## MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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# January 22, 2012 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY! BRENDA SCANLON

#### 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. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Call Deacon Tom 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



#### Happy Birthday Local Saint

So, what do you want to be little boy, little girl? I want to be rich, famous, thin and blonde. Yeah, but

that's getting a little tiring. What else? I want to be a saint.

I have written and spoken on a number of occasions about local saints. While I love our Catholic tradition of the great canonized saints who inspire us by their acts of heroics, it is most often the local saints who make all the difference in our lives. Check out your own life and your own spiritual growth. Is there a grandparent, an aunt, an uncle, a friend, a neighbor you truly looked up to and wanted to imitate because when you were in their presence, you knew there was something special. Oh, they may still have had all of their strange quirks and neuroses and sometime they could drive you crazy, but there was something in them that transcended them and showed through them. There is a certain aura (the artists paint them as halos) that could not be hidden by their average looks or even frumpy clothes.

They are the saints. We are born saints and we become saints. While we are all marked with the condition of Adam and Eve, original shame, we are also marked with the Divine Presence in whose image we were created. We will spend the first half of our life creating a persona, a self image to cover our shame but if our Divine Inoculation (Baptism) takes, somewhere in the midst of our life the Divine Presence will once more manifest itself and we will spend the rest of our lives becoming who we truly are, the daughters and sons of God, the saints.

If you look at the stories of the great canonized saints, somewhere along in their life they fell apart. They got exhausted from trying to create their own world, maintain their own image and be perfect by their own efforts. It was simply too much to maintain. And so they let go, they surrendered and ultimately let God. In falling into the hands of the living God they came to the deep realization that their life was something more than they themselves. St. Paul put it this way, "I live now not I, but Christ lives in me." The great St Augustine could no longer hold on to his intellectual games. St. Francis in his sickness let go of

the perpetual party boy to become God's man. And if you look at our local saints, I am sure each would have a story at some point where they let go and let God. Sometimes it is traumatic, and sometimes it is just one day following another as they begin to realize that their life is the Christ, God living in them and manifested through them. They begin to understand that they are simple conduits of God's goodness and love. And they begin to be set free.

This pattern of receiving, creating, holding on to, collapsing, letting go, and new life is, of course, the classical Pascal pattern. It is the one constant in every human life. The saints are simply those who are conscious of the process and work with it. They constantly let go of all that they cling to, to allow a power greater than them to work through them. And, if you look, you will see them all around you.

Today we come to honor and salute one such saint in our parish. A couple of years ago a graduate student came to me with a request, "I want to interview someone in your parish whom you would consider a real Christian." He was interviewing various people from different denominations to discover what they all had in common to make them so called "true Christians." Without hesitation, I knew immediately the parishioner I would have him seek: Brenda Scanlon. She is one of our local saints. Today she celebrates her 80th birthday.

Now as I have said before, one of the true marks of a saint is that they are unaware that they are one. Real saints don't know that they are. The reason for that is as we spiritually mature, the ego begins to Our ego is something we basically selffabricate to give us a sense of importance and self worth. The operant word there is 'self' (the small self). The reality is that we have infinite worth but not because of anything that we do or achieve, but simply because we are connected to the Divine Source (the true self). The saint senses and knows this and is therefore able to let go of so much of their ego or false self. The saint, the true saint is the one who knows who they are in God and God in them. That's enough. And from that point on, everything they do becomes a conduit of God's grace. From that point on as Jesus says, "We have lost our self to find our Self." And it is a self for others. It is the God-self.

## Note from the Pastor (cont.)

It is this God-self that shines through Brenda in all that she does and more importantly, who she is. Walk into her presence and while you may not see an aura, you can sense it. You can sense it in a person who knows who she is as the daughter of God and she will share that Divine Presence with anyone who comes along, especially God's little people, especially the poor. For many years she has taught God's precious little ones the ways of the Lord as much by who she is as what she says. Here at Mary Queen, Brenda has worked with our children in the RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). And most recently when we were at a loss as to what to do in our preschool after the untimely death of Liz Lowery, Brenda stepped to the fore and said, "I can do that." Knowing all along that she didn't have to do it, God would do it through her, and He has. Our preschool is alive and well because our local saint has been a conduit of God's grace and she has enabled all of her little saints (read: the teachers) to bring out the Divine in the children. While that is not very hard to do, it is wonderful work.

