

Note from the Pastor



THE ESSENTIAL PRIESTHOOD THINKING OUT LOUD

Many years ago, Sr. Mary Bennett addressed the Joliet Presbyterate and nailed me cold. She was talking about introverts and extroverts. Introverts, she said, think while they're thinking. In group discussions they will have nothing to say until the very end. But when they finally open their mouth, listen to them. They have something to say. Extroverts, on the other hand think while they're talking. They think out loud. All the while they are talking they are processing, rethinking, listening to how their position sounds and then changing it. Boy, I thought, she's named me. I am even dictating this out loud so that I can hear myself think.

I have gotten into a lot of trouble that way. When I speak, people think what I'm saying is written in stone. No, I'm just thinking out loud. Tell me what you think? Don't take what I say too seriously unless it resonates with your soul. Well, today I'm thinking out loud and I'm asking you to listen in and then tell me what you're thinking

On September 18 of this year, I will celebrate my 40th Anniversary as a priest. On that day in 1971, kneeling at the altar of St. Mary of Gostyn church in Downers Grove, Bishop Romeo Blanchette looked down at the young man with a receding hairline, long sideburns, wearing a Mickey Mouse watch and sighed to himself, "There's a shortage." He then ordained me.

Forty years is the blink of an eye... and half a lifetime. Today I am musing about those forty years and most importantly the priesthood in which I've lived those forty years and you are all an integral part of it. The priest I am today is the priest you've allowed me to be, pushed me to be, asked me to be, fought me to be, made me to be, and prayed me to be. And for this I will be forever grateful to you. I now ask you to celebrate this priesthood with me. But how? With another rubber chicken banquet? Allow me to think out loud with you.

The older I get, the less certain I am. There are only a few things of which I am quite sure: Life is not either/or, but both/and; paradox is of the essence of all things true; Heraclitus was right (life is change and transformation) and I did not miss my calling, my vocation. Yahweh called me before I was born. From my mother's womb He pronounced my name. I was born and called to be a priest. Of this I am quite certain and have little doubt. For forty years He has allowed me to labor in His vineyard, shepherd His people and preach the Word. I am pretty sure that for the last forty years I have done what I was supposed to do. But what exactly is that? Who is a priest? What does he do?

What is the essence of priesthood? That's what I am thinking out loud about.

While I am most grateful for what has been in the priesthood, I must confess that I am not a little anxious about what may be coming (or what might not be coming).

It is an understatement to say that the priesthood today is in crisis. The days of "Father knows best" are gone. After the scandals of the past three decades to speak of the Church Triumphant is an oxymoron. Parents today are not willing to encourage their sons to go into the priesthood. Ask yourself if you are and why or why not. Many of the wonderful young priests we have ordained in the past ten years have left after two or three years of priesthood. Something is not right. We cannot produce enough indigenous priests to serve the needs of our people. We have somehow lost track of something essential in the priesthood. What is it? What's essential?

To me, one of the most wonderful things about the Second Vatican Council was the radical realization that the Church was not simply a structural hierarchy, but the people of God. In my own priesthood I have taken this most seriously and have endeavored to empower God's people to understand that *they* are the Church. They are the Body of Christ. The explosion in this self understanding and its result in wonderful lay ministry has been nothing short of miraculous. Most of the things priests used to do, lay people can now do. But not all. What is essential to the ordained priesthood? One of my favorite sayings is, "You never need a priest... until you need one. And when you need one, no one else will do." When you are about to make that ultimate transformation from this side of the veil to the other, you want a priest. When you have clearly seen your sin and are in need of reconciliation, you want a priest. When your hunger for the Bread of Life can only be satiated by the Bread of Life, you want a priest. My question to you is, what are those times in your own life when only a priest will do?

On September 18 of this year at the Odeum Exposition Center in Villa Park, IL, I will be inviting all of you to celebrate the priesthood with me. What should that celebration look like? For sure we want to party and enjoy. And we do, indeed, want to laugh and sing and dance and of course, eat and drink. We want everybody to be invited, parents, children, insiders, outsiders. But what more? How do we celebrate what it means to be a priest? One of the suggestions given at our last Parish Council meeting is to put together a book or a booklet on how either I or a priest you know have been a catalyst of transformation for you. When no one else would do, what did that priest do? Was it the essence of his ministry? We are (I am) just thinking out loud.

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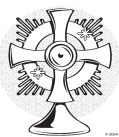
Right now we are in the process of formulating how we should celebrate and are open to any ideas you may have. Soon you will see a request in the bulletin from our Parish Council asking for your stories, experiences, memories, etc. for our booklet. In the meantime, please send your ideas about the celebration itself to:

parishoffice@maryqueen.org.

