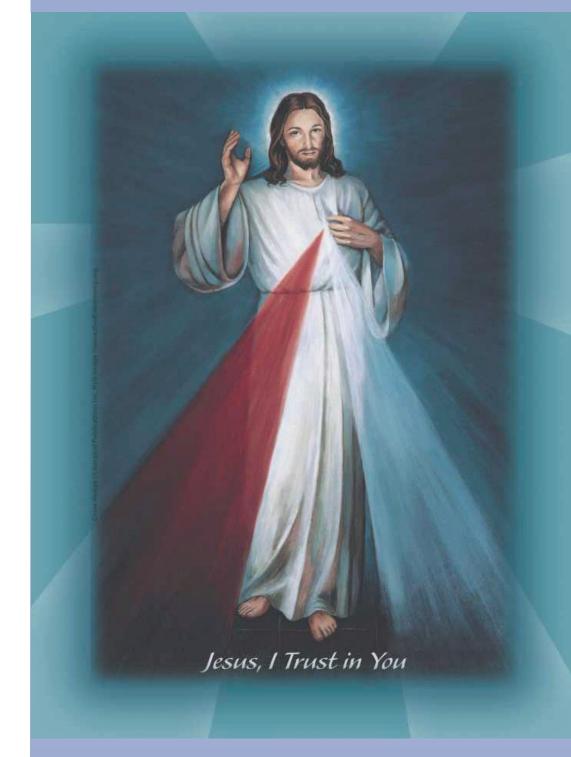
# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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# April 7, 2013 Second Sunday of Easter

### Divine Mercy Sunday

### **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



### Immersed in the Mercy of God

Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter. It used to be called Low Sunday because in comparison to

Easter everything else is... well a little lower. Every Sunday, however, is a little Easter and this Sunday is no exception. Several years ago, Pope John Paul II gave this day a new title: Divine Mercy Sunday. There is a whole personal and private piety that has grown up around it and every year it is celebrated with a Novena, special prayers, and special celebration on the day itself. Visitation Parish here in Elmhurst does a wonderful job in celebrating publicly this devotion and private revelation. And for those interested, I strongly recommend your attendance at today's celebration (Visitation Parish, 779 S. York).

And for those who will not be attending? Not to worry, the mercy is still there. We bathe in the mercy of God, we swim in the mercy of God, we are immersed in God's mercy. It is more than just a day or a celebration of a devotion. It is the ongoing manifestation of God's grace and divine, forgiving presence in the world.

But just what is mercy? It can be described by the story of the man who went before the judge absolutely terrified. When the good judge saw his knees knocking he inquired, "Why are you so afraid? Do you not know that I am a just judge and will give you justice?" "I know that, your Honor, and that is exactly why I am afraid. If you give me justice I am a condemned man. It is not justice that I need but mercy." Mercy is washing the slate clean. Mercy is not tit-for-tat or rebalancing the scales but bathing the beloved in forgiveness and goodness simply because they are the And we are all God's beloved. beloved. lt is unearned and like the woman caught in adultery, sometimes not even asked for. But it does need to be received. It needs to be accepted and embraced. Sometimes we find that most difficult to do. Why? Because we are so schooled in the belief that you only get what you deserve. And we don't deserve it. We haven't earned it. And so very often we are afraid to get it. No mercy. That is so sad. Here it is offered and we don't accept it because we haven't earned it. By definition it is unearned. And consequently we can't give up what we haven't first received. No mercy. Yet it continues to freely flow. How sad.

Our brand new Pope, Francis, has already set a tone for his Papacy. In addition to being the pope for the poor, from his very first sermon and talk at the Angelus three Sundays ago, he is also going to be the Pope of God's mercy. He told the people so simply and yet profoundly, "Mercy is the Lord's most powerful message. God has the ability to forget... He kisses you, He embraces you and He says to you, 'Neither do I condemn you.' It is not easy to trust oneself to the mercy of God because His mercy is an unfathomable abyss - but we must do it! We are to ask for the grace of never tiring of asking pardon for He never tires of pardoning." At the Angelus he later added, "Don't forget the Lord will never tire of forgiving us but it is us who tire of asking for forgiveness. Have a great Sunday and a great lunch." (Now that's the common touch.)

