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# March 11, 2012

Third 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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Rev. John Barrett Pastor Emeritus

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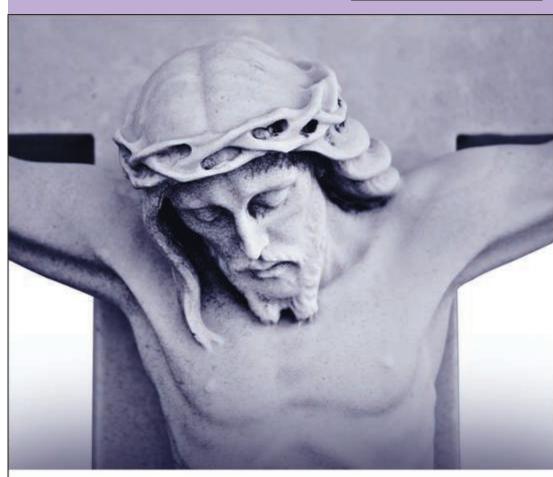
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# Note from the Pastor



# Isaiah 49

The essence of thanksgiving is to remember. Our word "Eucharist"

means thanksgiving and every Sunday the Christ becomes present to us and we remember. "Do this in remembrance of Me." No one wants to be forgotten. Everyone wants to be called by name. Hardly a Sunday goes by when a visitor from one of my old parishes comes up and says, "Do you remember me?" The look on my face immediately tells them my answer. And I am always a little bit embarrassed. One of the hard parts of getting older is that I am beginning to forget. But there are certain things and certain people, please God, I will never forget.

Everybody wants to be remembered. Last Saturday I celebrated my 68th birthday and I am always touched and surprised by how many people remember (of course, publishing the date in the bulletin doesn't hurt). After the 4:30 Mass I scurried over to St. Isidore to celebrate the 6:30 Spanish Mass and even some of them remembered. And after that, it was pizza and cake with my children and grandchildren in Carol Stream. It was a grand birthday.

After I blew out the two candles marked 6 and 8 (which my son inverted to make 8 and 6) I opened the cards. By now my family knows that when I die they are going to find at the bottom of my dresser drawer all of their birthday, father's day and anniversary cards. I save and savor every one. The best part, "Dear Dad," "Dear Grandpa," Love, "your son, your daughter." I love the little hand written notes both in Spanish and English because I so deeply love the people who give them to me. This year, in addition to the cards, I received a special present from my youngest granddaughter, Ariel, who makes her First Holy Communion this year. She's seven. It was a plush bunny with droopy whiskers that she's had for about a year. She really wanted me to have it. And so I received it with great joy. Later her Mom and Dad told me that she wanted to give me something so that I would never forget her. Forget her? This is the one with whom I have had a special bond with from before she was born. From the day her mother told me she was with child we were joined not only at the hip but at the heart. Forget her? The sun will stop shinning before I forget her. The bunny rabbit now rests on the headboard of my bed. It's the last thing I see every night.

Among our primal fears, is the fear of being forgotten, left alone, abandoned. This is the reason that the widow, the orphan and the foreigner have such a special place in our biblical tradition. They are the abandoned, the not remembered. And yet, they are the most remembered. Of all of our fears, the greatest is to be abandoned, forgotten by God. In our desolation we cry out with the psalmist, "Why have You forgotten us, O Lord, why have You abandoned Forgotten? Forget? The sun will stop shining before I forget you. The stunningly beautiful passage from Isaiah 49 reminds us, "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Yet even should she forget, I will never forget you. Look, see, I have carved you on the palm of my hands. There, I have written your name."

Through my years of being around the dying I have learned that most people are not so much afraid of dying as sad. They are sad because they feel they may be left alone. Going from this side to the other side is a solitary venture. Nobody can accompany you or go with you. Those on this side have to let go and leave you alone. But in truth, you are not alone. Near the end it is not uncommon for the dying to see angels, or parents who have gone before them to accompany them on their journey. As those on this side of the veil must learn to let go, those on the other side remember and embrace. The dying are not forgotten. In the heart and mind of God, remembered... forever.