Today we salute and honor Brenda Scanlon, one of our local saints. I am sure that as Brenda reads this, she is probably saying to herself, "Who is he writing about? That's me?" From the marvelous education she received from the Mercy Sisters, she's probably saying, "That is I?" Yes, indeed it is. And while the saints may not recognize that they are, we do. And we need to hang around them to let what they have and what they know rub off.

Brenda, God danced on the day you were born. And He is dancing with you still!

Blessings from the Community of Mary Queen in the name of Jesus, the Incarnation of God,

## **Parish News**

#### TAX STATEMENTS

You will receive your 2011 tax statement by the end of January. Any donations received after December 31, 2011 will appear on the 2012 tax statement.

### **Parish News**



#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS **JANUARY 22 - JANUARY 29**

#### Sunday, January 22, 2012

8:30 am **MQH** Mass

9:30 am - 10:30 am Gospel of Mark in Conf. Room

9:30 am - 11:30 am 10:30 am MQH Mass

11:30 am - 1:00 pm CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Wings to Heaven in Barrett Hall 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

#### Monday, January 23, 2012

8:30 am **MQH** Mass

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Business Networking Group in Social Hall

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm CRHP (Men) in School Room 13

#### Tuesday, January 24, 2012

8:30 am **MQH** Mass

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm CCW Board Meeting in Social Hall

#### Wednesday, January 25, 2012

8:30 am **MQH** Mass **RE Classes** 3:15 am - 8:15 pm

Bible Study in Conf. Room 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

#### Thursday, January 26, 2012

**MQH** Mass 8:30 am

9:00 am - 10:00 am Yoga in Barrett Hall

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm Preschool & KEP Open House

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. in Barrett Hall

#### Friday, January 27, 2012

#### **DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

Communion Service

#### Saturday, January 28, 2012

**Walk-In Ministry Food Drive** 

Gospel of Mark Bible Study Sign Up

10:00 am **Confirmation Retreat** in Barrett Hall/ Social Hall

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm **MQH** Mass

#### Sunday, January 29, 2012

Walk-In Ministry Food Drive

Gospel of Mark Bible Study Sign Up

8:30 am & 10:30 am MQH Mass

9:30 am - 10:30 am Gospel of Mark in Conf. Room

9:30 am - 11:30 am **RCIA** 

11:30 am - 1:00 pm CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

3º SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







Come, Pray for Christian Unity Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.



First United Methodist Church 232 S. York Road, Elmhurst

Participants are invited to bring cans of food to benefit patrons of the Elmhurst food pantries

Plans for this event were developed in cooperation with the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Immaculate Conception Church, and St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

Fr. Tony Taschetta will be preaching the Homily.

### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN FREE ICE SKATING



Sponsored by Mary Queen of Heaven Men's Group and the Edge Ice Arena

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012 FROM 4:40 PM TO 5:40 PM AT THE EDGE ICE ARENA IN BENSENVILLE

The Edge Ice Arena (John Street Rink) is located at 545 John Street in Bensenville. (Take York Road North to Bensenville, turn right (East) on Jefferson to John Street. Turn right on John Street.) No pre-registration is required, but maximum capacity for the ice rink is roughly 200, so please come early.

Ice Skates will be available at the rink at no charge. Feel free to bring your own skates.

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

Special thanks to Todd Finner and the Edge for helping sponsor this event for our MQH Parish!



#### LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE **STUDY**

The next Bible Study offering by the Adult Ed and Spirituality Ministry will

be The Gospel According to Mark. We thought this would be appropriate since we will be hearing Mark's Gospel at Mass during this Liturgical year.

Because of the length of the study, we will be offering it in two parts. The first part this winter and the second part next fall. We will begin the week of February 6; take a 2 week break for Holy Week and Easter, then finish the week of April 16 through lesson 4.

Please join us. Sign-up will be the weekend of January 28-29 and February 4-5. There are 2 books for a cost of \$14.00. If you need assistance please speak to Fr. Tony or Lynn Suwanski (630-530-2523). Bibles, while not essential for this study, are also available for \$5.00.

## **CANDLELIGHT BOWL**

Sponsored by Mary Queen of Heaven CCW



Join us for a fun evening At Stardust Bowl in Addison

Saturday, February 4, 2012 Beginning at 8 p.m.