So, today is Divine Mercy Sunday. And what is it again exactly we need to do to receive the mercy of God? What hoops do we need to jump through? What prayers do we need to say? The answer: "D," none of the above. All that is needed is a willingness to receive and dare to believe in God's merciful forgiveness. But this, as the Pope pointed out, is not easy to do. God's mercy is an abyss and we don't feel worthy of diving into it and being washed and bathed in it. Well, we're not. That's why we say, right before Holy Communion, "Lord I am not worthy... " You got that right. We will never earn God's mercy or be worthy of it or merit it in any way. It is a gift! But the gift must be received. And it takes great humility to receive it. Oh, we do ask for it at the beginning of every Mass when we sing our Kyrie Eleison but we are often afraid of it because if we have received mercy now we are called to give as gift what we have received as gift and to become people who are merciful. We are called to give mercy as mercy has been given to us. If we do, mercy grows inside of us. If we don't we lock ourselves out from being able to receive the mercy that surrounds us and, like the Ancient Mariner, we die of thirst surrounded by fresh water. Don't let that happen. Receive the mercy of God, give the mercy of God and receive more mercy. It's not a bad deal.

In Jesus, the Mercy of God Incarnate,

Tr. Tone

# **Parish News**



### **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

There will be training for all altar servers, both new and returning, on Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. in the church. Lunch will be served after the

training. Please contact John Vosicky at (773) 206-4937 or **jkvosicky@sbcglobal.net**, if you have any questions.

### **DO YOU NEED?**

We have a few items that some of our parishioners are willing to donate if you know someone in need. There is a walker with seat, brakes and wheels, a chair with wheels (not a wheelchair) and a chair with a lift. If there is a need, please call the rectory at (630) 279-5700.

### THE PARISH COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

Are you interested in making a difference in the life of the parish?

The PPC is seeking parishioners who are interested in representing the parish on the council. The council is the thinking and planning group of the parish with focus on implementation of the Parish Mission and Vision Statements.

We would like the council to reflect the diversity of the parish and are seeking nominees from varied populations including youth, retired, and diverse ethnic groups. Members should be dedicated to the whole parish well-being, be registered and active members of the Mary Queen of Heaven family and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Since the work of the council is conducted at its monthly meetings the ability to attend evening meetings on the fourth Monday of the month is imperative. Those nominated will be invited to a discernment meeting and the council will prayerfully discern who should serve on the council.

To nominate yourself or a parishioner please contact Mimi Nolan at the parish office or Ginny Dolesy (**gdolesy@aol.com** or (630) 279-3523).

# Parish Calendar



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 7 - APRIL 14

#### Sunday, April 7, 2013

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Youth Group Destiny in Room 1 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Baptisms in Church 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Wings in Barrett Hall

#### Monday, April 8, 2013 8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Business Networking Group in Social Hall

### Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Election Voting in Mary's Gathering Space8:30 a.m.MQH Mass9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.Gospel John Part II in Conf. Room6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.CRHP (Women) in Room 137:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.Baptism Class in Church7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.Gospel John Part II in Room 9-10

### Wednesday, April 10, 2013

8:30 a.m.	MQH Mass
3:15 p.m 8:00 p.m.	RE Classes
6:45 p.m 8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting for parents, candidates
	and sponsors in Church
7:30 p.m 9:00 p.m.	Gospel John Part II in Room 9-10

### Thursday, April 11, 2013

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Yoga Class in Barrett Hall

Friday, April 12, 2013

Bulletin Deadline April 21, 2013 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Saturday, April 13, 2013

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. First Eucharist Parent & Child Bread Breaking in Church 3:30 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. MQH Mass

