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March 18, 2012

*Fourth 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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Note from the Pastor



On Waiting for the Train to Pass

I hate waiting in line. There were courses at Indiana University I did not take because the registration line was too long. I hate waiting. No one has ever described me as a patient man. My prayer for patience goes something like this, **“Oh God, I want patience and I want it NOW!”** There seems to be two prayers that God always answers immediately: One is for humility (Do you want to be **humbled? You'll get humbled.**) and the other is for patience. Whenever I pray for patience the Lord sends someone or something into my life to test me to **my limits. When I protest, “What are you doing?” He responds, “I’m teaching you patience.”** Last Saturday, my patience was tested. At 6:05 a.m. on my way to the Courts I was stopped not by one, but by three freight trains for over 30 minutes. One of the trains came to a dead stop for 20 of those minutes. You **always know you’re going to be in trouble when you see the train go really slow and then finally stop.** Normally I would do what everybody around me was **doing... turning around and heading for the Rt. 83 or Palmer Driver underpass.** It seems like every time I have done that in the past, by the time I got to the underpass, the train had moved. So this time I decided to stay and practice what I preach.

What do I preach? The past is history, the future is mystery and so we are called to live in this moment, the gift of God called the present. The reality is that the present is all there is. The past no longer exists and the future is not yet. All I have is the now. If I am able to embrace it and live fully in this moment, I am set free. That makes sense. Now to practice it. If I want patience, I really do need to learn how to live in the now. And so I tried it.

The first question I asked myself was, “Will you be happier on the other side of the tracks than you are right now?” The answer is probably not especially. Most stress comes from thinking that you would rather be somewhere else than you are right now. Somehow we believe that the next moment will be better than this moment. The problem is that when that moment comes it is this moment. If I have to be on the other side of the tracks, I am in great stress because I’m not. **Once I get to the other side of the tracks I’m in stress**

because I’m late. I think I’m supposed to be somewhere else at this moment. What to do, what to do?

One of the things to do is to ask yourself, **“What kind of relationship am I having with this present moment?” Am I fighting it, am I angry with it, am I anxious because it’s not giving me what I want? Well, it never will because it can’t. All it can be is what it is: this present moment, this situation.** So what do I do with it? Fight it? No, embrace it. It is what is. And so I tried it. And surprise, surprise, it worked.

When I drive, I usually drive people behind me crazy because I try to make all the lights. What that means is that if the light is red way ahead of me, I start to slow down so that maybe by the time I get **there it will turn to green and I won’t have to break at all. It’s very smart for gas mileage since I don’t have to break and idle and start again.** But it drives the people behind me utterly crazy. They zip around me, speed up to the stop light and slam on their breaks. By this time I have probably moved to the lane on the left of them and arriving at the light the moment it turns green and not having to break, I usually pass them up again. This makes them even angrier and more stressful. Road rage is something I will not participate in but I fear I may have caused it once or twice. Well, I slowed down when I was at least a half a mile from the railroad tracks because I saw that huge freight train slowing down as well. I figured that maybe, just maybe by the time I got to the tracks, I would see the pusher engine at the end of the train bringing it through the crossing. Well, I saw the pusher engine alright and it, along with the rest of the train, was stopping right before me. What to do, what to do? I decided to embrace the moment. As the other cars made U turns, I turned off my engine and waited. I chose not to fight the moment but to embrace it. I told myself that this is what is and there is nowhere else at this moment that I would rather be because there was nowhere else at this moment that I could be. And... it worked. When I stopped fighting the moment, I began to see it for what it was and all kinds of things came alive. The movement of the red lights flashing before me, the sounds of the bell, the sun rising, the clarity of the day, it was all there in this very incredible moment. Well, actually there were 30 minutes worth of those moments. And every time I looked at my watch, I reminded myself that I was going nowhere. It will end when it ends.

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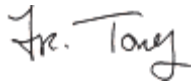
Note from the Pastor (cont.)

After about 15 minutes another freight train came from the opposite direction. I figured that as soon as it got through, mine would start moving. It didn't. It stood there for another five minutes and then another freight train from the same direction passed it by. After another ten minutes, it started to move. Now normally, this would have triggered me mad. Last Saturday I was merely amused.

One of the great truisms in life is that this moment in which we are now living, since it is all that there is, is as holy and sacred and good as it can be. Jack Nicholson was right, "What if this is as good as it gets? Well, it is. The question is, can we live in it, and embrace it? I did and I must confess, it was sweet.

