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December 25, 2010

*The Nativity of the
Lord*

December 26, 2010

The Holy Family

Nativity OF THE LORD *LA Natividad* DEL SEÑOR



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

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Note from the Pastor



ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF MY FATHER AND MOTHER

My mother hated Christmas. But we kids never knew it. For us it really was the most wonderful time of the year and she and my dad did everything they could to make it so. Even though every penny counted in our household, they would begin in February saving a couple dollars a month in the Wheaton Federal Savings and Loan Christmas Club so there would be something for each of us on Christmas. And there always was.

Every year we were allowed to ask for one thing. I remember one year my brother Joe wanted a Cub Scout uniform and I a Hopalong Cassidy Cowboy Vest and badge. One year I got a Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis hand puppet comedy kit (everyone has to get their start somewhere) and in 4th grade I got something I really had my heart set on...a three speed (what did you think I wanted? A bike?) portable phonograph player. My folks got so tired of listening to the Cordetts singing Mr. Sandman and the Naughty Lady of Shady Lane that by February they began cutting power to my bedroom.

My greatest Christmas desire came, however, in second grade. While watching our 10 inch Admiral T.V., somewhere in between Susie Snowflake, Frosty the Snowman and Hardrock, Coco and Joe was a commercial for something I wanted. I mean really wanted. As I watched it on the tiny screen it became larger than life. Its eyes opened and shut like magic, its arms moved up and down as it literally walked across the floor. It was a Wanda the Walking Doll and the most wonderful thing I had ever seen.

"You want a what?" my mother cried as she came in from a long day of work at Automatic Electric. First you wanted an Aluminum Christmas tree and I thought that was crazy, but a doll? Boys don't want dolls!" But this boy did. My brother Joe said I should ask for a six shooter to go along with my Hoppy outfit but after shooting my uncle in the leg as a kid, my father didn't allow guns in the house. Not even cap guns.

What's a second grade boy to do? Stick to his guns. "Ah, I really would like the doll." I was amazed by the mechanics of it all, how she moved and turned her head from side to side, pumped her arms up and down and gracefully moved on four tiny roller skates attached to her booties. It was magic. At least that's how it looked on the commercials segmenting Kukla, Fran and Ollie (or was it Pinhead and Foodini?).

No doll! I wasn't going to get a doll. My mother was leery, my brothers cynical and my father...my father just kept silent. He was very good at that. "What else would you like for Christmas? How about a nice erector set or Lincoln Logs or even a chemistry set?", my mother encouraged. Now it

was my turn to be silent.

Did you ever wonder what goes through the minds of your little ones? Mercifully, I don't remember thoughts but I do remember emotions. I felt lost and confused as to why nobody wanted me to have what I really wanted. I knew they loved me but I didn't understand and they did not nor could they explain to a little boy why he shouldn't be playing with things that rightfully belong to little girls.

Christmas came. It was our family tradition to go to Midnight Mass and then come home to open the presents. My brother Phil got the Chemistry set. Good. He could blow up the garage. My brother Joe got the tinker toys. Good. He could build a tower to the skies. My mother got some toilet water (although I could never understand why anybody would want water from the toilet.) and my father got white socks (he always got white socks). Then it was my turn. With a smirk on his face my 13 month older sibling went to some hiding place and came out with a box. No fancy ribbon, plain wrapping paper but you couldn't fool me, I knew. And there she was in all her splendor, Wanda the Walking Doll.

Now the desires of a kid's heart are pretty ephemeral things. Today you can't live without it, tomorrow you forget it. I played with Wanda, winding her up, watching her go for about a week. And then she went into the box. I still have her and take her out every Christmas. I've promised her to my granddaughter Azucena when she's old enough to appreciate it (about 35). There isn't a Christmas I don't think about Wanda...and my parents.

I've since learned why they were so petrified. I also learned that it was my taciturn father who spoke up. "Angie, if the boy wants a doll, get him a doll. Don't make a big deal out of it and it won't be a big deal." Pretty good for a middle aged macho Sicilian in 1951.

I began this note with a declarative sentence: My mother hated Christmas. She grew up with an abusive alcoholic father who was at his worst during the holidays. He would come home drunk on Christmas Eve and put coal in the eight children's stockings. He would beat anyone in sight. She identified Christmas with him.

