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March 20, 2011

*Second Sunday of
Lent*

JAPAN TSUNAMI RELIEF

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



"So, how you doin'... No, really, how are you doing?" The truth is, most of the time we really don't want to know so we answer with the same non-answer, "Fine. I'm fine." I once was called to the emergency room of Good Samaritan Hospital where a little eight year old parishioner of mine had just broken his arm. Tears of hurt and pain were running down his little cheeks when I asked the inevitable, inane question, "Precious child, how are you doing?" Without thought or hesitation he responded on cue, "Fine, Father, I'm fine."

Now, really, truly, how are you doing? Every once in a while it truly does us well to take our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual pulse. Most of the time we keep ourselves too busy and are so overwhelmed by our daily activities that we really don't want to know how we are doing. We just numbly slog through our day. But every once in a while we are forced to stop, look in the mirror and notice that physically we are not taking very good care of ourselves, mentally we are confused, emotionally depressed and spiritually distant. No wonder we really don't want to know how we're doing.

Now, how's that for a "the glass is half empty" paragraph? Obviously I could write a "glass is half full" paragraph and it would be just as true. But sometimes, it's worth while looking at the negative before we accent the positive. And that's exactly what we are called to do every Lent. It is this season that the response to our petitions is, "Lord have mercy." It is in this season when we truly come to the realization that, "Lord, I am not worthy..." and all of us can echo the words of Peter as he becomes aware of his sinfulness in the face of Jesus' holiness, "Get away from me, Lord, I am a sinful man." Jesus doesn't go away. Instead he shows him the way. He is the way.

Sin is separation. It is missing the mark. It is our herculean effort to cover our shame, vulnerability and nakedness under the clothes of our interminable activity. We become a perpetual motion machine in an effort to cover up and numb our pain of being human, fragmented, broken. How you doin'? Fine? Wanna bet?

The greatest joy of God is woman (man) fully alive. But our broken sinfulness sucks that life right out of us. So what do we do about it? We do Lent.

Last Ash Wednesday when we packed the church to receive the sign of our shortness of life and mortality we promised that this Lent would be different. This Lent we would get serious about our spiritual life which, in reality, is our life. And some of us have. But many of us have already blown our Lenten resolutions. Now what? It's Lent, it's just the

beginning of Lent. We start again. The wonderful thing about our faith is that everything is redeemable and redoable, even and especially our life.

So let's begin again. This time, let us try some spiritual exercises to help us in our spiritual discipline. Did you resolve to fast only to gorge yourself on empty calories and then feel guilty? Fine. But the next time you are tempted to break that fast, stop. Stop and take ten deep breaths. Be aware of your breathing in and breathing out. It's pretty basic stuff but it works. Now, go deep. What is it inside of you that is craving that chocolate covered donut? Look at it, feel it, name it, talk to it and then let it pass. Do you want that drink to numb the pain? Same thing. Most of our self-destructive urges are like waves that come over us and seem to overwhelm us. If we thrash about to fight them, we may drown. If we stand still long enough, the wave will subside and recede. It's the same with many of our sinful temptations. Don't just do something (give in) stand there. If you are dealing with a computer addiction that you promised yourself you would stay away from, immediately turn off that computer. Now, take those breaths and sit there. What is it in you that is demanding to be fed? Look at it, name it, and give it permission to pass.

Now, there is a name for this kind of spiritual practice. It is called heroic spirituality. It is done by a combination of God's grace and our efforts (mostly God's grace). It is not the highest form of spirituality. That's when we realize it is *all* grace and that we are relatively helpless to transform ourselves by sheer acts of the will. But it is a great beginning place. And so we are called to do it. Just do it.

It's Lent. By Easter, my prayer is that when someone asks us how we are doing, we can respond honestly, "Much better." And maybe even, "Fine." (And mean it.)

In Jesus, the Goodness of God,

Fr. Tony

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PARISH MISSION

Fr. Tony will be doing a Parish Mission at Immaculate Conception here in Elmhurst on Sunday thru Tuesday, April 3 - 5 at 7:00 p.m. The theme,

"Touching the Really Real," will be the same he used for our mission here two years ago. All are invited to attend.

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PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

Parish Penance Service
Tuesday, March 29
7:00 p.m.

Parish Mission with Fr. Tony
At Immaculate Conception
April 3, April 4, April 5 - 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 21
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m.



Good Friday
Friday, April 22

Children's Living Stations
3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 23

Blessing of Easter Baskets
11 a.m. in Church

Solemn Easter Vigil
7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 24
Masses:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon

Angelus Prayer

ANGELUS PRAYER

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth,
we beseech Thee, O Lord.
Thy grace into our hearts;
That we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ,
Thy Son, was made known
by the message of an angel,
may by His Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of His resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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2011 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL DIOCESE OF JOLIET



Our Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal theme is *“One in the Bread of Life; united in a Covenant of Love.”* Those served by the Diocese of Joliet continue to need your help. As One Body in Christ, will you help us provide for the needs of all His people? Please be generous in your pledge to this important effort.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN MEN'S



**GROUP ROAD TRIP
TO MILLER PARK
IN MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN
SATURDAY, APRIL 9
COST: \$65**

**COACH BUS TRANSPORTATION
LEAVING MQH PARKING LOT
AT 3:30 PM**

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 9 by coach bus and will be returning the same night around 11:30 pm. The cost per man will be \$65.00, which includes 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.