#### Sunday, April 14, 2013 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3



# **Parish News**

## MQH MEN'S GROUP ANNUAL ROAD TRIP TO MILLER PARK IN MILWAUKEE SATURDAY, APRIL 20

The Men's group of MQH would like to invite all adult-aged men to join them for a late afternoon and evening of baseball watching the Milwaukee Brewers play the Chicago Cubs at Miller Park. The Group will be leaving MQH parking lot at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 by Coach Bus and returning the same night around 11:30 p.m. The cost per man will be \$65.00 which includes your ticket to the game, round trip transportation and beverages on the bus. Tickets are limited to a maximum of 45 and going fast, so don't delay. Please join the men of MQH for some fellowship on this road trip to Miller Park to see America's pastime in full swing! Reserve your space by contacting Jim Japczyk at jjapczyk@aol.com



### CCW BABY SHOWER Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm

Through CCW and Catholic Charities, we are having a baby shower for a young woman who is expecting twin girls in August. She will need diapers, gift cards for Target, and all things baby. The Baby Shower will take place on Tuesday night, April 16 at 7:00 pm in Barrett Hall. If you cannot make the shower, but would like to donate a gift, please drop off the item in the kitchen in Barrett Hall on April 16 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass or in the evening between 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend, please email **debbie@styka.com**, call her at (630) 941-7224 or drop this form in the collection basket. We would like to get an idea of how many people are attending.

Name \_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_

# **MQH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**



The 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.

Shawls and blankets can be given/requested for events such as: undergoing medical procedures, as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress, during bereavement, prayer or meditation, new baby, nursing a baby, bridal shower or wedding gift, leading ritual, during an illness and recovery, ministering to others, any reason important to you or just to feel close to God...there are endless possibilities!

We have been making small prayer shawls for the newborns and families at Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare, our Ministry of Care hospital visits, the sick of our Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, and as requests are made.

Blessings are prayed upon each shawl before they are distributed. A greeting card with a prayer (appropriate for each instance if specifically known) is added to each shawl for each recipient.

Call Ruth (630) 279-5612 for more information on this wonderful Prayer Shawl Ministry, or to receive a prayer shawl.



# **Parish News**



### THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!!

Our Easter Vigil was an evening filled with joy, praise, and hope! We witnessed a new beginning for **Joseph Nagel** who was Baptized, Confirmed and received 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. We congratulate **Judy Baylor, C.J. Fuchsen** who became fully initiated into the Catholic faith in the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Mary Queen of Heaven welcomes all of you! Continue to share your God-given gifts in your homes, places of work, the community and with us! CONGRATULATIONS!

Please pray for these newly initiated as they enter into the Mystagogy experience to continue to unlock the mystery of God's great love for us revealed in the Sacraments of the Church.

Each year I am humbled by the dedication and loyalty of our RCIA Team. This year in particular I have witnessed a growth among the team members in their reflections and insights as we discuss the weekly readings in large part due to the guidance of **Tom Nanak** and **Father Tony's** incredible homilies!

Our retreat this year on the Miracles of Jesus Christ allowed all the team members to reveal their creativity and unique perspectives. Thank you to **Bob Maguda, Deacon Alex and Marie Grozik, Mike VanDerKarr, Karen Vicary, Joseph Sapien, and Tim Sierak** for your consistent support. I am also grateful to **Norma and Mat Williamson** who for the second year in a row put together our retreat luncheon. Yum!

A special thank you needs to go out to **Donna Klopacz, Karen Moore, Mary Nanak, Karen Stukus, Ellen Walker (and their spouses!)** who assume the role of decorating Barrett Hall and coordinating our post vigil reception each year.

> ln Gratitude, Mimi Nolan

# **Religious Ed. & Preschool News**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Our RE year is winding down and we are already starting to plan for next Fall. Please begin to pray about how you can help in our program. As always, we will have some catechist and aide spots to fill. The faith formation of our children is in your hands. At this time, we know that we will have openings at all three sessions.