Cost is \$23.00 per adult and includes: dinner, dessert, 3 games of Bowling and bowling Shoes

Reservation deadline: Sunday, January 29. Please return your reservation form and payment to the rectory or to Debbie Styka 4N165 Wood Dale Rd, Addison 60101

> Make checks payable to Mary Queen of Heaven CCW. For more information, call Debbie at 630-941-7224 or email Debbie@styka.com

Name(s)	 	
Phone Number		
Email		

#### **Parish News**



## THE 2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND" (MARK 1:15)

The 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. This year, the theme of the Appeal is "The Kingdom of God is at Hand." We are challenged as Catholics to build up God's kingdom here on earth. Your contribution to the CMAA enables the diocese to uphold the Gospel message and build up the kingdom of God throughout the seven-county area of the Joliet Diocese.

Please remember that God never forgets us. Even when we believe that our successes are self-made, it is the blessings that God has given to each of us that have helped us to get where we are. He is always giving to us. His grace is always there for us. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and to our diocese. The gifts that we give enable ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish goal is \$37,569.00. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal.

Please answer Bishop Conlon's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Baby Sophia Kathleen Nolan Brenda Scanlon Arlene Sima Dennis White Patrick White



Please call the Rectory to add a name to our Parish Prayer List.



#### **CRHP REGISTRATION**

Last Saturday and Sunday you heard speakers at all the Masses regarding signing up for the CRHP weekends in February. Team members will be available after each Mass to take your registration form. Please don't delay. The number of participants for each weekend is limited and we need to make special arrangements (with surprises!) for each person coming on

The Men's weekend is February 11-12, 2012 and the Women's weekend will be February 25-26, 2012. For more information, contact Karen Sutkus at (630) 279-3240 or ksutkus1@comcast.net or Deacon Tom Nolan at:

the weekend. Don't miss out. Sign up now!

thomasdeacon@sbcglobal.net.

## **Religious Education News**

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Please mark your calendars:

Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Confirmation Retreat for 8th graders in Barrett Hall. Families are asked to join their Confirmation candidates for Mass at 4:30 p.m. in church on the 28th. We are still missing a few permission forms for the retreat. Please be advised that the retreat is mandatory and must be made up at a neighboring parish if a candidate is not in attendance at the Mary Queen confirmation retreat.

Wednesday, February 8 – First Eucharist Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in church for parents only of children celebrating First Eucharist in the spring. Classes for 2nd grade will meet at regular times.

RE Tuition statements have been mailed to those who still owe for the 2010/2011 RE year. We ask that you remit payment as soon as possible.

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

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	E. Walker	K. Sutkus	S. Napolilli
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Diggins (S) K. Passarelli (C) D. StaRosa G. Curtis J. Vilim L. Loresch C. Reisenbuckler	N. Williamson (S) M. Kelly (C) M. Grozik T. Nanak T. Sabel K. Vicary	P. Mason (S) P. Twardowski (C) R. Marro R. Melendez P. LeTourneau T. Kevil D. Styka R. Styka
Altar Servers	C. Gornick M. McDonough J. Mirretti	C. Letourneau K. Lewand S. Lewand	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez J. Vosicky



Collection Totals for: Sunday, January 15, 2012		
Adults	\$7,199.17	
Parish Pay	\$4,670.16	
Children	\$45.88	
Collection Total	\$11,931.05	

179 parishioner envelopes were used. 128 parishioners - Parish Pay.

> Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



#### Sunday, January 22, 2012

8:30 AM † Vincent Palmer 10:30 AM † John Rojicek

Monday, January 23, 2012 8:30 AM † Shane Pliml

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 8:30 AM † Robert Clark

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 8:30 AM † John Miroballi

Thursday, January 26, 2012 8:30 AM † Jeannie S. Miroballi

Friday, January 27, 2012 8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, January 28, 2012 4:30 PM † Patricia Timothy

Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:30 AM † Ted Haderspeck 10:30 AM † Bernadette Brinkmann

† indicates person is deceased

#### Readings for the Week of January 22, 2012

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 Monday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 Tuesday: Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25 Thursday: Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 Saturday:

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



#### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN **PRESCHOOL AND** KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

We are currently accepting Registrations for the 2012-2013 school year. Open House Dates:

Thursday, January 26	4:30 p.m 7:30 p.m.	
Sunday, January 29	9:30 a.m 1:00 p.m.	
Thursday, February 16	4:30 p.m 7:30 p.m.	
Sunday, February 19	9:30 a.m 1:00 p.m.	

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