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FOLY BIBLE

Third SUNDAY of LENT

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March 3, 2013 Third 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

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



Breathing and Prayer

By now, please God, we should be well into our Lenten practices. And the major practice of Lent (and

of life) is prayer. Pray, pray, pray, pray! But how? Written prayers are fine, conversations with the Lord are better and (forgive my prejudice) Contemplative Prayer is best. A few years ago we had Fr. William Meninger with us to teach Contemplative Prayer. Today I share with you a form of contemplative prayer that is as natural and necessary as breathing.

St. Paul admonishes us to, "pray always." That seems easier said than done. How do I pray when I am in conversation with someone, doing intensive work, or even watching TV? How do I "pray always?" One answer, as I have previously taught, is the Jesus prayer. It is commonly called "The Prayer of the Pilgrim." It goes simply like this, "Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." I first learned the Jesus Prayer as a junior in high school reading J.D. Salinger's book, Franny and Zooey. The idea is to say the prayer over and over and over and over and over again until it becomes one with your heartbeat. As an adolescent I thought this would be fun so I did. To this day it is my default prayer. Several times a day it will bubble up to my consciousness and I will find myself repeating, "Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." When I am in a stressful situation I find myself consciously repeating and praying the prayer. Soon it becomes a mantra not unlike the Hail Marys of the Rosary. These prayers can lead us into a contemplative stance.

Contemplation basically peels off all the layers of self-identification that are glued to myself until all that is left is the basic me... who I am in God. There are many kinds of contemplative prayer and it is worthwhile finding one that fits you and to make it your regular practice. Whether it's Centering Prayer as Fr. Meninger taught us or walking the labyrinth, chanting, being in nature, observing our breath or returning to a sacred word --- all of these are about letting go. The purpose of contemplation is to allow all the things that cling to us, our emotions, thoughts, sensations to simply fall away until there is only me in God and God in me. No agenda, no petitions, no nothing but Presence. Contemplation is simply being present to the Presence. What keeps us from doing that and being there are our minds that simply will not shut off. Our thoughts are on automatic pilot 24 hours a day and if we try to focus on a sacred word or our breathing, soon we find ourselves wandering off in a thousand different directions. So what do we do? We begin again. And again, and again, and again. There is no goal or pay off in Contemplative Prayer, there is only the naked now between you and God. And you cannot separate the two.

I never tire of reminding you that you have no independent existence apart from God. The theological term for that is that God is the Ground of our Being. No God in us, no us. We cannot be separated from God. God is as prevalent as... breathing.

If that is true then can we breathe God? Can we breathe prayer? Absolutely. From the time of Moses our Jewish ancestors never spoke the name of God. When Moses asked the Presence in the burning bush what is Your name? The response was, "Yahweh" ... a name that means I am who I am or none of your business. You don't know me but you can breathe me. Thus the Jews did not speak God's name but breathed it: inhale Yah; exhale --- weh. There are no vowels here, just breath. Inhale --- Yah; exhale --- weh. God's name is the first and last to pass through our lips. This simple breathing prayer recalls our first breath outside our mother's womb. We literally are breathing God. It is the breath of both longing and surrender. Breathe the syllables with open mouth and lips, relax the tongue;

Inhale --- Yah; exhale --- weh.

And so every time we breathe we are speaking the Divine name and naming the Divine reality both consciously and unconsciously. By our very breathing we are praying, participating in the grace of God. Now we never become so proficient at breathing that we can quit practicing it. Stop breathing and you die. No God, no life.

In a way this is God praying through us. And it is a way to pray always.

This is the Holy Season of Lent when we are called to give alms and fast and pray... always. All-ways.

In Jesus, the Prayer of God,

Parish News



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Seek Jesus' presence during our day of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, March

4. Our day of prayer begins after 8:30 a.m. Mass and ends with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to join us any time during the day, as well as for Benediction. We welcome people to "adopt" any hour of the day. Just sign your name and phone number on the list in the back of church, or contact Kay Diggins at (630) 530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at (630) 833-7238 with questions or to sign up. Remember, Eucharistic Adoration is held 24/7, in the Visitation Parish Adoration Chapel, 799 S. York Rd.

PADS/SALVATION ARMY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PADS/Salvation Army has volunteer opportunities on Sunday morning, March 24 and Sunday morning, April 28 beginning at 5:45 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. Basic morning clean-up is needed.

This is a fantastic, humbling opportunity for all, especially for our Confirmandi (parents *must* be present).

Location: Salvation Army 1S415 Summit Avenue Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Please email <u>debbie@styka.com</u> or call (630) 941 -7224 with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

CCW is Having a Baby Shower!

Tuesday, March 12

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Barrett Hall

We will let you know more details in the next bulletin

Lenten Schedule

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



<u>Stations of the Cross</u> 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.

