MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." – Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8



July 28, 2013 17th Sunday in Ordinary Tine

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.

<u>Rosary Devotion</u> 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



FROM THE ARCHIVES

As the twig is bent so grows the tree. We arrive on this earth and continue throughout our lives as a work

in progress. None of us come into being completed. We all need to be formed. And to be formed right, right from the beginning, is ever so important. Much better for us to be formed properly the first time around than to end up in "re-form" school. And yet truth be told, we are all in constant re-formation.

The question is, in our world of today how are we being formed? Who is forming us? Who has the power and influence to set the parameters of our vision? I believe there are two very strong formers and framers of our consciousness. One is the popular culture (the world) and the other is religion (both toxic and integrated).

We don't live in a vacuum. We are formed by the people and experiences around us. We are influenced by the loudest voices in our consciousness and by far the one with the most volume is the mass media and the popular culture it proclaims. It is so powerful in forming us. And no one escapes it. I am amazed when I watch my two little grandchildren hear their parents speak to them in Spanish and they always respond in English. Why? Because of Arthur and Dora the Explorer and Clifford the Big Red Dog (for the uninitiated, these are characters on public television). These little ones swim and are formed by the popular culture all around them. And when they watch commercial television, it's even worse. Now they have to have the latest action figure of the Fabulous Four (and I thought they were the Beatles). Without being even aware of it, they are being formed. This is their formation process. And it will continue throughout their lives. They will be taught that they cannot be too thin, too rich or too light skinned and blond (not an easy thing to be when you are born Mestizo). They will be taught that the truly happy people are those with the big cars, big homes, big paychecks and really big credit card debt. This is the American way. And if we have been successful at anything it has been in exporting our pop culture. I remember wandering the Serengeti of Kenya seeing the natives wear Michael Jordan tee-shirts and Bulls caps. And when I mentioned to someone in England that I was from Chicago, they responded, "Ah, yes, Oprah Winfrey."

Now to this juggernaut of formation called the popular culture there is a counter force. It is called religion. The purpose of religion is to bind us to (religio means to tie to or bind to) God. The work of religion is to form us in the ways of God. And what are these ways? And how do we know them? For the people of the book (Jews, Christians and Muslims) it is through the sacred writings, the holy scriptures. For Jews it is the Torah, for Christians it is both the Hebrew and the Christian scriptures, and for Islam, it is the Koran.

The purpose of these sacred writings is to reveal the mind of God and to show us the path of faithfulness to that mind. In short we are to be formed in the ways of God. So, all we need do is read the books and we will know what to do? Ah, there's the rub. The books say many and opposing things. Depending where you read, we have a very violent, judgmental God or we have a forgiving, merciful and loving God. Well, which one is He? And can we absolutely know him? St. Paul answers emphatically, "who can probe the mind of God!?" We are told that as far as the heavens are from the earth so far are God's thoughts from our thoughts. Our problems begin when we superimpose our prejudices, angers, hatreds, and thoughts onto God and then ask God to justify our hatred. The philosopher -theologian Blaise Paschal put it this way, "God created man in His image and likeness and man returned the favor."

For centuries now, atheists have accused believers of being the cause of war. What is so sad is that they are not far off the mark. Almost all wars have a double basis. One is economic (there is not enough for thee and for me and so I will grab what I can) and the other is religious. If I am right, you must be wrong. If I am good, you must be bad. If I am the son of God, you must be the son of Satan. If I am in, you must be out. And therefore to purify my beliefs, you must be destroyed. This was the basis of the Roman persecution against the early Christians. This is the basis of the disastrous crusades in the middle ages. This is the basis of the inquisition and the burning of heretics at the Slake. This is the basis of the genocide that was committed against the American Indian because they were savages, not human. Not Pure. (How ironic the Puritans who escaped Europe for religious freedom denied it to those who came after them). And today

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this is the basis for the terrorism that is plaguing the entire world around us. How did this happen? They were formed in it. Religious formation. But it is a toxic religion. It is a religion that in the name of God allows us to hate and exclude and destroy. I am sorry but whoever this God is, it is not the God revealed by the risen Jesus Christ.

So, if you are formed by the popular culture, and many are formed by toxic religion, is there another formation? Yes. Absolutely. It is the formation of the risen Christ. Jesus did not hate the world. Neither was He of the world. He came to reveal to us the mind of God as best as we could understand. He knew that we could never understand completely so what is lacking by our comprehension must be made up by faith. He told us that even in the midst of disaster and loss and hatred and war that his Father was a loving Father and a forgiving God and that our one work was to trust and have faith in this God. And when this trust and faith is so strong, we are to be able to not only forgive our enemies but love them. The reason is because in the Great Reality, that is in God, all are one. We are all God's children. No one is excluded, believer or nonbeliever. This is the formation of Jesus.

The question for us today is who will form us? Last Sunday, many from our parish got up to speak about faith formation of the next generation, there is nothing more important. Period. I want to thank those who have said yes to be re-formers of our children in the ways of God. And I want to encourage those of you who may be thinking about it to step forward in forming our children, the next generation in the ways of Jesus. And I would like to speak to those adults who are not in the church but have been looking at her for quite some time and wondering if she has some formation for them? We have a marvelous RCIA program here at Mary Queen (rite of Christian initiation for adults). If it is time for your own reformation, do give Mimi Nolan a call. We will be speaking more on this later.

Formation. Jesus was formed in the ways of his Father. We are called to be formed in the ways of Jesus. For the future and salvation of humankind, there is nothing more important.

