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April 15, 2012
Second Sunday
of Easter



Congratulations to Our Young People Who Will Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation April 15, 2012

Sabrina Acquaviva

Joseph Alonso

Zaskya Bayas

Billy Bowbin

Matthew Callaway

Karlo Carrera

Alex Ciullo

Peter DiCianni

Kaitlyn Dvorak

Jared Espinosa

Amanda Haag

Anthony Hedman

Isabella Jaeger

Zachary Johnson

Molly Kerley

Jordan Less

Ally Mann

Patricia Mata

Sergio Nesti

Jeffrey O'Brien

Stephen Pierzchala

Montana Renno

Hayley Rossiano

Nicholas Sasanelli

Philip Serpico

Neil Simon

Michaela Stepniewski

Elisabeth Trenta

Seamus Ward

Ian Weigel

Lucas Alexander

Kayla Arroyo

Daniel Bolivar

Alexandria Cahill

Francesca Carfagnini

Cara Catalano

Amaya Diaz

Julia Dierksheide

Abigail Emich

Sam Gagliardi

Brandon Hamblin

Christopher Jaeger

Gordon Johnson

Tess Kachiroubas

Brandon Kessell

Andrew Lewand

Maurizio Marrero

Ashley Nacyk

Catherine Novak

Madeline Pearson

Samuel Rafac

Joshua Resing

Becca Sanchez

Kaylin Schuda

Dionna Shedrick

Jessica Soto

Brandon Stevens

Paul Vogelsberger

Sean Ward

Ethan Zielinski

Note from the Pastor



Commending our Confirmandi

This afternoon Bishop Imesh will lay hands upon our young people, dip his thumb into the sacred Chrism and will anoint each **on the forehead with these words, "(Michael, Mary, Thomas, Elizabeth) be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."** **With this sacrament, our precious young people's initiation into the Catholic community of believers will be complete. It's a very big deal.**

As infants their parents brought them to church to begin their initiation. Since they were obviously too young to know what was going on, their parents spoke on their behalf. It was their desire to pass on to their children what they had received from their own parents, the redemptive and salvific faith of our Lord Jesus Christ as practiced in the Roman Catholic Church. On behalf of the children they made some very serious promises. They promised to bring their children up in the Church and to model for them what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Some of the parents have fulfilled their promises perfectly. Some, not so much. But the wonderful thing about our faith is that it is redemptive. This means, if we fall on our face (and we will) we can pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and start again... and again... and again. My, how patient is our God!

Today, our young people now take the faith that has been handed on to them from their parents and claim it as their own. Today they complete their sacramental initiation. Several weeks ago when I met with the Confirmandi and their parents I called them to the altar of Jesus Christ and told them to make a commitment. While three of our high school students held crucifixes, I invited them forward to kiss the feet of Jesus and thereby publically proclaiming that they are not only inviting Jesus into their life but that they will follow Him into His life. I made clear to them that it was the life of the cross that is not always easy but will always lead to more life, to the resurrection. I told them in no uncertain terms that if they choose to do this, they are making a very profound and public statement. And they have.

Today we celebrate the ritual of that public statement as we call upon the Holy Spirit of God to fill

them with wisdom, grace, and love. Now, the journey begins in earnest. Now their faith is all theirs. And it will not be easy. But it will be very, very good.

When I was a boy making my Confirmation, it was relatively simple. The structures of the Church were so strong that all one needed to do was plug into it and go for the ride. Pretty much everyone was floating in the same direction. Pretty much everyone believed the same thing. Not so today. Today our young people are being pulled by so many very different forces that **most don't know where to turn. We have pointed them** in the direction of Jesus Christ and His Gospel and then have prayed that this is the direction they will follow. There are no guarantees. But our hope and our prayer is that as they follow Jesus, all the way through, that they come to know what it truly means to be a daughter of God, a son of God. Know that through and through and our life not only has meaning, but purpose.

Today Bishop Imesh lays his hands upon our young people and anoints them with the oil of salvation. Let us continue to pray that as they seek the Lord and promise to follow Him they may discover the secret of life, the full life, life in Christ.

