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September 11, 2011

*Twenty-fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

September 11 10th Anniversary

*We will
never forget...*

World Trade Center
Pentagon
Pennsylvania

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 Thurs.: Mass

Fri.: Communion Service

First Friday of the month: Mass

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



We do not need to be asked where we were or what we were doing on September 11th ten years ago, today, when the twin towers of American triumph were destroyed. We remember.

It is and will be etched in our hearts and minds for the rest of our lives. For most of our work-day lives it is too painful to look back and remember so we just go on in our numb little ways doing whatever we do. But on that day in this great country everything changed and no matter how much we wallpaper over it, the memory and pain seeps through to effect every aspect of our life. In our lifetime it has changed everything. Ten years later, it is worthwhile to ask ourselves how have we changed, and what must be our Christian response to the seismic shifts that have taken place.

September 11, 2011 was a beautiful sunny day. I had just celebrated Mass and was walking into the rectory in Kankakee to look in on my dying mother. Her dementia was getting worse and I was wondering how much longer I could take care of her in the rectory where she lived with me the last year and a half of her life. The forever "on" TV was her built in babysitter and she was looking at something incomprehensible. When I looked too, I could not either comprehend. The rest is nightmare history.

Whenever something catastrophic happens in our life a number of different things begin to occur at the same time. First, all of this is unreal. This really isn't happening. Our denial mechanism is all we have to get us through the collapsing world before us. The only way to survive is to go numb. We then enter into a kind of fog. We, who are so sure and certain, do not now know what direction we're going. We cannot begin to comprehend what just took place. Our hearts and our minds are just too small to take it all in. And so we go into some sort of automatic pilot just to get through the day. And yet... and yet in the midst of overwhelming vulnerability, we have a collective sense that there is something bigger than us pulling us together, guiding us, leading us forward. In the midst of any major transition in our life we are placed in what is called "liminal space." Liminal comes from the Latin word meaning "threshold." We are entering into a place that is neither here nor there, not on third base nor safe at home, the place where we let go of the security of the trapeze and are not yet caught by the catcher. We are in space, vulnerable, needy. This is the place of faith. This is the place of trusting in something larger than ourselves in the midst of the mystery that is incomprehensible to us. This is the place where God can get to us. And He did.

Do you remember the common humanity that we all shared as we grieved as a nation over our tragic loss? And remember how kind we were towards each other for such a

short and wonderful period of time? The old smug security and feeling of invulnerability was cracked wide open and in our uncomprehending need, the grace of God flowed in.

But it didn't last. Anthropologist Reneé Girard teaches that all history moves through a mechanism called scapegoating. All history proceeds on who hurt whom and then who retaliated. The history of the world is the history of the war. For a brief period we had a window of grace. Ultimately, however, we and our leaders chose not to breathe in the air of that grace but rather to fall upon our old mechanisms: accusation, blame, war. Once more the myth of redemptive violence, the belief that we can kill evil and destroy it once and for all through violence took hold. And we began our war on terror, and our wars in Afghanistan and then Iraq. The sadness is that the wars did not end there, they moved into our own political arena where the demonization of anyone who disagreed with you was taken to such new heights that as a nation we now are finding it impossible to act on behalf of the common good. Ten years down the road, September 11, 2001 has taken its terrible toll.

The Christian response? It must be Christ's response. How do we transform enmities? We embrace a non-violent transformation that arises from the life and the teachings of Jesus who measures life in love, in the terms of how we respond to those who hate us and wish us harm. Simply put, how do we love our enemies? How do we become the church we profess to be, a peace building church that chooses to build through relationships and trust where pain and hatred have a deep stronghold?

Professor John Paul Lederach put it this way, "The profound truth of Jesus' life came home in the form of His simplest and most radical act: befriending the enemy. To His disciples' consternation, Jesus ate with His enemies and went to their houses. None of this implied that he changed His fundamental beliefs or values. It implied, rather, that He wanted to build relationships with those deemed untouchable and a threat. He chose love over fear, engagement over isolation and separation."

Where do we go from here? As a church universal and a church local, we can do no less than Jesus taught us to do. And we begin locally...with our own brothers and sisters of different faiths, ideologies, and lenses through which they see reality. We must continue to create opportunities for healing and reconciliation. Or, as Martin Luther King warned us, we will either all learn to live together as brothers and sisters or die as fools. Christ has shown us the way, our holy work is to follow.

In Jesus, Who Has Transformed the World,

Jr. Tony

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Confessions of a Working Priest

April 18, 1997

Thoughts on twenty-five years of priesthood
By Rev. Anthony Taschetta

"Hey, go to work!" The voice is that of Luis Gonzalez, a young Mexican college student who has been living in the rectory household with me at St. Teresa Church in Kankakee for the past six years. "I am working," I shout back. "This is my work. I'm thinking and it hurts!" This dialogue is almost a daily occurrence. Luis delivers his lines as he is either leaving for work himself or commuting up to Governor's State University from which he will be graduating this year (if he does all the work).

