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February 28, 2010

*Second Sunday
of Lent*

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La Cuaresma



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



GOD'S HOLY FAST

This Ash Wednesday, I once again did what I have been doing for almost 40 years now. I proclaimed a Fast. I had to; it's part of the Sacred Liturgy. This year, however, I meant

it. And this year, I pray, we keep it.

This year, along with the distribution of ashes reminding us of how short life is and our mortality, I lamented that the Church has all but given up on two sacred traditions: The Sabbath Rest and Fasting. Letting go of these spiritual disciplines, I truly believe, is causing us spiritual harm. We have lost contact with the natural, spiritual rhythms of life. If indeed there is a time for everything under the sun, then there is a time to rest and a time to fast. This is the time to fast. And for lots and lots of reasons.

Most superficially, fasting gives us a common identity. We are rapidly losing our Catholic identity and for good reason. We've lost our labels. We used to be known jokingly as 'mackerel snappers' because we abstained from meat on Friday. All the little Catholic boys at public school identified with each other on Friday lunch time when they were eating peppers and eggs (if you were Italian) or peanut butter and jelly (if you were Irish) and "those Protestants" were eating bologna. Now, it's all bologna all the time. We used to fast from midnight until the time we received Communion the next day. Now, we walk into Church chewing gum and sucking on mints. Most disconcerting is someone chewing gum while coming to Communion. Will someone explain this to me?

Contrast this with the young boy who knows he's Muslim during the month of Ramadan because he hasn't had anything to eat from the time the sun came up and will not eat until it sets. Contrast this with the Muslim girl who endures the stares of the majority for wearing a head scarf while working at the local Wal-Mart. She knows she's Muslim. The orthodox Jewish boy wears a skull cap. And we? God forbid, we should seem different. But this is the most superficial reason to fast. It is simply a beginning.

A much more important reason for fasting is that it keeps us spiritually awake. I asked the grade school children on Ash Wednesday what does a baby do right after you feed it? The first response was, "he burps." Yes, yes, but after he burps. Another little kid piped up quizzically, "he barfs?" Finally, one little kid announced, "he falls asleep." He certainly does, we certainly do. The spiritual life is all about being awake, being aware. Most of us have been pre-programmed to sleep walk. It's less painful that way.

As soon as we feel a little anxiety we fill ourselves with the comfort foods of alcohol or gossip, or self-pity, or resentment, or... even food (meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy should do the trick). Fasting from these things is going to cause us to go on a search for satisfaction. If we are awake enough and hungry enough, that search will lead us ultimately into the only One who can satisfy us. Fasting causes a holy restlessness that leads us into the heart of the Divine. St. Augustine put it this way: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee, O Lord."

There are many reasons why we should take the biblical mandate to fast seriously (Did I mention the physical health?). One of the major reasons to fast is that it clears the mind and focuses our being not only on what we are doing, but maybe on what we should be doing. Whenever you have a major decision to make, or are in the middle of a transition in your life (and it seems these days we are always in the middle of a transition) it is good to fast. Fasting helps us to see things more clearly and in proper perspective. It is a true aid in helping us break the same old self-destructive patterns and habits that we are caught in. If you find yourself in a maze unable to make healthy decisions, decide to fast. And watch what happens.

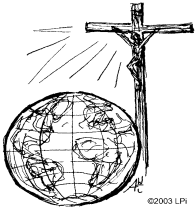
Now, the Holy Fast will not save us. It is simply another spiritual tool to help us wake up. There are many ways to fast. Partial fasts may mean missing a meal. A full day fast, taking in only water or juices, can work wonders for cleansing our physical, mental and spiritual systems. A three day or more fast should only be undertaken with permission of your doctor and spiritual director. Like anything in the spiritual life, there are lots of traps in fasting (cf Isaiah 58:1-9). Not everyone can or should fast. But for those who can and do, the spiritual benefits are many.

In Jesus, the Hunger of God,

Fr. Tony



Parish News



PARISH MISSION BEGINS TONIGHT (SUNDAY)

SO, what are you doing tonight? May I ask you to do something very difficult? Get out of your Sunday easy chair and come to our Parish Mission. Coming to the Mission is not the hard part, getting out of the easy chair is. Once we are settled in, we're settled. But the whole purpose of this Holy season of Lent is to move us into a new direction, into the heart of God. This evening I will begin a three day mission for the people of our parish. The theme is "Unmasking our Illusions so We May Touch the Really Real." It is a mission that I have given not only throughout the diocese, but also in many parishes throughout the states.

I can make you a promise about this parish mission. You will not walk out of the mission, the same way you walked in. This is not because I get a lot of mileage on my mouth, but because there is no way that you can put yourself in the presence of God's Holy Spirit without Him touching and transforming you. That's a promise. God can not lay a finger on us or even get near to us unless we give Him permission, unless we get out of that easy chair.

