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February 26, 2012

*First Sunday
of Lent*



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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Pastor

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First Sunday

of

LENT



Note from the Pastor



The First Sunday of Lent

Shhhh, Quiet Please

And now we begin again. The forty days of Lent are upon us and in the genius of the Church's liturgical cycle, just in the nick of time. The winter doldrums must now give way to the lengthening of days. The word "Lent" means lengthening. It is a time to elongate and expand our soul so as to receive the Son of Justice. It is a time of preparation and, please God, a time for a little quiet.

A couple of weeks ago I took a few days with my brother, sister-in-law and my cousins from Arizona for a little R & R (no, no, not rushing and running; rest and relaxation). And rest I did. It is so wonderful from time to time to get out of gear and idle for a while. The older I get the more convinced I become that we are way too frenetic and preoccupied. For years now I have been advocating that one should not just "do something" but "stand there." Today I wish to add to that, a little quiet. Shhhh.

I spent my week on the big island of Hawaii. I am told it is the least impressive of all the islands but for me it was just fine. Most of the days I did nothing. Nothing. Oh, I had some wonderful conversations and meals with my family but the majority of time was spent with a good book or just whiling away the day. I did go to the mandatory luau and one day we took a tour around the entire island. On the tour we were able to walk through the lava tubes where the molten lava oozed out to the sea. It was quite an impressive walk. As I was walking in wonder and awe I heard a young voice behind me cry out in pain, "Oh my God, my life is over." My ears perked up to hear what caused such an anguished cry and then he said, "My iPhone just went dead." I froze in my tracks, spun around, smiled and just looked at the kid. He stopped and smiled back. And without a word we had a wonderful conversation. We didn't need words. Enough had already been said. I was reminded of the day I came home from the city on the Metra to be the only person in the car who did not have his face in a screen or talking on a cell phone. That was the day the girl in front of me incessantly talked loudly (you

would think she was using two cans and a string to talk) to her girlfriend for one half hour without stop. It was obvious this was annoying the rest of the passengers so I finally quietly said, "Uhh, excuse me, umm, but I think you may be annoying the passengers." To which she responded to the girl to whom she was speaking, "I gotta go, some people on this train are making my life miserable." She hung up and the rest of the car burst into applause.

Shhhh. Quiet. It is Lent. It is a time for listening, not talking. I challenged the children on Ash Wednesday to spend at least 5-10 minutes every day in total, absolute silence. Listening. It is the reason that God gave us two ears and only one mouth. The really important listening is learning how to hear the sound of silence. It is the silence of God that speaks volumes. But we will never hear this small, still, wordless voice if we remain a-twitter.

Shhhh. Quiet. It is Lent.

In Jesus, the Silence of God, the Word of God,

Fr. Tony

Parish News

Parish Penance Service

Our annual Lenten Parish Penance Service will be this Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. Do make every effort to receive the Sacrament this Holy season.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

You are invited to our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, March 6, starting after 8:30 a.m. morning Mass until 7:00 p.m. when we close the day with Benediction. All are welcome any time of the day, as well as for Benediction. If you are interested in becoming a permanent adorer for any hour, you may contact Kay Diggins at (630) 530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at (630) 833-7238.

Parish News

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Mary Queen of Heaven "Woman of the Year" are being held the weekend of Feb 25/26. All ladies ages 18 and older can nominate a woman they feel leads a life of faith and love and who has given generously of her time and talent to the various ministries and organizations in our parish. Nominating slips will be found in the pews those weekends and may be deposited in the collection basket or in the basket in the back of church.

To be eligible for the "Woman of the Year," nominees must be MQH parishioners, not parish staff, over 18 years of age, and not have held the title in the last 10 years. Recent Women of the Year include: Debbie Styka, Lynn Suwanski, Mimi Wolak, Ginny Hayes, Terri Kevil, Mary Nanak, Diane Bernstein, Sheila Reiter, Karen Vicary, and Rose Wilkes.

The weekend of March 3/4 information on the nominees will appear in the bulletin to assist you in electing the "Woman of the Year."

The election will take place the weekend of March 11/12.



ELMHURST WALK-IN MINISTRY IC FOOD PANTRY

Our food collection for the Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry/IC Food Pantry will take place the weekend of February 25/26. Your donation to the food pantry is much appreciated due to the great need by families who are suffering from the dip in our economy. The food pantry is giving out more, and more food to needy families so please be generous. They are in need of soup, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, baking items, tuna fish, prepared meals, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet tissue, kleenex, coffee, tea, juice, etc.

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

Parish Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, February 28
7:00 p.m.

Parish Mission
Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism
March 11, March 12, and March 13 - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday
April 5
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m.



Good Friday
April 6

Children's Living Stations
3:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday
April 7

Blessing of Easter Baskets
11:00 a.m. in Church
Solemn Easter Vigil
7:30 p.m.



