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February 14, 2010

*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



*“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.”*

— L k 6 : 2 0 - 2 1

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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



A LENTEN VALENTINE

Many years ago around this time of the year, I received a greeting card which had the ugliest man you've ever seen on the outside shouting a silent obscenity. When I opened the card it read, "Valentine, Schmalentine, I want you to be my Frankenstein." So much for love and sweetness on this day of love and sweetness. And yet in the midst of so much Frankenstein news we can use a little love and sweetness. It is the very best preparation for what is yet to come, the season of some very strict discipline and serious spiritual work. The season of Lent. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

The Church loves to juxtapose sweet and sour, light and dark, life and death, valentines and ashes. At Christmas time, we celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth, followed the next day by the stoning and martyrdom of St. Stephen, followed the next day by the sweetness of St. John the Evangelist, followed the next day by the Slaughter of the Innocents. Follow that roller coaster of emotions and you would think that the Church is on the hormonal high and low of a 15 year old. But it's not. The sourness and sweetness of life do not follow in some type of adolescent sequence of up and down, but abide together at exactly the same time.

As one begins to mature in the spiritual life, we discover that living fully is not either/or, but both/and. And "and" is the operative word. It connects opposites.

One of the banes of immaturity is that we get bored so easily. We are always looking for escapes and thrills and special pleasures to take our minds off of the hardships and difficulties of life. Escapism, whether in entertainment or alcohol or internet addiction or... (fill in the blank), is a national way of life. Somehow to live in the naked now is just too painful and so we create our own avatars to distract us from the hurt. But it doesn't really work. In the end, we really are Slouching to Gomorra and Amusing Ourselves to Death.

What we need to do is to learn what Jesus taught, not only by His words, but more importantly by His life. And that is to hold the opposites together. Our immature inclination is to always expel what we consider to be the contaminating element, whether that be a person, or a life situation, or even something in ourselves that we find unacceptable. We expel it out of our consciousness into the shadow-lands of our unconscious. But it doesn't go away. Being wiser and much more mature is to acknowledge its presence, to look at it in the eye, to bear it. In our faith tradition we have a

name for this. It's called carrying the cross.

Of all the seemingly absurd symbols in the world, the Cross is the most absurd. Come this Wednesday, we will all be invited, no, we will be called to pick up our cross and follow the Master. We will have ashes placed on our foreheads and be reminded of the impermanence of everything we see before us, all the things and people we hold dear. It's all passing away. At exactly the same time, we are also called to embrace the permanence of an undying and unconditional love that not only sustains us through this passing world, but leads us into a world that never ends. And it begins in this life. Go figure.

We now enter into the season of paradox. The sweetness of Love, the hardness of the Cross. The sweetness of the Cross, the hardness of Love. Joy and sorrow mixed together, permanence and passing all becoming one. Death and life becoming life and death and ...

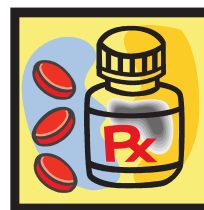
Our holy work is to dive in and embrace it all. At the same time. Love as you've never loved before. Endure and carry the pain without flinching until it hurts no more. Do the discipline of Lent when we feel like it and when we don't feel like it. Love when it is easy and when it is impossible.

'Tis the Season. Embrace it.

In Jesus, Our Pasch,

Fr. Tony

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MEDICATIONS COLLECTION

NOW is the time to review the stuff in your medicine cabinet. The Mary Queen of Heaven Peace and Justice Committee will be collecting expired drugs / medications (over-the-counter and prescription) which parishioners would like to dispose of responsibly. Please leave your medications in their original containers, with original labels intact. You may black out your name for privacy. Please note: we cannot accept needles.