In Jesus, Who Sends Us His Spirit,

Fr. Tony

Parish News

Grotto for Blessed Mother?

You may have noticed that the outdoor statue of our Blessed Lady has been moved to a place of honor.

Bill McGing and Les Otto will be installing lights and Patrick Morrissey will put some concrete around her for a place for benches.

Now the question is, do we want to put a grotto around her? Do we have any stone masons in the Parish or artisans? If anybody is interested, give the Rectory a call at (630)279-5700 and let us know.

Parish News

SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELMHURST COLLEGE

Parishioners who are attending Elmhurst College are encouraged to apply for one of two scholarships to be given by MQH. You can be a traditional undergraduate student or a non-traditional adult student. Scholarships are \$2,500 each and are available for the 2012-2013 academic year. Contact Ruth Pusich, director of financial aid, Elmhurst College, at (630) 617-3080 or e-mail ruthp@elmhurst.edu for more information or to apply.

AED DEFIBRILLATOR COURSE

The Elmhurst Fire Department will be holding an AED defibrillator class at MQH on April 28 at 9:00 am for the cost of \$20 per individual (Red Cross charges at least \$90). If you are interested in joining the class please contact John Menarek at (630) 818-0091 or jmenarek@sbcglobal.net

FLOWERS FOR SALE AT MARY QUEEN

Mary Queen of Heaven's CCW is sponsoring a Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 12. Ordering will take place on May 5-6 and pickup is on May 12. This year our plants will be coming from the same greenhouse that we order our Christmas and Easter flowers from. They are a very reputable company and we have always been pleased with their plants. This is a great opportunity to purchase a gift for your mom, grandmother, or a special someone. Order forms will be **available in next week's bulletin. If you have any questions, please call Sheila Reiter (630) 833-6657, Phylis Twardowski (630) 279-6239 or Debbie Styka (630) 941-7224.**



HOSPICE TRAINING

Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is seeking compassionate people to volunteer with terminally ill patients and their families or to volunteer at one of their offices. Volunteer training will be on May 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 6880 N. Frontage Rd. Suite 100, Burr Ridge. Please call Theresa Jackson at (630) 789-7278 to register and for additional information.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 15 - APRIL 22

Sunday, April 15, 2012

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA Mistagogy
2:00 PM Confirmation Church/Barrett Hall

Monday, April 16, 2012

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

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study Mark in Conf. Room
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study Mark in Room 9/10

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

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

Thursday, April 19, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Room 4/5

Friday, April 20, 2012

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES APR 29

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, April 21, 2012

3:30 PM Confessions in Church
4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

Sunday, April 22, 2012

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA Mistagogy
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wings to Heaven Movie Night in Barrett Hall

2012 PARISH MISSION DVD AVAILABLE

This year Father Tony delivered the Parish Mission *Touching the Divine* at St. Alexander in Villa Park. The three sessions: *The Key to Happiness*, *The Key to Forgiveness* and *The Key to Our Truest Identity* were recorded. Father Tony also delivered a day of spiritual refreshment and freedom for the divorced and widowed and those who care for them. *Why so Weary? Lay Down Your Burden and Be Set Free* was held at the Saint Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Both of these conferences are approximately two hours and are available as either video DVD or audio CD for a price of \$15 plus \$5 for shipping. Contact the parish office at (630) 279-5700 if you would like to place an order.

Religious Education News



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our RE year is winding down and we are already starting to plan for next fall. Please begin to pray about how you can help in our program. As always, we will have some catechist and aide spots to fill. The faith formation of our children is in your hands. At this time, we know that we will have openings at all three sessions.

Please mark your calendars:

- Saturday, April 14
Second grade parent and child Bread Breaking session in church at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 15
Celebration of Confirmation at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 25
Last RE class – All school food drive during session 3.

Registrations for the 2012-2013 RE year have been mailed out. If you would like to be 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.