Contact Jim Japczyk at jjapczyk@aol.com or Bob Glick at bobglick@gmail.com with questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 20 - MARCH 27



Sunday, March 20, 2011

7:45 AM - 12:00 PM	RCIA in Classrooms 4-5/11-12/13
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM	MQH Mass in Church
11:30 AM	Fellowship in Barrett Hall
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Baptisms in Church

Monday, March 21, 2011

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Bible Study Acts of Apostles in Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	CHRP (Women) in Barrett Hall
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Bible Study Acts of Apostles in School Rm. 1

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM	RE Classes
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Bible Study Acts of Apostles in Conf. Room

Thursday, March 24, 2011

8:30 AM	Communion Service
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Yoga in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Building & Grounds Commission Mtg. in Conf. Rom

Friday, March 25, 2011

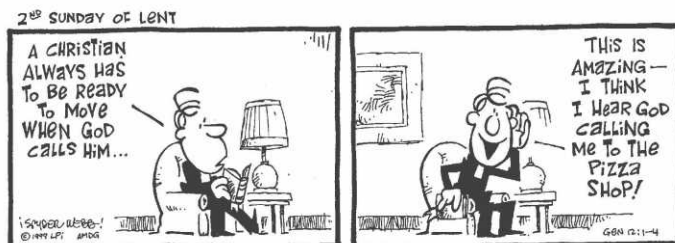
8:30 AM	MQH Mass in Church
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 26, 2011

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

Sunday, March 27, 2011

7:45 AM - 12:00 PM	RCIA in Classrooms 4-5/11-12/13
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM	MQH Mass in Church



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FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

All are invited to attend our next Fellowship in Barrett Hall this Sunday, March 20, immediately following the 10:30 am Mass. The Lectors will be your hosts. Coffee, tea, juice and delicious goodies will be served. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend and enjoy good food and fellowship with other parishioners and their families.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Our annual **Wings to Heaven lock in** is coming up Friday April 8. The cost is \$15 and includes, food, t-shirt and lots of fun. It is an overnight that ends with breakfast. If you would like to attend please email Kathleen Gusloff at kgusloff@gmail.com and she will send you a permission slip via email. We must have all permission slips in by March 25.

If anyone could **donate pillowcases** for our lock in service project we would appreciate it. We will be decorating for our troops. Solid color is best. New or barely used. They can be turned in at the RE office.



EASTER FOOD COLLECTION

We will not be holding our normal food collection at the end of March. Instead, our Food Collection will be held the weekend of **April 9 and 10**. The food and necessities collected will be used to take care of the **15 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, prepared foods, baking items, sugar, flour, drinks, tea, coffee, goodies, paper towels, toilet tissue, kleenex, personal items, dish soap, laundry soap and cleaning items. Gift certificates for Jewel, Dominick's and other food stores are always welcome so that the families can purchase a ham or other meat for Easter Dinner. 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. The total number of children's Easter Baskets we need to make up this year is 23 (13 boys and 10 girls).

We again want to you know how much we appreciate your generosity in donating to these needy families. Our parish is truly a family of giving people. Should you wish to help with sorting the food for the Easter Baskets, please come on Monday, April 11 at 7:00 PM. Many hands are needed. Thank you for helping those who are less fortunate.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Mark your calendar: There is no Religious Education class on Wednesday, March 30 because of Spring Break. Classes resume at the regular times on April 6.

Registrations for the 2011-2012 RE year will be mailed out at the end of the month. If you would like to be put on our mailing list, please contact the REO. Remember parish registration is a prerequisite for registration in the Religious Education Program.

Attention Parents of Confirmation Candidates:

- **Confirmation practice** will take place Tuesday, April 5 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in church. This is the only practice and all 8th graders must be there. Sponsors are not required to attend.
- **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm** - all 8th graders and their parents are to attend the Christian Sexuality evening, "Sex Has a Price Tag" at 7:00PM in Barrett Hall. There is no 5:15 class for 8th graders on April 6th.
- **Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 pm** - Confirmation will be celebrated here at the parish.

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

Our classes are filling up quickly. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Preschool is full, but there are still openings for Tuesday and Thursday and all days for the KEP Program.

For information please contact :
Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director
Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500
Website: www.maryqueenpreschool.org
E-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

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MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CCW "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" 2010/2011 CANDIDATES

Brenda Scanlon..... I have been a parishioner at Mary Queen of Heaven for 27 years. I have been an educator for over 40 years. I am a former member of parish council and I have also been a facilitator for a Bible Study group. I am a member of the Education Commission. I have taught RCIA children for 6 years. I am currently the Director of Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool.