Tonight, at 7:00 pm, we will be pulling out the big guns and revealing the secret of happiness. Do you want to be happy? Silly question. We will do this in the context of an old fashion exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (we will even sing the *Tantum ergo* in Latin).

Tomorrow Monday at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for our annual Lenten Reconciliation service within the context of the Mission. We will all have an opportunity to receive Sacramental Reconciliation and Absolution.

The last night will be Tuesday, and at 7:00 p.m. we will pray Holy Mass as we celebrate as well our truest identity in God.

The Mission is a spiritual discipline. This is the time to do it. Now is the acceptable hour. See you in church.

In Jesus, Our Mission Director

Fr. Tony

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

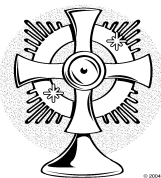
Please join the Peace and Justice committee this Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall to watch the Bill Moyers video interview of Greg Mortenson. Greg Mortenson is the co-founder of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute. His charity arm, Pennies For Peace, helps raise money for his school-building 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 by TIME Magazine "Asia Book of The Year."

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EASTER EGG HUNT

An annual Easter Egg hunt has been the tradition at our parish. The Easter Egg hunt (for young children) will be held on April 3, Holy Saturday morning, immediately following the Blessing of Baskets. It is held on the parish grounds. We are looking for volunteers and/or donations to help continue this tradition. The children look forward to the hunt and the families come together to join in the fun! Please consider offering a hand to help with this activity. Many hands help to make for a light load. We also welcome those who are looking to volunteer for service hours. Contact Jerry Cote at 630-530-8882 for further information or to make a donation to our activity.



BEING PRESENT TO THE PRESENCE

Our Lenten theme this year is just that! Come, and be present to The Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, March 1**. 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 evening due to the parish mission 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. Remember, He is present for you 24/7, in the Visitation parish adoration chapel, 799 S. York Rd.



CHURCH KNEELERS

May we ask that everyone please be kind to our church kneelers? They experience lots of wear and tear by being moved up and down each week. They are becoming tired. When the little ones (or not so little ones) use them as foot rests, they can deteriorate even more quickly. Please be gentle with them.



FOOD DRIVE FOR WALK-IN MINISTRY

Our next collection for the Food Pantry will be held this weekend of February 27 & 28. Don't forget to bring your donations of canned goods, prepared food, soup, baking items, jelly, peanut

butter, soap, etc.

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

Nomination slips have been 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" award, 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.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION

There will be an Altar Server Training Session on Saturday, March 13 at 10 am. Pizza & beverage will be provided after the training. It is open to all current servers as well as anyone interested in the 4th grade or higher to altar serve. Anyone with questions can contact John Vosicky at 630-833-2039.

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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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

DESTINY

- 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 18 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

- Lock in Friday March 19 starting at 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 18 after 10:30 Mass.
- Welcome Ice Cream Social (all 4th – 8th grade students) on May 16 from 6-8 pm in Barrett Hall.

A few weeks ago we talked about the tragedy in Haiti and I suggested to the Wings to Heaven youth group that they might want to think of some way they could make a difference for the people in Haiti. Some of their thoughts and poems are hanging on the storage room closet in Barrett Hall. Hope you can stop by and read them. I expressed to them that although they were young ... it only takes a spark to get a fire going and they could in fact be the spark. Below is a short story about what two 5th grade parishioners, Claire Gornick and Maggie McDonough came up with:

“The day after the Youth Group where we talked about Haiti, you inspired Maggie and I. You made us realize that we might only be 10 years old, but we still have the power to make a difference. So, with the help of two of my teachers, we came up with a fun way to raise money, called Penny Wars. For Penny Wars, each grade level has a jar that is kept outside of the office. Kids can only put the money in the jars in the morning from about 8:10-8:30. The fun part of this fundraiser was that which ever grade had the most points at the end of the week would get a donut party. This got the kids excited; donating money for a good cause and a donut party! What could be better than this? This encouraged kids to help the cause and their grade level. But not all money were points for your grade; all silver change were points against other grades depending on which kind of coin it was. Nickels deducted 5 points, dimes 10, and as you might've guessed, quarters deducted 25 points. But those were only if you wanted another grade to go down, pennies and paper currency added points. All together Field School raised an incredible \$2057.71!!! 5th grade won, and Penny Wars was a success! The \$2057.71 will be donated to one of 12 district organizations approved to receive funds.