In Jesus, Who Never Forgets, Do This in Remembrance of Me,



# **Parish News**

## WELCOME FR. TUAN

Fr. Tony is giving the Parish Mission at St. Alexander in Villa Park this week and so we welcome Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen from St. Alexander who is our celebrant this weekend. Welcome, Father.

# **Parish News**

# LENTEN MISSION LOOKING BACK TO GO FORWARD MARCH 11, 12, AND 13 7:00 PM BARRETT HALL

Mary Queen will be presenting some of the Videos from Father Robert Barron's series entitled Catholicism. Some of this series aired on channel 11 this year. After viewing the video each night we will break into small groups and discuss some questions about what we just saw. The focus of this event will be to help us connect our lives to our past and reflect on how that will affect our future as Catholics. We will ask some questions like how have our traditions formed us and how can we renew ourselves this Lent in Jesus.



#### FELLOWSHIP ON MARCH 18

All are invited to attend Fellowship in Barrett Hall on Sunday, March 18 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Ushers are

hosting and hope to see you there. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the donated goodies, juice and coffee. It's a great way to meet new parishioners and catch up on happenings with your friends and neighbors.

# MQH Easter Egg **Hunt...April 7**, 2012



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 11:30 am after the Blessing of the baskets. This year it will be inside the School. We will split it into three rooms according to age group. 3-4yr olds, 5-6yr olds, and 7-8yr olds. Each room will have an Egg with a Golden Coin in it. Whoever finds the coin will win an Easter Basket.



We will also have a visit from the **Easter Bunny...So parents bring** your cameras. For more information, please contact Norma Williamson at (630) 215-8611 or

email: njvdesigns@yahoo.com

# PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

Parish Mission

# Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism March 11, March 12, and

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 the church

Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 a.m. in the school

Solemn Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday
April 8
Masses:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

12:00 noon







# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CCW "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" 2012 CANDIDATES

Cindy Catalano....My husband, Frank, and I have been parishioners for 14 years. We have two children — Mitch (20) and Hailee (18). For the past 4 years, I have been a member of a small faith community as well as a PADS volunteer. I have been a Religious Education catechist for 5 years and helped with Children's Liturgy of the Word for 3 years. I also help with the CCW Senior Dinner at Christmas.

Marie Grozik....Alex and I have been married for 12 years. We have been in Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for 10 years. I have been a Bible Study Coordinator and Facilitator for 8 years, a lector for 9 years and one half of a Pre-Cana Mentor Couple for 8 years. Alex and I are also a part of the RCIA team. We have started working on the Ministry of Vocations and hope to be more visible with this ministry in the coming years. We really enjoy being a part of the Mary Queen family just because it feels like home when we are with all the people here. We came because we enjoyed the liturgies when we visited and we stayed because of the warmth we felt. When I think of all the beautiful women who work so hard here at Mary Queen, I am humbled by this nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Maria Kresnicka....My husband, Kevin, and I have been parishioners for 4 years. We have 2 sons, Jacob and Thomas. I have been a Religious Education catechist for 3 years and am also involved with Children's Liturgy of the Word and the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. I became involved with Children's Liturgy of the Word because I was inspired by how Father Tony explains the readings at Mass and wanted to pass that on to the children in the parish. I think that Mary Queen of Heaven is a great community and I love being a part of it.

Toni Nessi Maguda......I have been in Mary Queen Parish for four years. I have been married to my husband Bob, who volunteers for RCIA, for 14 years. I taught 7th grade Religious Education for 1 year. My ministry at Mary Queen is to provide video and photo services for masses and other services. I have been videotaping Father Tony's homilies for three years and they are all available on the Mary Queen website and on DVD for those who are unable to attend mass. I have recently displayed many of my photos in the parish office.

