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March 10, 2013 Fourth 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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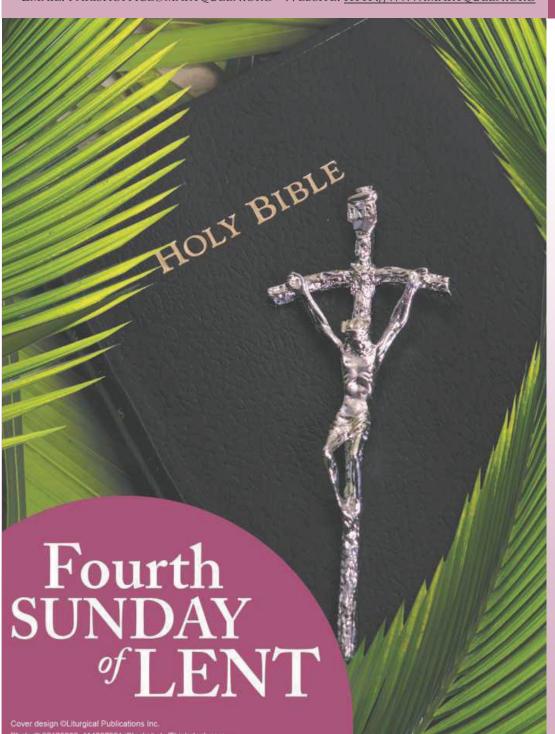
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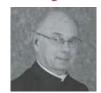
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Note from the Pastor



Letting Go Gracefully

There is a saying that, "The hardest thing for anybody to say in 25 words or less is, 'goodbye'." It

used to drive me crazy as a little kid when my parents would be leaving a wedding reception saying goodbye to all the relatives. It took forever! But then, saying goodbye always involves a leaving, a separation, a letting go. I have come to believe that "letting go" is the hardest thing we must all learn to do... and the most indispensible.

As I have said so many times, everything I ever needed to know about God, life, relationships and death is contained in the old saying of the black matriarchs, "Let go and Let God."

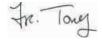
I have watched many a tear flow from a mother's eyes as she let go of her little one going for the first time to kindergarten. And sometimes it's even worse when she has to let them go for college. If we love, we tend to cling and yet true love is always about letting go. But how? How do you do it when every instinct and every fiber in your body wants to hold on? The truth is, without a model, without seeing it done in practice, it is almost impossible to let go.

We do, however, have a model. We have a super model. We have right before our eyes one who has been endowed with supernatural gifts and powers and with a profound act of humility and grace he has let it all go.

He is Benedict XVI, the now Pope Emeritus. And he is preparing for his ultimate letting go of the mortal life we so jealously cling to. Oh, would that the Castro brothers and Assad not to mention a whole lot of others would follow his lead. So much pain and suffering is caused in the name of holding on. And not just in the political sphere but in all areas of life. I dare say that most of our pain and suffering comes from refusing to accept reality as it is. And the tragedy is that in trying to reconfigure the world according to my vision of it, that to which I am clinging, I cause ten times more pain for myself and others.

From the time we are little children we are given the opportunity to let go of little things in preparation of letting go of the biggest... our mortal life. And here we have the ultimate model of letting go, our Lord, Jesus. "Tho He was the in the form of God He did not deem equality with God as something to be grasped at rather He emptied Himself." In the first half of life we gather; in the second half we scatter, we let go. And the secret is to let go gracefully. The sadness of our culture is that it is not teaching us to do that. Instead we go into this night kicking and screaming and holding on to every last option to keep our body alive. How sad. We have all heard horror stories of procedures being done at the end of life just to give us another two months or six weeks or four days only to have us die in the end with more pain and suffering. Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not against medical intervention if it's going to truly add to the quality and quantity of life, or if it is going to relieve pain and suffering. But if it is only because we cannot let go... well... there has to be a better way, and there is. Next week, I'll share that way.

In Jesus, Our Model,



Parish News



BLESSINGS FOR BOLIVIA

The Diocese of Joliet will leave again for a mission trip to Sucre, Bolivia on April 6. I am asking for your help with erasers, pencils, children's chewable vitamins (no gummies). I also ask for new children's underwear in the package. This is something that is almost non-existent in the poorest of countries. A basket will be in the back of church.

