

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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March 21, 2010

*Fifth Sunday  
of Lent*

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# LENT

*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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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Pastor Emeritus

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## Note from the Pastor



The following is an article I wrote during my illness in the winter of 2006-2007. For almost six months I endured endocarditis which is a bacterial infection that was eating my heart out.

Upon re-reading it, I believe it's a decent Lenten meditation, especially for those suffering sickness.

First, let me write this without equivocation. Thank you! I mean that from the bottom of my diseased little heart. Your cards, letters, fruit baskets, meals, but most of all your prayers have been like salve on my heart wound. Oh, how I wish I could call each of you personally to thank you but these days it takes me almost an hour to get out of bed and washed up for the day (which is spent mostly in bed). They tell me it has to be this way and my body seems to agree. We keep hearing people say listen to your body and there is great truth there. Mine seems to be saying, "You have pushed me around for sixty-three years, stop pushing!" I'm trying, I really am.

As a pastor I continually find myself saying to the people I counsel, especially those who are in some kind of spiritual, emotional or physical difficulty, "Now that God has your attention, what do you think He's trying to say to you?" What does this mean? As followers of the Christ, the supreme sufferer, we refuse to yield to the absurdity of sickness and suffering. We cling to the words of St. Paul that tell us, "For those who love the Lord, all things that happen, happen for the good." We quote the proverb that God writes straight with crooked lines. No, we will not accept the meaninglessness of suffering. It means something. But what? I believe that for most of us our first reaction to any distress is to try to get rid of it as fast as we can so as to get on with our lives. Do you have a high fever? Take some Tylenol. Doesn't go away? Take some Advil. There's work to be done. So we charge on. That is the normal 'fight' mechanism. One of the get well cards I received described it perfectly. On the outside it said, "Every germ has an angel that watches over it and whispers... (and then you open the card and it says) Die, little germ! Die!" Someone once told me that the best therapy for their cancer was to picture in their mind little pac men gobbling up the cancer cells. Good conquering the bad. Victory. The other reaction is the "flight" mechanism. This is the woman who won't go for her mammogram because it won't happen to her. Or the man who would just as soon face a firing squad as a doctor's stethoscope or the family that buries their problems in a whirlwind of never ending activities. There is a third way, however. It is the way of Jesus. It is the way of Mary. It is the way of the cross. Jesus neither ran away from the cross nor did He destroy it. He bore the cross, He carried

the cross. He even embraced the cross as a way through death to life. His mother Mary did the same thing. She bore the mystery, she carried the suffering of her Son in her very being, in her heart. And it leads to something utterly profound and life giving ... faith.

If fighting pain and suffering or running away from pain and suffering are the only two arrows in our quiver we are bound to miss the mark. We will end up either disillusioned, angry and possibly even furious at the one who is all powerful and could have prevented all of this...God. "If you are the Son of God, come down off that cross!" Can you be the Son of God and still suffer? Can we be the sons and daughters of God and still endure the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune? Of course we can, if we dare to believe. And nothing can introduce us into a deeper faith more profoundly or clearly than the sufferings of life that come our way. Does this mean we should go looking for pain and suffering? By no means! But know this, no one is exempt. Sooner or later, it will find us all. And somehow we must see it as an opportunity to grow. Somehow, it *must* have meaning.

The philosopher Paul Komesaroff, a physician and medical doctor put it this way, "for an individual, the experience of suffering, grief, or pain wells up as a particular form of engagement with the world. It induces a kind of disorientation, a loss of coordinates. The world that was previously concrete and fixed starts to appear contingent, uncertain, and precipitous. It blurs the boundaries of what seemed distinct and clear. The person suffering can be strong or weak, brave or cowering, and those around her can also suffer. Instead of a sense of benign plentitude, of satisfied completion, they find themselves facing an empty void, an indescribable horror of meaninglessness." Now what? Fight? Flight? Despair? Or can we make the leap of faith? Faith is not certitude. Faith is not necessarily seeing clearly. Faith is trusting that we are being held and loved by someone whom we cannot see nor perceive, who loves us more than we can possibly love ourselves. It was by faith that Jesus was able to say, "Into your hands, Father, I commend my spirit." And the result? Peace.

From the beginning of my own illness I have been asking myself what does this all mean? I have had some deep and profound discussions about this with my daughter TuAnh (but that's a whole other article). More than anything else, what I have noticed is an absence of something I have carried with me most of my life ... a mild anxiety. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious about many things." All my life I have been the quintessential Martha. And now it is time to sit at the feet of the Master and listen, even if I do not understand what is happening. Even if I cannot put together a coherent surface meaning. It is not meaningless. There is something at a much deeper and more profound level, something that I cannot even put into words, that is happening in my life and, I

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believe happens in all the lives of those who suffer and yet dare to believe. And I dare to believe it is a share in Christ's redemption of the world. One of the things I have become acutely aware of in the last several months is how much pain and suffering there is all around us. Almost no family is exempt. And yet in the midst of this, profound joy. It is inexplicable. But it doesn't need to be explained. It simply needs to be believed.

