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Happy Thanksgiving Day!



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November 18, 2012 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Schedule

<u>Weekend Masses</u> 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.

<u>Rosary Devotion</u> 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 Giving Thanks

This Thursday we celebrate the last unadulterated holiday on the American calendar. All the rest have been

culturally compromised. All Hallows Eve has become a commercial juggernaut and Christmas is still the all time pocketbook killer. But Thanksgiving, outside of the inevitable in-laws' religious and/or political squabbles around the pumpkin pie and decaf coffee, is still pretty pure. It is still about getting together as a family, breaking bread and wishbones together, and giving thanks. For what? Just for, that's what. Just because.

Because why? Because gratitude, even though often buried beneath complaints, anger and sorrow, still has the power, once released, to give life. And it is life not only for the receiver but for the giver as well. I dare say it is impossible to have a grateful heart and be depressed at the same time.

Gratitude is an amazing and powerful thing. Gratitudinem. It comes from the Latin for thankfulness. Gratus. It comes from grace. And grace is never earned, it is always freely given. It is a gift. Our life is unearned, it is given. Love is unearned. By definition it must be freely given or it's not love. And so our holy work this Thursday is to simply take note of and allow from the depth of our hearts and souls gratitude to bubble up for all that we have been freely given. It is unearned. It is grace.

We didn't choose our parents our cultural heritage, the country we were born into, the faith we have grown into. While we are called to cooperate with the grace that has been given to us by work and effort, at the bottom, when all is said and done, it is all gift. It is all grace. And what is the proper response to all of that? To give thanks. To be grateful. And so we shall.

When my parents were alive, Thanksgiving was always at their house. When they passed we moved from my brother's house, to my niece's and finally to mine. For the last four years I have hosted Thanksgiving dinner at the Rectory (I volunteered because I could never figure how to respond to those online e-vites so I figured if I had it here, I didn't have to respond.) My mother was a great cook. Me, not so much. But we do share one thing in common. We both love to prepare a meal and then have the family gather around the table of plenty. My joy is to watch my family en-joy. I do this on an almost weekly basis with my son Luis and his family. To sit down at a meal together, to talk over the day, to kibitz and enjoy each other's company, is sacred. On Thanksgiving it is simply sacred on a grander scale. And with more calories.

By now I have already purchased the turkey and he (she?) is beginning to thaw. By Monday or Tuesday I will be once again googling "cooking the world's best Thanksgiving turkey" to find out what to do. I seem to forget from year to year. One year I soaked it in brine. One year I tried to serve a smoked turkey (disaster). One year I contemplated deep frying but what do you do with all that peanut oil when you're done? There's only one thing for sure that I know I will do. Behold the cooking bag! I have no idea how to prepare the world's best turkey, but don't take away my cooking bag.

In addition to supplying the venue and the turkey, I buy the ham (another cooking bag) and supply the soft drinks and other libations. The rest of the family is responsible for bringing everything else. They all decide what to bring via the e-vite thing. (Actually I did try to respond on e-vite but they wanted my entire family history, what my favorite color was and who I voted for in the last election. It ain't gonna happen.)

On the Wednesday before I rewash all the fancy tablecloths and the la-de-da damask cloth napkins I inherited. I begin to set the table as best I can, sip on a Brandy Manhattan and address the turkey in the refrigerator (Hello, Turkey!). On Thanksgiving morning I make my coffee, say my morning prayers, do the morning ablutions and prepare for Thanksgiving Day Mass. Luis, Leticia and the kids arrive about 8:00 and my *nuera* goes right to work getting the turkey ready. By 9:00am we are all present for the Thanksgiving Day Mass. If you've never been to one, here at Mary Queen it is truly a joy. We open the microphones to share those who have something to be thankful for. And since it is all grace, there's a lot of Thanksgiving.

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Note from the Pastor (cont.)