Now I ask for the most important gift you can give and share with our mission; your prayers! If you have any questions, please call Judy at (630) 258-5577.

Thank you in Christ.

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 10 - MARCH 17

Sunday, March 10, 2013 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Youth Group Destiny in Room 1

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

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Youth Group Wings in Barrett Hall

Monday, March 11, 2013

8:30 AM MQH Mass

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Business Networking Mtg. in Social Hall

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

8:30 AM MQH Mass

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Gospel John Part I in Conf. Room
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Women) in Room 13
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Baptism Class in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Gospel John Part I in Room 9-10

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Bulletin Deadline March 24, 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, March 14, 2013

8:30 AM MQH Mass

8:45 PM - 10:15 PM Yoga Class in Barrett Hall

Friday, March 15, 2013

8:30 AM Communion Service

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 16, 2013

Easter Food Drive

9:00 AM Confirmation Final Interviews in School

3:30 PM Confessions 4:30 PM MQH Mass

Sunday, March 17, 2013

Easter Food Drive

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

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

GRACE CAFÉ - THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers for setting up, cooking, baking, serving and cleaning up, and to the high school musicians for their lovely music. Thank you also for your monetary donations. You all warmed the hearts and tummies of people needing a lift, a little break. Guests raved about the home cooked food! We were able to send them home with leftovers for their lunch the next day. This was a great community project and your help was very much appreciated. Thank you also to Nu Crepes, 115 West Schiller Court in Elmhurst for their donation.

Lenten Schedule

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

Lenten Parish Mission

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.

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

Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 a.m. in the school

Solemn Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday

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

Parish News

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT UPDATE

Several weeks ago we announced the formation of the Mary Queen of Heaven education Endowment. The response thus far has been wonderful.

The initial challenge came from an anonymous parishioner who is giving the Parish \$15,000 to start the endowment. He wished to leverage this gift by asking 15 parishioners who could give \$1,000 to do so. I am happy to announce we already have 10 of the 15 with more promised. In addition to this, we have two \$10,000 pre-Christmas gifts for the endowment. So, as you can see, we are on our way. I would love to see us raise a million dollars the principal of which will never be touched, but the interest will go to do so many wonderful things for education.

Many of you have expressed interest in giving but could not at this time afford a thousand dollar gift. Trust me, all gifts no matter the amount are welcome. Toward this end, there is a special "Education Endowment" envelope in your packets which will be sent out quarterly with the regular envelopes. Use it as you will. The gift you give, I promise you, will keep on giving.

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.

MQH EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 30, 2013

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 11:30am after the Blessing of the baskets. This year it will be inside the school and kids up to 7 years old can participate. We will split the egg hunt into three rooms according to age group: 2-3yr olds, 4-5yr olds, and 6-7yr olds. Each room will have an egg with a golden coin in it. Who-

ever finds the coin will win an Easter basket.



We will also have a visit from the Easter Bunny... so parents bring your cameras.

For more information, please contact Norma Williamson at (630) 215-8611 or email her at: njvdesigns@yahoo.com.

OPPORTUNITY! SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELMHURST COLLEGE 2013-2014

Parishioners who are attending Elmhurst College are encouraged to apply for one of two scholarships to be given by MQH. You can be a traditional undergraduate student or a non-traditional adult student. Scholarships are \$2,500 each and are available now for the 2013-2014 academic year. If you are interested in applying, please contact Ruth Pusich, the Director of Financial Aid: ruthp@elmhurst.edu to receive consideration.

THE CCW BABY SHOWER HAS BEEN POSTPONED. PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR NEW DATE.

Parish News

MQH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Why is it called a prayer shawl? Shawls wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and warmth. As each shawl is being



created, its maker is in prayer for the future recipient. A prayer may start by affirming the Lord's love and mercy and go on to ask the He show mercy to, or give comfort to the receiver of the shawl. It may ask for restored health or faith for the receiver. The prayers are heartfelt and can be individualized to specific needs.

Prayer shawls have been created for the newborns and families at the Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, youth patients at the hospital, our Ministry of Care for hospital visits, the sick of our Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, and as requests are made.

This is a perfect ministry for compassionate people who can knit, crochet, quilt, measure, sew, cut, and tie, providing a special loving gift. What a great way to give someone a much needed hug at a time when you can't be there yourself.

