

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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February 8, 2009

*Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



*The whole TOWN
was gathered at the door.
He CURED many who were sick
with various diseases,
and he drove out many DEMONS,
not permitting them to speak
because they KNEW him.*

MARK 1:33-34

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

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

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Note from the Pastor



THOUGHTS ON TURNING 65

Last year at this time I was humming an old Beatles' song. This year I spent my 65th birthday conducting a penance service. I wasn't surprised. I turned 21 on Ash Wednesday during the old dispensation which meant no booze, no food and no fun.

I was born on the day that my paternal grandmother (Antonia, hence Anthony) died. My poor father didn't know whether to be happy or sad and so according to the apocryphal family story he just drank. I share my birth date (March 3rd) with the great communicator Alexander Graham Bell and the goof ball philosopher Dr. Seuss. Not bad company.

From the time I became an adult (and I am still working on it) it has been my practice to mark the various milestones of age with my own peculiar stream of consciousness ruminations. At 25, I was a graduate student at Indiana University and I walked around the campus on my birthday wearing a sign that read "Serving the public for a quarter of a century." At 30, I was teaching at St. Charles Borromeo High School Seminary and wore a badge that read, "Never trust anyone under 30." At 39, I was an associate at Christ the King Parish in Lombard and prided myself in running from Lombard to Wheaton along the Illinois Prairie Path rather effortlessly. At 40, as the brand new pastor of St. Anne in Oswego, I woke up crying in my pillow. And to add insult to injury when I went down for Mass the congregants had a cake with 40 candles lit on it (No wonder the church burned down). It was then that I discovered that there really is such a thing as a mid-life crisis only you don't know it until you are already through it.

By 50, I was through it. Pastoring the multicultural parish of St. Theresa in Kankakee I threw myself a 50th birthday party for 500 of my closest friends. The theme? Of course, the 50's. By 50 you understand that you are really not going anywhere so it truly is a time to begin to enjoy the now, just living. By 50 you come to the full realization that life is not about you (your dreams, your desires, your ambitions) but that you are about life (how do you fit in with God's great cosmic dance). It was a very good decade. At 60, with the entire community of St. Isidore supporting my efforts, I participated in the Full Chicago Triathlon. I did it to help raise funds for our education endowment and the T-shirt logo that all the donors wore read, "I told my pastor to jump in the lake...and I paid for it." By 61, while I could still swim and bike, my running days were over (damn knees).

On my 63rd birthday I realized that I was going to live. 6

months earlier I had contracted endocarditis. It took over 3 months to diagnose and by that time the bacteria had grown substantially. I did not know how serious it was until a nurse offhandedly remarked, "Well, Father if this doesn't work, we will put you on the heart transplant list." Oh, no you won't. Give the heart to a young person who needs it. It was the first time in my life that I had come face to face with my own mortality as a real possibility. And I surprised myself with my own equanimity. It was a good life lesson. But by now I was tired of running things, making decisions and being responsible of a community of 22,000 people. Is God good or what? As I said my first Sunday here, "I have come from a Parish of 7,000 families to one of 700. What a difference a zero makes." And now I am 65.

65. A *genuine* senior citizen. I might even join AARP this year. Nah. As a great lover of and believer in public transportation I have been anticipating my 65th birthday so that I can get my Blago Senior Citizen's transit card. Now you know, don't you, that on the day I receive the card, they will rescind the law. And, in all fairness, they probably should.

65. My best and probably most productive years are behind me. I just don't have the energy any more. But my most important years I feel are most likely still ahead. There is holy work to do but it doesn't entail frenetic running around. It doesn't entail a thousand meetings or 800 projects. It entails simply being in the presence of and connecting to. At this stage in my life, it is my holy work to continually be in the presence of the Divine, of God and connecting you to that Presence. That's it. At 65 I wish to be nothing more (and hopefully nothing less) than God's conduit.

At this stage in my life, most new adventures have lost their luster. The wanderlust of my youth has faded into the weariness of getting out of bed in the morning. It is 4:30 am and I ask myself the perpetual question, why am I doing this? And then I look at the pictures of my children and my grandchildren, at the pictures on my sitting room wall of the wee ones collected from all of my previous assignments and I remember. At a certain age we are to stop living for ourselves (if we haven't figured out by now who we are and what are we going to do, we never will) and start living for the next generation. We presently live in what is called the information age. Turn on your computer and all the information of the world is at your fingertips. What this age is *not* called is the Age of Wisdom. There is a reason that the words 'wise' and 'old' go together. There is no such thing as instant wisdom. It takes time, experience, failure, and faith to form the wise person. And once she or he has received a modicum of it, it is useless unless it is passed along. One never gathers wisdom for oneself alone. The nature of wisdom is to be shared. And whatever of it I have been able to glean through the years I hope to share with you and your children. (continues on page 2)

THOUGHTS ON TURNING 65 (CONT.)

Tennis players hit their prime in their 20s, pianists in their 30s and 40s and priests in their 50s. By 50 you know what you are doing and still have the energy to do it. 65 is post prime. But that's ok. By now I am beginning to understand the things that I can do, accept the things that I can not and the wisdom to know the difference.

