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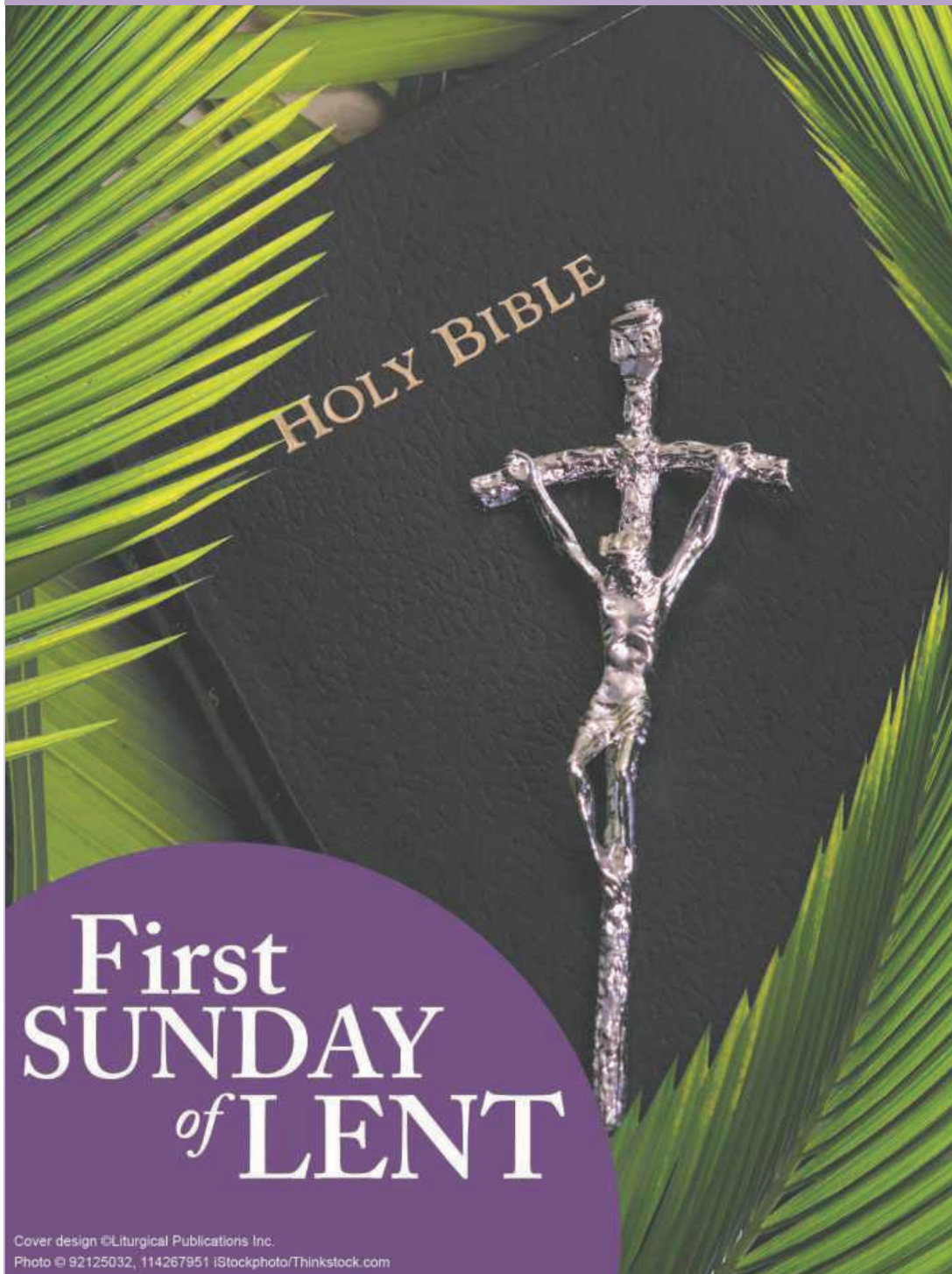
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February 17, 2013

1st 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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



**The following is one of Fr. John Powell's most famous and powerful stories. Read it. Enjoy it. Learn from it. I'll explain more next week.**

**Fr. Tony**

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### Tommy and God

Some twelve years ago, I stood watching my university students file into the classroom for our first session in the Theology of Faith. That was the day I first saw Tommy. My eyes and my mind both blinked. He was combing his long flaxen hair, which hung six inches below his shoulders. It was the first time I had ever seen a boy with hair that long. I guess it was just coming into fashion then. I know in my mind that it isn't what's on your head but what's in it that counts; but on that day I was unprepared and my emotions flipped. I immediately filed Tommy under "S" for strange...very strange.

