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December 16, 2012

Third Sunday of Advent

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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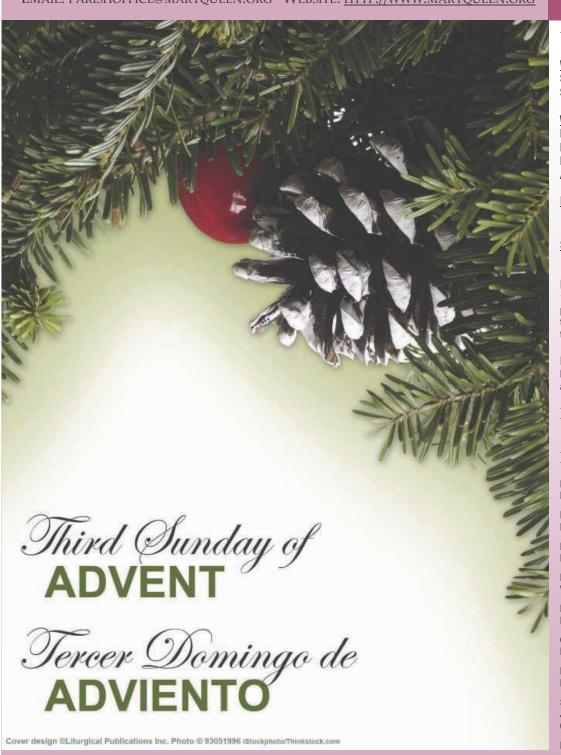
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Note from the Pastor



Gaudete!

I love the seasons. I love the change of seasons. Maybe it has something to do with the rhythms of life

and our essential need for variety. In some way the seasons are the seasoning, the spice of life. "Seasons Greetings" and "Good Seasons" are kissing cousins. And what is true for our climatological seasons is even more true for our liturgical seasons.

I love our liturgical seasons. Talk about the rhythms of life. By the time we are through with the Easter season and Pentecost and Corpus Christi, I can't wait for some good old fashioned green Ordinary Time. But after 30 some weeks of it, Ordinary Time gets, well, ordinary. And so we change. Happy Advent. Happy New Year.

And now we begin again. The readings change (you've got to love Isaiah), the texts change (the Gloria is now omitted), the music changes (Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel), and like the leaves in the Fall, the colors change. I am glad I'm not colorblind. The reds, the greens, the violets and even (for the rebellious) the blues all add to the mix of the liturgical seasons. In the early centuries, Advent was a long penitential season (Christmas was not moved to December 25 until the eighth century) and purple, after having been a royal color became a color of penance. All throughout Lent purple or violet is worn. The same is true for Advent. Purple it is... except for today.

You've got to love the Catholic Church. If it takes anything seriously, it takes the Incarnation seriously. And that means the Divine enters the physical and makes it holy and the things the body loves to do are basically good. So party hardy. And today we do. Today is Gaudete Sunday. In the midst of our penance during Lent and our preparation during Advent, the Church says, Take five, take a break.

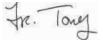
The name "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice!" I can't come to this Sunday without having a smile on my face. I'm smiling because even in the midst of a season, there is a mini-season. In the midst of a period of penance, the Church says Rejoice! It comes from the introit of the Mass that used to be sung. Today's comes from St.

Paul's letter to the Philippians that sings, "Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are for the Lord is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude. And God's own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." You can't sing that or even read it and not have a smile come upon your face.

What I love, however, most about today are the colors. Show your true colors. The color of today is rose. Not purple, not white but a combination of penance and praise mixed together to allow us for one day to rejoice. Mary Queen has not owned a rose colored vestment until today. Today I don our gay apparel for the first time. And it is brought to us by one who loved to rejoice in the Lord, Brenda Scanlon. In memory of her, her family has purchased for us a new rose colored vestment. And when we put it on, we have to smile. In the midst of the pain and penance of life, there is always joy.

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again say, Rejoice!

In Jesus, the Joy of God,





Parish News

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONS MEETING DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00 PM

The Parish Council invites all commission heads and ministry leaders to a joint meeting on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall. The Parish Council will be updating the ministries on the progress of the three initiatives that have been the focus of the work the Parish has untaken in the past year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 23**

Sunday, December 16, 2012

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Room 13

10:40 AM - 11:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Youth Group Wings Holiday Party

in Barrett Hall

Monday, December 17, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Joint Parish Council & Commission Mtg. in

Church

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Room 13

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES DECEMBER 30, 2012

MQH Mass

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool Road to Bethlehem in Church

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

NO RE Classes

8:30 AM MQH Mass

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool Road to Bethlehem in Church

Thursday, December 20, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass

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

Friday, December 21, 2012

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES JANUARY 6, 2012

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 22, 2012

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Children's Christmas Grp. Dress Rehearsal

in Church and Barrett Hall

3.30 PM Confessions 4:30 PM MQH Mass

Sunday, December 23, 2012

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room



WINGS TO HEAVEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 16 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**Barrett Hall**

Bring a white elephant for the grab bag.