In Jesus, the wisdom of God,
Father Tony



P.S. The little ones from our pre-school just came over to sing Happy Birthday. Guess what? I'm going to get another picture for my wee ones wall.

Parish News



HANG ON

Three weeks before the death of Fr. Joseph Kentenich, founder of the Schoenstatt Movement, after the completion of Holy Mass, someone held out a Crucifix before him so that he could bless it. Father turned it around, pointed to the empty surface on the reverse side and smiled at the person before him. His gesture was understood and all present got the message without a word having been spoken.

Father Kentenich had often said: *"Two should hang on the same cross. That is why there is still room on the other side. We bear our Saviour's cross and He bears ours, all for the intention and the redemption of the world;"* to draw mankind home to the Father. (from The Three Pillars)

During this week of Lent, come to the Visitation Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and sit in the presence of our risen Jesus while you meditate on the crucified Lord on the Cross above the Monstrance. The reverse side is waiting for you. **HANG ON!**

For questions or details, call Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238.

Gospel Verse

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

Parish News



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

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, March 15	Monday, March 9
Sunday, March 22	Monday, March 16
Sunday, March 29	Wednesday, March 18
Sunday, April 5	Monday, March 23
Sunday, April 12	Wednesday, April 1

Thank you for your cooperation.



FELLOWSHIP THIS 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.

MEDICATIONS REPORT



Just a brief report on the Medications Collection at our parish on the weekend of Feb. 21 / 22. We collected a total of 7 large boxes of expired drugs and medications (over-the-counter and prescription). The Peace and Justice Committee really appreciated the response of our parishioners to this project. Please save your expired drugs and medications (in their original containers). We will schedule another collection next year.

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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.

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
Firoza Mohideen
Daniel Spratt
Carrie(Sugrue) Var-Verschot

Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 8 - MARCH 15

Sunday, March 8, 2009 - Daylight Savings Time Begin

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

Monday, March 9, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room

Tuesday, March 10, 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
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Baptism Preparation Class in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

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

Thursday, March 12, 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
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul Mtg. in Barrett Hall
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Peace & Justice Comm. Mtg. in Conf. Room

Friday, March 13, 2009 - Day of Abstinence

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

Saturday, March 14, 2009

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

Sunday, March 15, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Fellowship after 10:30 Mass in Barrett Hall
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church



MARKET DAY

Orders for March are due Monday, March 16 at noon. Turn in your order form in the box in the back of church or at the rectory. Pickup on **Saturday, March 21, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.** If you have questions or would like to place an order, please call **Karen at 630-279-4108** or **Beth at 630-833-5469** or email her at ekujawa121@sbcglobal.net.

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 you will be generous.

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. This year we had approximately 80 volunteer catechists, aides, office helpers, and hall monitors helping us. We are blessed. If you would like to talk about how you might share your time and talent with our children, please call us at the REO.

Please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, March 18th - No RE

Wednesday, March 25th- Confirmation parent & candidate session in Church at 7:00PM with Fr. Tony. Gr. 8 will not meet at 5:15PM.

Saturday, March 21st- Market Day pick up in School from 9:45 to 10:30AM

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

Diocesan News

MISSION TO KENYA

The Peace and Social Justice Ministry of the Diocese of Joliet has announced plans for the next mission to Kenya . The dates for this trip are August 28th to September 12th, 2009. Persons who may be interested in participating are invited to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville .



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 mqhpreshool@aol.com

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VISITATION SPRING BOUTIQUE

Thursday, April 2, 2009 7-10 p.m.

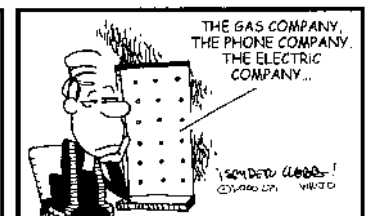
**at the Visitation Valentino Center
851 S. York Road, Elmhurst**

\$5 at door donation to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Shop for one-of-a-kind First Communion, Mother's Day, Baby and Bridal Shower gifts **For more information call: Tracy Vazquez(630-279-2264)**

THE JOURNEY OF ST. PAUL

"The Journey of St. Paul" is a professional dramatic presentation of the life of Paul from his early persecution of the Church through his miraculous conversion and years of fighting for the Faith. The performance is Monday, March 30th at 7 PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 111 S. Cass, Westmont. Tickets are \$12/person (\$40/family of 4 or more.) For more information, please call (630) 968-5978, X101.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	F. Tremmel	M. McCall	P. Reyenertson
Eucharistic Ministers	M. White (S) J. Goryl (C) C. Reisenbuckler G. Los S. Pingatore G. Pstrzoch D. StaRosa	R. Styka (S) D. Styka (C) T. Sabel G. Regan K. Biggs K. Vicary J. Unger	P. Twardowski (S) D. Justus (C) M. Kelly K. Mueller K. Mueller J. Lindberg P. Mason T. Kevil K. Gusloff
Altar Servers	B. Gornick G. Gornick C. Gornick	J. Nosek M. Nosek S. Lewand	V. Maple J. McDonough M. McDonough



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 8, 2009

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

Monday, March 9, 2009

8:30 AM † Carl Reitmeyer

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

8:30 AM † Nick Montesano

Thursday, March 12, 2009

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, March 13, 2009

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 14, 2009

4:30 PM All Parishioners

Sunday, March 15, 2009

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory
10:30 AM † Tullio Ioratti

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 8, 2009

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday March 1, 2008	
Adults	\$8,463.00
Children	\$68.73
Total	\$8,531.73

ParishPay

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Type "Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church" into the "I support" box, & click "verify". Continue your search.