In Jesus, the faith of the Father,

*Fr. Tony*

## Parish News

### WELCOME ELMHURST COLLEGE MINISTRY TEAM

We welcome members from the Elmhurst College Ministry Team who are with us at the 10:30 am Mass this weekend. These are students from various denominations who take Jesus' mandate to be and spread Good News.

Welcome to Mary Queen. We are honored to have you.

### BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to Spring break and Holy Friday, articles for bulletins for the month of March/April will have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
<b>Sunday, March 28</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 17</b>
<b>Sunday, April 4</b>	<b>Monday, March 22</b>
<b>Sunday, April 11</b>	<b>Monday, April 5 (this is the usual Monday deadline)</b>

Thank you for your cooperation



### FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, March 21, everyone is invited to join with families and friends in Barrett Hall for coffee, tea, juice and goodies. The CHRP Ministry is hosting this month and is looking forward to seeing you and your families!

## Parish News

### PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

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



### EASTER FOOD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This month our Food Collection will be held the weekend of March 20 and 21. However, the food and necessities collected will be used to take care of the 12 families we have adopted for Easter. As in past years, we are in need of canned soup, vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Jell-O, pudding, baking items, sugar, flour, drinks, tea, coffee, prepared food, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, personal items, dish soap, laundry soap and cleaning items. Also, along with the food basket for each family we provide Easter Baskets for the children and we are in need of items to fill the baskets. We again want you to know how much we appreciate your generosity in donating to these needy families.



## Parish News

The envelope please...

### THE 2010-2011 WOMAN OF THE YEAR IS LYNN SUWANSKI

Lynn will be honored at the Annual Woman of the Year Mass, Saturday, April 24, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. We will celebrate with her at our May Crowning at the 10:30 Mass on Mothers Day. A special "Women's night out" will be planned for her and all the women of our parish. (Watch the bulletin for further details)

### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN MEN'S GROUP ROAD TRIP TO MILLER PARK IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



**SATURDAY, APRIL 24**

**COST: \$55**

### COACH BUS TRANSPORTATION LEAVING MQH PARKING LOT AT 3:30 PM (RETURN THE SAME EVENING)

The Men's Group of MQH would like to invite all adult-aged men to join them for a late afternoon and evening of fun watching the Milwaukee Brewers play the Chicago Cubs at Miller Park. The Group will be leaving the MQH parking lot at 3:30 pm on April 24 by Coach Bus and will be returning the same night around 11:30 pm. The cost per man will be \$55.00, which will include your ticket, round trip transportation, and beverages on the bus. Tickets are limited to a maximum capacity of 50 and going fast, so don't delay. Please join the men of MQH for some fellowship on this road trip to Miller Park to see America's pastime in full swing! Reserve your space by contacting either Jim Japczyk at [jjapczyk@aol.com](mailto:jjapczyk@aol.com) or Bob Glick at [bobglick@gmail.com](mailto:bobglick@gmail.com)



### STATUE OF MARY TO BE RELOCATED

The Building & Grounds committee would like to relocate the statue of Mary that is located in the Northwest corner of our parking to a safer location. This winter, as in winters past, the statue was almost buried in snow, and could easily have been damaged by the snowplow. The new location should allow our Beautification committee to landscape, rendering a grotto for the statue. We would like to ask parishioners for location ideas for the new statue location. Parishioners can turn their location idea to the parish office by Monday, April 19. The area for relocation will need to be approximately 20 feet square, or larger. When complete, we envision the statue will be lit in the evening. The statue has a plaque on the base stating: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Schable.

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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. 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.

### PEACE AND JUSTICE VIDEO PRESENTATION

On March 28 at 3:00 pm. in Mary Queen of Heaven's Social Hall, the Peace and Justice Committee will view "The Story of Stuff." (<http://storyofstuff.org/index.php>)

The Story of Stuff is a 20-minute web-film that explores the often hidden environmental and social consequences of America's love affair with its stuff. Less than two years after its release, the film had been viewed over 8.5 million times on-line and in thousands of schools, houses of worship, community centers and businesses around the world. Annie Leonard is the author and host of The Story of Stuff. She has spent nearly two decades investigating and organizing on environmental health and justice issues. She has traveled to 40 countries, visiting literally hundreds of factories where our stuff is made and dumps where our stuff is dumped. Witnessing first hand the horrendous impacts of both over- and under- consumption around the world, Annie is fiercely dedicated to reclaiming and transforming our industrial and economic systems so they serve, rather than undermine, ecological sustainability and social equity.

## 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.

Helena Giryn  
**Patricia Haagen**  
**Lola(DiVito) Moore**  
 Matt Rohman



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 21 - MARCH 28

#### Sunday, March 21, 2010 - First Full Day of Spring

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
 Easter Food Collection in Church  
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Fellowship in Barrett Hall  
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

#### Monday, March 22, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parish Council in Parish Office Dining Room

#### Tuesday, March 23, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Women) in Social Hall  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Classroom 13  
 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Sorting of Easter Food in Church

#### Wednesday, March 24, 2010

**NO RE CLASSES**

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

#### Thursday, March 25, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School Rooms 4-5, 13  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Building and Grounds Committee in Conf. Room  
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir in Church

#### Friday, March 26, 2010

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

#### Saturday, March 27, 2010

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Easter Baskets Distributed in Church  
 3:30 PM Confessions in Church  
 4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

#### Sunday, March 28, 2010

7:45 AM - 1:30 PM RCIA Retreat in Church/Barrett Hall/School  
 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Peace and Justice View Video and Discussion in Social Hall

#### 5th SUNDAY OF LENT



## Christian Education News



Our RE year is winding down, please begin to pray about how you can help in our program in the fall. As always, we will have some catechist and aide spots to fill. The faith formation of our children is in your hands. Please call the REO to find out how you can help.