In Jesus, the image of the Father,



Parish News



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 28 - AUGUST 4

 Sunday, July 28, 2013

 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 MQH Mass

 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Liturgy of

 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Baptisms in Church

MQH Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3 Baptisms in Church

Monday, July 29, 2013 8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

Tuesday, July 30, 2013 8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

Wednesday, July 31, 2013 Bulletin Deadline August 18, 2013 8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

Thursday, August 1, 2013 8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

Friday, August 2, 2013 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

 Saturday, August 3, 2013

 3:30 p.m.
 Confessions

 4:30 p.m.
 MQH Mass

 Sunday, August 4, 2013

 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 MQH Mass

 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3

 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Baptisms in Church

REMINDER BULLETIN DEADLINE! FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2013



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"On coming before the Blessed Sacrament, the adorer prostrates himself to the ground like the Magi Kings...and

thus he adores Him with his whole being by this profound act of respect." (St. Peter Julian Eymard) Come in prayer before Him on our next day of Eucharistic Adoration, Monday, August 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., followed by Benediction. We welcome you to adopt an hour that is comfortable for you to insure we have at least 2 people present. Please refer to the sign-up chart in the back of church, or call Kay Diggins at (630) 530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at (630) 833-7238 for questions. Remember, there is perpetual Eucharistic adoration at Visitation, 799 S. York Road.

Parish News



The **R**ite of **C**hristian Initiation of **A**dults is available to those individuals who:

- are curious to know more about the Catholic faith or know someone who is curious
- have never been baptized
- have been baptized as Catholic, but never had an opportunity to complete their sacramental experience through Confirmation and/or Eucharist.
- have been baptized in another Christian denomination, and would now like to enter into full communion in the Catholic Church.

We, as the parish community of faith at MQH, welcome and are here to assist these individuals in four ways:

- Provide catechesis regarding the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Be examples of a community of prayer and Christian living.
- Be attentive witnesses of the various rites celebrated during Mass.
- Prepare adults to spread the Gospel of Jesus and build the kingdom of God in our world.

If this ministry is of interest to you, please call: Mimi Nolan at (630) 279-5700. You may also complete the following form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the parish house.

- I am interested in beginning the journey through the RCIA as a catechumen or candidate.
- I am interested in being a sponsor for a new person.
- I am interested in knowing more about being a team member of the RCIA.

I need more information; let's talk!

Name:___

Phone #:

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE Registrations - Are you registered? If not, do it now. The back to school ads are starting to pop up in the newspaper. You know what that means. Registrations are still being accepted for those classes where there is still space available. Please note the following classes that are closed:

- At 3:15, grade 2
- At 5:15, grades 4 and 7

The 6:45 p.m. session is open for all grades (5th - 8th grade) at this time. Remember there is always the home school option for nonsacramental year grade levels. However you must register for that option. FYI: registration in the RE program is limited to participating members of Mary Queen Parish.

We are still in need of help for the 2013/2014

3:15 p.m. Session	Grade 1 - 1 catechist Grade 3 - 3 co-catechist Grade 4 - 1 co-catechists
5:15 p.m. Session	Grade 6 - 1 aide
6:45 p.m. Session	Grade 6 - 1 co-catechist

RE year:

We know that that you are out there. If you have ever thought about helping out in the Religious Education Program, now is the time. Don't be shy. We are waiting to hear from you. We cannot do this without you.

Why Be a Catechist?

<u>Being a catechist brings joy.</u> Okay, so not always, especially when the weather is great and the kids would rather be outside playing. But very often, being with energetic, enthusiastic young people gives you renewed energy. They remind us to live and laugh in the present moment and get enthused about life's endless opportunities for joy. If you are a joyful person who loves your Faith and would like to share it with our children, we would love to talk to you.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2013				
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	
Lector	B. Dunn	B. Nosek	S. Napolilli	
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Lawlor (S) G. Los (C) B. Eadon J. Alonso K. Passarelli T. Sabel S. Pingitore	D. Bernstein (S) M. Gorzik (C) P. Mason T. Nanak J. Eichorst D. Gornick	D. Justus (S) G. Pinkerton (C) B. Kevil T. Kevil P. Letourneau R. Marro P. Twardowski	
Altar Servers	G. Vandenberg C. Letourneau B. Hernandez	E. Frank J. Frank A. Frank	T. Procajlo G. Hendron A. Lang	



Collection Totals for: Sunday, July 14, 2013		
Adults	\$5,834.39	
Parish Pay	\$4,051.35	
Children	\$19.00	
Collection Total	\$9,904.74	

146 parishioner envelopes were used. 139 parishioners - Parish Pay.

Thank you for your continued kindness and Generosity! Blessings to you!

Readings for the Week of July 28, 2013

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Jn 11:19-27 or
	Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/
	Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/
	Lk 12:13-21



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

We are well on our way to planning a fantastic 2013-14 school year. Our classes are full but you can still come in for a visit and have your child placed on a wait list.

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



Sunday, July 28, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Kristen Elkins 10:30 a.m. † Judy Sikorski

Monday, July 29, 2013 8:30 a.m. Mary Queen Parishioners

Tuesday, July 30, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Dr. Thomas Pozen

Wednesday, July 31, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Brenda Scanlon

Thursday, August 1, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Bill De Cero

Friday, August 2, 2013 8:30 a.m. Gene Los Family

Saturday, August 3, 20134:30 p.m.Virginia Carlevato90th Birthday

Sunday, August 4, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Anne Kowalski 10:30 a.m. † Kristin Elkins

† indicates person is deceased