CCW "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" ELECTION MARCH 7/8

All women of the parish, ages 18 and older, are invited to vote. Please stop by the table in the back of church to vote for one of our many deserving candidates. Good luck and congratulations to all who were nominated!

Joan Giordano.....For the past twenty three years I have been a teacher. So, it is no surprise that I wanted to a part of bringing Children's Liturgy of the Word to Mary Queen of Heaven Church. I began my involvement shortly after joining the parish. I taught religious education for two years and then took on the task of helping to organize Children's Liturgy of the Word. It gives me great pleasure to see children understand and relate to the gospel. My daughter is one of the many teenagers that help us each Sunday. I believe children learn through example and we have many members of the parish that share their talents and demonstrate what it means to be a Christian. I am thrilled to be a part of such a caring parish.

Marie Grozik..... Alex and I have been married for 9 years. We have been in Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for 6 years. Alex is studying to be a Deacon and I attend classes with him twice a week at St. Charles Borromeo in Romeoville. He has 2 more years of school before ordination. Here at Mary Queen I have been a Bible Study Coordinator and Facilitator for 4 years, Lector for 5 years, and one half of a Pre-Cana Mentor Couple for 4 years. This year Alex and I have joined the RCIA and became Eucharistic Ministers. We also have started working on the Ministry of Vocations and hope to be more visible with this ministry in the coming year. We really enjoy being a part of the Mary Queen family just because it feels like home when we are with all of the people here. We came because we enjoyed the Liturgies when we visited and we stayed because of the warmth we felt. When I think of all of the beautiful women who work so hard here at Mary Queen I am humbled by this nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Gail Lewicki..... I have been a parishioner at Mary Queen of Heaven for 32 years. My husband, Jerry, and I have 3 grown children. Over the years, I have held many different positions on the CCW Board. I taught Religious Education for 10 years when our children were young. I am currently on the CCW Board and I work in the Parish Office on Mondays. I also help in the office when needed for mailings or other projects. I love this parish and the camaraderie within Mary Queen. Everyone is so nice and friendly.

Debbie Styka..... I am the wife of Randy, and mother of Neal (24) and Heather (21). My main activity at Mary Queen has been organizing PADS volunteers for over ten years. I have worked with the Garden Club and the annual

Dinner Dance. This year, I am assisting in a 4th grade Religious Education class. I also help with sorting food baskets at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. For ten years, I have belonged to a small faith community from Mary Queen that meets in each other homes twice a month to share faith. I also teach Yoga to parishioners. I try to maintain the Pathway of Peace Labyrinth near the parish office. I have been a Eucharistic Minister for over fifteen years. Along with my husband, I have helped prepare many couples for marriage.

Lynn Suwanski..... I have been a member of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish since 1998 when, on the first day of joining the parish, I took on coordinating the Renew 2000 Process for 5 seasons, through 2000. Three Renew groups are still in existence as small faith communities now in 2009. I am a past member of the Parish Pastoral Council, Worship Commission, and currently chairman of the Adult Spirituality and Education Committee and on the Education Commission. Since 2005, I have co-coordinated the Little Rock Scripture study programs at Mary Queen. I have been the facilitator and member of The Gathering, a small Christian community, for 15 years, and Coordinator of Small Faith Communities since 2000. My husband, Gene, best friend and supporter, and I have an adult son, Ian, his very musical wife Stephani, and 3 grandsons. In my past life I taught Religious Ed to 1st graders for 12 years. I am currently an RN, working in the managed care department at Elmhurst Hospital, and a pediatric nurse for 13 years prior to that. Gene and I are part-time caregivers for Mom, who lives in Elmhurst. I love this parish, its people, its comfortableness, its worship, and its leadership. I feel I have a lot of energy, ideas, and creativity to offer the parish.

Phylis Twardowski....I have been a member of Mary Queen of Heaven since 1973. I have two married children and two grandsons. During my 35 years here, I taught Religious Education for 13 years, have been a member of Parish Council, Parish Center Building Committee, 50th Anniversary Committee and co-chairperson for the Auction Dinner Dance. Currently, I am a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Building and Grounds, St. Vincent DePaul, Art & Environment and Faith Connection, a small faith group, as well as CCW treasurer.

Mimi Wolak..... I have been a parishioner at MQH for 9 years. I served as a lector and Eucharistic Minister while completing my Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Leadership. Four years ago I became Director of the RCIA and Bereavement Ministry Teams. I have learned much from those that I have met and served with in the parish and am humbled by this nomination for Woman of the Year. On a personal note I have been an Occupational Therapist for 39 years and have one adult son who lives in California.