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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 4

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Women's CRHP Weekend

8:30 am Walk-In Ministry Food Drive
 9:30 am - 11:30 am MQH Mass
 10:30 am RCIA in Rectory
 MQH Mass

Monday, February 27, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Grace Café (CCW) in Barrett Hall
 7:00 am - 8:30 pm Business Networking Group in Social Hall
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm CCW Board Meeting in Barrett Hall
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm CRHP (Men) in School Room 13

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 9:30 am - 11:00 am Bible Study Mark in Conf. Room
 7:00 pm Parish Reconciliation in Church
 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm Bible Study Mark in Room 9/10

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 3:15 pm - 8:15 pm RE Classes
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Bible Study Mark in Conf. Room

Thursday, March 1, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 9:00 am Yoga in Barrett Hall

Friday, March 2, 2012

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES MARCH 11, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 5:00 pm Wings to Heaven Lock-In
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Children's Book Drive

3:30 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm MQH Mass

Sunday, March 4, 2012

Children's Book Drive

8:30 am MQH Mass
 9:30 am - 11:30 am RCIA
 10:30 am MQH Mass
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Baptisms in Church

YOGA CLASSES



Drop in for an hour of yoga class at 9:00 a.m. Thursdays in Barrett Hall on the following dates: March 1, 8 and 15. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes. This class is for beginners and intermediate. Contact Debbie Styka for more information at (630) 941-7224 or by email at: debbiestyka@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The women of CCW began and support a scholarship fund, The Bishop Blanchette Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded based on need and desire for a Catholic High School Education. The family of this student will need to submit 2011 tax forms and W-2's, and an application directly to JDCCW Office. Please contact Debbie Styka for more information at (630) 941-7224.

DO YOU HAVE GREEN QUESTIONS?

Do you want all your recycling questions answered on a monthly basis for free? Do you want to know where you can recycle odd things not taken in your curbside recycling? At SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) your recycling questions can be answered, you can sign up for a monthly email green bulletin and learn about events in Elmhurst and surrounding areas. Look into SCARCE at www.scarcecoed.org.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD UPDATE AND SCHEDULE

Children ages 4 to 8 have been enjoying participating in Children's Liturgy of the Word since the ministry began on January 15. Due to the Christ Renews His Parish retreat weekend, there will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word session on Feb. 26. The program will resume on March 4, and continue on March 11 and 18, followed by another break for Spring Break and Pascal celebrations. Children's Liturgy is part of the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Passes are distributed in the vestibule starting at 10:15 a.m. Once children receive their passes, they should be seated in Church with their families until Father Tony calls them forward. Please direct any comments, concerns, questions or suggestions to Maria Balice Kresnicka at: RMBalice@comcast.net or (312) 543-6630.

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Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Please mark your calendars:

Saturday, March 10 - Confirmation final interviews will take place in the school building for all our candidates starting at 9:00 a.m. Candidates have been notified by mail of their exact interview time and place.

Wednesday, March 21 - Fr. Tony will meet at 6:45 p.m. in church with all Confirmation candidates, parents, and if possible, sponsors.

There will be no class on Wednesday, March 28 due to the Spring break.

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

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READ-IN-DAY BOOK DRIVE FOR LARA ACADEMY

One of our parishioners, Melissa Rohman is a junior at York High School and is working with Bill and Nancy McGing, the chairpersons of Adopt-A-Classroom, to establish the first annual Read-In-Day at Lara Academy in Chicago. She is asking Mary Queen parishioners to donate new or gently used **children's books for Lara Academy's first annual Read-In-Day.** Lara Academy has 20 different classes, approximately 450 children total, all ranging from pre-school to 8th grade. Designated donation boxes will be available in the church the weekend of March 3 and 4.

If you have any questions about the Read-In-Day donations, please feel free to contact her. Thank you for your support,

Melissa Rohman
Email: melrohman@sbcglobal.net
Phone: (630)834-1516



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN
PRESCHOOL AND
KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT
REGISTRATION 2012-2013
SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for current preschool families is going on now. Open registration has begun for all new families. Registration forms are available on the Mary Queen website or in the preschool. We have two opportunities for you to tour the school and ask questions:

Tours by appointment take place every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of February:
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and Noon - 2:00 p.m.

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

COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN IN BOLIVIA

One of our parishioners, Judy Fuchsen, will be leaving for a Mission Trip to Sucre, Bolivia on April 14th of this year. She has asked for our help in collecting colored pencils, erasers and children's chewable vitamins (no gummies) for children who attend Soup Kitchens and missions outside of Sucre and Santa Cruz. Beginning this weekend, there will be a basket in the narthex of church for your donations. Dayna Pierzchala will also be working on this project with some of our 8th graders who need service hours for Confirmation. For information, please contact Dayna at (630) 834-3025.