Tommy turned out to be the "atheist in residence" in my Theology of Faith course. He constantly objected to, smirked at, or whined about the possibility of an unconditionally loving Father/God. We lived with each other in relative peace for one semester, although I admit he was for me at times a serious pain in the back pew. When he came up at the end of the course to turn in his final exam, he asked in a cynical tone, "Do you think I'll ever find God?"

I decided instantly on a little shock therapy. "No!" I said very emphatically.

"Why not," he responded, "I thought that was the product you were pushing."

I let him get five steps from the classroom door and then called out, "Tommy! I don't think you'll ever find Him, but I am absolutely certain that He will find you!"

He shrugged a little and left my class and my life. I felt slightly disappointed at the thought that he had missed my clever line "He will find you!" At least I thought it was clever.

Later I heard that Tommy had graduated and I was duly grateful. Then a sad report came. I heard that Tommy had terminal cancer. Before I could search him out, he came to see me. When he walked into my office, his body was very badly wasted and the long hair had all fallen out as a result of chemotherapy. But his eyes were bright and his voice was firm, for the first time, I believe.

"Tommy, I've thought about you so often I hear you're sick," I blurted out.

"Oh, yes, very sick. I have cancer in both lungs. It's a matter of weeks."

"Can you talk about it, Tom?" I asked.

"Sure, what would you like to know?" he replied.

"What's it like to be only 24 and dying?"

"Well, it could be worse."

"Like what?"

"Well, like being 50 and having no values or ideals, like being 50 and thinking that booze, seducing women, and making money are the real biggies in life."

I began to look through my mental file cabinet under 'S' where I had filed Tommy as strange. (It seems as though everybody I try to reject by classification, God sends back into my life to educate me.)

"But what I really came to see you about," Tom said, "is something you said to me on the last day of class." (He remembered!) He continued, "I asked you if you thought I would ever find God and you said, 'No!' which surprised me. Then you said, 'But He will find you.' I thought about that a lot, even though my search for God was hardly intense at that time." (My clever line. He thought about that a lot!)

"But when the doctors removed a lump from my groin and told me that it was malignant, that's when I got serious about locating God. And when the malignancy

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## *Note from the Pastor (cont.)*

spread into my vital organs, I really began banging bloody fists against the bronze doors of heaven. But God did not come out.. In fact, nothing happened. Did you ever try anything for a long time with great effort and with no success? You get psychologically glutted, fed up with trying. And then you quit. Well, one day I woke up, and instead of throwing a few more futile appeals over that high brick wall to a God who may be or may not be there, I just quit. I decided that I didn't really care about God, about an after life, or anything like that. I decided to spend what time I had left doing something more profitable. I thought about you and your class and I remembered something else you had said: 'The essential sadness is to go through life without loving. But it would be almost equally sad to go through life and leave this world without ever telling those you loved that you had loved them.'"

"So, I began with the hardest one, my Dad. He was reading the newspaper when I approached him."

"Dad."

"Yes, what?" he asked without lowering the newspaper.

"Dad, I would like to talk with you."

"Well, talk."

"I mean...It's really important."

The newspaper came down three slow inches.  
"What is it?"

"Dad, I love you. I just wanted you to know that."

Tom smiled at me and said it with obvious satisfaction, as though he felt a warm and secret joy flowing inside of him.

"The newspaper fluttered to the floor. Then my father did two things I could never remember him ever doing before. He cried and he hugged me. We talked all night, even though he had to go to work the next morning. It felt so good to be close to my father, to see his tears, to feel his hug, to hear him say that he loved me.

"It was easier with my mother and little brother. They cried with me, too, and we hugged each other, and

started saying real nice things to each other. We shared the things we had been keeping secret for so many years."

"I was only sorry about one thing --- that I had waited so long. Here I was, just beginning to open up to all the people I had actually been close to."

"Then, one day I turned around and God was there. He didn't come to me when I pleaded with Him. I guess I was like an animal trainer holding out a hoop, 'C'mon, jump through. C'mon, I'll give you three days, three weeks.'

"Apparently God does things in His own way and at His own hour. But the important thing is that He was there. He found me! You were right. He found me even after I stopped looking for Him."