There is a scripture that says, "the sins of the fathers are passed on to the children to the third and fourth generation ... but the mercy of God is everlasting." We never picked up the sins of my grandfather because my mother was healed. Through the love and understanding of my father the mercy of God became everlasting. And the sins and prejudices of a culture were not passed on to me either. God bless my grace filled father. The mercy of God is everlasting.

May that mercy be manifest to you all through Christmas.

In Jesus, who walks among us,

Jr. Tony

Parish News



Articles for bulletins for the month of January will have the following deadlines:

| For Bulletin On | Articles due by noon |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday, January 9 | Friday, December 31 |
| Sunday, January 16 | Friday, January 7 |
| Sunday, January 23 | Friday, January 14 |
| Sunday, January 30 | Friday, January 21 |

The deadline for all articles for the bulletin is Fridays at noon.



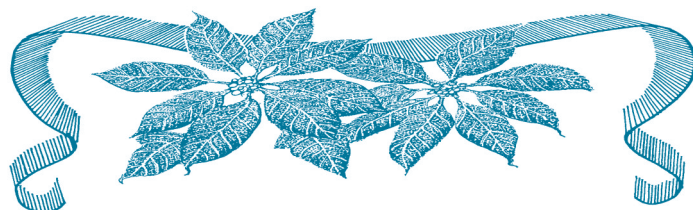
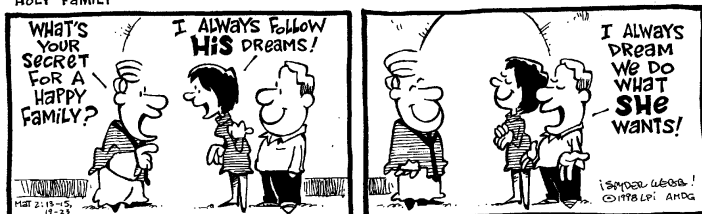
DROP IN YOGA CLASSES

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20

Meet us in Barrett Hall - with a yoga mat
Call Debbie 630-941-7224 to be put on her email list for automatic Yoga invites or any questions at all.

HOLY FAMILY



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

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| 4:00 PM | Children's Liturgy |
| 6:30 PM | Family Mass |
| 10:30 PM | Choir Music |
| 11:00 PM | Midnight Mass |

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Mass
(No Saturday evening Mass)

Feast of Holy Family

Sunday, December 26 - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Mary Mother of God

Friday, December 31 - 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 1 - 10:30 AM

Mass of Epiphany

Saturday, January 1 - 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 2 - 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN FREE ICE SKATING AT THE YMCA SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Sponsored by Mary Queen of Heaven Men's Group



Join us for a fun afternoon of
**FREE Ice Skating at the Elmhurst YMCA
Ice Rink!**

The MQH Men's Group is sponsoring
**FREE Ice Skating for MQH Parishioners
On Sunday, January 9, 2011
From 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**

The Elmhurst YMCA Ice Rink is located
**at 211 West 1st Street
(on the corner of 1st St. and Maple Ave).**

No pre-registration is required,
but maximum capacity for the ice
rink is roughly 300, so please come
early.

**Ice Skates will be available at the rink
at no charge.**

**For more information, call
Paul Letourneau at 630-698-0081**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 2

Sunday, December 26, 2010

Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 AM Feast of the Holy Family in Church
10:30 AM Feast of the Holy Family in Church

Monday, December 27, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Social Hall

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

No RE Classes

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

Thursday, December 30, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service in Church

Friday, December 31, 2010 - New Year's Eve

5:30 PM Mary Mother of God Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2011 - New Year's Day

10:30 AM Mary Mother of God Mass
4:30 PM Mass of Epiphany

Sunday, January 2, 2011

7:45 AM - 12:00 PM RCIA in School Rooms 4-5,11-12,13
8:30 AM Mass of Epiphany
10:30 AM Mass of Epiphany
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

Christian Worship Commission



Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. 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.

Kristen Jacobsen Elkins
Jorge I. Gómez
Carmen Hernández
Alfred Martin
Mark Poedtke

Parish News

COME, LET US ADORE HIS PRESENCE

During this wonderful Christmas season when refrains of "O Come Let Us Adore Him" are sung, what better time to decide to come and adore the King of kings during our next Eucharistic Adoration on January 2, 2011. Let your heart, mind and soul feel and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, His presence among us. Now that the Christmas shopping is done for this year, you owe this special Christmas present to yourself!!!

