up weekend for Perpetual Adoration at Visitation. It will take place after all the Masses. Please feel free to ask questions of representatives from Visitation and MQH at the Eucharistic Adoration table in back of Church You will also find a sign-up form in this week's bulletin.

Note: Our next Monday of Eucharistic Adoration at MQH will be from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday March 2nd, followed by Benediction.

SPONSOR A CHILD OR AN ELDERLY PERSON

There are close to 12,000 people waiting to be sponsored. Some of you may remember CFCA coming to one of our Masses at church and speaking about this program of sponsorship around 10 years ago. I sponsor a girl from the Philippines who is now 18 years old. There are children and elderly around the world that need help with food, books, and medical help, etc. CFCA stands for Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. This organization "helps families in developing countries to put food on the table and send their children to school so that together, we can end the cycle of poverty".

Ask me about it - Debbie Styka - debbiestyka@yahoo.com or call 800-875-6564 or email mail@cfcausa.org to sponsor someone. (You can also sponsor a teenager online- www.walkwiththepoor.org)

Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 1

Sunday, February 22, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
8th grade Bake Sale after Masses

Monday, February 23, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parish Council in Parish Office Dining

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
Fellowship after Mass in Barrett Hall
9:00 AM Yoga in School
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 - Ash Wednesday

NO RE Classes in School

8:30 AM Mass with Distribution of Ashes in Church
12 noon Service with Distribution of Ashes
4:00 PM Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM Mass with Distribution of Ashes in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room

Thursday, February 26, 2009

8:30 AM Communion Service in Church
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Preschool Evening Parent's Nite Out
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School 4-5,13
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee in Conf. Room

Friday, February 27, 2009

NO PRESCHOOL

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction in Church

Saturday, February 28, 2009

3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

Sunday, March 1, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses

Christian Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, February 25th is Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of the holy season of Lent. There are no regular Religious Education classes. However all RE families are expected to attend either the Distribution of Ashes service at 4:00PM in Church or mass with the distribution of ashes at 7:00PM.

Saturday, March 7th our 8th grade Confirmation candidates will have their final interviews in the school building from 9-Noon. Information regarding individual appointment times will be mailed shortly.

Attention parents of second graders:

Our second graders will be celebrating the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, **May 2nd** at 11:00AM and at 4:30PM and on Sunday, **May 3rd** at 8:30 and 10:30AM. There has been some confusion about the dates due to a typo in the parent packet. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

For more info on any of the above, please call
Mary Ann Woods at the REO, 832-8962.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Mary Queen of Heaven continues to accept registration for the 2009-2010 school year. Please join us at one of our Open Houses to tour the school, **meet the teachers, and visit the current families.**

Second Thursday of each month:

March 12th
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Third Sunday of each month:

March 15th
9:30 am - noon

For additional information please contact
the Preschool Director Liz Lowrey
(630) 833-9500
mqhpreschool@aol.com



Ash Wednesday

Miércoles de Ceniza



MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009

	8:30 AM	7:00 PM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	Morning Lector	R. Villamil
Eucharistic Ministers	TBD	T. Sabel (S) D. StaRosa (C) G. Los K. Gusloff K. Vicary M. McCall G. Regan
Altar Servers	TBD	TBD

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Balluf	Fr. Balluf	Fr. Balluf
Lector	M. Grozik A. Grozik	R. Villamil	E. Walker
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Styka (S) D. Styka (C) D. StaRosa T. Sabel S. Pingatore G. Pstrzoch H. Todd	K. Vicary (S) M. Kelly (C) K. Biggs G. Regan M. McCall P. Twardowski D. Bernstein	P. Mason (S) D. Justus (C) T. Kevil F. Tremmel K. Mueller K. Mueller K. Gusloff J. Lindberg M. Japczyk
Altar Servers	C. Ceper B. Gornick G. Gornick	M. Bourke B. Dunn M. Jankovic	S. Lewand V. Maple M. Piszczor



Gospel Verse

Jesus said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

- Mk 2:11-12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 22, 2009

8:30 AM † Estrella Schultz
10:30 AM † Guy Bobbora

Monday, February 23, 2009

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

8:30 AM People of the Parish
12 noon Service with Distribution of Ashes
4:00 PM Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM People of the Parish

Thursday, February 26, 2009

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, February 27, 2009

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Saturday, February 28, 2009

4:30 PM † John Dolinaj
† Lillian Dolinaj

Sunday, March 1, 2009

8:30 AM † Guy Bobbora
10:30 AM † Alex Villamil

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/
2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday February 15, 2008	
Adults	\$7,350.00
Children	\$70.92
Parish Pay for the month of February	\$7,288.00
Total	\$14,708.92

ParishPay

Making it Easier to Give

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Enter www.goodsearch.com for web site.
Type "Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church" into the "I support" box, & click "verify". Continue your search.

Eucharistic Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

SIGN-UP: February 21-22 – MQH Church

Visitation and Mary Queen of Heaven Parishes
Chapel in Visitation Convent
779 South York Rd
Elmhurst, Illinois

Yes! I will spend one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

I prefer: (circle one) *Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday*

I prefer: _____ Morning (6AM-Noon) _____ Afternoon (Noon – 6PM)

_____ Evening (6PM-Midnight) _____ Night (Midnight – 6AM)

_____ I am flexible _____ I will also substitute

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

For more information call: Rose Wilkes 630 833 7238
Owen or Gail Hilding 630 573 0033

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