"Tommy," I practically gasped, "I think you are saying something very important and much more universal than you realize. To me, at least, you are saying that the surest way to find God is not to make Him a private possession, a problem solver, or an instant consolation in time of need, but rather by opening to love. You know, the Apostle John said that. He said: 'God is love, and anyone who lives in love is living with God and God is living in him.'

"Tom, could I ask you a favor? You know, when I had you in class you were a real pain. But (laughingly) you can make it all up to me now. Would you come into my present Theology of Faith course and tell them what you have just told me? If I told them the same thing it wouldn't be half as effective as if you were to tell it."

"Ooh I was ready for you, but I don't know if I'm ready for your class." "Tom, think about it. If and when you are ready, give me a call."

In a few days Tom called, said he was ready for the class, that he wanted to do that for God and for me. So we scheduled a date. However, he never made it. He had another appointment, far more important than the one with me and my class. Of course, his life was not really ended by his death, only changed. He made the great step from faith into vision. He found a life far more beautiful than the eye of man has ever seen or the ear of man has ever heard or the mind of man has ever imagined. Before he died, we talked one last time.

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### Note from the Pastor (cont.)

"I'm not going to make it to your class," he said.

"I know, Tom."

"Will you tell them for me? Will you tell the whole world for me?"

"I will, Tom. I'll tell them. I'll do my best."

So, to all of you who have been kind enough to read this simple story about God's love, thank you for listening. And to you, Tommy, somewhere in the sunlit, verdant hills of heaven --- 'I told them, Tommy, as best I could.'

If this story means anything to you, please pass it on to a friend or two. It is a true story and is not enhanced for publicity purposes. With thanks,

Rev. John Powell, Professor  
Loyola University in Chicago

*Father John Powell, S.J. was a professor of Theology at Loyola University in Chicago*

## Parish News

### ...FOR I WAS HUNGRY, YOU GAVE ME FOOD

#### GRACE CAFÉ - MONDAY FEBRUARY 25

Would you like to help those who are hungry, lonely, or out of work? Mary Queen of Heaven is hosting Grace Cafe on Monday night February 25. We are looking for volunteers to make salad, fruit salad and desserts. Salads and desserts can be dropped off Monday Feb 25 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Desserts can also be dropped off after 8:30 a.m. Mass on Monday. You can contact Debbie Styka at (630) 941- 7224 or by email at [debbie@computronics.com](mailto:debbie@computronics.com).

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



## Lenten Schedule

### PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



Stations of the Cross  
Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

Lenten Parish Missions  
Immaculate Conception Parish, Elmhurst  
March 3, 4, 5, 6 at 7:00 p.m.  
Visitation Parish, Elmhurst  
March 10, 11, 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Mission: "Faith in the Second Half of Life"  
Given by: Father Tony  
St. Michael Church, Wheaton  
310 S Wheaton Ave., Wheaton, IL  
Sunday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Reconciliation Service  
Tuesday, February 19  
7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday  
March 28  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:00 p.m.



Good Friday  
March 29  
Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m.  
Good Friday Service  
7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday  
March 30  
Blessing of Easter Baskets  
11:00 a.m. in Church  
Solemn Easter Vigil  
7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday  
March 31  
Masses:  
8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon

## Religious Education News

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please mark your calendars:

- ◆ **Saturday, March 16** - Confirmation final interviews will take place in the school building for all our Confirmation candidates starting at 9:00 a.m. Candidates will be notified by mail of their exact interview time and place.
- ◆ **Change of date:** The date of the Living Stations that are depicted by our 7<sup>th</sup> graders has been changed from Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. to Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. This was done because so many of our students are going to be out of town for Spring Break.

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

## Preschool News



### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Become a part of our growing school! Schedule a visit, meet the teachers, and see the classroom. Registration has begun. Registration papers can be found on our website. Please note changes have been made on the forms. Come visit us!