Sincerely,
Claire”

Christian Education News



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

Wednesday, March 10 - Fr. Tony will meet at 7:00PM 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



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

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

Community News

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

St. Alexander Parish in Villa Park is hosting the GOOD FRIDAY WALK this year on April 2. People will gather in the church at 10:00am. After announcements and prayers, the assembled will walk in a procession making stops at several sites throughout Villa Park for songs and readings. After the walk all are welcome to enjoy a light lunch from a selection of soups and bread (all donated by local restaurants).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 6 - SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	R. Wilkes	G. Dolesy	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	S. Pingatore (S) H. Todd (C) C. Reisenbuckler D. StaRosa G. Pstrozch L. Loesch P. LeTourneau	G. Regan (S) B. Nosek (C) T. Sabel A. Grozik M. Grozik K. Vicary J. Unger	K. Gusloff (S) K. Mueller (C) J. Fuschen P. Twardowski J. Lindberg M. Japczyk P. Mason T. Kevil D. Styka
Altar Servers	C. Ceper M. Jankovec E. Zielinski	M. Bourke G. Gornick J. Nosek	S. Lewand H. Rossiano J. Alonso



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 28, 2010

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

Monday, March 1, 2010

8:30 AM † Theresa Dufalo

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

8:30 AM † Albert Fuchsen

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

8:30 AM † Virginia Cassidy

Thursday, March 4, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, March 5, 2010

8:30 AM † Dolores Poremba

Saturday, March 6, 2010

4:30 PM † Jim Kennedy
† Laurretta Vero

Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:30 AM † Jeane Allen
10:30 AM † Frank Achtien

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
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 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, February 21, 2010	
Adults	\$11,598.75
Children	\$68.34
Collection Total	\$11,667.09

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 at the Parish Office

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

BH	Barrett Hall
C	Church
Conf R	Conference Room
PODR	Parish Office Dining Room
MGP	Mary's Gathering Place
SH	Social Hall

1
NO MQH PRESCHOOL
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Eucharistic Adoration in C
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
 Bible Study in Conf. Rm
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Parish Mission in Church

2
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Parish Mission in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Bible Study in Conf. Rm.

3
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM
 RE Lent Reconciliation
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Bible Study in Conf. Rm.

4
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 Preschool Open House
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 New Wine in School 4-5,13
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Choir in C
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 Men's Group in BH

5
NO MQH Preschool
Institute Day
7:00 PM
 Stations of the Cross in C

6
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Confirmation Interviews in School
3:30 PM - Confessions
4:30 PM - Mass in C

7 *Third Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
 RCIA in C/SH/School Rm 5/6,13
8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses in C
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 Baptisms in C

8
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
 Bible Study in Conf. Rm

9
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 CRHP (Women) Mtg. in SH
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 CRHP (Men) Mtg. in Rm. 13
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Bible Study in Conf. Rm.
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
 Baptism Preparation in C

10
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM
 RE Classes in School
 No Grade 8 @ 5:15 pm
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 RE Confirmation Parent/Candidate Mtg in C
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Bible Study in Conf. Rm.

11
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 New Wine in School 4-5,13
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Choir in C
7:30 PM - 9:15 PM
 Peace & Justice in Conf. R.

12
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
 Practice for RE Living Stations of the Cross in C
7:00 PM
 RE Living Stations of the Cross in C

13
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Altar Server Training in C, SH
12:00 noon - 10:00 PM
 Men's group St. Pat's Party in BH/MGP
2:00 PM - 12:00 AM
 Youth Group - Destiny Retreat in SH/School

14 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
12:00 AM - 9:00 PM
 Youth Group - Destiny Retreat in SH/School

15
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
 Bible Study in Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Parish Commissions Mtg. in BH

16
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 CCW in BH
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Bible Study in Conf. Rm

17
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM
 RE Classes in School
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Bible Study in Conf. Rm.

18
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 New Wine in School 4-5,13
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Choir in C

19
7:00 PM - 12:00 PM
 Wings to Heaven "Lock-in" in BH
7:00 PM
 Stations of the Cross in C

20
12:00 PM - 9:00 AM
 Wings to Heaven "Lock-in" in BH
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM
 Market Day in SH
3:30 PM - Confessions
4:30 PM - Mass in C

21 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses in C
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
 Fellowship in BH
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Baptisms in C

22
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Parish Council in PODR

23
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 CRHP (Women) Mtg. in SH
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 CRHP (Men) Mtg. in Rm. 13

24
NO RE CLASSES/DIST 205 EARLY DISMISSAL

25
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 New Wine in School 4-5,13
 Building & Grounds in Conf R
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Choir in C

26
7:00 PM
 Stations of the Cross in C

27
3:30 PM - Confessions
4:30 PM - Mass in C

28 *Palm Sunday*
7:45 AM - 1:30 PM
 RCIA Retreat in C/BH/School
8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses in C
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 Peace & Justice View Video and Discussion

29
Spring Break Starts

30
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 Choir in C

31
NO RE CLASSES