In the early afternoon the extended family starts to arrive. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks for the adults in the pastor's suite and videos and games for the kids in my sitting room. And then it's turkey time. Sitting 20-25 people in the house is no mean trick but we do indeed manage. The kids have their own room (but of course) and the adults gather around the dining room table which is extended for the occasion. And there we pray and eat and sit and talk and talk and talk and... It is, indeed, a good day. Sooner or later it will turn to religion and politics. Religion is no big deal, we're all of the same faith but politically, oh boy, oh boy. I have one brother a little to the left of Mao Tse-tung and another to the right of Attila the Hun. Me, in medio stat virtu. While we all have strong views most years we manage to keep it relatively civil. This year we should have a lot to talk about.

It is a good day. It is one of the last pure holidays. My prayer for all of you is that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with whatever family you can conjour up. Whatever we have, is all grace, is all gift. And there is much to be thankful for.

In Jesus, the Thanksgiving of the Father,



Parish News



MQH MEN'S GROUP 12TH ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES ON NOVEMBER 30!

The MQH Men's Group would like to invite all men and women of the parish to enjoy a 'Night at the Races.' The event will take place at Maywood Park Racetrack on Friday Nov. 30. Tickets are \$30 per person. This includes free valet parking, clubhouse admission, program and all you can eat dinner and dessert buffet. The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and goes until 9:00 p.m. There will be multiple races throughout the evening starting just after 7:00 p.m.

Calendar



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 9:00 AM

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 18 - NOVEMBER 25

Sunday, November 18, 2012

| 3:30 AM & 10:30 AM | MQH Mc |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 2:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Youth Gr |
| 2:30 AM - 10:20 AM | RCIA in R |
| 0:40 AM - 11:30 AM | Children' |
| 1:30 AM - 1:00 PM | CRHP (M |
| 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Baptisms |
| :00 PM - 7:30 PM | Youth Gr |
| | |

Youth Group Destiny in Rm 1
RCIA in Room 13
Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3
CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
Baptisms in Church
Youth Group Wings in Barrett Hall

Monday, November 19, 2012

8:30 AM 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 8:30 AM MQH Mass

Wednesday, November 21, 2012 DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES DECEMBER, 2012

MQH Mass

CRHP (Men) in Room 13

8:30 AM 3:15 PM - 8:00 PM No RE Classes MQH Mass RE Classes

Communion Service

Thursday, November 22, 2012 Thanksgiving Day

AM Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00 AM

Friday, November 23, 2012 Office Closed

8:30 AM

 Saturday, November 24, 2012

 3:30 PM
 Confessions

 4:30 PM
 MQH Mass

Sunday, November 25, 2012

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM RCIA in Room 13 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room



SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sponsored by The Council of Catholic Women

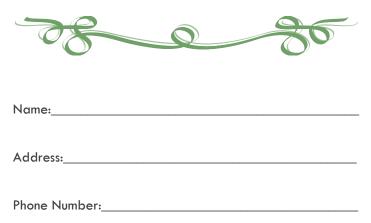
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012 IN BARRETT HALL

Immediately following 4:30 p.m. Mass

Seniors are cordially invited to attend a Christmas party in their honor. A buffet dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided. Mark your calendar now and plan on having an enjoyable Saturday evening with good food, great conversations with your friends and special entertainment prepared especially for you.

So that we can prepare food for everyone, if you are planning to attend please complete the form below and return it in the collection basket, the basket provided in the vestibule of the church or return it to the Rectory. If you have any questions or transportation needs, please contact Dayna Pierzchala at (630) 834-3233 and she will be happy to make the arrangements for you.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.



_I/We will need transportation or assistance.

Parish News



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Mass of our Lady of Guadalupe celebrates the apparition of our Lady to Juan Diego. We will be celebrating it on December 12. For the past few years we have been putting on a short play reenacting this for our parish before Mass begins. To do this, we are in need of children who would like to play the parts of The Holy Virgin Mary, Juan Diego, two guards and a bishop. We have been fortunate to have the children volunteer in the past, but they are now growing up. We are looking for children between the ages of 8-10. If you know of any one who would be interested, perhaps your child, or niece or grandchild, please contact us. We are also looking for singers, bakers and kitchen hostesses. Any help offered would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Ellen Walker Liturgy Committee (630)279-4021 or wdew@att.net



29TH ANNUAL DAN GIBBONS TURKEY TROT

All are invited to join in the fun at 9:00

a.m. on Thanksgiving morning and raise money to help feed the hungry. All event proceeds will remain in DuPage County. Bring your family and friends on November 22nd and join over 7,500 runners and walkers participating in this great Thanksgiving Day tradition.