The working priest. The man who spends so much time in the vineyard of the Lord that he doesn't know if he's coming or going, reaping or sowing. One of my favorite lines, that always garners sympathy after having celebrated three Masses on a Sunday, fielded scores of questions, baptized babies and visited various parish activities going on throughout the day is, "Don't worry about me, I only work weekends."

If confession is good for the soul, it's time to confess. All of us project images and wear masks. The image many of us priests project is that of a hard-working, never taking a day off, always on the go, doer of God's will among the people. And often the projection is a reflection of the reality. But (and this is the confession part) it's not as tough as people seem to think or as sometimes we project. Actually, if the truth be known, it's a pretty sweet life.

The priesthood isn't all that hard. It's not the sacrifice we pretend it to be. Now don't get me wrong. The priesthood is not a complete cakewalk. If I am to do what God has called me to do I must shed any shred of professional distance and get totally involved in the lives and often the pain of the people I serve. If I am to heal, I must kiss the leper's sore. If I am to proclaim the justice of God, I must confront the lies and evil of the world. If I am to manifest the mercy of God, I had better get up at 2 a.m. to be with a dying parishioner. There are times when I am utterly "peopled-out," and don't want to see or talk to another soul. It is precisely at those times that the phone doesn't stop ringing. God has a wicked sense of humor. No, the priesthood is no walk in the park but whose life is? I am not up half the night with a colicky baby. I don't have to worry about how to make ends meet or where my next meal will come from. Every walk of life has its difficulties and challenges. Nobody gets a free-ride.

But we priests do get to pull the brass ring quite often and

it's fun to go around one more time.

Since this is a confession, I must also confess that I don't get it. I honestly don't understand why the doors of seminaries are not being trampled down by young men seeking to enter. Either God has stopped calling or the priesthood has become one of the best kept secrets in the world. I don't think God has stopped calling. And I do think that the priesthood is one of the best kept secrets in the world. Who else on a daily basis gets to delve into the Divine or play with the Holy? Who else gets to enter into people's lives at their most profound level? Who else can transform the sin of the world to reveal the grace of God? This is good and it's fun and they even call it noble.

As a priest I have the luxury to waste time with God (they call it prayer), hang around with people (they call it ministry) and touch eternity (they call it salvation). And for this I am well compensated, materially comfortable, and loved by the people I serve. Not a bad deal. In exchange for this I have promised to listen to my bishop (they call it obedience), have no single exclusive relationship except for the one with my God (they call it celibacy) and to mediate between God and the people I am called to serve (call it what you want). It's not a big deal. But it is a big deal! It's the biggest.

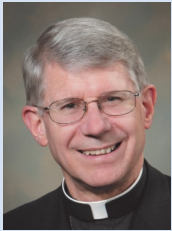
Last Sept. 18, I celebrated 25 years in the service of the Lord for the people of God. Twenty-five years is a fraction of a second in a priesthood that lasts forever, a priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek. "Thou art a priest... forever."

Nineteen of my 25 years of priesthood has been spent in vocation work, a holy but very mysterious work indeed. I do not even pretend to understand how the Master chooses and calls those to be set aside in His service. This much I do know, however. The God of the universe uses His Church to do His bidding and calling. And from priests to parents to teachers we have done a poor job of voicing that call.

It's a wonderful life. I am filled with gratitude to my God, my parents, my family and the Church for calling me to it. And I wish to add my voice in calling forth young people to hear the inner voice of God calling them to serve.

**NO 10:30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18TH DUE TO
FATHER TONY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY
MASS AND CELEBRATION
AT THE ODEUM
IN VILLA PARK BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM**

Parish News



WELCOME BISHOP CONLON

We welcome Bishop Daniel Conlon to Mary Queen today at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. May he continue to lead us on the path to the Kingdom of Christ and may we follow with joy.

YOU'RE INVITED

The people of Mary Queen of Heaven in Elmhurst and all the communities served by Fr. Tony Taschetta invite you to the celebration of his 40th Anniversary as a priest of God. As you have helped to form him in his priesthood so now come to celebrate with him on:

Sunday, September 18
at the Odeum Exposition Center,
1033 North Villa Avenue, Villa Park, IL.

We will gather at 11 a.m. to meet and greet followed by a bi-lingual Mass at noon. Afterwards we will have an old-fashioned peanut reception with food and music, dancing and games for the kids. All are invited. If you wish to share how Father Tony or another priest has touched and transformed your life, write it out and bring it along. We hope to put together a booklet at a later date.

