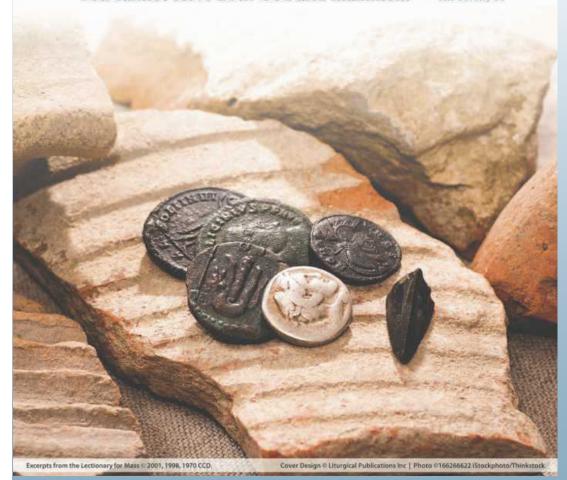
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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." – Lk 16:8b, 13



September 22, 2013 25th 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.

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



I love one-liners. They say so much in so little time and space. Jesus must have loved them too because he used so many, "If you want to find your life, lose your life." "The first shall be last and

the last shall be first." Our new Holy Father Francis along with Henny Youngman (take my wife... please) uses them quite effectively. He recently said, "Right now, we don't have a very good relation with creation." One of my personal favorites is, "The hardest thing for an American to say in 25 words or less is 'good-bye'."

Another one of my favorite one-liners comes from an old Holiday Inn commercial when they advertised, "The best surprise is no surprise." No one is going to throw you a curve ball at the last minute. You know exactly what to expect.

So in the interest of "letting the cat out of the bag" (which is a whole lot easier than putting it back in), I wish to announce in only one line that, "Come June I will be retiring." There. I wrote it. And talk about your mixed emotions. I love being a priest. And I love pastoring Mary Queen of Heaven in Elmhurst. This is one sweet parish with really sweet people. To say I will miss you all is the understatement of the year. But it's time. It really is. In early March I will be turning 70 years old and Bishop Conlon has given me permission to retire in June.

Tennis players hit their prime in their early 20's, women in their mid-30's and priests don't hit their prime until they are in their early 50's. By the time I was 50 years old I realized that I finally had some idea of what I was doing and still had the energy to do it. Now that I am approaching 70 I am not quite sure what I am doing and while I can still do what I did then, it takes me forever to recover from doing it. It is amazing how Sundays bump into Mondays and Mondays ain't easy. I must confess that I tire easily. And, truth be told, I'm really tired of running things, of being in charge. No one told us in the seminary how much administration would be involved in being a priest. And while I love being a priest, I am not such a hot administrator. I marvel at those who do it well and have a natural talent for it. I don't.

There is an old saying, "Shoemaker, stick to your last." It means, do what you do well. Well, my last (and my first for that matter) is the proclamation of the Kingdom and the preaching of Good News. From that, one never retires.

In the Hindu tradition there are four stages of life. The first is that of the celibate student. Learn all you can for what you are going to do. That I have done.

The second is that of the householder. The work of the householder is to make sure that the household doesn't fall apart, make sure the bills are paid, the kids are fed, your wife is loved and there is peaceful order in your household. I have been a householder for 42 years now. And if I don't take the next step I will simply continue repeating what I have done all these years. And there is something more.

The third stage in life is that of the forest dweller or hermit. Once your family is raised, once you've taken care of the responsibilities as the head of the household, you may now leave to take the time to go deeper into your soul, deeper into your life. But you cannot go to the third stage until you leave the second. And so, leave I must.

Immediately after retirement in June I will spend several months readjusting to my new life and grieving the loss of the old. It will be a sabbatical time where I hope to give the Lord permission to prepare me for the next step. What that will be, what that will look like concretely, I don't know but I am certainly open to all the possibilities.

The fourth stage in life is the wandering sannyasa or ascetic. I'm not even thinking about that yet. One step at a time.

And so I tell you long before I leave that I am leaving. It's much better that way. We as a parish can now begin to say our "good-byes" and even begin the grieving process. If we are going to receive a new shepherd and receive him well, we first have to let go of that which we already have. And it isn't easy. But it is good. When you know you're going to leave, every moment becomes much more holy, much more sacred.

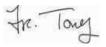
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Note from the Pastor (cont.)

The spiritual masters tell us that we should always keep our leaving (our death) before our eyes. It focuses the soul to the moment that we have and that moment becomes precious. I pray that all the time we have together between now and June be as holy and as sacred a time as it can be. I pray that during this time of transition we can all learn to let go gracefully.

If we do that well, we will be able to say the ultimate one-liner if you see me the day after I was supposed to leave and am still here, "Oh, forgotten but not gone." While we must separate, we will never forget each other. We've had some pretty wonderful years.

In Jesus, Our Pasch,



Parish News



FOOD COLLECTION!

The Food Collection for the Immaculate Conception/Walk-In Food Pantry will take place the weekend of September 28 and 29. Items needed include canned fruit, vegetables, soup, prepared food, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and spaghetti sauce, baking items, toilet tissue, pa-

per towels, kleenex, coffee, tea, juice, personal items i.e. bar soap, shampoo, deodorant and tooth paste. Baking items are also appreciated.