Weekend Masses December 22, 23

Masses at regular weekend times

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy Mass

6:30 p.m. **Family Mass Choir Music** 10:30 p.m.

11:00 p.m. **Midnight Mass**

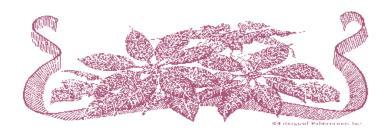
Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 4:30 p.m.

Mary the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day, January 1, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.



Parish News

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you wish to be included in any special e-mail announcements from Mary Queen, please go to our home page, www.maryqueen.org and follow the prompts.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS ARE COMING!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Men - February 9-10, 2013 and Women - February 22-23

Christ Renews His Parish weekends are coming soon. This is a very powerful weekend of spiritual renewal that starts at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning and ends around 4:00 Sunday afternoon. Below is a testimonial from a participant who is currently serving as lay director for the men's upcoming weekend.

"I strongly urge all men and women to experience the CRHP weekend. What did I get out of it? It was a booster shot for my faith. It helped me understand better the holes, and strengths, in my faith. It made realize that I am not alone in my struggles. It bonded me with a community of men on the same journey. The weekend was great, but the new companions on my journey are priceless." **Gregg Olalde**

Watch the bulletin each week for further details and more testimonials from both men and women. Questions? Contact Karen Sutkus at (630) 279-3240.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, February 3, 2013 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Dr. Scott Alexander from the Chicago Theological Union will be returning to Mary Queen to speak on the lives of American Muslims. The Parish Council invites all parishioners to join us to learn more about this important non-Christian religion and the experiences of many of our Muslim neighbors.

Religious Education News



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Advent Projects:

Thank you to all of our families who supported our Advent projects this year. The children, as always, enjoyed casting their ballot for a farm animal to be sent to a needy community in the world by Heifer International. The children of Marillac House will have smiles on their faces this Christmas because of the generosity of our children. Many toys were collected.

Please mark your calendars:

There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break: December 19, 26 and January 2.

Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

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



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT **SCHOOL**

At this time, registration is only available For the Kindergarten Enrichment Program (KEP). For information please contact: Genet Pinkerton, Director (630) 833-9500 Website: www.maryqueenpreschool.org e-mail: mahpreschool@maryqueen.org





Parish News



Articles for bulletins for the month of December and January have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles Due by Noon	
Sunday, December 30	Tuesday, December 18	
Sunday, January 6, 2013	Friday , December 21	
Sunday, January 13, 2013	Friday , January 4, 2013	

Thanks for your cooperation

DID YOU MISS A STEP?

Have you been participating in the Catholic Faith, but were never confirmed in the faith? Our journey through life is seldom a straight path. Our personal choices or decisions that others make for us can impact our lives including our spiritual lives. On Pentecost, adults who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, are welcomed to be confirmed by the Bishop at the Cathedral in Joliet on May 19, 2013. If you are interested in completing this final Sacraments of Initiation, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Mimi Nolan, by (630)279-5700 phone at or email pa@maryqueen.org

THANK YOU MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH



Woman's Choice Services would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to parishioners for participating in this year's Baby Bottles for Life fundraising campaign! As of November 19, 2012, Mary Queen of Heaven Parish has raised \$1,736.44! Your generous donations help contribute to the spread of the Culture of Life for those in your community, and truly reflect the universality of the Catholic Church by supporting an organization that serves the Chicago land area. We greatly appreciate your support and prayers!

Diocesan News

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

St. Procopius Benedictine Abbey, Lisle at 7:00 p.m., December 18. More information at:

http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam/Advent.asp

MINISTERS OF CARE TRAINING

Are you interested in visiting the homebound to pray and bring communion to them? If so, training sessions will be offered by Sr. Jane Schlosser, RSM at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien on January 5 and 19 (Saturdays) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or May 7, 9, 14, 16 (Tuesdays/Thursdays) from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 per person (the parish will reimburse you). Please contact Deacon Tom (630-523-4396) to learn more about this ministry.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Please consider recycling Christmas, Halloween, or any other holiday lights along with extension cord. Now recycling lights couldn't be easier! Here are a few local options:

- SCARCE, ongoing at 799 Roosevelt Road, Building 2, Suite 108, Glen Ellyn.
- Elmhurst, York High School: Nov 26- Jan 25 at 355 West St. Charles Rd.
- Oak Brook Public Library: Nov 19 Jan 31 at 600 Oak Brook Road.