Forty years is a long time. It's how long Moses wandered in the desert. It's also the time the risen Christ walked among us. And He still does. Let us celebrate His presence.

In Jesus, the Priest,

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ALL...DEVOTED THEMSELVES... TO PRAYER

After celebrating the Ascension of the Lord, the disciples immediately went to the upper room to spend time in prayer as they waited for the Holy Spirit. On Monday, June 6 we will again have a chance to be alone with our Lord during our day of Eucharistic Adoration. Come and spend time in praise, reparation, adoration, thanksgiving, and petition before Our Lord in the quiet of our church. The day begins after 8:30 am Mass, and concludes with Benediction at 7:00 pm. Join us any time during the day, as well as for Benediction. If you wish to "adopt" an hour, we invite you to sign with your name and phone number on the list of adorers in the back of Church. **Our sister parish, Visitation, provides 24/7 adoration in their adoration chapel, 799 S. York.**



RECYCLE

RECYCLE/DONATE YOUR OLD JEWELRY

During the weekend of June 11-12, a jewelry collection will be held. There will be a basket in the back of church in which you may place a jewelry item that will be donated to breast cancer patients at a nearby treatment center. Perhaps you even design and make your own jewelry and you would like one of your pieces given to a very special woman in this way.

If you have any questions or would like to drop off a donation personally, please contact Carol Reisenbuckler at (630) 833-1037 or reisenbuckler@yahoo.com. Thank you!

CCW LADIES NIGHT OUT

COME JOIN IN THE FUN AS
WE HONOR OUR WOMAN OF THE YEAR

DEBBIE STYKA

ON TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M.

CASEY'S RESTAURANT
415 EAST NORTH AVE,
LOMBARD
\$28.00 PER PERSON

FOR A FAMILY STYLE DINNER
INCLUDES: SOUP, SALAD,
PASTA, 2 ENTREES, DESSERT
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
CHERYL DESANTIS (630) 279-3148 OR
MARY WHITE (630) 833-9809

Deadline for the reservations is Friday, June 10.
Checks should be made payable to
Mary Queen of Heaven CCW.

Name _____

Phone _____

Completed form with check
can be placed in collection basket.

Parish News



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 5 - JUNE 12

Sunday, June 5, 2011

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM RCIA/Mystagogy
 in Social Hall/Classrooms 4-5, 11-12 13
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Destiny Youth Group Breakfast
 in Barrett Hall
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wings to Heaven Ice Cream Social
 in Barrett Hall

Monday, June 6, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass
 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Social Hall

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass
 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Classroom 4-5
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
 in Conference Room

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass

Thursday, June 9, 2011

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, June 10, 2011

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES JUNE 19

8:30 AM MQH Mass

Saturday, June 11, 2011

3:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM MQH Mass

Sunday, June 12, 2011

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM RCIA/Pentecost
 in Social Hall/Classrooms 4-5, 11-12 13

**WEEKLY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN IS
FRIDAY AT NOON**



COMBINED EFFORTS FOR FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 26, 2011

The three Elmhurst Catholic parishes (Visitation, IC and MQH) are joining together for a Eucharistic Procession on June 26 for the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast day was initiated in the year 1264 during the papacy of Pope Urban IV. The official title is *Corpus et Sanguis Christi* which translates to: The Body and Blood of Christ. The year of the Eucharist is coming to an end and our diocese is asking the parishes to create a "public witness of the veneration of the Blessed Sacrament." This procession is similar to the annual procession done in the Vatican when the Blessed Sacrament leaves St. Peter's square to process through the streets of Rome. Please continue to watch the bulletin each week for additional information. At this point we just ask that you mark your calendars for the afternoon of June 26.

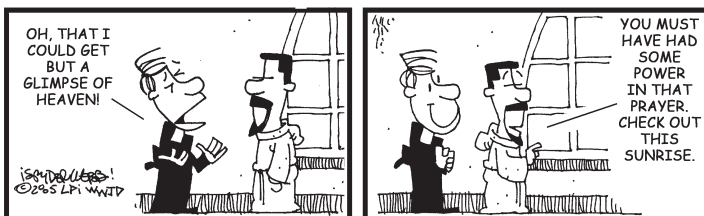
Recycling and Things you Might Not Know A Report from the Spring Institute Meeting of CCW

1. Your garden hose contains lead. Replace with the new "lead free" hoses - read the labels.
2. Clean out your house, basement, garage, shed and bring in the following to Naperville: aerosol spray cans, household cleaner, oil based paint, poison, asbestos insecticide, pesticide, acid, hobby chemicals, pool chemicals, fertilizer, antifreeze, fluorescent light ballasts, *fluorescent CFL bulbs & tubes* (can also be recycled at Home Depot & some ACE Hardware stores), mercury-thermometers household batteries - sorted by type, labeled in bags, NiCad, lithium, etc.

