

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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*Fourth Sunday of  
Advent*

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### 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

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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## Note from the Pastor



### Prepare the Way... Pray

There is a rather cynical saying when all seems lost that says, "He doesn't have a prayer." Oh yes he does! As a matter of fact, prayer is all we need and in truth all we really have. So what is prayer? Prayer is becoming aware of, taking notice of, being in communion with the God who dwells in me and more importantly, the God in whom I dwell. You see, God is always there. God cannot not be there. We are not independent agents of life. Apart from God, we don't exist. Prayer is simply being present to that Presence, being aware of it. Embracing it. Loving it. Praising it. Pleading with it. And ultimately allowing it to form us into the person God wants us to be. I don't have a prayer? That's all I have. That's all I need.

The theme of this year's Advent is: Prepare the Way... Pray. But how? There are so many different ways to pray. Saying prayers is one of them. My favorite travelling prayer is the Rosary. I love it because it gives me an awareness that I am not traveling alone. And since the older I get the more perilous travel becomes, it gives me an opportunity to pray for protection, safe travel for all. My most important prayer is my contemplative "sit" for 20 minutes every morning and if I consciously make room for it, every evening. Contemplative prayer is the prayer without words that we were taught last year by Fr. Meninger. I will continue to teach it as I believe it is the highest form of prayer. Here we are not making demands of God but simply being in His presence. Some in the Parish have asked if we can start a contemplative group and this may be a possibility if there is enough interest.

My default prayer, however, my go to prayer is what is called "The Jesus Prayer." It is my favorite prayer not only because it says everything I need to say and everything I need to know and hear, but also because after 50 some years of praying it, it has become one with my heartbeat. At sometime during the day the Jesus prayer will well up inside of me and I will find myself praying it over and over again. In a very real sense I don't so much pray the Jesus Prayer as it prays me. At this point in my life, just as I cannot live without breathing, I cannot truly live without praying. And the

Jesus prayer is as natural as breathing.

I first learned the Jesus Prayer from J.D. Salinger. After being enamored by *Catcher in the Rye* as an adolescent, I went on to read the rest of his corpus. The prayer is found in his novel, *Franny and Zooey*. I was about 17 years old when I read it and it really struck me. It comes from an ancient Eastern tradition known as Hesychasm (to keep stillness). It is the response to St. Paul's admonition to "pray always." The prayer, repeated over and over and over and over again, becomes one with the heartbeat of the pray-er until finally the prayer prays itself. The spiritual roots come from the story of the Pharisee and the Publican in St. Luke where the Publican prays in humility saying, "Lord have mercy on me, a sinner." The beginning of the prayer comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. It is a magnificent Christological hymn in which he ends "proclaimed to the glory of God that Jesus Christ is Lord." And so the prayer goes like this:

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

That's it. Sometimes words are added like, "living God," and "miserable sinner" but the basics proclaim the Holy name of Jesus as the Lord, as the Son of God. By the repetition of the Holy Name we are invited into the very presence of the Divine-Human One and then seek what we need more than anything else in the world... mercy. It's all mercy, it's all gift, it's all grace. And it is all undeserved.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner. It's all there. And so we prepare the way... we pray. There are many ways to pray and we are called to pray all-ways. One of them is through the Jesus Prayer. I recommend it to you.

In Jesus, the Son of God,

Fr. Tony

## Parish News

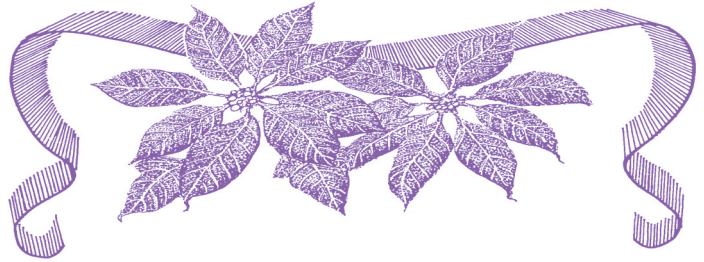


### CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS - FEBRUARY 2012

Do you find it difficult to make time for the important things in your life – like working on your relationship with God? Or spending time in His word? Do you feel like your spiritual life needs renewal? If yes, please think about registering for a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) spiritual renewal weekend here at Mary Queen of Heaven. The cost is minimal (\$35 suggested donation) but the rewards will last a lifetime.

CRHP is a 30 hour overnight spiritual renewal weekend given by fellow parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven who have lovingly been in formation to give you this gift. *If you focus your time and energy on God, He will make time for you for everything else you need to get done. Say “yes” to this gift.*

The Men’s weekend is February 11-12, 2012 and the Women’s weekend will be February 25-26, 2012. Contact Karen Sutkus at (630) 279-3240 or [ksutkus1@comcast.net](mailto:ksutkus1@comcast.net) for information or Deacon Tom Nolan at: [thomasdeacon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thomasdeacon@sbcglobal.net).