You can still RSVP directly
to the rectory at (630) 279-5700



CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 11 - SEPTEMBER 19

Sunday, September 11, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Social Hall/ School Rooms 13,4-5
10:30 AM MQH Mass with Bishop Conlon
Wings to Heaven in Social Hall after greeting Bishop Conlon

Monday, September 12, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass
9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Church
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM CRHP (Men) in School Room 13

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM CRHP (Women) in Social Hall
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Youth Group - Destiny in Barrett Hall

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM First Day of RE Classes
in School/Church/Barrett Hall

Thursday, September 15, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM Yoga for Kids in Barrett Hall
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry in School Room 4/5

Friday, September 16, 2011

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, September 10, 2011

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon PPC/Commissions joint retreat
in Barrett Hall
3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM MQH Mass

Sunday, September 18, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass
11:00 AM Fr. Tony 40th at the Odeum in Villa Park
NO 10:30 AM Mass



BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE

This month our parish will be participating in a special fundraiser to promote and further a Culture of Life within our parish and local community. The proceeds of this event will help support the life-saving work of Woman's Choice Services, a Catholic pregnancy center in Lombard.

On the weekend of September 24 and 25, baby bottles will be distributed to parishioners to take home and fill with spare change. Bottles will then be returned to the parish on the weekend of October 1 and 2.

This fundraiser is a great way for each member of the family to help in building a Culture of Life. Thank you in advance for your response to the call of the Gospel to serve those in great need!

LIVING OUT OUR MISSION JOINT PPC/COMMISSION RETREAT Saturday Sept 17 8:45am - noon in Barrett Hall

The Parish Council invites all Commission / Ministry Leaders to attend. If you have not already responded please RSVP to Ginny Dolesy at (630) 279-3523 or email her at gdolesy@aol.com.

Parish News



RCIA INVITATION

We begin our formal RCIA sessions today, September 11. You may join anytime. Do you know anyone that might say "yes" to any of the following? If so, give us a call!

You are invited to "Come and See"

- If you would like to inquire about the Catholic Faith
- If you are not Baptized
- If you are a Baptized Catholic but have never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation
- If you might like to bring someone you know who is interested in our Catholic Faith
- If you would like to be a sponsor for someone along the journey

Questions??

Please contact Mimi Wolak Nolan
(630) 279-5700



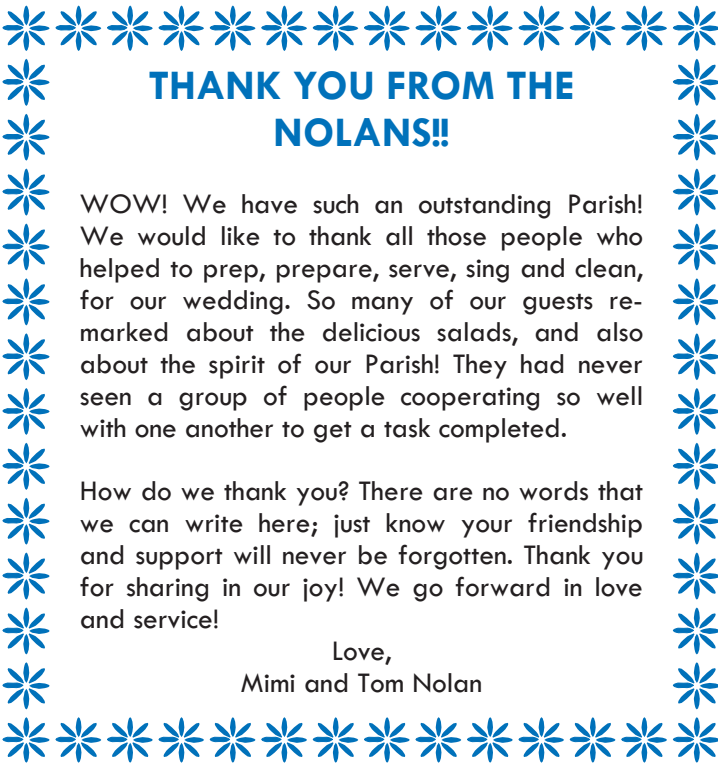
COME AND ADORE

All are invited to spend some time before His presence during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, September 12**, from after morning Mass until 7:00 p.m. when we close the day with Benediction. Now that the little ones are back in school, why not join us for 8:30 Mass! Come back for Benediction. Please refer to the sign-up chart in the back of church for hours needing adorers. For questions please call **Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238. Our sister parish, Visitation, provides 24/7 adoration in the convent chapel, 799 S. York.**



Destiny youth group has a new look! If you are looking for a way to share your faith through service and have fun come join us September 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in Barrett Hall. All high school students are invited to attend.