Youth Group News



Wings to Heaven Youth Group

MOVIE NIGHT
Sunday, April 22
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Barrett Hall

LUNCH
Sunday, May 6
After 10:30 a.m. Mass

All 4th - 8th grade students are invited
Come join us for lunch and find out all about the youth group.
New and current members please RSVP to:
maryqueen.wings2heaven@gmail.com

Destiny High School Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday, May 1
7:30 p.m. in School Room 13
Questions?
maryqueen.destiny@gmail.com



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN
PRESCHOOL AND
KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT
SCHOOL YEAR

Open registration is ongoing for the preschool Tue/Thur class and the KEP class.
For information please contact:
Genet Pinkerton, Acting Director (630) 833-9500
Website: www.maryqueenpreschool.org
E-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



Community News

ELMHURST WALK-IN MINISTRY Eat and Earn

Please note these important opportunities to help support the Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry (EWIM). *No flyer is necessary to "Eat & Earn" – just tell your server you are dining for EWIM...Francesca's will contribute 15% and Egg Harbor will donate 10% of your tab during all open hours.*

Thursday, April 19

Francesca's Amici – 174 No. York St.

Thursday, May 3

Francesca's Amici – 174 No. York St.

Wednesday, May 23

Egg Harbor Cafe – 140 No. Robert Palmer Dr.

The walk-in ministry is totally volunteer-run and donation-supported. Additional ways to help:

- pray for our volunteers and the families that we serve
- **donate gift cards for our clients' necessities** (any local gas station, Walmart, Shoe Carnival, or Subway)
- donate stamps or gift cards to an office supply store
- become a trained site volunteer
- bring your clean, gently-worn clothing to the clothes closet at First United Methodist Church
- make regular food & toiletries donations to the area food pantries at Immaculate Conception or Yorkfield Presbyterian Church
- and, of course, make a financial contribution...at least 93% goes directly to client services.

To learn more about EWIM, visit our website
www.elmhurstwalkinministry.org

Mobilize the Earth™

Earth Day
April 22, 2012

1 Billion People - 192 Countries

www.earthday.org

Celebrate the 42nd
Annual Earth Day!

How will you celebrate
Earth Day in 2012?

Here are some ideas:

- Gather items to drop off at one of the many recycling extravaganzas
- Pledge to carpool, walk or ride your bike whenever possible.
- Coordinate a litter clean up for your neighborhood
- Switch bulbs to CFLs or LED
- Buy reusable water bottles for your family and stop using disposables
- Start a home composting bin
- Shop farmer's markets for locally and/or organically grown foods
- Bring your own reusable coffee cup to the coffee shop

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY, APRIL 21		SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012	
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	K. Passarelli	G. Dolesy	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Curtis (S) D. StaRosa (C) G. Los H. Todd J. DuPrey J. Vilim B. Eadon	N. Williamson (S) R. Wilkes (C) M. Grozik T. Nanak D. Styka R. Styka	D. Justus (S) J. Spears (C) J. Lindberg K. Gusloff K. Muller M. McCall R. Melendez G. Pstrzoch
Altar Servers	M. Kerley E. Zielinski J. Nosek	K. Lewand S. Lewand I. Weigel	A. Lang J. Race H. Rossiano



Collection Totals for: Sunday, April 8, 2012	
Adults	\$5,409.79
Parish Pay	\$4,426.16
Children	\$92.23
Collection Total	\$9,928.18

100 parishioner envelopes were used.
137 parishioners - Parish Pay.

The Easter Collection will be reported at a later date

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 15, 2012

8:30 AM † Patricia Timothy
10:30 AM † Helen Colucci

Monday, April 16, 2012

8:30 AM † Ronald Walis

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

8:30 AM † Sister Christella Carbaugh, SLW

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

8:30 AM † David Schuit

Thursday, April 19, 2012

8:30 AM † Joanne Dobrowski

Friday, April 20, 2012

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, April 21, 2012

4:30 PM † Ralph St. Pierre

Sunday, April 22, 2012

8:30 AM † Chris Rauch
10:30 AM † Florian Japczyk

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of April 15, 2012

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

John Brennan
John Conley
Baby Aiden Cook
Neil McGovern
Paula Nolan
Brenda Scanlon
Mary Thorton
Dennis White
Patrick White



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