Regional Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site
Location: Fire Station #4, 1971 Brookdale Road, Naperville (3/4 Miles South of I-88, off Route 59) Open Saturdays and Sundays, 9 am - 2 pm, excluding holidays.
 Recycling questions?

www.dupagecounty.org/recycling or
 call (630) 407-6700
 or www.s-c-a-r-c-e.org,
 (630) 545-9710 or
 email ecoed@sbcglobal.net

ASCENSION



PRO-LIFE NEWS

Pro-Life holy hour, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM, 2nd Saturday of each month: St. Bridget Chapel of St. Patrick Church, 710 West Marion Street, Joliet, IL 60435. For further information, please contact Joan Bannon at (815)744-6771

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PRAYER SHAWL

Why is it called a prayer shawl? Shawls wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and warm. As each shawl is being created, its maker is in prayer for the future recipient. A prayer may start by affirming the Lord's love and mercy and go on to ask that the Lord show mercy to, or give comfort to the receiver of the shawl. It may ask for restored health or faith for the receiver. The prayers are heartfelt and can be individualized to specific needs.

This is a perfect ministry for compassionate people who can knit, crochet, quilt, measure, sew, cut, or tie, providing a special loving gift. What a great way to give someone a much needed hug at a time when you can't be there yourself.

Other Ways to Participate:

- Pray for both those who make shawls and for the recipients
- Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry as we work together on items of comfort for others
- Donate yarn (three skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn make one prayer shawl)
- Donate funds for yarn or fabric purchase

Prayer is the most critical part of this ministry, so if you can pray, we want you to be a partner with us, pray with us, and pray for us. We depend on our partners to inform us of where the needs exist; who needs to be physically wrapped in the love of God.

Shawls and blankets can be given/requested for: undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; during prayer or meditation; celebrating; a new baby, nursing a baby; bridal shower or wedding gift; leading ritual; during an illness and recovery; ministering to others; graduation, birthday, anniversary, ordination, holiday gifts; or just to feel close to God...there are endless possibilities!

Many have commented and asked about Mary Queen of Heaven Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you. I hope that you will join us as prayer partners. Sharing God's love and blessings is a joy. All are welcome to this ministry. All talents are welcome to participate.

June gatherings will be in MQH School - Room 4-5 and are scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 at 9:00 AM and Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 PM in MQH School - Room 4-5.



WE ARE CLEANING HOUSE!

We are cleaning house for the summer. Please remove any food items that you are storing for your group in any of the refrigerators or cabinets in school and Barrett Hall by June 10, 2011 or it will be disposed of for the summer.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Sunday, June 5

Destiny High School Youth Group

All high school students are invited to join us for breakfast in Barrett Hall on this Sunday, June 5 following the 10:30 am Mass.

Wings to Heaven Ice Cream Social 6:00-8:00 pm Barrett Hall

All incoming 5-8th grade students for 2011-2012 school year are invited to enjoy an evening of fun and games.

Questions? email Kathleen Gusloff
kgusloff@gmail.com
or call 630-269-0744

Christian Worship



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.

Fred Cafasso
Joel Falco
Kate Graete

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE Registrations. The list of closed classes is growing. Please note the following classes are closed: Kindergarten at 3:15 and Grades 3 and 5 at 5:15. There is still space available at the other grades and times. To guarantee a space for your child, be sure to return your completed RE registration form **now**. Remember, registration will close on June 15 with the exception of families new to the parish. FYI: registration in the RE program is limited to participating members of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish. If you are new to the parish, please register in the parish prior to registration in the RE program.

Catechists are needed for the 2011/2012 RE year. The children may be gone for the summer, but preparations for the fall are in full swing. Please help us all have a pleasant summer free from worry about catechist needs. Right now we need catechists at the following grade levels and times:

- 3:15 pm - Grade 1 - 1 co-catechists
Grade 2 - 4 catechists
- 5:15 pm - Grade 2 - 1 aide or co-catechist

We may have other needs as summer progresses. If you have not yet returned your yellow volunteer form, please do so. We are counting on you. September seems very far away, but it will be here before you know it. If you are someone who loves your faith and would enjoy sharing it with our children, we would love to talk to you.