### Please mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, April 10 Confirmation Parent, Sponsor, and Candidate Meeting at 6:45 p.m. in church.
- Saturday, April 13 Bread Breaking for Grade 2 children & parents 10:00 a.m. in church.
- Tuesday, April 16 Confirmation Practice
  6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Candidates only.
- Wednesday, April 17 Christian Sexuality presentation for Confirmation Candidates & parents at 6:45 p.m. in Barrett Hall.
- Friday, April 19 Celebration of Confirmation 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 24 Last RE class All school food drive during session 3.

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

Become a part of our growing school! Schedule a visit, meet the teachers, and see the classrooms. There are openings in the Kindergarten Enrichment Program and we have begun a wait list for the Preschool. Come visit us!

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**



April is national **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, appropriately during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children.

The Diocese of Joliet has asked that we share with you **Ten Points for Protecting Children.** Today we are sharing the first to fourth of these ten points.

- Sexual molestation is about the victim. Many people are affected when a priest abuses a minor, but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life. The abuser, the family of the abused, and the parish community are all affected by this sin and crime, but the primary person of concern must be the victim.
- 2. No one has the right to have access to children. If people wish to volunteer for the church, for example, in a parish or school, they must follow diocesan guidelines on background checks, safe environment training, policies and procedures, and codes of conduct. No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the church without proper screening and without following the rules.
- 3. Common sense is not all that common. It is naïve to presume that people automatically know boundaries so organizations and families have to spell them out. For example, no youth minister, cleric or other adult leader should be in a child's bedroom, alone with the child.
- 4. Child sexual abuse can be prevented. Awareness that child sexual abuse exists and can exist anywhere is a start. It is then critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm. These barriers come in the form of protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

# **Community News**

# A DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY INVITATION



Visitation Parish 779 S. York Rd Elmhurst, IL 60126

Invites you to receive the graces promised to St. Faustina by Jesus at

A Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service April 7, 2013 Fr. Jan Kretuwicz presiding

1:30 p.m. Confession (5 priests) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### 3:00 p.m.

Incensing of the Blessed Sacrament and Opening Prayer Gospel reading and Divine Mercy homily Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Divine Mercy, Blessing with the Relic of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska Benediction Blessing of religious objects

> The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will NOT be celebrated during the afternoon service.

> > All are Welcome!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, APRIL 13 SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2013			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	B. Dunn	G. Dolesy	E. Cutri
Eucharistic Ministers	S. Pingitore (S) C. Reinsebuckler (C ) T. Sabel H. Todd J. Unger M. White M. Zelinski	M. Grozik (S) D. Bernstein (C) J. Lewand T. Nanak D. Styka R. Styka	G. Pinkerton (S) R. Marro (C) P. Letourneau R. Marro P. Mason K. Mueller B. Kevil
Altar Servers	J. Nosek C. Gornick S. Harrington	D. Dunn M. Kerley A. Lang	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez C. Letourneau





#### Sunday, April 7, 2013

8:30 a.m.	†	Mary & John Taychman
10:30 a.m.	†	Albert Fuchsen

Monday, April 8,	2013
8:30 a.m.	People of Mary Queen

#### Tuesday, April 9, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Brenda Scanlon

- Wednesday, April 10, 2013
- 8:30 a.m. † Dennis White
- Thursday, April 11, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Maricarol Sknerski
- Friday, April 12, 2013 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Saturday, April 13, 2013

4:30 p.m.	+	Ralph & Faye St. Pierre
	+	Lauretta Vero

#### Sunday, April 14, 2013

8:30 a.m.	+	Stella & Bud Lee
10:30 a.m.	†	Blythe O' Sullivan

† indicates person is deceased

### Readings for the Week of April 7, 2013

Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/
	Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	ls 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/
	Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-1



### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Today's readings remind us that Jesus has triumphed over hell and death, as well as how Jesus gave his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, which

enabled them to do many signs and wonders! In response we echo the responsorial Psalm, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting and His mercy endures forever!" We are called to be a resurrection people and reflect God's love and mercy in our own lives and relationships with others. Let your marriage sacrament truly reflect God's love and mercy. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 12-14, 2013. Contact Jim and Kris McCulloch, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at: **wwmejoliet.org**.