I finally got over the tracks and into the gym, exercised for a little while, showered, got in the car and started home. I got to the tracks and guess what? But it was only a ten minute train. Cake walk. I patiently waited. We'll see about the next time.

In Jesus, the Eternal Now,



Parish News

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

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PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



Stations of the Cross
Friday evenings at 7 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



FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

All are invited to attend Fellowship in Barrett Hall this 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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 18 - MARCH 25

Sunday, March 18, 2012

8:30 am & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass
 9:30 am - 11:30 am RCIA
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Fellowship in Barrett Hall
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Youth Group Wings to Heaven

Monday, March 19, 2012

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES APRIL 1, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm CRHP (Men) in Room 13

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass
 9:00 am - 11:00 am Bible Study Mark in Conf. Room
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm CCW in Barrett Hall
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Bible Study Mark in Room 9-10

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES APRIL 8, 2012

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 22, 2012

8:30 am MQH Mass

Friday, March 23, 2012

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

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Easter Food Drive
 3:30 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm MQH Mass

Sunday, March 25, 2012

Easter Food Drive
 8:30 am & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass
 9:30 am - 11:30 am RCIA

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our Easter Food Collection will be held the weekend of March 25th & 26th. We have adopted 15 Families and they all have children. Besides the food baskets, we will be making up Easter baskets for the children too! We are in need of canned soup, fruit and vegetables, prepared food such as Macaroni & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc., peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal, goodies (cookies, chips, Easter candy, etc.) drinks, paper towels, toilet tissue, kleenex, cleaning supplies, and items used to fill children's Easter baskets. Gift cards to purchase ham, etc. for Easter dinner are always needed. Should you have a few hours of free time, we will be sorting the food, etc. on Monday evening March 27th at 7:00 p.m. and can always use help. Thank you for your generosity and help in the past and for your continued support of the needy.



RECYCLING AT MARY QUEEN

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



1. Please place all newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office and junk mail in the container by the rectory labeled - ABITIBI. It is YELLOW & GREEN. Mary Queen receives a rebate from this program so you are encouraged to bring your paper items from home.
2. When using the facilities at Mary Queen, please place aluminum, 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.
3. All other trash from meetings and activities held at Mary Queen must be placed in the trash dumpster.

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

ARE YOU STUCK IN A PAINFUL PLACE? ARE YOU IN NEED OF HEALING?

"Why so Weary? Lay Down Your Burdens and Be Set Free!" is a day of spiritual refreshment and freedom for those who have experienced the pain of loss through death or divorce. Father Tony will be the speaker at this event that promises to lift you from your knees and get you moving forward. This event will be held on March 24 at the Pastoral Center in Romeoville beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending with Mass celebrated by Bishop Siegel at 4:00 p.m. To register and for more information see the pamphlets in the back of church or call (815) 838-5334.

THE COMMISSIONS MEETING ON
MARCH 19 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

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Deadlines for the bulletin

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, April 1, 2012	Monday, March 19
Sunday, April 8, 2012 (Please note change)	Wednesday, March 21

Thank you for your cooperation.

Vocation News

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 meeting is on: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 – St. Daniel the Prophet Parish, Wheaton.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please mark your calendars:



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. 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: mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

Community News

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 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".



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



MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012 - SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lector	R. Wilkes	M. Grozik	M. Reed
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Sabel (S) D. StaRosa (C) M. Conway M. Zelinski R. Liljegren G. Curtis J. DuPrey	G. Regan (S) D. Bernstein (C) J. Unger K. Vicary M. Grozik R. Wilkes	P. Twardowski (S) P. Mason (C) R. Marro P. Letourneau T. Kevil T. Gusloff D. Styka R. Styka
Altar Servers	J. Mirretti J. Nosek H. Rossiano	C. McGovern J. Reginelli K. Selfridge	E. Fahey P. Serpico A. Frank

Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, March 11, 2012	
Adults	\$6,785.00
Parish Pay	\$4,185.41
Children	\$36.32
Collection Total	\$11,006.73

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

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, March 18, 2012
8:30 AM All the Victims of Natural Disasters
10:30 AM † **Bernadette Brinkman**
- Monday, March 19, 2012
8:30 AM Intentions of Joe Taschetta Jr.
- Tuesday, March 20, 2012
8:30 AM All Parishioners
- Wednesday, March 21, 2012
8:30 AM † **Sarah Taschetta**
- Thursday, March 22, 2012
8:30 AM † **Albert Fuschen**
- Friday, March 23, 2012
8:30 AM Communion Service
- Saturday, March 24, 2012
4:30 PM † **Blythe O'Sullivan**
- Sunday, March 25, 2012
8:30 AM † **Noeleen Loesch**
10:30 AM † **Elizabeth Lowrey**

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2012

- Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/
Jn 3:14-21
- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

- Samuel Barker
- John Conley
- 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.

