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March 17, 2013 Fifth 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

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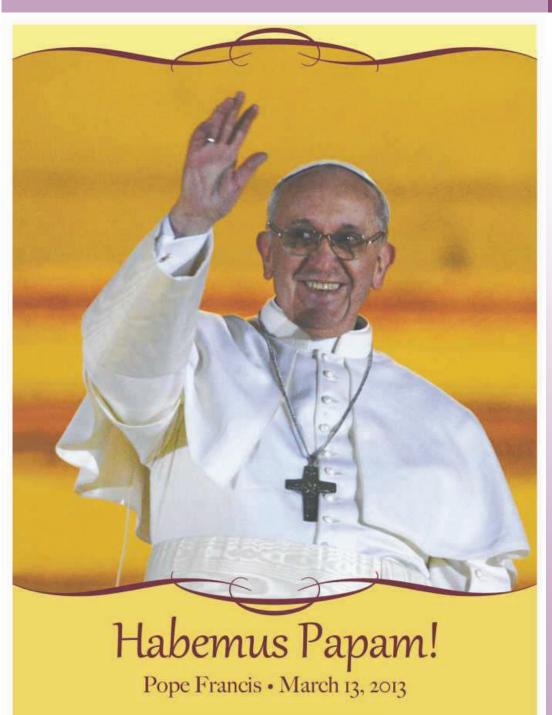
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Note from the Pastor



Letting Go Gracefully Part II

Last week I shared the importance of learning how to let go.

I wrote that without a model, it is almost impossible to do because it is so counter intuitive — so against our cultural and human inclination to hold on and grasp. This week I present the models. They are our local saints who can teach us so much. Learn from them.

Among the wonders and the joys of being a priest are the incredible life lessons you are taught by your parishioners. In the process of ministering to them, they teach you so much more and give back so much more than you give in the first place.

This has happened to me in the last month for two of our parishioners. The first was Dr. Jim Cassidy whom I have never personally met. Dr. Cassidy was the chief -of-staff at Loyola University Medical Center and obviously one incredible man of faith. How we die speaks volumes about how we lived. And dying well (and I use "well" not only as an adverb, but also as an adjective) is something we all need to learn how to do. Dying well effects not only the person dying but every member of his family, his friends and even the community at large. Jim Cassidy died well. As I sat down with his son, Tim and his daughter Trisha, I could only marvel at the courage and the grace that Jim had at looking at death without flinching, without fear. Only a man with deep and profound faith could do that and, obviously, this is who he was. Being a doctor, he knew that there were many options to prolong his physical life, but he also knew that he was dying. And so he didn't choose all of these options, instead he went home to be with his family with hospice and to take the time to say goodbye, share his love and prepare to meet his God face to face. We have a name for that. We call it the grace of a happy death. He was even able to write about it with a marvelous sense of humor in a poem that he called, Time.

Time

My clock has parts left over And I don't know where they go It doesn't tick; it barely tocks; It's running kind of slow.

My life has parts left over
That I haven't ever used;
It's how to make the most of them
And keep myself amused.

My wits are at their sharpest But my bones are rather dull. My sails are opened to the breeze. I'm sagging in the hull.

Reality restrains me.

Don't know how to behave.

With one eye on the big hand,
I've got one foot in the grave.

The model of grace and letting go was also shared with me by the parents of parishioner, Dee Weiler. I asked permission of them to share this with you because it is so powerful, personal and so very profound. It has touched me to the core of my being. There are certain topics that are culturally taboo. They are the elephants in the room that we refuse to discuss. One of them used to be cancer. We couldn't even say the word out loud but referred to it as the big "C". Mental illness is still that way. How sad that so many suffer with no one to listen. But the ultimate taboo topic is our own personal death. Well, Jack and Nancy Burton are paving the way and modeling for us how to approach the most important topic of our life: how we are to die (and live) with, around and among the people we love. This is exactly what Jack and Nancy asked me to do with them and their daughters one day a few weeks ago. I was undone by their beauty, honesty and grace.

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Note from the Pastor

Jack and Nancy met in service to their country during WWII and they soon became star-crossed lovers. They knew that they wanted to be one with each other for the rest of their lives but it wasn't necessarily going to be easy. Jack came from an Orthodox/Conservative Jewish family and Nancy was as Irish and Catholic as St. Patty himself. Respecting each other's religious traditions and yet transcending them in love (love trumps everything) these two truly became one. They settled in Elmhurst, Jack started his ophthalmology practice, Nancy became the ultimate gadabout of our fair town and they raised their family. And now it was time for a new chapter in their lives.

Several years ago, Jack was diagnosed with cancer with which he has been battling on and off. And several years ago, Nancy was diagnosed with the onset of Alzheimer's. Several weeks ago their daughter, Deidre called me with a request that I almost never get. "Mom and Dad are preparing for their death and wanted to know if you wouldn't mind sitting down with them and talking to them about it." Talk about the elephant in the room! When I got to their apartment we chit-chatted for a while, had a nice lunch and... I didn't know how to bring up the topic. But they did. With unabashed humility, honesty and beauty they asked about how they could prepare for their future passing from this life to the next. Nancy spoke openly about the Alzheimer's with no self-pity, no seeming regret and honest joy (it must be noted, that Nancy is the ultimate extrovert's extrovert. She loves everybody and everything and if you stand still long enough, you're going to be hugged and kissed). Jack, in his senior years has become a true Jewish sage. With wonderful wit and wisdom, he spoke about the best way for them to live out their years. Literally, all I could do was just sit there in utter amazement, speechless. Well, not quite. (Have you ever known me to be speechless?) And so we shared. We shared so many wonderful things not only about their past, but how they were to live every day that they had left. We shared how they were to live in the sacred, naked, NOW. It was a wonderful, magical encounter and I walked away blessed by being in their holy presence.