Come and adore any time from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, January 2**. The day of adoration and prayer begins with Mass and closes with **Benediction** at 7:00 p.m. **All** are invited to join us **any** time during the day as well as for Benediction. Remember, there is **perpetual adoration** in the Visitation adoration chapel located at 799 S. York Road.

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 the Parish Office via fax or by e-mail at facilities@maryqueen.org. Please notify the Parish Office if your meeting is canceled or moved. You can take a look at the monthly calendar of events at:

<http://www.maryqueen.org/calendar/calendar.html>

FAQ: When should I fill out a form? You must fill out a form if you want to reserve a room for your event, if you need tables set up for your event and/or if you want the event to appear in the website and bulletin's monthly and weekly calendar.

Gospel Verse

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

Mt 2:19-21

Christian Education News



On behalf of all of us in the REO, you are wished a 2011 with much peace and joy.

Please note:

There is no RE on the following Wednesday, December 29 and January 5.

RE Class sessions will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

For more information on any of the above, please contact Mary Ann Woods at the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Become a part of our growing school. Schedule a visit, meet the teachers, come "Light the Way" and join us in our "Dividends for Life". Come visit us! Open House Dates:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| January 30, 2011 | 9:30 a.m. - noon |
| February 3, 2011 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| February 20, 2011 | 9:30 a.m. - noon |
| March 3, 2011 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |

For information please contact :

Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director

Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500

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Ministry Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2010 - SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011

| | 5:30 PM | 10:30 AM |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Presider | Fr. Taschetta | Fr. Taschetta |
| Lector | R. Styka | R. Villamil |
| Eucharistic Ministers | G. Regan (S) H. Todd (C) R. Morro K. Diggins M. White B. Lawlor T. Sabel | TBA |
| Altar Servers | J. Race J. Nosek J. Nosek | I. Weigel B. Dunn S. Pierzchala |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE (MASS OF EPIPHANY) SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2011 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2011

| | 4:30 PM | 8:30 AM | 10:30 AM |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Presider | Fr. Taschetta | Fr. Taschetta | Fr. Taschetta |
| Lector | B. Lawlor | R. Wilkes | P. Reynertson |
| Eucharistic Ministers | K. Diggins (S) S. Pingatore (C) L. Loesch M. White M. Zelinski T. Sabel B. Eadon | K. Vicary (S) M. Conway (C) J. Eichorst J. Unger M. McCall R. Styka D. Styka | D. Justus (S) K. Mueller (C) M. Japczyk J. Lindberg K. Gusloff P. Twardowski T. Kevil R. Morro |
| Altar Servers | N. Simon N. Simon C. Gornick | K. Lewand S. Lewand J. Race | A. Frank J. Alonso D. Bolivar |





MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 26, 2010

8:30 AM † Victor Rudden
 † Honorah and Thomas O'Donovan
 † Margaret and Daniel Emnis
 10:30 AM Jorge, Susana and Claudia Gómez

Monday, December 27, 2010

8:30 AM † Helen Colucci

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

8:30 AM Intentions of Joe Taschetta Jr.

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

8:30 AM † Peter Chapelle

Thursday, December 30, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, December 31, 2010 - New Year's Eve

5:30 PM All Parishioners

Saturday, January 1, 2011 - New Year's Day

10:30 AM † Dan Scanlon
 4:30 PM † Brian Loughman

Sunday, January 2, 2011

8:30 AM † James Conway
 10:30 AM † Thomas Lavin

† indicates person is deceased



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, December 19, 2010

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| Adults | \$8,612.00 |
| Parish Pay | \$3,166.16 |
| Children | \$65.51 |
| Collection Total | \$11,843.67 |

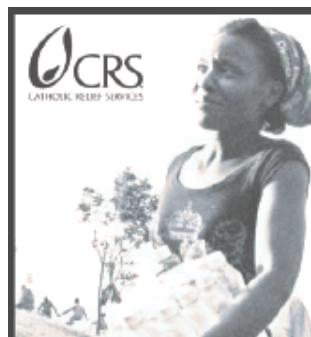
Thank you for your continued support!

Readings for the Week of December 26, 2010

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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