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July 22, 2012 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pastoral Staff

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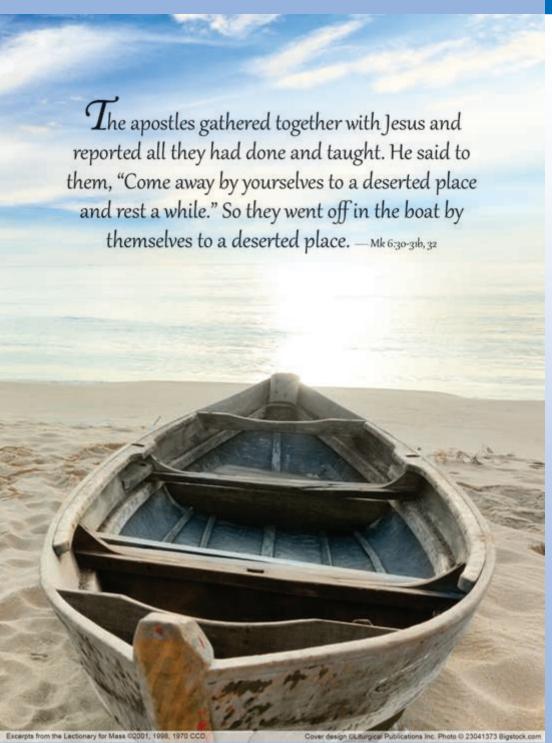
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Note from the Pastor



From the Archives of Fr. Tony's 2005 Sabbatical in Rome...

Rain, rain go away. Come back another day. So much for sunny Italy.

Noah would feel right at home. In the last 40 days, 25 of them have seen rain. O.K. Lord, what are you trying to say?

One of the wonderful things about sabbatical is that you can take serious time to dialog with the Lord. Normally, I'm so busy serving the Lord that I don't get to ask questions. Well, now I am asking them. And they are the eternal questions.

Why the rain? Oh, not here in Italy. This is child's play compared to Katrina and Rita. We do get a European version of CNN here and so I've been able to follow a little of what's going on stateside. And, of course, the question... Why? And why hit the poor people like you do? The devastation off the coast of Mexico and Central America is uncalled for. Their life is tough enough already. So what's going on?

In a way I can understand our penchant for war more than natural disasters. War is the result of human stupidity and arrogance. War is the result of stinken thinking that one group can force its will on another group. That we can make things better by force and violence and the vicious circle of revenge is never ending. Some how this I understand. But hurricanes? Tsunamis? Earthquakes? Tornados? Sounds like God's doing to me.

So we've been having this discussion. All right fight. But up to now it's just been verbal (I learned long ago that my arm's too short to box with God.) And I have been asking the question I teach others not to ask as fruitless, the forbidden questions, Job's question... why?

Why do the poor and innocent suffer so much? Why do children die? Why are we so cruel to each other, especially those closest to us? And why do you add to that cruelty by so called natural disasters?

And His answer? Silence. I cannot remember a time in my life when God has been so silent as right

now. And it's not like I haven't tried goading Him into conversation.

Was it something I said or did or didn't do? Will you speak to me? Show me a sign? Send me a messenger? An angel disguised as a bag lady, anybody.

Nothing. Silence. The silent treatment (God must be part Irish).

And yet the longing. The Holy Longing to know won't go away. It's built in. To know love and serve God is our human destiny. But we don't know. We can't. Since I've been here, I've been pretty faithful to my contemplative prayer time. It is a time when you clear your mind of all thoughts and concepts and questions and just sit with the Lord for twenty minutes. The contemplative mantra is "don't just do something, stand there." Let God be God and you be you and the two will come together in union. Well... sometimes. Ninety percent of the time my thoughts take over me and the questions arise anew... Why?

I am re-reading the 14th century spiritual masterpiece, "The Cloud of Unknown" over again. In it the author insists that we meet God not in our thoughts (our thoughts are too small, too inadequate to 'grasp' God) but in thoughtlessness. We meet God in knowing (we will never fully know God) but in a cloud of unknowing, in mystery... in silence.

And in silence God speaks. Don't ask me to explain. I can't.

Does this mean we shouldn't ask the tough questions of God? Absolutely not! We must ask. But in asking we must know that the answers we get will not fully satisfy. Ultimately only silence, mystery and that most elusive thing Jesus called faith will. In the midst of not knowing, do you still believe? When you're dying on the cross do you still trust? When you are sinking in the water do you have confidence in God? Can you surrender into the arms of a loving God you cannot see? This is called faith. And it is all we have. And it is all we need.

And what does this faith tell us in answer to all our whys? Julianna of Norwich once asked Jesus in a

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colloquy why evil, why suffering. She reports in that spiritual conversation Jesus asking her what was the worst thing that ever befell humanity?

Why, she responded, Your death on the cross. And what was the best? Why, the redemption that took place through Your death on the cross.

If the Lord can take the very worst and turn it into the very best then nothing is lost. No evil endured, no pain suffered is ever wasted. All is transformed and we along with it.