Diocesan and Community News

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

As the Church prepares to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, you are invited to deepen your spiritual journey at the **St. Joseph Parish Lenten Speaker series**: *"Come Closer to God"*. Please join us on Monday nights in Lent for these very fine presentations:

- Monday, February 27
 - ♦ *"Eucharist: Core of our Catholic Faith"*.
 - ♦ Presenter: Dr. Mary Amore. Dr. Amore is the executive Director of Mayslake Ministries.
- Monday, March 5
 - ♦ *"Lost and Found: The Hidden Treasures of Lent"*.
 - ♦ Presenter: Sister Jane Schlosser, RSM. Sister Jane is a staff member of the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.
- Monday, March 12
 - ♦ *"Living as Beloved children of God through Music, Prayer and Reflection"*
 - ♦ Presenter: Deacon John Freund. Deacon John is **the Director of the Diocese of Joliet's Office of the Diaconate**.
- Monday, March 19
 - ♦ *"Forgiving and Being Forgiven.... the Path to True Freedom"*
 - ♦ Presenter: Father Tony Taschetta. Priests will be available for confessions. Father Tony is the Pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst.
- Monday, March 26
 - ♦ *"Teach us, Lord, to Pray': Praying with Holy Scripture."*
 - ♦ Presenter: Abbot Austin Murphy, OSB. Abbot Austin is the youngest abbot in the 125 year history of St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle.

St. Joseph Parish 330 E Fullerton Ave
Addison, IL (630) 279-6553

ELMHURST COLLEGE

SPRING 2012 CULTURAL SEASON

Speakers will be addressing some "challenges posed by contemporary science" and "...the problems and promise of democracy." You can check out the entire series at www.elmhurst.edu/events.

- H. Richard Niebuhr: A Centennial Appreciation: Presented by Martin E. Marty (The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture) Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. in the Frick Center.
- Truth and Justice in America: Presented by Bob Woodward and Judge William J. Bauer, Thursday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel.



Dear MQH Parishioners,


If you have been approached by a person(s) in-need, near or in the Church, please do not give out cash. Instead please refer the person to the Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry open 10 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Friday. The E.W.I.M. site is in St. Peter's Church just south of IC High School at the corner of Church & Cottage Hill (630) 782-6006. E.W.I.M. is able to provide grocery gift cards, rent/mortgage and utility assistance, bus & train tickets & vouchers for medicine & gas, referenced forms for the IC and Yorkfield food pantries and the Elmhurst Clothing Closet in the Methodist Church just south of the IC Chapel.

E.W.I.M. serves people who live, go to church or school in Elmhurst & other in-need on a one time emergency basis or will be giving referrals as to where they can go for assistance. Evening appointments can be arranged.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP – All men age 17 and older are welcome. We will be using the book *"To Save A Thousand Souls"* by Fr. Brett Brannen to discuss relevant topics to discern a priestly vocation. These meetings will take place at the John Paul II House, 430 N. Center St., Joliet, IL 60435. The next meeting is on Sunday, March 4, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please RSVP to Fr. Burke at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or (815) 834-4004.

OPERATION ANDREW DINNERS - These dinners with Bishop Conlon are open to all men who are high school age or older. The evening begins at 6pm and ends by 8pm. Participants will have the chance to have dinner with Bishop Conlon and Fr. Burke, hear a vocation story, ask questions and meet other young men interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Please contact your pastor or RSVP to Fr. Burke at vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or (815) 834-4004. The next 2 meetings are on: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 – St. Martin of Tours Parish, Kankakee and Wednesday, March 28, 2012 – St. Daniel the Prophet Parish, Wheaton

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012 - SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	A. Novar D. Novar	M. McCall	S. Napolilli
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Eadon (S) M. White (C) G. Los H. Todd J. DuPrey C. Reisenbuckler J. Vilim	D. Styka (S) R. Styka (C) M. Grozik N. Williamson R. Wilkes T. Nanak	K. Muller (S) M. McCall (C) D. Justus J. Spears J. Lindberg K. Gusloff R. Marro G. Pstrzoch
Altar Servers	M. Kerley J. Mirretti J. Nosek	D. Dunn E. Fahey H. Rossiano	A. Lang J. Race K. Selfridge



Collection Totals for: Sunday, February 19, 2012	
Adults	\$7,319.27
Parish Pay	\$4,075.91
Children	\$23.32
Collection Total	\$11,418.50

*187 parishioner envelopes were used.
134 parishioners - Parish Pay.*

*Thank you for your kindness
and generosity.*



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, February 26, 2012
8:30 AM Claudia Cristina Gómez
10:30 AM † **Fred Cafasso**
- Monday, February 27, 2012
8:30 AM † **Ralph Gale**
- Tuesday, February 28, 2012
8:30 AM † **Theresa Dufalo**
- Wednesday, February 29, 2012
8:30 AM † **William Neven**
- Thursday, March 1, 2012
8:30 AM † **Janice Pivoney**
- Friday, March 2, 2012
8:30 AM † **Albert Fuschen**
- Saturday, March 3, 2012
4:30 PM Rev. Anthony Taschetta
- Sunday, March 4, 2012
8:30 AM † **Dolores Poremba**
10:30 AM † **Joseph and Joan Prinske**

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of February 26, 2012

- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Samuel Barker
Baby Aiden Cook
Gene Los
Neil McGovern
Brenda Scanlon
Dennis White
Patrick White



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