Debbie Styka..... I am the wife of Randy, and mother of Neal (26) and Heather (23). My main activity at Mary Queen has been organizing PADS volunteers for over 12 years. I have worked with the Garden Club and the annual Dinner Dance. This is my third year assisting in a 4th grade Religious Education class. I also help with sorting food baskets at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. For 13 years, I have belonged to a small faith community from Mary Queen that meets in each other homes twice a month to share faith. I also teach Yoga to parishioners and the kindergarteners. I try to maintain the Pathway of Peace Labyrinth near the parish office. I have been a Eucharistic Minister for over fifteen years. Along with my husband, I have helped prepare many couples for marriage through the Marriage Preparation Program at Mary Queen. I am honored to be nominated for Woman of the Year once again.

Karen Sutkus.....I am married to my husband Ken. We have one son and are proud grandparents to twins. We have been members of the parish for 12 years. Among the activities I have been involved in: Renew 2000: small faith communities; pre-cana for engaged couples; PADS; on the committee for "Mary Queen Alive" survey; and served in RCIA as a sponsor and a team member. I graduated from the New Wine program in 2006. I am currently on the Welcoming Catholics Home Committee and most recently I started a new ministry, which is currently my full-time ministry, "Christ Renews His Parish". Our third weekends will be held on February 11th and 12th, 2012 for the men and on February 25th and 26th, 2012 for the women. Through CRHP, I hope to continue to build a sense of family, belonging and individual spiritual growth in the already strong community of Mary Queen of Heaven. I am very proud to be a member of the parish and I am honored to be nominated in the company of so many wonderful women.

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.

Tony Carlevato
Sheila Reiter
Kristeen Dotson

Community News

FR. STEPHEN IS INVITING YOU!

Father Stephen is inviting single Catholic men between the ages of 18-45 to an exciting free weekend of living the life of the monk at the New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, Iowa. The date is Memorial Day weekend May 27-29, 2011. Live the life of the monk. No cost. Food and room free. They will pick you up if you fly or take a bus. Hear the wonderful talks of the personal stories of the monks and get help knowing your own calling.

Call Fr. Stephen at: (563) 588-2319 Ext. 333
Or e-mail at: frsteve@newmellerav.org
He would love to hear from you.
Make your reservations early.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Retired? Eager to "give something back"?

Ignatian Volunteer Corps is accepting new members (age 50+) to work with the materially poor and marginalized in the greater Chicago area two days a week, and to reflect and pray on that experience in the Jesuit tradition, beginning September 2011. For further information contact George Sullivan, (773) 975-6871 or chicago@ivcusa.org. Contact IVC National office at (888) 831-4686 or visit at www.ivcusa.org.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOLS

If you are considering sending your children to a Catholic Grade School, we have two excellent schools close by: Holy Family School in Bensenville and Immaculate Conception here in Elmhurst.

Both schools have asked us to make available information about them. This can be found in the back of the church.

Catholic education is a wonderful gift to our children. It is worth looking into.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY, MARCH 26 - SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2011			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	E. Walker	B. Nosek	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Zelinski (S) M. White (C) D. StaRosa M. Conway T. Sabel G. Pstrzoch H. Todd	G. Regan (S) J. Eichorst (C) A. Grozik M. Grozik D. Bernstein M. McCall J. Unger	K. Gusloff (S) R. Morro (C) P. Twardowski J. Lindberg T. Kevil D. Styka R. Styka P. Mason
Altar Servers	J. Nosek J. Nosek J. Mirretti	K. Selfridge I. Weigel M. Bourke	M. McDonough M. McDonough S. Pierzchala



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, March 13, 2011	
Adults	\$7,656.40
Parish Pay	\$3,506.41
Children	\$41.25
Ash Wednesday	\$1,280.00
Collection Total	\$12,484.06

Thank you for your continued support!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 20, 2011

8:30 AM † Joan Lewis
10:30 AM † Dolores and Paul Jandick

Monday, March 21, 2011

8:30 AM † Lauretta Vero

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

8:30 AM † Albert Fuschen

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

8:30 AM † Emanuele Picciota

Thursday, March 24, 2011

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, March 25, 2011

8:30 AM † Ersilia Frangella

Saturday, March 26, 2011

4:30 PM † Jack Brahm

Sunday, March 27, 2011

8:30 AM † Cecilia Garstki
10:30 AM Victims of Japan's earthquake and tsunami

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2011

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38
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

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH LADIES' GOLF LEAGUE

This is an excellent opportunity to meet other ladies interested in fun and exercise in the fresh air of Maple Meadows in Wood Dale. We golf 9 holes on Monday mornings beginning May 9. If you would like to join our group or be on the sub list, please call Carol Conboy or Kathy Doles.

League starts on May 9
at Maple Meadows in Wood Dale.

For more information, call co-presidents Carol Conboy, (708) 447-1996 or Kathy Doles, (708) 246-7893.



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