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February 21, 2010

*First Sunday
of Lent*

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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

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

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Pastor Emeritus

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Note from the Pastor



Wait a minute. Wasn't Christmas just yesterday and didn't we have poinsettias in the church last Sunday? And now it's all purple. It's Lent. In two blinks of an eye, it will be Easter (and for those who are suffering through the winter, it can't come soon enough.) In the meantime, the Church has wisely given us 40 days (which is better than Moses' 40 years) to prepare and get ready. The message for the season: Since it will move so fast, don't waste the time. It is too important. It's Lent.

The word Lent comes from the old Anglo-Saxon meaning lengthening. (I knew we had broken the back of winter when it was still light after the 4:30 Saturday evening Mass.) Since the days are getting a little longer, it is time to shed some light on our spiritual life. While our spiritual life is a 24/7, 365 day enterprise, for the next 40 of those days we are called to focus and to concentrate not only on our relationship to the Divine Source of all life, equally important on our relationship to each other and even ourselves. To do this the Church gives us three wonderful disciplines to practice, skill sets if you will, to help us go deeper into the heart of God and consequently live fuller the life he gives us. The disciplines, of course, are prayer, fasting and alms giving or works of mercy. Today we look at prayer.

One of the questions I never tire of asking little children in confessional is, "Do you pray?" To which they usually respond, "Ah, hmmm, sometimes we say grace at home," or "I say the Our Father at night." Most wonderful is when they report to me that mommy or daddy (I love when it's daddy) tucks me in at night and then we say our prayers together and he teaches me how to ask for a blessing for the family and the cat and the dog and stuff like that. While that is so wonderful, it is rare that I hear it. I can not begin to tell parents how important it is for them to pray with their children and not just for the kids' sake, but for theirs. Pray, pray, pray, pray, pray! But how?

One of the stock truisms that I find myself speaking incessantly is, "in the divine conversation between our God and ourselves, God *always, always, always* speaks first." God spoke and the world was created, God spoke again and the Word became flesh, God spoke and we came into being. And God continually speaks to us every moment, waking or sleeping, of our lives. Another question I never tire of asking children is, "Have you ever heard the voice of God? Have you ever heard God speak to you?" The king of France once asked Joan of Arc how she, a peasant girl heard the voice of God when he, the king of all France had never heard God speak. Little Joan replied, "Oh, you r

majesty, but he does speak to you. You just don't know how to listen." God continually speaks, but we are pretty lousy listeners. And God speaks most loudly in silence. As a matter of fact, I dare to say that God's language is the language of silence.

One of the reasons it is so hard for us to hear the voice of God is because we live in a world of so much noise, both external and internal. Years ago I picked up a young hitch hiker in Hopkins Park. He asked if he could put on the radio. I agreed. The music he chose was so awful that I had to turn it off. "Please," he begged, "Can I please turn the radio back on, I need to hear it." No. I would not turn it back on. He asked me to stop the car and he got out. He thanked me and walked away. He just couldn't stand the sound of silence.

Worse than the external noise we daily endure is the internal babble of our mind that never ceases. Of all the spiritual practices necessary to hear the voice of God, silencing the perpetual motion mind is the most difficult. Yet that is exactly what we are called to do in this Holy Season of Lent.

Our prayer is not so much to try to get God to change His mind about our needs. Jesus tells us he knows our needs even before we say them. No, our prayer simply makes us available to God. We do not need to chase God down to get Him in. We simply have to make room for Him. He is already inside speaking. He just needs a quiet audience.

Try this. For the next sixty seconds, clear your mind of all thoughts. Ready? Begin.

Not too easy, is it? Just as nature abhors a vacuum, so does our mind. It gets filled with thoughts, anxieties and lists of things to do. One of the Lenten practices I encourage you to do is to just be quiet for 60 or 120 seconds. One or two minutes, that's all. Try this. And if you want to learn more about this manner of prayer (it's called contemplative prayer) let me know. If there is enough interest, I would be happy to meet with a group on an irregular basis to teach it.

In the meantime, pray. It's Lent. Pray, pray, pray, pray, pray.

In Jesus, the Incarnate Prayer of the Father,



Fr. Tony

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PARISH MISSION



Next Sunday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. we will begin our Parish Mission. Fr. Tony will direct our mission and the theme will be:

“Touching the Really Real... dispelling illusions.”

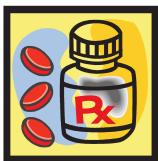
On Sunday we will touch the secret of happiness. On Monday we will have our Lenten Reconciliation Service. On Tuesday we will finish the mission with Holy Mass.

Do try to clear your calendar for the mission. If we are present, God will speak to our hearts.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY



Fellowship Sunday will be held this 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!



MEDICATIONS COLLECTION

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 be transported to a collection center. Trained medical persons will supervise the sorting process. Useable meds will be provided cost free to those in need.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are still in NEED of adult and young adult volunteers. This ministry is a small time commitment but makes a huge difference in a young child's mass experience. See the sign-up sheet in the back of church or contact Michele Bolton at 359-5690 or michelerose8@yahoo.com

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

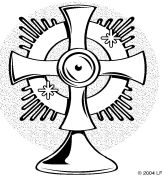
PEACE AND JUSTICE PRESENTATIONS

Please join the Peace and Justice committee on February 28 at 3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall to watch the Bill Moyers video interview of Greg Mortenson. Greg Mortenson is the co-founder of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute. His charity arm, Pennies For Peace, helps raise money for his school-building efforts in Central Asia. His book, *Three Cups of Tea*, has been on the NEW YORK TIMES bestseller list for over three years, and was named a TIME Magazine "Asia Book of The Year."