Ruth Maple......My husband, Bob, and I have been parishioners for 32 years. We have 3 children – Jessica (31 and a teacher in Japan), Derek (23 and an engineering student at NIU) and Vicki (a junior at York). In the early 1990s, I worked with the children in the Religious Education classes, teaching them simple church songs to sing at Family Masses. That developed into a children's choir which I directed for 10 years. I have been part of the Resurrection Choir since 1980 and I still sing with the choir or cantor for Mass when I can. I was a past CCW president, Bible study leader and coordinator of the Christmas Eve Children's Mass. I graduated from the New Wine program in 2010 and have recently started the Prayer Shawl ministry. I love the feeling of home and family that I get at Mary Queen of Heaven.

Karen Sutkus......My husband Ken and I have been parishioners for 13 years. I have been involved in various ministries in the past and have been touched most by my involvement in RCIA and CRHP. I graduated from the New Wine program in 2006 and started a new ministry, which is currently my full-time ministry, "Christ Renews His Parish". CRHP started in 2009 and we just completed our third successful Men and Women CRHP weekends this past month. Through CRHP, I hope to continue to build a sense of family, belonging and individual spiritual growth in the already strong community of Mary Queen of Heaven.

Norma Williamson.....I have been a parishioner of Mary Queen of Heaven my entire life. My husband, Matt, and I have been married for 8 years. We have a son, Roberto, who is 3 years old. I am involved in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Bereavement Ministry, Bible study, the Children's Christmas Eve Mass and the Mary Queen of Heaven Business Networking group. I am a Eucharistic Minister and enjoy helping out in the parish wherever I am needed.

# **Parish News**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 11 - MARCH 18

#### Sunday, March 11, 2012

Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:30 am & 10:30 am MQH Mass 9:30 am - 11:30 am RCIA in Rectory

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Parish Mission in Barrett Hall

# Monday, March 12, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass

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

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Parish Mission in Barrett Hall

#### Tuesday, March 13, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass

9:00 am - 11:00 am 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Bible Study Mark in Room 9-10

#### Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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

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

#### Thursday, March 15, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass

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

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry in School Room 4-5

#### Friday, March 16, 2012

8:30 am Communion Service 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

# Saturday, March 17, 2012

3:30 pm Confessions 4:30 pm MQH Mass

## Sunday, March 18, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass 9:30 am - 11:30 am RCIA 10:30 am MQH Mass

11:30 am - 1:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Youth Group Wings to Heaven

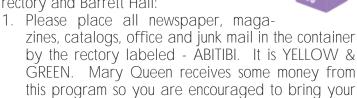
# GRACE CAFÉ THANK YOU

A Thank You Card from one of the guests at the February 27 Grace Cafe:

Thank you to you and your staff for the beautiful meal, you gave to us, and letting us take home something also. It was "very good". You ALL did a great job. Thanks again for your help. Thanks goes out to all who donated, cooked, baked, served or played music at our Grace Cafe dinner!

## RECYCLING AT MARY QUEEN

New Recycling Rules for the church, school, rectory and Barrett Hall:



2. When using the facilities on our Mary Queen campus, please place telephone books, cardboard, glass, plastics (nos. 1 & 2 only) in our new small green recycling dumpster by the rectory garage labeled - FLOOD BROS. RECYCLING. This is strictly

for Mary Queen's recycle items.

paper items from home.

3. Everything else goes in the large trash dumpster that is generated here at Mary Queen. This would be all garbage from meetings and activities.

If you have any questions contact Vicki Maple (working for her Gold Award) at (630)279-5612 or email: Kardinal94@sbcglobal.net.



#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP

#### **Catholic Relief Services Collection**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Families across the globe are affected by war, natural disasters, extreme poverty and human trafficking. Many family members are separated for long periods of time because of migration issues. Because of this, unaccompanied minors are often exploited.

Catholic Relief Services values families. It works to provide for basic human needs, to protect children and reunite families. It also encourages legislation that reflects the importance of the family in society.

The annual collection for Catholic Relief Services helps persons across the world. Families on every continent are assisted no matter their ethnic background, no matter their needs. Please be generous with your contribution to this collection. Thank you for helping families in need.