Open House Dates:

<b>Saturday, February 16</b>	<b>3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 26</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. - noon</b>
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>

**For additional information please contact :**  
**Mrs. Genet Pinkerton,**  
**Director Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool**  
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**[www.maryqueenpresschool.org](http://www.maryqueenpresschool.org)**

## Parish Calendar



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 24

#### Sunday, February 17, 2013

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM	MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	RCIA in Room 13
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Fellowship in Barrett Hall
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Baptisms in Church

#### Monday, February 18, 2013

**President's Day (Office Closed)**

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	CRHP (Women) Planning Mtg. in Social Hall
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Commission Meeting in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	CRHP (Men) in Room 13

#### Tuesday, February 19, 2013

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Gospel John Part I in Conf. Room
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Parish Lenten Penance Service in Church
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Gospel John Part I in Room 9-10

#### Wednesday, February 20, 2013

8:30 AM	MQH Mass
3:15 PM - 8:00 PM	RE Classes
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Gospel John Part I in Conf. Room

#### Thursday, February 21, 2013

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

#### Friday, February 22, 2013

##### CRHP Women's Weekend

8:30 AM	Communion Service
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross in Church

#### Saturday, February 23, 2013

##### CRHP Women's Weekend

##### Walk-In Ministry Food Drive

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Electronic Recycling in Parking Lot
3:30 PM	Confessions
4:30 PM	MQH Mass

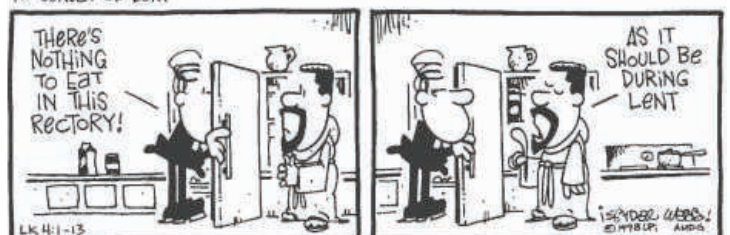
#### Sunday, February 24, 2013

##### CRHP Women's Weekend

##### Walk-In Ministry Food Drive

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

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



## Diocesan News



*The Upper Room*

*Crisis Hotline*

### THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room is a hotline in support of our priests, deacons, and religious brothers who need a lift when life gets troublesome. It is a national service, receiving calls from across the U.S., as well as from countries such as Australia, Germany, UK, Austria, Norway, South Korea and Canada. You will be trained to listen, give appropriate referrals, and help the caller through the crises in their life, especially when some feel life is not worth living. Now is the time to show our love and respect to these good men and help them in their time of need. Please register to help. Compassionate volunteers are always needed to keep the Line open and operative.

A new training class for volunteers is beginning February 19<sup>th</sup>, until March 21<sup>st</sup> and will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:30pm. Please come to support our priests, deacons, and Religious brothers by completing the information below and returning it to: The Upper Room Crisis Hotline, P.O. Box 3572, Joliet, IL 60434 or call to register at: 1-815-341-9124.

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The Elmhurst Knights of Columbus 1911 would like to invite you to our annual Lenten Fish Fry nights, beginning Friday, 2/15 and running for 6 weeks. Doors open at 4:30 and service runs until 8:00. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children with a cash bar. Takeout orders are available. Stop by the Hall (537 S. York) for some Icelandic Cod dipped in our special beer batter.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Riva	Fr. Riva	Fr. Riva
<b>Lector</b>	M. Reed	K. Sutkus	P. Reynertson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	K. Diggins (S) J. Unger (C) J. Vilim	D. Gornick (S) J. Lewand (C)	K. Mueller (S) G. Pinkerton (C)
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M. Kerley M. McDonough J. Nosek	C. Letourneau K. Lewand S. Lewand	A. Lang J. Mirretti J. Race

 Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, February 10, 2013	
<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$8,820.73</b>
<b>Parish Pay</b>	<b>\$4,326.43</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$81.11</b>
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$13,228.27</b>

185 parishioner envelopes were used.  
143 parishioners - Parish Pay.

**Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.**

 MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, February 17, 2013**

8:30 AM People of Mary Queen  
10:30 AM † Ersilia Frangella  
† Emanuele Picciola  
† Luigina Picciola

**Monday, February 18, 2013**

8:30 AM Lauren Sknerski

**Tuesday, February 19, 2013**

8:30 AM † Mary Enright

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

8:30 AM † Della Rose Schroedl

**Thursday, February 21, 2013**

8:30 AM † Joseph Bruno

**Friday, February 22, 2013**

8:30 AM Communion Service

**Saturday, February 23, 2013**

4:30 PM † Patricia Timothy

**Sunday, February 24, 2013**

8:30 AM † Kathleen Buckley Nolan  
10:30 AM † Ralph St. Pierre

† indicates person is deceased

**Readings for the Week of February 17, 2013**

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

**Prayer List**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Margaret Barone  
Baby Dylan Kimbler  
Baby Etienne Lewis Summers



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



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