This collection will take place the weekend of February 21 / 22 before and after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday and the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday. Containers for unwanted medications will be placed in the rear (narthex) of the church. If you have any questions about this project, please call Milt Honel at 630-279-7086.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday February 17, 2010	
Mass with Distribution of Ashes	8:30 AM 7:00 PM
Service with Distribution of Ashes	12 NOON 4:00 PM
Mass at Elmhurst College Chapel with Bishop Sartain	12 NOON

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 (excluding the Solemnity of St. Joseph per Canon 1251).
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 LENTEN SCHEDULE



Stations of the Cross
Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

Friday, March 12
Children's Living Stations
at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Mission with Fr. Tony
Sunday, February 28 at 7:00 pm
Monday, March 1 - Reconciliation at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 2 - Mass at 7:00 pm

Reconciliation for R.E. children
Wednesday, March 3

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 1
Mass of the Lord's Supper
at 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday
Friday, April 2
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 3
Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11 a.m. in Church
Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4
Masses:
8:30 AM
10:30 AM
12:00 NOON

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SCHEDULING OF EVENTS AT MQH

All MQH organizations MUST fill out a Reservation Form in order to reserve a room for your meetings at least 4 weeks in advance. The office can not make reservations over the phone. It is very important that all organizations remember to fill out this form EVERY YEAR for recurring meetings so you do not lose your spot! You may download the Schedule of Events Calendar Form from:

<http://www.maryqueen.org/calendar/scheduleForm.pdf>

and submit it to Sister Marlene. Please call the office at 630-279-5700, Fax 630-279-4667 or by e-mail at parishoffice@maryqueen.org if you have any questions.



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Fellowship Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 21 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Bring your family and join parishioners and friends in catching up on what's happening while enjoying goodies, juice, coffee and tea. We will look forward to seeing you!

MQH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" NOMINATIONS WEEKENDS OF FEBRUARY 20/21 AND 27/28

Nomination slips will be distributed in the pews. 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 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 the Parish staff, over 18 years of age, and not have held the title in the last 10 years. The following weekend, March 6/7, information on the nominees will appear in the bulletin to assist you in electing the "Woman of the Year". The election will then be held the weekend of March 13/14. All women of the Parish are invited to vote.

WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME(WCH)



There are still 3 informal sessions on Sundays from 11:45am to 1:15pm that Mary Queen is hosting to help you begin or continue your faith journey.

Week 4	Feb 14	Walk Through the Mass
Week 5	Feb 21	The Sacraments
Week 6	Feb 28	The Creed

At each session, a team of fellow "returned" Catholics, will welcome, listen, discuss, share, and pray with you. For more information about this program or to register, call the Welcoming Catholics Home Coordinator, Donna Klopacz at 630 832-3618.

DIVORCED AND WIDOWED CONFERENCE

- **What:** A spiritual day for the divorced and widowed and those who care for them.
- **Speaker:** Fr. Tony Palazzolo
- **Date:** March 20, 2010
- **Where:** St. Charles Pastoral Center, Romeoville, IL
- **Sponsored by:** The Center for Family Ministry, Diocese of Joliet - www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry

For more information, see pamphlets available on the pamphlet rack near the back doors of church.

FOOD DRIVE FOR WALK-IN MINISTRY

A special thank you to everyone who donated food and other items for the Walk-In Ministry Food Pantry and Immaculate Conception Church. Your generous giving during these hard economic times, helps to replenish the many items that the Food Pantry often runs out of. Our next collection for the Food Pantry will be held the weekend of February 27 & 28. Please mark your calendar and don't forget to bring your donations of canned goods, prepared food, soup, baking items, jelly, peanut butter, soap, etc. that week.

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.