May the Lord bless you, Most Reverend R. Daniel Colon Bishop of Joliet

# **Parish and Community News**



Deadlines for the bulletin

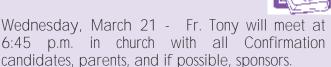
For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon	
Sunday, March 25	Wednesday, March 14	
Sunday, April 1, 2012	Monday, March 19	
Sunday, April 8, 2012	Friday, March 30	

Thank you for your cooperation.

# **Religious Education News**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please mark your calendars:



There will be no class on Wednesday, March 28 due to the Spring break. Classes resume at the regular times on April 4.

Registrations for the 2011-2012 RE year will be mailed out at the end of the month. If you would like to put on our mailing list, please contact the REO. Remember parish registration is a prerequisite for registration in the Religious Education Program.

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



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN
PRESCHOOL AND
KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT
SCHOOL YEAR

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

#### WE ARE BLESSED

...Beyond measure. We had our lock in this past weekend and by the looks of the smiles on kid's faces they had a wonderful time. We wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge and say thanks to our high school/ college student leaders that helped plan and facilitate. Wow, Mary Queen of Heaven, we are blessed!! The leadership, enthusiasm and faith they shared with our young people was outstanding. Thank you to our fabulous teen leaders and \*college leaders:

Sergio Bolivar
Matt Bourke
Kyler Caskey
Kole Caskey
Pat Connelly
Callie Fitzgerald
Greg Gornick
Ben Gornick
Brianna Hernandez
Megan Jankovec
Tanya Melendez
Mary Mendez
Laurel Miner
Mitchell Miner

Krisna Morales
Matt Nosek
Joe Nosek
Keely Resing
Trisha Rhea
James Rogers
Brian Wise
Vicki Maple
Erin Ward
Rebecca Wermling
\*Katie Mueller
\*James Rhea
\*Amanda Smith

## LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

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 at 7:00 p.m. in Lent for these very fine presentations:

- Monday, March 12
  - "Living as Beloved children of God through Music, Prayer and Reflection"
  - Presenter: Deacon John Freund
- 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.

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

Here's an idea for your Lenten journey. Did you know you can listen to Catholic radio? Tune in to Relevant Radio, 950 or 930 AM on the dial or streaming at www.relevantradio.com - "Talk radio for Catholic life".

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012 - SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2012

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	E. Walker	B. Nosek	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	J. DuPrey (S) J. Vilim (C) M. Conway G. Los H. Todd M. White B. Eadon	N. Williamson (S) M. Grozik (C) R. Wilkes T.Nanak D. Styka R. Styka	J. Spears (S) D. Justus (C) J. Lindberg K. Gusloff K. Muller M. McCall P. Letourneau G. Pstrzoch
Altar Servers	C. Gornick B. Hernandez C. Hernandez	D. Dunn C. McGovern C. Letorneau	A. Lang K. Lewand S. Lewand



Collection Totals for: Sunday, March 4, 2012		
Adults	\$10,336.57	
Parish Pay	\$4,185.41	
Children	\$61.87	
Collection Total	\$14,583.85	

211 parishioner envelopes were used. 134 parishioners - Parish Pay.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Sunday, March 11, 2012

8:30 AM † Lorraine McKernan 10:30 AM † Nick Montesano

Monday, March 12, 2012 8:30 AM † Clyde Todd

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

8:30 AM The Bajzek Family

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

 $8:\!30~\text{AM}$   $\phantom{0}\dagger\phantom{0}$  Mary and John Taychman

Thursday, March 15, 2012 8:30 AM † Clyde Todd

Friday, March 16, 2012 8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, March 17, 2012 4:30 PM † William Sherlock

Sunday, March 18, 2012

8:30 AM All the Victims of Natural Disasters

10:30 AM † Bernadette Brinkman

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2012

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/

1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/

Jn 3:14-21

# **Prayer List**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Samuel Barker
John Conley
Baby Aiden Cook
Jorge I. Gómez
Gene Los
Neil McGovern
Brenda Scanlon
Dennis White

Patrick White

Prayer ( Requests

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