Questions? Email maryqueen.destiny@gmail.com
Pizza and desserts will be served
Hope you will join us!



THANK YOU FROM THE NOLANS!!

WOW! We have such an outstanding Parish! We would like to thank all those people who helped to prep, prepare, serve, sing and clean, for our wedding. So many of our guests remarked about the delicious salads, and also about the spirit of our Parish! They had never seen a group of people cooperating so well with one another to get a task completed.

How do we thank you? There are no words that we can write here; just know your friendship and support will never be forgotten. Thank you for sharing in our joy! We go forward in love and service!

Love,
Mimi and Tom Nolan

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Wings to Heaven

First meeting of the new school year
Sunday, Sept 11, 2011

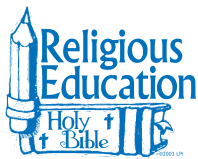
Join us in the Social Hall
after greeting
Bishop Conlon

Picnic and games for all
5th-8th grade students.
Hope you will join us.
Questions? Call
Kathleen Gusloff

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday, September 14, classes begin at the normal times for our Religious Education children in Grades Kindergarten to 7. Please keep them, their families, and our fine staff of volunteer catechists in your prayers.



Help keep our children safe on Wednesday afternoons. Please be extra careful when dropping off and/or picking up your children. The parking lot is very congested on Wednesdays, particularly during the first session with the additional traffic from Emerson school. Drive as though every child in the parking lot is your own. Let's all work together in keeping them safe.

Just a reminder, we do not accept and/or process registrations this week of September 12.

Parents of Confirmation Candidates please mark your calendars. We will meet with all of our Confirmation Candidates and parents in church on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:45 p.m. There will be Confirmation interviews with parents and Candidates on September 28 and October 1. Our Confirmation Prep classes begin on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:45 p.m. in church for Candidates only.

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



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

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

Community News

Dear MQH Parishioners,

Now that school has started many more Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry families are coming to the I.C. food pantry. So even more this month, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for your large food donation to the pantry.

With appreciation,

Carol Yesko
 Immaculate Conception Parish
 Christian Service Director



*Informing today—
 Transforming tomorrow*

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Public invited to commemorate
"A Day of Remembering ... " at Benedictine
 Lisle, Illinois - With today being the 10 year anniversary of September 11, 2001, Benedictine University is inviting the public to join students, faculty and staff in a remembrance of those who were victims of attacks against the United States by foreign and domestic terrorists. "A Day of Remembering, Healing and Forgiving" will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13 in the "Quad" area bordered by Jaeger, Krasa, Lownik and Kindlari Halls on the Benedictine University campus. The event will focus on remembrance and forgiveness rather than a need for retribution or revenge.

ATTENTION SENIORS

The Visitation Seniors will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22 in the new facility at the Visitation Parish in Elmhurst (and there are no steps!!). Our entertainment will be "The Retired Rhythm Rascals." Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of fun and music.

THE BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 18 WILL BE DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR FATHER TONY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY. AS A RESULT NO ADDITIONAL ARTICLES WILL BE PUBLISHED.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	B. Dunn	G. Dolesy
Eucharistic Ministers	M. White (S) D. StaRosa (C) G. Los G. Los J. Vilim L. Loresch M. Zelinski	K. Passarelli (S) A. Grozik (C) N. Williamson T. Nanak T. Sabel G. Pstrzoch M. Kelly
Altar Servers	K. Lewand S. Lewand D. Bolivar	I. Weigel B. Dunn D. Dunn



Collection Totals for: Sunday, September 4, 2011	
Adults	\$7,579.00
Parish Pay	\$2,821.66
Children	\$13.89
Collection Total	\$10,414.55

Thank you for your continued support!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, September 11, 2011**
 8:30 AM † Jeane Allen
 10:30 AM † Edna Campbell
- Monday, September 12, 2011**
 8:30 AM † Ann Duda
- Tuesday, September 13, 2011**
 8:30 AM † Rose Riley
- Wednesday, September 14, 2011**
 8:30 AM † Michael Cassidy
- Thursday, September 15, 2011**
 8:30 AM † Bill Sherlock
- Friday, September 16, 2011**
 8:30 AM Communion Service
- Saturday, September 17, 2011**
 4:30 PM † Ralph St. Pierre
- Sunday, September 18, 2011**
 8:30 AM Fr. Tony 40th year
 11:00 AM Fr. Tony 40th Celebration
 at the Odeum in Villa Park

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of September 11, 2011

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

2011 JOLIET DIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Fr. John Harvey
 Presider

Deacon John Freund
 Assisting

St. Margaret Mary Church
 1450 Green Trails Drive
 Naperville, IL 60540

Friday, September 16, 2011
 Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm

For more information, call Joey Rose (630) 926-6576