The Family of Pat Rick Clancy

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 14- FEBRUARY 21

Sunday, February 14, 2010

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Social Hall/School Rooms 5/6,13
 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM Welcoming Catholics Home in Social Hall

Monday, February 15, 2010 - President's Day

OFFICE CLOSED
NO MQH PRESCHOOL

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study in Conference Room
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parish Commissions Mtg. in Barrett Hall

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Women) in Social Hall
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Art & Environment (Lenten Decoration) in Church
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM CCW Ladies Game Night in Barrett Hall
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study in Conference Room

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 - Ash Wednesday

NO RE CLASSES

8:30 AM Ash Wed. Mass in Church
 12 noon Ash Service in Church
 4:00 PM RE Ash Wed. Service in Church
 7:00 PM Ash Wed. Mass in Church
 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Bible Study in Conference Room

Thursday, February 18, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School Rooms 4-5, 13
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir in Church

Friday, February 19, 2010

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

Saturday, February 20, 2010

9:45 AM - 10:30 AM Market Day in Social Hall
 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM Ladies Yoga in Barrett Hall
 3:30 PM Confessions in Church
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM RCIA in Barrett Hall
 4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

Sunday, February 21, 2010

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 9:30 AM - 12 noon MQH Preschool Open House in School
 10:00 AM - 12:45 PM RCIA in Social Hall
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Fellowship in Barrett Hall
 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM Youth Group - Destiny in Classroom 1
 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM Welcoming Catholics Home in Social Hall
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group - Wings in Barrett Hall

CCW LADIES GAME NIGHT



Tuesday, February 16, 2010
 At 7:00 p.m.
 in Barrett Hall

Bring some friends,
 a snack to share and your favorite
 game (if you have one)
 For an evening of fun!

Beverages will be provided.

Questions? Call Cheryl
 630-279-3148

Please fill out the form below and re-
 turn it to the basket in the back of
 church or to the Parish Office before
 February 14.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Christian Education News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

We are currently accepting Registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Come visit us! Open House Dates:

February 21, 2010	9:30 a.m. - noon
March 4, 2010	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For additional information please contact :
 Mrs. Liz Lowrey, Director
 Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool
 (630) 833-9500
 mqhpreschool@aol.com
 www.maryqueenpreschool.org



TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, February 25
6 PM
Barrett Hall

\$25 per couple or \$15 individual

All adult friends & families are invited!

To participate or for more details, please email mfuchsen@msn.com or call 630.832.7443.

Christian Education News



Please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, February 17 marks the beginning of Lent. **There is no regular RE class.** Parents are asked to bring their children to Ash Wednesday services in church at **Noon or 4:00PM.** You are also welcome to attend Mass with the distribution of ashes at 8:30AM or at 7:00PM.

Saturday, March 6—Confirmation final interviews will take place in the school building for all our 8th graders starting at 9:00 am. Candidates will be notified by mail of their exact interview time and place.

Please note the following change, this year because of a conflict with Spring Break, the annual depiction of the living Stations by our 7th grade RE students, will take place on Friday March 12 at 7:00 pm.

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



MARKET DAY

Orders for January are due February 15 at noon. Turn in your order form in the box in the back of church or at the rectory. Pickup on **Saturday, February 20, 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.**

Community News

LENTEN FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY

Knights of Columbus
537 S. York. Use Parking Lot in Back

February 19 - April 2, 2010
Fridays 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities:
 Catholic Charities - Catholic Vocations - Immaculate Conception Parish
 - Visitation Parish - Mary Queen of Heaven Parish

Diocesan News

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is time once again to prepare for the Lenten Season. As you decide how you will spend the season in prayer and sacrifice, I ask that you consider participation in the 2010 Operation Rice Bowl. Operation Rice Bowl has served as a tangible way for Catholics in the United States to be in solidarity with our poor brothers and sisters overseas for more than 30 years.

Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten Program of Catholic Relief Services. Operation Rice Bowl calls participants to pray with their families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who hunger, learn about our global community and the challenges of poverty overseas, and give sacrificial contributions to those in need.

More than 14,000 parishes, schools and faith communities have participated in Operation Rice Bowl. Seventy-five percent of Operation Rice Bowl contributions go to Catholic Relief Services to fund development projects overseas and Lenten education projects in the United States. Twenty-five percent of Operation Rice Bowl contributions remain in dioceses in the United States to help fund local hunger and poverty programs.