### Please mark your calendars:

- **Wednesday, March 24** - No RE class because of Dist. 205's early dismissal day.
- **Wednesday, March 31** - No RE class – Spring Break.
- **Wednesday, April 7** - RE classes resume at the normal times.
- **Wednesday, April 14** - Both Grade 8 sessions meet in Barrett Hall at 7:00PM with parents for a Christian Sexuality Presentation. There is no 5:15 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

**Lenten Projects:** Thanks to all who contributed so generously to our Lenten Projects.

**For more info on any of the above, please call Mary Ann Woods at the REO, (630) 832-8962.**



## MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

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

**For additional information please contact :**

**Mrs. Liz Lowrey, Director**

**Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500**

**mghpreschool@aol.com**

**www.maryqueenpreschool.org**

## Gospel Verse

So the sisters sent word to Jesus saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

- Jn 11:3-4

## Community News

### HEALTHCARE WORKER'S DAY OF REFLECTION

The Council of Catholic Nurses, Diocese of Joliet, would like to invite all nurses, healthcare workers, caregivers, families and friends to a Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 9 AM to 3 PM. The theme is "Nursing with the Hands of Jesus: A Guide to Nurses for Divine Mercy." It will be held at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, Illinois, and will be a day of reflection, prayer and Eucharist Celebration, with Fr. Jarosz chaplain of the diocesan council. Cost for the day with meals is \$30.00. For more information, please call Jan Salihar 630-629-1717 ext. 6118.

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

CNS Home Health and Hospice is seeking men and women who are flexible, compassionate and non-judgmental for their Volunteer Training Program. Training session will be held at the CNS office in Carol Stream on April 17 and 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the back of church for additional information or call Kathleen Sanford at (630) 933-7830 or e-mail her at [Kathleen\\_sanford@cdh.org](mailto:Kathleen_sanford@cdh.org).

### THE LITTLE FLOWERS CATHOLIC DANCE AND THEATRE TROUPE PRESENTS:

#### The Seven Last Words of Christ

*"A Perfect Catholic Meditation"*

Live orchestra, choir, soloists and actors. A moving Lenten performance...

**March 28(Sun)-3:30PM**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
8245 W 111th St.  
Palos Hills, IL 60465

**March 30 (Tues.) - 7:15 PM**  
**St. Jude Catholic Church**  
241 W 2nd Ave  
New Lenox, IL 60451

#### **Ticket info:**

Adults - \$15 Seniors & Students (13-college) - \$10

Children (5-12) - \$5 Under 5 years of age - Free

Order your tickets online:

<http://tickets.saintphilomena.com>

Or call: (815) 462-3809 for more information

### FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

All Day Prayer of Adoration

6:45 PM Benediction

7:00 PM Feast of the Annunciation Mass

When: Thursday, March 25, 2010

Celebrant: Rev. Peter Jarosz, Pastor

Where: Christ the King Church 1501 S. Main Street

Lombard, IL 60148

630-629-1717

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 27 - SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010**

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
<b>Lector</b>	A. Novar D. Novar	M. Grozik A. Grozik	P. Reynertson F. Tremmel
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	G. Los (S) M. Zelinski (C) B. Eadon L. Loresch G. Pstrozh D. StaRosa T. Sabel	J. Unger (S) M. Kelly (C) D. Bernstein K. Vicary T. Nanak D. Styka R. Styka	D. Justus (S) F. Tremmel (C) J. Fuschen J. Spears M. McCall B. Quist M. Quist R. Marro T. Kevil
<b>Altar Servers</b>	N. Simon N. Simon J. Alonso	J. Nosek J. Nosek C. Gornick	H. Rossiano S. Pierzchala M. Piszczor



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

8:30 AM † Albert Kabat  
10:30 AM † Peter Rieger

**Monday, March 22, 2010**

8:30 AM † Albert Fuchsen

**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

8:30 AM All Parishioners

**Wednesday, March 24, 2010**

8:30 AM All Parishioners

**Thursday, March 25, 2010**

8:30 AM Communion Service

**Friday, March 26, 2010**

8:30 AM All Parishioners

**Saturday, March 27, 2010**

4:30 PM † Jim Kennedy

**Sunday, March 28, 2010**

8:30 AM † Gerald Wilkes  
10:30 AM † Blythe O'Sullivan

† indicates person is deceased

**Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010**

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11  
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



**Church Support**

Collection Totals for: Sunday, March 14, 2010	
Adults	\$10,068.61
Parish Pay	\$3,024.91
Children	\$52.36
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$13,145.88</b>

**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.