HELP IN HARD TIMES

The speed and severity of the financial and economic recession is threatening many people in the country, including some in our community and parish. In an attempt to provide one source of assistance, the MQH Peace and Justice Committee has developed a list of organizations that provide a wide variety of help to those in need. Copies of the list are available for use not only for parishioners, but also for passing on to those you know who are facing difficulties. Please do not hesitate to avail yourself of these sources of assistance.

DuPage County Info & Referrals 1(800)942-9412
York Township (630)620-2400
(S. of North Ave.) general assistance
Addison Township (630)530-8161
(N. of North Ave) general assistance
Addison Switchboard (630)628-2698
Pantry, utility assistance & Holiday outreach for Addison residents
Proviso Township (Cook County) (708)344-4302
Access DuPage (630) 510-8720
Free medical & psychological services
Alcoholics Anonymous (Elmhurst) (630) 833-7897
AllKids (630) 682-7979 ext. 7676
Free health insurance for children & families
Bridge Communities (housing) (630) 545-0610
Catholic Charities (630) 495-8008
Rent, mortgage, general assist., parenting classes, counseling & transitional housing (No walk-ins, call for appointment)
Community Clinic (630) 682-0639
Free medical and dental care in Wheaton & Villa Park
Consumer Credit Counseling 1(800) 388-2227
Cornerstone Family Health (Hinsdale) (630) 734-0580
Uninsured receive a discount on services and doctor sees kids & parents on AllKids
Disability/Social Security Apply online www.ssa.gov
DuPage County General Info dupagecris.org
DuPage County Health Dept. (630) 682-7400
DuPage Home Ownership Program (630) 260-2500
Programs for buying a home on a low income or to Avoid foreclosure. Consumer and credit counseling
DuPage Housing Authority(Section 8) (630) 690-3555
Elmhurst Clothing Closets
St. Peter's Methodist Church (630)834-2440
Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry (630) 782-6006
Emergency Assistance for residents or church members in Elmhurst. Mon-Fri 10 am-12 pm at **St. Peter's**.
Family Shelter Service (630) 469-5650
Domestic abuse

HeadStart Bensenville (630) 521-8094
Birth to 3 years. Preschool All Day Program.
Hope House 1(800) 941-8681
DuPage Emergency Shelter Villa Park. 146 Roosevelt
Illinois Dept. of Human Services (630) 530-1120
SNAP/Food Stamps. www.dhs.state.il.us
Illinois Rx illinoisrxbuyingclub.com
Work Net DuPage Career Center (630) 995-2030
Free job search workshops. 2525 Cabot Dr. Lisle
Illinois Employment Training Ctr. (630) 495-4345
Legal Aid (630) 653-6212
L.I.H.E.A.P. 1(800) 942-9412
For utility assistance
York Township (630) 620-2400
Addison Township (630) 530-8161
Lombard, Villa Park Walk-In Ministry (630) 693-0185
LOVE Christian Clearinghouse (630) 512-8665
General assistance if referred by church in DuPage Co.
Metropolitan Family Services (630) 682-1802
Counseling for individuals and families
P.A.D.S. (630) 682-3846
Emergency nightly shelter and day site
Parkview Community Church (630) 793-9556
Counseling for individuals and families
People's Resource Center (630) 682-5402
Food pantry, medical & dental clinic, literacy tutoring, Computer Training, rental assistance for PRC clients
Poised for Success (630) 691-1455
Women's work clothing and accessories
Prairie State Legal (630) 690-2130
Rehabilitation Services (630) 495-0500
Saret Charitable Fund (630) 793-9556
Secretary of State (630) 252-2902
Serenity House (Treatment Facility) (630) 620-6616
Social Security (630) 307-8852
Transitional Housing Catholic Charities (630) 495-8008
Bridge Community (630) 545-0610
Veteran's Assistance, DuPage Co. (630) 407-5655
Emergency assistance for Veterans only
"Why wait?" Free mammogram & Pap (630) 682-7979
W.I.C. (630) 682-7979
x5181. Nutritional ed. program, coupons for food, etc.
Yorkfield Food Pantry of Elmhurst (630) 833-6600
Apply Thurs 1-4pm or Sat. 10-1pm, Mon. 7-8pm at Yorkfield Presbyterian Church, 1099 S. York.
YWCA State of IL Childcare Assistance (630)790-8009