## Christmas Schedule

### Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Children’s Liturgy
- 6:30 p.m. Family Mass
- 10:30 p.m. Choir Music
- 11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

- 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

### Mary the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2012 - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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

For Bulletin On	Articles Due by Noon
Sunday, January 8, 2012	Monday, December 19
Sunday, January 15, 2012	Friday, January 6, 2012
Sunday, January 22, 2012	Friday, January 13, 2012

Thank you for your cooperation.





## Parish News



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 25

#### Sunday, December 18, 2011

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	RCIA
10:30 AM	MQH Mass
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Children's Christmas Dress Rehearsal in Church/Barrett Hall
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Baptisms in Church
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wings to Heaven Christmas in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Children's Christmas Choir Practice in Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

#### Monday, December 19, 2011

#### DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES JANUARY 8, 2012

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Commission Meeting in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	CRHP Men in School Room 13

#### Tuesday, December 20, 2011

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Youth Group Destiny in Barrett Hall

#### Wednesday, December 21, 2011

#### NO RE CLASSES

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
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#### Thursday, December 22, 2011

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
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#### Friday, December 23, 2011

8:30 AM	Communion Service
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#### Saturday, December 24, 2011 - Christmas Eve

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

#### Sunday, December 25, 2011 - Christmas Day

8:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass
10:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass

## Prayer List



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. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

Baby Sophia Kathleen Nolan  
Brenda Scanlon

## Religious Education News

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



On behalf of everyone in the REO, you are wished a Blessed Christmas and a 2012 filled with much peace and joy.

**Please mark your calendars:** There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break: December 21 and 28, and January 4. Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

**For more information, 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**  
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### FRUSTRATED WITH THE ECONOMY?

We know! Who isn't frustrated? Let's try to do something about it! The parish is now allowing a business networking group to begin here at Mary Queen. Initially this invitation will be extended only to parishioners who are interested in expanding and growing their business, whether self-employed or in sales, etc. There is **no membership fee** associated with this group. The concept of business networking groups, however, is that the group must restrict membership to one person from each industry. So be the first in your line of work to sign up. Do it today! We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in January from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the school. Questions? Call Sharon De-Both (630) 935-1042) or at [sharon57@comcast.net](mailto:sharon57@comcast.net) for more information and to sign up.

## Christmas Schedule

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

	4:00 PM	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
<b>Lector</b>	TBA	R. Wilkes	R. Styka	R. Villamil	P. Reynertson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	N. Williamson (S) B. Eadon (C) G. Los M. Conway D. Justus J. DuPrey J. Vilim	T. Sabel (S) K. Vicary (C) H. Todd B. Lawlor R. Liljegren K. Diggins Deacon T. Nolan	T. Gusloff (S) K. Gusloff (C) M. Groszk K. Mueller E. Walker D. Styka M. Japczk	G. Regan (S) D. Bernstein(C) M. Zelinski D. Bernstein M. White J. Eichorst S. Pingatore	P. Mason (S) R. Melendez (C) P. Twardowski R. Morro T. Kevil M. McCall J. Lindberg
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J. Alonso M. Piszczor J. Vosicky	I. Weigel J. Reginelli A. Frank	J. Nosek J. Nosek S. Lewand	E. Zielinski B. Hernandez C. Hernandez	R. Hendron M. McDonough D. Bolívar



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, December 18, 2011

8:30 AM † Marion Borosa  
10:30 AM † John Terranova

### Monday, December 19, 2011

8:30 AM † Ralph St. Pierre

### Tuesday, December 20, 2011

8:30 AM † Stephen Vorenkamp

### Wednesday, December 21, 2011

8:30 AM † Mary and John Taychman

### Thursday, December 22, 2011

8:30 AM † Mino Magnelli  
† Dolores Graefe

### Friday, December 23, 2011

8:30 AM Communion Service

### Saturday, December 24, 2011 - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM † Theresa Dufalo  
† Albert Fuchsen  
6:30 PM Katie Costello's Health  
11:00 PM † Clayton Carrico  
† Jean Carrico  
† Clayton C. Carrico

### Sunday, December 25, 2011 - Christmas Day

8:30 AM Catherine Costello's Health  
10:30 AM Intentions of Judy Fuchsen

† indicates person is deceased



## Church Support

### Collection Totals for: Sunday, December 11, 2011

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$8,101.40</b>
<b>Parish Pay</b>	<b>\$3,454.16</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$67.69</b>
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$11,623.25</b>

227 parishioner envelopes were used.

109 parishioners contributed via Parish Pay. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

## Readings for the Week of December 18, 2011

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/  
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/  
Lk 1:67-79  
Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14