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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.



BEING PRESENT TO THE PRESENCE

Our Lenten theme this year is just that! As people created by a loving God, we honor and respect all who are made in His image and likeness. Secondly, Jesus is present in a very special way within each baptized Christian. Would that I could be aware of this fact whenever I am with my fellow believers, especially my immediate and Church family! Thirdly, we Catholics have another very special Gift that was given to us at the Last Supper, Jesus, totally present to us in the Holy Eucharist!!

Come, and be present to The Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, March 1st**. Our day of prayer begins after 8:30 Mass, and ends with Benediction at **6:00 p.m.** Note that we are closing early this month due to the Parish Mission activities beginning at 7:00 p.m. Is this the month you will accept the invitation to "adopt" the 3 p.m. hour (there is backup if you need to be away sometimes)? Please contact Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238 with questions or to sign up.



FOOD DRIVE FOR WALK-IN MINISTRY

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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

DESTINY

- Lock-In planning meeting February 24 at 8:15 pm in school building – if you plan to be a leader you need to come to this meeting.
- Destiny over night retreat for all high school students will take place Saturday March 13 from 4:00 pm – Sunday March 14. The cost is \$10.
- Host Fellowship Sunday April 18th after 10:30 mass.
- Destiny Welcome Brunch May 16 - all 8th grade and high school students invited to attend after 10:30 mass.

WINGS TO HEAVEN 5th – 8th grade

- Next meeting Sunday February 21 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Barrett Hall.
- Lock in Friday March 19th 7pm thru Saturday March 20 at 9am. You must have a permission slip for this event. Cost is \$15 and includes a t-shirt.
- Host fellowship - Sunday April 18th after 10:30 Mass.
- Welcome Ice Cream Social (all 4th – 8th grade students) on May 16 from 6-8 pm in Barrett Hall.

TRIVIA NIGHT



Thursday, February 25 at 6 PM
in Barrett Hall
\$25 per couple or \$15 individual

All adult friends & families are invited!
To participate or for more details,
please email mfuchs@msn.com or
call 630.832.7443.

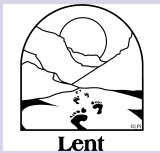
Christian Worship Commission



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 Patrick Clancy
Helena Giryn
Matt Rohman

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 21- FEBRUARY 28

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

Monday, February 22, 2010

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 Council in Mtg. in Parish Office Dinning Room

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Lectors Workshop in Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Social Hall
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study in Conference Room

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

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 in Conference Room

Thursday, February 25, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service
 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM MQH Preschool Parent Nite Out in Social Hall
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Trivia Night in Barrett Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School Rooms 4-5, 13
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Building and Grounds Comm. in Conf. Room
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir in Church

Friday, February 26, 2010

NO MQH PRESCHOOL

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

Saturday, February 27, 2010

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

Sunday, February 28, 2010

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Room 13,5/6, Social Hall
 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM Welcoming Catholics Home in Social Hall
 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Peace & Justice Video and Discussion in Social Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parish Mission in Church

Christian Education News



Please mark your calendars:

Saturday, March 6 - Confirmation final interviews will take place in the school building for all our 8th graders starting at 9:00 AM.

Candidates have been notified by mail of their exact interview time and place.

Wednesday, March 10 - Fr. Tony will meet at 7:00 PM in church with all 8th grade Confirmation candidates, parents, and if possible, sponsors. Please note: there will be no 5:15 PM 8th grade class on March 10.

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.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

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

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

For additional information please contact :

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	E. Walker	B. Nosek	P. Reyenertson
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Eadon (S) G. Los (C) M. White M. Zelinski L. Loesch K. Diggins S. Pingitore	D. Bernstein (S) J. Unger (C) M. Kelly K. Vicary T. Nanak D. Styka R. Styka	J. Fuschen (S) J. Spears (C) M. McCall B. Quist M. Quist D. Justus F. Tremmel R. Marro K. Gusloff
Altar Servers	S. Blaszak N. Simon N. Simon	G. Gornick C. Gornick J. Nosek	N. Morgan A. Morgan S. Pierzchala



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 21, 2010

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

Monday, February 22, 2010

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

8:30 AM Lydia Stellato

Thursday, February 25, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, February 26, 2010

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Saturday, February 27, 2010

4:30 PM † Albert Fuchsen

Sunday, February 28, 2010

8:30 AM † Jeane Allen
10:30 AM † Darlene Tomasilk

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon3:1-10/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 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, February 14, 2010	
Adults	\$8,273.04
Children	\$15.86
Collection Total	\$8,288.90

SCHEDULING OF EVENTS AT MQH

All MQH organizations MUST fill out a Reservation Form in order to reserve a room for your meetings 4 weeks in advance. 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.

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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 Make Checks Payable to "Mary Queen of Heaven". Financial assistance is available, contact Fr. Tony.
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