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March 1, 2009

*First Sunday of
Lent*

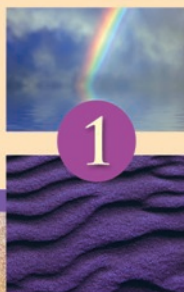


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Worship Schedule

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

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Note from the Pastor



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The last feast we celebrated before winter's dark interlude was the Baptism of the Lord. On coming out of the waters of the Jordan, the young carpenter from Nazareth received from God his true name and identity. The Spirit hovered over him and the voice of the Almighty proclaimed, "You are my son, my beloved." That has to be pretty heady stuff. From a purely human point of view can you imagine what it must be like to realize that you can say to these stones, "Be bread", and they would turn into the staff of life. Now, that's power. But how do you use it? What does it really mean to be the son of God? Ah, that's the question for Jesus and, as the adoptive sons and daughters of God, for us as well.

But how and where do you discover what all of this means? Where can one go to understand what it means to have the fullness of life? The best place to discover that is in the Valley of Death, the desert. And so led by the Spirit, Jesus goes into the deserted place, the desert for 40 days and 40 nights on a journey of self-discovery and, if we are to be his followers, so must we. Welcome to the desert. Welcome to Lent.

But why the desert? Why would we go to this place of dryness and emptiness? It would seem that if we wanted to drink deeply of the waters of life we would go to the Oasis, to the rainforest where vegetation and life is lush, where we can fill our bellies and minds with the sweet fruit that surrounds us that is just ripe for the picking. But no, it is God's spirit that leaves him to the desert and where he goes, so must we.

But why? Someone asked Lawrence of Arabia that same question to which he responded, "Because it's clean." It is not cluttered; there is nothing there to preoccupy your mind. There are no superficial pastimes to keep you busy. It is just you and the vast emptiness that at first glance seems so dead. There is nothing there. Or is there? It is only when we are reduced to the bare essentials that we begin to discover what is truly essential. Most of our lives are fritted away on useless preoccupations that keep us very busy but take us nowhere. It is only when we are lead to the nowhere, the desert without any visible means of sustenance that we slowly begin to discover that we are "now-here" with all that is essential and all that we need. But it is a pretty scary proposition for as St. Mark tells us today in the Gospel, "We will find ourselves among the wild beasts."

When our superficial satiations are taken away we find ourselves hungry, alone, and afraid. We want to bolt back

to where we came from. But if we are truly led by the Spirit we stand still in the desert and listen. The first voices we hear will be those of the wild beasts, of our fears and our fantasies and the good times and easy days past. If we are strong enough and humble enough we continue to stand still and listen even deeper. Now the external crutches of our culture are no longer there to prop us up and we slowly begin to perceive that there is an internal light and power that gives us life. Not only was Jesus in the desert with the wild beasts but the angels came to wait on him and it is the promise of God that we too have our angels.

Are you ready for the journey? There is only one way to enter into the desert of Lent and that is believe or not, unprepared. We leave behind our fail-safe systems and come empty handed into the desert of life, the desert of Lent. Only when we are armed with the works of the desert: prayer, fasting and almsgiving, will we discover that the desert is teeming with life.

And it's all about life.

In Jesus, the deserted one,
Father Tony



Parish News

WORTHWHILE LECTURE

For the theologically astute there will be a most worthwhile lecture at Elmhurst College next Monday, March 2nd at the Fredrick center (190 Prospect). John Haught is the speaker on the interplay between evolution, ecology, religion and theology.

PARISH Penance SERVICE

Mark your calendars. At 7:00 pm this Tuesday March 3rd, we will have our Lenten parish Penance Service. We will follow the format used in Advent. It is a wonderful way to receive sacramental reconciliation and a perfect preparation for the Holy Season. Do purpose to be there.



Parish News



Due to Spring Break Vacation, articles for bulletins for the month of March and April will have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, March 8	Monday, March 2
Sunday, March 15	Monday, March 9
Sunday, March 22	Monday, March 16
Sunday, March 29	Wednesday, March 18
Sunday, April 5	Monday, March 23

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Gospel Verse

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

- Mk 1:14-15

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 - Luncheon

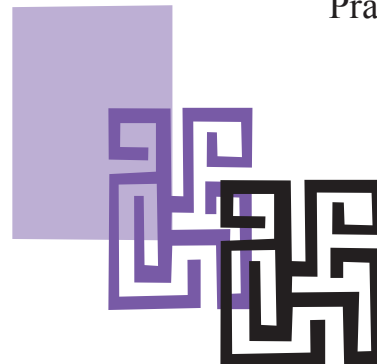
Lord, Teach Me to Pray

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

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

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

To register, please tear off and drop it off in collection box or at the rectory

(please print) email: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Parish News



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 60 MINUTES

A few weeks ago the last of the Christmas decorations were being put away and now it's already Lent. Most of us have hardly had time to break our New Year's resolutions much less start thinking about our Lenten disciplines.

Maybe we'd do better to put OUR decisions aside for a moment and find out what GOD has in mind for us. What He wants of us this Lent may be something we've never thought of, or something that surprises us. *Jesus said to His apostles, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."* (Mk 6:31-32) And so they did. (adapted from *The Little Black Book*, by Bishop Ken Untener)

Put yourself in that scene for a time; **60 Minutes** would be perfect. Make it just the Lord and yourself, alone in a quiet place. This Monday you have an opportunity to do just that. He will be present in the monstrance during our day of Eucharistic Adoration, from 9 am to 7 pm. Our day of prayer ends with Benediction. Come! Rest a while. Talk straight with Him and the two of you will surely come up with some Lenten plans.