As I write this the rain has stopped and the sun is shinning brightly. And it's easy once again to see the footprints of God everywhere. The question is why?

In Jesus, God's Answer,



Parish News



CURIOUS?

Have you wondered about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who is curious to learn more about what we believe in, how to become a Catholic, or what the Sacraments are all about? Come to a RCIA meet and greet session on July 29 or Aug. 26 (9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room). Invite someone along to check us out...curious minds want to know!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN REMINDER

Have you signed up for the **Protecting God's Children** workshop(s) scheduled for August 18 and 25? If you plan to work with children here at MQH, you must complete this training. Please call Sister Marlene at the rectory (630-279-5700) to confirm your reservation so she can plan appropriately.

Parish News



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 22 - JULY 29, 2012

Sunday, July 22, 2012 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass

Monday, July 23, 2012 8:30 AM MQH Mass

Tuesday, July 24, 2012 8:30 AM MQH Mass

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

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8:30 AM MQH Mass

Thursday, July 26, 2012 8:30 AM MQH Mass

Friday, July 27, 2012

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, July 28, 2012

Walk-In Ministry Food Drive

3:30 PM Confessions 4:30 PM MQH Mass

Sunday, July 29, 2012

Walk-In Ministry Food Drive

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass

On July 22, & 25, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Darien & St. James the Apostle Parish, Glen Ellyn, respectively, the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the USA. This beautiful Image of Our Lady of Fatima was blessed by Pope Paul VI in 1967 and given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima to carry the important message of Fatima to the United States. All are invited and encouraged to come see this beautiful Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and learn from Bill Sockey, the Statue's Custodian, Our Lady's message for obtaining peace and putting an end to abortion and the moral corruption that is afflicting our country. For more information, please call Jeanne Hall at (815) 725-5427 or email at:

spirituisancto2000@yahoo.com







Youth Group News

Destiny outh group

"I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy." ~Psalm 140:12

The Destiny Youth Group will be going to Hopkins Park on Sat., August 25- Sunday, August 26.

Please contact Kathleen Gusloff by email at maryqueen.destiny@gmail.com or call (630) 269-0744 if you are interested in joining us.

Please respond by July 13

This is a great way to give back by helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Religious Education News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN
PRESCHOOL AND
KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT
SCHOOL YEAR

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



RE Registrations. Please note the following classes are now at capacity: Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5 are now closed at 5:15 p.m. Right now we ask that you consider home schooling your children if there is no room in your desired session. This option is available in all grades except Grade 2 and Confirmation Prep, our Sacrament years. FYI: registration in the RE program is limited to participating members of Mary Queen Parish. If you are new to the parish, please register in the parish prior to registration in the RE program.

We are in need of catechists for the 2012/2013 RE year.

- 3:15 p.m.
 Grade 2 3 catechists and 1 aide
 Grade 3 2 aides
 Grade 4 2 catechists
- 5:15 p.m.
 Grade 6 2 catechists
- 6:45 p.m.
 Grade 5 1 catechist
 Grade 6 2 catechists

As reflected above we have a very urgent need for catechists at the second grade level at 3:15 p.m. This is the year we prepare the children for the reception of First Communion. This is a very **important time in our little one's lives. If you** would be willing to work with our little Communicants or know someone who is able, please let us know.

As our enrollment increases, we may have other needs as summer progresses. We will keep you posted. If you have not as yet returned your volunteer form, please do so. We are counting on you. September seems very far away, but it will be here before you know it. If you are someone who loves your Faith and would enjoy sharing it with our children, we would love to talk to you.

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

Ministi Saturday, July 28		ry Schedule Sunday, July 29, 2012	
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	B. Lawlor	B. Nosek	E. Cutri
Eucharistic Ministers	J. DuPrey (S) D. StaRosa (C) B. Lawlor G. Los G. Curtis H. Todd M. White	J. Eichorst (S) D. Bernstein (C) G. Regan J. Unger P. Mason K. Vicary	M. McCall (S) D. Justus (C) G. Pstrzoch J. Spears J. Lindberg K. Mueller D. Styka R. Styka
Altar Servers	J. Alonso J. Nosek J. Mirretti	D. Dunn C. Gornick M. McDonough	K. Lewand S. Lewand A. Frank



The collection for July 8 and July 15 will be reported in the July 29 bulletin

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 22, 2012

8:30 AM † Gregory Tremmel 10:30 AM † Frank Gagnon

Monday, July 23, 2012

8:30 AM † Albert Fuschen

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

8:30 AM † Janice Pivoney

Wednesday, July 25, 2012 8:30 AM † Vito DeCarlo

Thursday, July 26, 2012

8:30 AM † Mary and John Taychman

Friday, July 27, 2012

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, July 28, 2012

4:30 PM † Annette Hunt

Sunday, July 29, 2012

8:30 AM † John Brennan 10:30 AM † Florian Japczyk

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2012

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50 Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Stephanie Dahlberg Brenda Scanlon Dennis White



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