It has been said that we are a people with stoneaged emotions, medieval theology and God-like technology. As our population ages with medical advancements, it is imperative for the emotional and spiritual aspects of our lives to keep pace. For while medicine can allow us to cling on and hold on, true and healthy spirituality will always teach us how to let go. And a mature life well lived will always, "Let go and let God."

This is what our local saints, our models are teaching us to do so beautifully. It is now our turn to learn.

In Jesus, Our Model,





Jack and Nancy Burton

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 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

Monday, March 18, 2013

8:30 AM MQH Mass

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Easter Food Drive Sorting in Church 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Commission Mtg. in Barrett Hall

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

8:30 AM

MQH Mass

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Bulletin Deadline March 31, 2013

8:30 AM MQH Mass 3:15 PM - 8:00 PM RE Classes

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM RE Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 21, 2013

8:30 AM MQH Mass

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

Friday, March 22, 2013

8:30 AM Communion Service

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Easter Food Basket Distribution 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 23, 2013

3:30 PM Confessions 4:30 PM MQH Mass

Sunday, March 24, 2013 - Palm Sunday

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA Palm Sunday Retreat

EASTER FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

Our Easter Food Collection will be held this weekend, March 16 & 17. We are in need of canned soup,



fruit and vegetables, prepared food, drinks, paper towels, toilet tissue, kleenex, cleaning supplies, and items used to fill children's Easter baskets. Gift cards to purchase ham, etc. for Easter dinner are always needed. Should you have a few hours of free time, we will be sorting the food, etc. on Monday evening March 18 at 7:00 p.m. and can always use help. Thank you for your generosity and help in the past and for your continued support of the needy.

Lenten Schedule

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

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

Congratulations... to Cybele Japczyk, our CCW "Woman of the Year"!

We have wonderful women giving of their time at Mary Queen and we thank them all for this! Save the date,

Thursday June 6, at Francesca's Amici for our "Ladies Night Out" to celebrate our Woman of the Year, Cybele Japczyk More details will follow.

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.

Respect Life News

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

- Second Annual Celebrate Life Banquet Saturday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. – SPONSOR: Knights of Columbus. Bobak's Signature Events, 6440 Double Eagle Dr., Woodridge. KEYNOTE SPEAKER is Drew Mariani of Relevant Radio. \$40/per person/plate John Moravacek 630/983-9209 or John Zabinski 630/747-8439.
- Hope & Healing Given the fact of over 50 million abortions in our country since Roe v. Wade, we all know someone who has been affected by abortionwhether we realize it or not. If you know someone who needs Hope and Healing, pass along the following website address:

http://hopeafterabortion.com/

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.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT





Parish News

MQH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer for All

Dear Lord, please bless these tools of mine.

May I make a shawl of strength, faith, health and love.

Give this shawl the ability to comfort, heal, give strength where it is needed, and of your will it to be.

May the recipient be able to know that you are with them and that they are not alone;

That they are cared for, loved and prayed for;

That your loving arms are around them to protect them for whatever reason they should need when they put on this shawl.

Lord, thank you for the blessings that this shawl is given. Amen.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please mark your calendars:

- 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

Catechists are needed. It is time to start thinking about next fall. As is usually the case, we will have openings at several grade levels next fall. Right now we know for sure that we will need catechists at Gr. 1 and 3 at the first session, and Grades 5, 6, and possibly 7 at the second session. We will certainly need a few folks at the last session but at this time, we are not certain of the grade levels. Please think about stepping up to share your faith with our young people. Call us or send us an email for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Preschool News



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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!

For additional information please contact:

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 23 SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	A. Novar D. Novar	K. Sutkus G. Dolesy	E. Cutri P. Reynertson
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Los (S) J. Vilim (C) S. Pingitore C. Reisenbuckler T. Sabel H. Todd J. Unger	R. Styka (S) K. Vicary (C) N. Williamson D. Bernstein J. Eichorst D. Gornick	J. Spears (S) G. Petrzock (C) W. Bonfiglio M. Fielding K. Gusloff T. Gusloff D. Justus
Altar Servers	J. Nosek K. Selfridge G. Vandenberg	C. Gornick A. Frank E. Foley	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez A. Lang



Collection Totals for: Sunday, March 10, 2013			
Adults	\$7,922.10		
Parish Pay	\$4,151.60		
Children	\$32.25		
Collection Total	\$12,105.95		

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

> Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 17, 2013

8:30 AM † Betty O'Malley

10:30 AM † Bernadette Brinkmann

Monday, March 18, 2013

8:30 AM † Faye St. Pierre

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

8:30 AM † John DiMonte

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

8:30 AM People of Mary Queen

Thursday, March 21, 2013

8:30 AM † Albert Fuchsen

Friday, March 22, 2013

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, March 23, 2013

4:30 PM † Elizabeth Enright

Sunday, March 24, 2013

8:30 AM † Salvatore Rinchiuso 10:30 AM People of Mary Queen

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 17, 2013

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

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

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Monday:

or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Tuesday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 Wednesday:

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 Thursday: Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 Saturday:

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/ls 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/

Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Claudia Patricia Rosero Baby Etienne Lewis Summers

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





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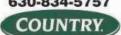
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