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

<u>Good Friday</u> 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

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CCW "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" 2013 CANDIDATES

Marie Grozik... "Alex and I have been married for 13 years. We have been in Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for 11 years. I have been a Bible Study Coordinator and Facilitator for 9 years, a lector for 10 years and one half of a Pre-Cana Mentor Couple for 9 years. Alex and I are part of the RCIA team. I also help Alex with many of his Deaconal ministries, such as Baptisms, Peace and Justice, Ministry of Vocations and wake services. We really enjoy being a part of the Mary Queen family just because it feels like home when we are with all the people here. We came because we enjoyed the liturgies when we visited and we stayed because of the warmth we felt. When I think of all the beautiful women who work so hard here at Mary Queen, I am humbled by this nomination. Thank you for your consideration."

Cybele Japczyk..... "I have been a member of Mary Queen of Heaven for 25 years. My husband, Jim and I have three daughters that we have been blessed to raise in this wonderful community. Mary Queen has been with them from baptism to marriage. Over the last 25 years I taught Religious education for 10 years, been a participant in bible study, served as head of the buildings and grounds committee for 5 years, and have been happy to help wherever needed. Currently I am a member of our PPC as the president elect and have been working with the women's CRHP team for the last two years. Mary Queen of Heaven is my home. I am truly blessed to share this community with my family and friends. I cannot imagine a better place to be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Ruth Maple..... "My husband, Bob, and I have been parishioners for 33 years. We have 3 children – Jessica (32 and a teacher in Japan), Derek (24 and an NIU graduate and an industrial engineer for SPX) and Vicki (a senior at York). In the early 1990s, I worked with the children in the Religious Education classes, teaching them simple church songs to sing at Family Masses. That developed into a children's choir which I directed for 10 years. I have participated in various choir roles, including the Resurrection Choir, the adult choir, the children's choir and as choir director for 3 years. I was a past CCW president, Bible study leader and coordinator of the Christmas Eve Children's Mass. I graduated from the New Wine program in 2010 and started the Prayer Shawl ministry. In my years at Mary Queen, I have grown both spiritually and in leadership. I love the feeling of home and family that I get at Mary Queen of Heaven."

Norma Williamson..... "I have been a parishioner of Mary Queen of Heaven my entire life. My husband, Matt, and I have been married for 9 years. Matt is a Knight of Columbus. We have a son, Roberto, who is 4 years old and will be attending kindergarten at IC in the fall. I am involved in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Bereavement Ministry, Bible study, the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, Parish Council, RCIA and the Mary Queen of Heaven Business Networking group. I also run the Easter Egg Hunt. I am a Eucharistic Minister and enjoy helping out in the parish wherever I am needed."

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 7th 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.
- Wednesday, March 27 No classes due to Spring Break

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

Sunday, March 3	9
Thursday, March 7	5

9:00 a.m. - noon 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For additional information please contact : Mrs. Genet Pinkerton, Director Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500 mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org www.maryqueenpresschool.org

Diocesan News

BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND LUNCHEON

The Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting its annual Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Fund (BBSF) luncheon on Saturday March 9 at White Fence Farm in Romeoville. BBSF provides scholarships to deserving students desiring an education from a Catholic high school within the Diocese of Joliet. Everyone is invited to attend this wonderful luncheon. Please help us make the dreams of students in our diocese come true.

The donation for this event is \$30 per person. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon begins with a prayer service at 12:15 with lunch being served at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Maryann at (630) 766-0462 or Carlotta at (630) 941-3377

U.S. BISHOPS URGE A "CALL TO PRAYER FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE, AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The 5 Part "Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty" is underway and will continue until the feast of Christ the King on November 24, 2013. Our aim is to pray so that a culture of life can flourish, marriage can be protected, and religious liberty is secured in the United States. 5 Ways to Participate include:

- 1) Monthly Holy Hour
- 2) Daily Rosary
- 3) Prayers of the Faithful
- 4) Fasting & Abstinence
- 5) Fortnight for Freedom 2013

For more information visit:

http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/ life-marriage-liberty.cfm

SZ	MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 9 SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013				
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM		
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta		
Lector	B. Dunn	M. Grozik	T. Kowalski		
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Eadon (S) G. Los (C) S. Pingitore C. Reisenbuckler T. Sabel H. Todd J. Unger	K. Vicary (S) R. Styka (S) N. Williamson D. Bernstein J. Eichorst D. Gornick	G. Pinkerton (S) J. Spears (C) W. Bonfiglio M. Fielding D. Justus P. Letourneau P. Mason		
Altar Servers	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez M. McDonough	K. Lewand S. Lewand C. Letourneau	A. Lang E. Fahey K. Selfridge		





Sunday, March 3,	2013
8:30 AM	Rev. Anthony Taschetta
10:30 AM †	Anthony Divito

Monday, March 4, 2013 8:30 AM † Albert Fuchsen

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 8:30 AM † Ernestine Eleonore Garcia

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

8:30 AM † Ralph St. Pierre † Rev. Victor Rudden

Thursday, March 7, 2013 8:30 AM People of Mary Queen

Friday, March 8, 2013 8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, March 9, 2013

4:30 PM † Patrick O'Leary † Andy O'Leary

Sunday, March 10, 2013

8:30 AM † Brenda Scanlon 10:30 AM † Florian Japczyk

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 3, 2013

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: Tuesday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30 Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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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