NEWS FROM THE VOCATION OFFICE

Greetings from the Vocation Office,

A couple of our seminarians will be home durina Christmas break without a car. If someone hears of a car to be donated or if someone wants to lend a car to a seminarian over the break, please let me know. It will help them get around to their apostolic responsibilities over the break. It would be from December 14 - January 7.

Advent blessings to you,

Rev. Burke Masters 101 West Airport Road Romeoville, IL 60446 815-834-4004 www.vocations.com



"My dear brothers and sisters, who will bring light to dispel the darkness of our world? If not you and me, then who? And if not now, today, then when?" Cardinal Bernardin 3.

CRS Rice Bowl

"Whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of these my followers, will receive his reward." Matthew 10:42

Seventy-five percent of Catholic Relief Services CRS Rice Bowl donations help fund development programs designed to increase food security around the world. These projects focus on initiatives that bring clean water, small enterprise development, agricultural expertise, educational opportunities, and HIV/AIDS and mother/child health programs to the poor in more than 40 countries. Twenty-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl donations support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in dioceses within the United States.



Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl, Lenten program began in 1975 in the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania as an ecumenical response to the drought in the African Sahel. For more than 35 years, CRS Operation Rice Bowl has offered Catholics in the United States a way to connect with our brothers and sisters in need around the world through the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Nearly 13,000 faith communities across the United States participate in the program each Lent to demonstrate solidarity with the poor around the world.

In 2012, Operation Rice Bowl was renamed to CRS Rice Bowl to provide a year round activity to support the poor and vulnerable around the world.



ACTIONS and RESOURCES

Join Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl and make a difference in the lives of those in need.

orb.crs.org
CRS Rice Bowl develops resources for parishes, schools, individuals and families. Pray with your family and faith community; fast in solidarity with those who hunger; learn more about the challenges of poverty overseas; and give sacrificial contributions to support those in need; you can make a difference in our world. Email: educationprograms@crs.org

Go to Joliet Diocese Office for Human Dignity Ministry for more information. www.paxjoliet.org



"Create a Ripple" is an activity of the Joliet Diocese Social Justice Coalition (JDSJC), a ministry of the Office for Human Dignity, made up of parishes and religious institutions in the diocese. Standing firmly on the ground of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, led by the Spirit, afire for social justice, we are centered in prayer and united in right relationships as we raise awareness, educate, and take action to create a just world locally, nationally, and internationally. Please join us. Email: peace@dioceseofjoliet.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2012

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	B. Dunn	M. Grozik	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Melendez (S) S. Pingatore (C) M. Zelinski M. White M. Conway T. Sabel K. Passarelli	M. Grozik (S) N. Williamson (C) T. Nanak D. Styka R. Styka P. Mason	P. Letourneau (S) T. Kevil (C) W. Bonfiglio G. Pstrozoch D. Justus J. Spears T. Gusloff
Altar Servers	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez K. Selfridge	J. Reginelli C. Gornick D. Dunn	G. Vandenberg J. Vosicky P. Vosicky



Collection Totals for: Sunday, December 9, 2012		
Adults	\$9,831.07	
Parish Pay	\$4,123.79	
Children	\$65.36	
Collection Total	\$14,020.22	

215 parishioner envelopes were used. 133 parishioners - Parish Pay.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 16, 2012

8:30 AM † Mary and John Taychman

10:30 AM Gabriella Miller

Monday, December 17, 2012 8:30 AM † Daniel Los

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

8:30 AM People of Mary Queen

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

8:30 AM † Hilario Calderón

† Aurora Calderón

Thursday, December 20, 2012

8:30 AM † Lino Magnelli

Friday, December 21, 2012

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 22, 2012

4:30 PM † Mary Thornton

Sunday, December 23, 2012

8:30 AM † Daniel Los

10:30 AM † Bernadette Brinkmann

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of December 16, 2012

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 Sunday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 Tuesday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 Thursday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 Friday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 Saturday:

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Gabriella Miller Sue Sterno Dennis White



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



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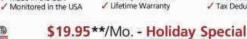




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