Please participate in any way you can and help make Operation Rice Bowl a success again this year. Thank you.

If you would like more information, please contact the Peace and Social Justice Ministry Office at 815 834 4028 or visit www.crs.org.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 14, 2010

8:30 AM † Albert Kabat
10:30 AM † Francesca Mankuso

Monday, February 15, 2010

8:30 AM † Joseph Taschetta Sr.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

8:30 AM † Alex Villamil

Thursday, February 18, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, February 19, 2010

8:30 AM † James Fitzgerald

Saturday, February 20, 2010

4:30 PM All Parishioners

Sunday, February 21, 2010

8:30 AM † Jack Platt
10:30 AM † Franz Frank

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2010

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
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: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Collection Totals for: Sunday, February 7, 2010

Adults	\$7,980.00
Children	\$56.00
Collection Total	\$8,036.00



Church Support

Ash Wednesday

Miércoles de Ceniza

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010

	8:30 AM	7:00 PM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	Morning Lector	K. Sutkus
Eucharistic Ministers	TBA	D. StaRosa (S) P. Twardowski © M. White B. Nosek D. Justus K. Vicary G. Regan
Altar Servers	TBA	TBA

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	D. Novar A. Novar	F. Tremmel	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Diggins (S) M. White (C) T. Sabel F. Caruso S. Pingatore H. Todd P. Le Tourneau	A. Grozik (S) M. Grozik (C) G. Regan J. Eichorst B. Nosek T. Nanak D. Bernstein	P. Twardowski (S) J. Lindberg (C) K. Gusloff K. Mueller M. Japczyk P. Mason T. Kevil B. Quist P. Mason
Altar Servers	N. Simon N. Simon E. Zielinski	J. Alonso M. Bourke B. Dunn	S. Lewand M. McDonough M. McDonough

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Mary Queen of Heaven – 2009

These events are available on DVD and CD (audio)

Name	Description	Date	Format	Duration	Price	Order
Video DVD (NOTE: For the disks that contain photos, put the disk into a computer and browse the disk. Then you can copy to your PC for printing.)						
Homilies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 of Fr. Tony Taschetta's homilies (video) 10 of Fr. Tony's homilies (audio) 	January to Dec. 2009	4 DVDs	8.5 hours	\$20	
Easter Triduum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil (Videos and Photos) 	April 9 to April 11, 2009	2 DVDs	2 hours	\$10	
Easter – Living Stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7th Grade Religious Education class Stations of the Cross 	April 10, 2009	1 DVD	35 min	\$5	
1st Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Videos and Photos from the First Communion 	May 2009	1 DVD	20 min	\$5	
Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Mass Video and Photos Fr. Tony's Homily Videos and Photos of Choir Music before Midnight Mass 	December 24, 2009	1 DVD	80 min	\$5	
Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth group performance "What Christmas means to me" and photos 	December 6, 2009	1 DVD	15 min	\$5	
Baptism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baptism of Hope Bakievaska 	March 29, 2009	1 DVD	30 min	\$5	
Baptism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baptism of Bella 	July 26, 2009	1 DVD	30 min	\$5	
Baptism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baptism of Michael 	Dec. 29, 2009	1 DVD	30 min	\$5	
Audio CDs (NOTE: These will play in all CD players and <u>some</u> home DVD players)						
Homilies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 32 of Fr. Tony Homilies 	January to Dec. 2009	7 Audio CDs	8.5 hours	\$22	
Easter Triduum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music performed by MQH Choir 	April 9 to April 11, 2009	1 Audio CD	60 min	\$5	
Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music performed by MQH Choir 	December 24, 2009	1 Audio CD	30 min	\$5	
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					Shipping/Handling	\$ 5
					Total	

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Mail your order to: Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Office, 426 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126
 Make Checks Payable to "Mary Queen of Heaven". Financial assistance is available, contact Fr. Tony.
Please submit all orders by March 7. All proceeds from Disk Sales will go to Mary Queen of Heaven.