Participants who pre-register by Saturday, November 17 pay \$30...a \$5 savings compared to the sign up cost on the day of the event. It's easy to pre-register: on-line at **www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com** or in person on Saturday, November 17, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Koenig & Strey Real Estate-Schiller Office, 540 S. York Street in Elmhurst. Race day registration is \$35 and is available from 6:30 – 8:55a.m at the Registration Tent in the US Bank parking lot, 540 S. York on November 22nd. The Turkey Trot begins at 9:00 a.m. sharp at the corner of York and South Streets.

Parish News



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to all who brought in photos for our **Table of Remembrance**. This

action helped to expand our view of family and remind us of the lives and gifts of these individuals. May they rest in the peace of God. With Thanksgiving approaching the table will need to be taken down on November 19. Thank you.

AUCTION DINNER DANCE

It was a wonderful evening. The food was delicious, the Live and Silent Auction were great and the "CAN CAN" Dancers had everyone in "stitches". Perhaps they might like to audition for Dancing with the Stars. Many of the Auction Items need to be picked up by the purchasers. The Raffle Winners were: First Prize \$500 was won by Charles Gangi; Second Prize \$250 was won by P. Luckey; Third Prize \$150 was won by V. Carlevato; 4th Prize \$100 was won by Jon Sonney. Congratulations to all! Thanks to everyone who supported this event and most of all to the Auction/Dinner Dance Committee Members. It certainly was an enjoyable evening. Watch next week's bulletin for information on the Net Proceeds for the Needy.



Making it Easier to Give

To enroll in ParishPay:

- Go to http://www.maryqueen.org
- Click on the ParishPay icon.
- Enter the amount that you wish to contribute monthly. You can also specify the amount you wish to give for special collections.
- Click on the "Proceed to Step 3" button.
- Complete Billing and Personal information.
 You will also be asked to create a username and password.
- Click on the "Proceed to Step 4" button.
- Verify your information and click on the "Process my Donation" button.

You can also call 1-866-PARISH-1 for more information.

Religious Education News

Religious Education RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

> Reminder to all RE families: There will be no class on Wednesday, November 21 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please mark your calendars.

Advent Service Projects:

This year we will again be collecting new unwrapped toys for **Marillac House** on Chicago's West Side...not so very far from Elmhurst. There will be a "toy box" in the hall of school for donations on Wednesday, **November 28, December 5 and 12** during class times. Toys for all ages are welcome...no violent toys please. Please be generous.

Our children will once again have the opportunity to add a global dimension to their acts of service. They will go to the "polls" to vote for the animal of their choice to be sent to a 3rd world country. The RE children are asked to come to class with a donation of 50 cents which will be donated to **Heifer International**. They can then "vote" for a pig, a sheep, or a goat to be sent to a small village, which will drastically improve the quality of life of its residents. Our "polls" will be open on the first two Wednesdays of December. Over the years, our children have really enjoyed this project.

On behalf of the entire Religious Education staff, we wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Please continue to be very cautious in the parking lot on Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

For more information on any of the above, please contact the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

Diocesan News

YEAR OF FAITH NOVEMBER REFLECTION

God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth...

- **Ponder this** from the <u>Catechism of the Catholic</u> <u>Church</u>: "If God is almighty 'in heaven and on earth,' it is because he made them. Nothing is impossible for God. He is the Lord of the universe, whose order he established and which remains wholly subject to him and at his disposal." (CCC 269)
- Prayers: Be attentive to the physical world; meditate on the sights and sounds around you. How is it changing at this time of year? How does that make you feel? Can you see God present in the more stark environment? Read a biography of St. Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of ecology.
- Read/Discuss: The stories of creation, Genesis 1 and 2: How do you feel about the idea that YOU are made in God's image? How do men and women continue the story of creation even today?
- Action: Re-commit to recycling. Try fasting from electricity for one hour and consider alternatives to Christmas wrapping paper.