Other Ways to Participate:

- Pray for both those who make shawls and for the recipients - this is a critical part of this ministry. So if you can pray, we want to know it, partner with us, pray with us, pray for us.
- Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry as we work together on items of comfort for others. We knit, crochet and tie fleece shawls. If you can measure, cut, crochet, knit or pray, we welcome you! Contact us!
- Donate yarn (three skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn make one prayer shawl) OR Fleece
 1 2 yards in one piece.
- Donate funds.
- Make a shawl at home and drop off at rectory.

Call Ruth at (630) 279-5612 for more information on this wonderful ministry or to receive a prayer shawl.

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

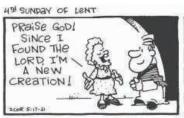
For more information on any of the above, please contact the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email at mghmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

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!





Diocesan News

MUSIC COORDINATOR JOB OPPORTUNITY ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH

Immediate opening for a part-time position responsible for coordinating the liturgical music needs of the parish. Candidates must be proficient in singing and playing the piano and organ. Experience conducting choirs is also required. Hours are approximately 8-12 hours per week plus off site prep time. The salary is commensurate with experience. There are also opportunities to work special ceremonies such as weddings and funerals for additional compensation. For a full job posting and description, please send a brief request to **jobsearch@stcbparish.org**. Resumes and cover letters could also be sent to this e-mail address.

MORNING OF REFLECTION

The Joliet Diocese Council of Catholic Women (JDCCW) is hosting a morning of reflection on March 16 at the Tau Center in Wheaton located at 26W171 Roosevelt Rd. The program is from 8:30 a.m. to noon with an optional lunch following the program. It is titled We are a Pilgrim People. The program is \$10 and the optional lunch is \$5. Women of all faiths are invited to join us. For more information, call the JDCCW office at (815) 834-4080



Deadlines for the bulletin:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, March 24	Wednesday, March 13
Sunday, March 31	Wednesday, March 20
Sunday, April 7, 2012	Thursday, March 28

Thank you for your cooperation.

MONDAY NIGHT LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES ST JOSEPH PARISH JOURNEY THROUGH LENT



MONDAY MARCH 11 AT 7:00 PM

This Monday St. Joseph Parish, Addison, welcomes Fr. Steve Bevans. Fr. Steve's presentation is titled: "Big Perspectives on a Big Meeting: An Introduction to Vatican II".

This talk will focus on the meaning of an ecumenical council, offer some reasons why Vatican II is similar and yet quite distinctive in terms of past councils, and offer four themes that run through the Council: aggiornamento, resourcement, development, and literary style.

Reconciliation will be available. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the presentation.

Fr. Steve Bevans, SVD is a priest of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) and serves as Louis J. Luzbetak, SVD Professor of Mission and Culture at Catholic Theological Union in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago, where he has taught for twenty-seven years. He has studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, and at the University of Notre Dame, where he received his Ph.D. in 1986. Fr. Steve has published six books, and has taught and lectured around Chicago, the United States, and in many countries in the world. He has taught courses on Vatican II at Catholic Theological Union, and this past fall semester he coordinated an eleven-part lecture series on the Council.

St. Joseph Parish 330 E. Fullerton Ave. Addison IL

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 16 SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
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Collection Totals for: Sunday, February 24, 2013		
Adults	\$9,018.98	
Parish Pay	\$4,326.43	
Children	\$55.66	
Collection Total	\$13,402.07	

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

Sunday, March 3, 2013		
Adults	\$8,034.40	
Parish Pay	\$4,151.60	
Children	\$74.01	
Collection Total	\$12,260.01	

202 parishioner envelopes were used. 144 parishioners - Parish Pay.

Sunday, March 10, 2013

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

Monday, March 11, 2013

8:30 AM † Patricia Timothy

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

8:30 AM † Dorothy Corso

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

8:30 AM † Joseph Bruno

Thursday, March 14, 2013

8:30 AM † Robert Clements

Friday, March 15, 2013

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, March 16, 2013

4:30 PM † John Brennan

Sunday, March 17, 2013

8:30 AM † Betty O'Malley

10:30 AM † Bernadette Brinkmann

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 10, 2013

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/ Sunday:

Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 Monday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 Tuesday: Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 Thursday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Friday:

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 Saturday:

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Margaret Barone Baby Dylan Kimbler Baby Etienne Lewis Summers

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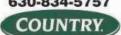
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