For more info on any of the above, please contact Mary Ann Woods at the REO: (630) 832-8962 or



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

NEWS FLASH!

Three spots have opened for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the 2011-2012 Preschool. These spots fill up quickly so don't delay in signing up your child for Preschool.

For information please contact :
Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director
Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500
Website: www.maryqueenpresschool.org

Diocesan News



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Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Father's Day is a special day to remember all of our fathers. But it is also a time to remember another kind of Father, our diocesan priests. It usually is the case that priests retire from active ministry at the age of 70 or 75 years, but even after official retirement many continue to serve by celebrating the liturgy at parishes, ministering to the sick, or providing spiritual counseling. Besides their Social Security checks, the priests are eligible for a small diocesan pension, which helps pay for their living costs during retirement. Their pension and Social Security help our retired priests to keep up with increases in every day expenses, such as food, housing and transportation costs.

The Diocese of Joliet Priests' Retirement Fund, as with many retirement plans, is in need of being fortified. To bolster the Diocese of Joliet Priests' Retirement Fund, a second collection will take place across the diocese on Father's Day weekend this year, just like we had last year, so that parishioners can show their appreciation and love for our priests who have already retired and those who will retire in the future. This collection should not be confused with the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which occurs during December and assists religious men and women -- in other words, religious women, brothers and priests belonging to religious orders. That collection does not benefit retired diocesan priests.

As the Year of the Eucharist ends this month, your generous response to this collection would be a wonderful expression of your gratitude for the priests who have and continue to nourish your life of faith -- especially by their celebration of the Eucharist, which is our "Bread of Life and Covenant of Love". On behalf of the priests of our diocese, I am grateful for your prayers and your generous gift to the Diocese of Joliet Priests' Retirement Fund second collection on Father's Day weekend. Please be assured of my prayers for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel
Diocesan Administrator
Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, JUNE 11 - SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	B. Lawlor	R. Wilkes	M Reed
Eucharistic Ministers	M. White (S) G. Curtis (C) G. Los J. Vilim L. Loresch M. Zelinski D. StaRosa	N. Williamson (S) T. Sabel (C) T. Nanak G. Pstrzoch K. Passarelli G. Regan A. Grozik	K. Mueller (S) M. McCall (C) P. Mason R. Marro R. Melendez P. Twardowski R. Styka D. Styka
Altar Servers	N. Simon N. Simon C. Gornick	K. Lewand S. Lewand S. Pierzchala	M. Piszczor J. Race J. Reginelli



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, June 5, 2011**
8:30 AM † Margy Vandenberg
10:30 AM † Robert Clark
- Monday, June 6, 2011**
8:30 AM † Daniel Regan
- Tuesday, June 7, 2011**
8:30 AM † All Faithful Departed
- Wednesday, June 8, 2011**
8:30 AM † Bill Montesano
- Thursday, June 9, 2011**
8:30 AM Communion Service
- Friday, June 10, 2011**
8:30 AM All Parishioners
- Saturday, June 11, 2011**
4:30 PM † Lino Magnelli
- Sunday, June 12, 2011**
8:30 AM † Michael Cassidy
10:30 AM † Blythe O'Sullivan

† indicates person is deceased



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, May 29, 2011	
Adults	\$8,575.36
Parish Pay	\$3,302.66
Children	\$21.06
Collection Total	\$11,899.08

Thank you for your continued support!

Readings for the Week of June 5, 2011

- Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/
Jn 14:15-21
- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or
Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday:** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11a

MEET A SEMINARIAN JOHN LOVITSCH

When John Lovitsch was a very little boy growing up in St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield, he always wanted to be the pastor. He would put on his bathrobe and play priest with his brother who would be the parishioner. The idea of being a priest passed out of his mind in Middle School, but made a huge resurgence in high school thanks to a friend who challenged him to grow spiritually and intellectually in his faith. He began going to 6:00 daily Mass with his grandmother, asked his family to help him discern where he was in life, and eventually approached his associate pastor in Hinsdale, Father Pat Murphy, who introduced him to another seminarian, Bill Vagenas, who, John relates, "took it from there and introduced me to the Vocation Director and Bishop Sartin.

While a student at Wheaton College, John made formal application to and was accepted to study for the Diocese of Joliet on Jun 28, 2007. After spending last summer abroad working for the Church in Egypt last summer, John returned to his second year of studying Theology at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.