Are you looking for even more quiet space this Lent? Why not visit our Elmhurst Perpetual Adoration chapel at Visitation parish, 779 S. York Rd. It's open 24/7.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our Easter Food Drive will take place the weekend of March 21st and 22nd.

This year we will be adopting between 12 and 15 families that will receive Food Baskets. In addition, each child of an adopted needy family will receive an Easter Basket filled with goodies.

As in the past, we will need non-perishable items such as canned soup, fruit, vegetables, cereal, baking items, spaghetti, macaroni, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, spam, canned chili, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, flour, detergent, dish soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, jello, pudding, drinks, personal items such as tooth paste, bar soap, etc. and goodies (candy, cookies).

Our Preschool Program and Religious Ed Program will be gathering items to help us fill the children's baskets.

Gift Cards for Dominick's and Jewel to purchase meat, poultry, milk, butter and other perishable items are always appreciated.



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

All are invited to attend "FELLOWSHIP" on March 15th immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Bring your family and invite your friends to join you in Barrett Hall for this social gathering. This month the Men's Group is hosting and they especially invite the men of the parish to stop by. This is a perfect time for all our men of the parish to find out about the various activities that the Men's Group is involved with and the social events that they are planning.

BISHOP SARTAIN SPEAKS (ONLINE)

Bishop Peter Sartain, Bishop of Joliet, will be offering an "Online Lenten Retreat" starting Ash Wednesday. The Bishop will be presenting two short recorded talks each week, along with several scripture passages for further reflection, which will assist and inspire parishioners to begin an authentic journey of conversion and a renewed commitment to prayer, penitence, almsgiving, and self-denial. Please visit <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org> to hear Bishop Sartain's reflections and to find more resources for Lent.

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
Marge Hasenberg
Florence Konkolewski
Roger Lump
Tricia Mayer

Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 1 - MARCH 8

Sunday, March 1, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM NO RCIA
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

Monday, March 2, 2009

NO PRESCHOOL

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Church
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Liturgy Planning Committee in Parish Office Dining Room

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Lenten Penance Service in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School
RE Lenten Reconciliation in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room

Thursday, March 5, 2009

8:30 AM Communion Service in Church
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 Men's Group in Barrett Hall

Friday, March 6, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

Saturday, March 7, 2009

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM RE Confirmation Interviews in School
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Day of Prayer Retreat in Barrett Hall
3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

Sunday, March 8, 2009

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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



OKAY, BUT REMEMBER A RETREAT IS JUST A TEMPORARY TACTICAL MANEUVER SO YOU CAN COME BACK AT THE ENEMY EVEN STRONGER THAN BEFORE!



I COME HERE FOR SPIRITUAL ADVICE, AND I GET NAPOLEON BONAPARTE...

WANTED: MORE! GROSS LPM WIKED

Christian Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Lenten Project

This Lent as in years past, our children will collect new items that can be put in Easter baskets for the children of Marillac House on the west side of Chicago. We invite you to join our RE children in filling the "basket" that will be found in the hall of the school each Wednesday during Lent. Any items that are appropriate for a child's Easter basket; candy, small toys & stuffed animals, etc. all will be welcome. We know all will be generous.

Please mark your calendars:

Saturday, March 7th our 8th grade Confirmation candidates will have their final interviews in the school building starting at 9:00AM. Information regarding individual appointment times have been mailed to parents.

Thinking about being a catechist.

Now is the time to begin to pray over whether or not you hear God calling you to share your faith with the children of the parish. Each year as is the case, we lose some catechists due to moves in residence, jobs, or perhaps just moving on to a different ministry in the parish. The fall of 2009 will be no different. Some may think that it is too early to begin thinking about such things, but with over 500 children in our program and ever growing, it is just the right time. If you would like to talk about it, please call us at the REO.



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	D. StaRosa	R. Wilkes	S. Napolilli
Eucharistic Ministers	A. Grozik (S) M. Grozik (C) M. Conway F. Trevino H. Todd M. Zelinski D. StaRosa	J. Eichorst (S) J. Unger (C) B. Nosek D. Bernstein T. Nanak K. Vicary J. Spears	P. Le Tourneau (S) M. Quist (C) B. Quist M. Japczyk P. Luckey T. Kevil M. McCall R. Styka D. Styka
Altar Servers	N. Simon N. Simon E. Zielinski	C. Weigel I. Weigel J. Simon	M. Bourke S. Pierzchala J. Alonso



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 1, 2009

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

Monday, March 2, 2009

8:30 AM † James R. Ennis
† Albert Fuschen

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

8:30 AM † Blythe O' Sullivan

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 5, 2009

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, March 6, 2009

8:30 AM † Rev. Victor Rudden

Saturday, March 7, 2009

4:30 PM † John Dolinaj
† Lillian Dolinaj

Sunday, March 8, 2009

8:30 AM † Joan Early
10:30 AM † Florence Flint

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 1, 2009

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday February 22, 2008	
Adults	\$7,156.00
Children	\$57.55
Total	\$7,213.55

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat										
<p>1 First Sunday of Lent 8:30 & 10:30 AM NO RCIA Masses in C 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church</p>	<p>2 NO PRESCHOOL - Institute Day 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Eucharist Adoration in C 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conf R 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Liturgy Planning Committee in PODR</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in BH 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conf R 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Lenten Penance Service in C 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conf R</p>	<p>4 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School RE Lenten Reconciliation in C 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conf R</p>	<p>5 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in C 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School 4-5,13 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM Men's Group in BH</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM RE Confirmation Interviews in School 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Day of Prayer Retreat in BH 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C</p>										
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