Watch the bulletin for next month's installment when we explore, Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son.

VOCATIONS

COLLEGE SEMINARY VISITS:

The Vocation Office will be sponsoring a trip for all men who are juniors in high school and older to the following college seminaries that the Diocese of Joliet uses. There are no costs for these weekend visits. These are great opportunities to visit the seminaries, meet seminarians and see seminary life firsthand. RSVP to Fr. Burke by calling him at (815)834-4004 or **vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org** at least one week prior to the trip if interested.

- St. John Vianney College Seminary
 February 7-9
- Conception Seminary College
 - April 13-15

Preschool News



Community News



BILINGUAL MASS AND CHRISTMAS FIESTA DECEMBER 7

You, your family, and friends are invited to a bilingual Mass followed by a Christmas fiesta on Friday evening,

December 7, 2012. Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 145 E. Grand Avenue, Bensenville and the fiesta follows immediately at Holy Family Catholic School (next to the church, in the gym).

At the fiesta, sample traditional Mexican food and listen or sing along to Christmas carols in Spanish and English. Juan Dies, a musician from the GRAMMYnominated Sones de Mexico Ensemble, will perform and lead the caroling. Admission is free. Attendance at the bilingual Mass fulfills the holy day of obligation requirement for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8. For more information, visit **http://hfcatholic.org**/ or call Blanca Vargas at (630) 697-0519 or the school at (630) 766-0116.



| | | HEDULE - THURSE MBER 24 SUNDA | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| | 9:00 AM | 4:30 PM | 8:30 AM | 10:30 AM | Church | Collection Totals for: Sunday, November 11, 2012 | |
| Presider | Fr. Tony | Fr. Tony | Fr. Tony | Fr. Tony | | | |
| Lector | B. Nosek | A. Novar D. Novar | M. Reed | R. Villamil | Adults | \$8,084.64 | |
| | | | | | Parish Pay | \$3,824.70 | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | M. Grozik(S) T. Sabel (C) M. Conway | T. Sabel (S) S. Pingitore (C) R. Melendez M. Zielinski J. Unger M. White K. Passerelli | P. Mason (S) R. Styka (C) D. Styka T. Nanak N. Williamson M. Grozik | T. Kevil (S) G. Pstrzock (C) W. Bonfiglio J. Spears M. Fielding K. Gusloff | Children | \$58.89 | |
| | | | | | Collection Total | \$11,968.23 | |
| | | | | | 185 parishioner envelopes were used. 133 parishioners - Parish Pay. Thank you for your | | |
| | | | | | continued kindness | | |
| Altar Servers | TBA | B. Hernandez C. Hernandez M. Kerley | K. Lewand S. Lewand M. McDonough | A. Frank R. Hendron A. Lang | | | |



Sunday, November 18, 2012

- 8:30 AM † Deceased of the Bernstein Family 10:30 AM † Ersilia Frangella
- Monday, November 19, 2012 8:30 AM † Helen Colucci
- Tuesday, November 20, 2012 8:30 AM † Ralph St. Pierre
- Wednesday, November 21, 2012 8:30 AM † Jean Calendo

Thursday, November 22, 2012 - Thanksgiving Day9:00 AMPeople of Mary Queen

- Friday, November 23, 2012 8:30 AM Communion Service
- Saturday, November 24, 2012 4:30 PM † Bill Sherlock
- Sunday, November 25, 2012

8:30 AM † Pasquale Cataldi 10:30 AM † Joe Micheli

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of November 18, 2012

Sunday:Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32Monday:Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43Tuesday:Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10Wednesday:Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28Thursday:Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44Friday:Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48Saturday:Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40Next Sunday:Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Dallas Barker Gail Hagemann Mary Hagerty Mary Kauck Avery Laws Ramero Martinez Kevin Nolan Gary Regan Dianne Sierak Johnny Weiger



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