CCW DUES

The 2013-2014 CCW year is beginning and many fun activities are being planned. If you have not had a chance to pay your dues, it is not too late! The CCW yearly dues are \$5.00 and can be placed in an envelope marked "CCW Dues" and dropped in the collection basket. Please include your name as well. Watch the bulletin for news on upcoming events. Hope to see you there!

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **SEPTEMBER 22 - SEPTEMBER 29**

Sunday, September 22, 2013

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 13

Monday, September 23, 2013

8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Preschool Board Meeting in School Room 7 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. CRHP (Men) in School Room 13

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

8:30 a.m. **MQH** Mass 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Study of St. John Part II in Conf. Room 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Study of St. John Part II in School Room 13

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

8:30 a.m. **MQH** Mass 3:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **RE** Classes 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Study of St. John Part II in Conf. Room

MQH Mass

Thursday, September 26, 2013 MQH Mass

8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Preschool Pizza and Game Night in Social Hall

Friday, September 27, 2013 Bulletin Deadline October 6, 2013

8:30 a.m. Communion Service 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Auction/Dinner Dance Mtg. in Conf. Room

Saturday, September 28, 2013

Walking Ministry Food Drive 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Marriage Seminar in Barrett Hall 3:30 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. **MQH** Mass

Sunday, September 29, 2013

Walking Ministry Food Drive 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 13

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be training for all altar servers, both new and returning, on Saturday, October 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the church. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The auglifications are simple: be a 5th grader or older and have an interest in being an integral part of the Mass celebration. If you have any questions, please contact John Vosicky at (773)206-4937o r jkvosicky@sbcglobal.net.



ENRICHING YOUR MARRIAGE

Mary Queen of Heaven Marriage ministry is presenting a marriage enrichment opportunity at Mary Queen of Heaven.

On Saturday, September 28, Dr. Jim Healy will be presenting his half-day marriage enrichment program at Mary Queen of Heaven: **Marriage and the Eucharist: One Hand Washes the Other.** In down to earth and sometimes humorous ways, Dr. Healy will explore the profound ways in which the Sacrament of Marriage and the Sacrament of the Eucharist reinforce each other. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (check-in and continental breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m.), and includes a special celebration of the Eucharist just for couples with Fr. Tony Taschetta. Limited babysitting for children ages 3 to 11 available.

Dr. Healy has spoken on marriage in over 80 dioceses. His marriage preparation and enrichment materials have been used in every diocese in the country. He has directed our diocesan Office of Family Ministry since 1989. So please come and join us and spend some time with the one you love, learning how to love them more deeply.

Pre-registration is necessary. Please call : Don and Ellen Walker at (630) 279-4021 by September 23, 2013 Thank you.





PEACE AND JUSTICE: PRISON MINISTRY

At our most recent Peace and Justice

Ministry meeting, we had a guest from IC parish who is a part of the Kairos Retreat Ministry for people who are incarcerated. He will be a part of the team giving a retreat weekend at the Pontiac Correctional Center on Sept. 26 thru the 29. It will be for approximately thirty inmates who desire to start or deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ. These men are looking for hope in a hard environment and desperately need our prayers!

The Kairos retreat team has a Prayer Vigil Sign-up Sheet for every hour of the retreat and they are asking for our help to fill the time slots. One hour of our time to pray for these men to accept the love of Christ into their lives is all that is needed. You can pray alone or with family and friends. To sign-up for an hour of prayer go to:

http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml? commid=1985&pvid=8655

Click on the "sign-up" box in blue next to the time you wish to pray and fill in the boxes next to the time. Most of us are not called to enter a prison to minister to the people there but we are called to show them Christ's love. Jesus said in Matt. 25:36, "I was in prison, and you came to Me." Let us go to these men with our heartfelt prayers who are children of God regardless of their circumstances.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT MARK THE DATES NOW!!!

Many men and women are in formation now to bring you another powerful, wonderful "Christ Renews His Parish" weekend. Forget about the outside world for 30 hours and give yourself entirely to God and step back and look at the miracles that will happen in your life.

The women's weekend will be first this time: February 8-9, 2014 and the men's weekend will be February 22-23, 2014. (Both weekends are after Super Bowl in case you're wondering)!!!



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE MQH 5K RUN/WALK AND BE GUARANTEED A T-SHIRT!

Please visit <u>http://www.maryqueen.org</u> to sign up TODAY! DON'T DELAY!

Online pre-registration will close at noon on Wednesday, September 25, 2013. Participants must pre-register by September 25, 2013 to be guaranteed a shirt on race day. We look forward to seeing you and your families on October 5.

Place: Mary Queen of Heaven Date: Saturday, October 5, 2013 Time: 8:00 a.m. Location: Mary Queen of Heaven Church 426 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst, IL

\$25 per adult (over 18) and \$15 per student (10 to 18). Children under 10 run for free with paid adult.

Hosted by MQH Men's Group

Baptisms

Newly Baptized

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD

<u>July Baptisms</u> Huei-Him Holm Chloe Carney Lily Ann MacNicol Maya Eveyln MacNicol Antonio C. Engstrom Michael Jack Engstrom Tadhg McCabe

August Baptisms

Alan Alexander Cortes Daniela Zoe Alvarez Amaya Grace Arseneau Tochi Joaustin Ochuba

GOD IS GOOOOD

Many of you remember Michael Hemkendreis who lived in our household for about 9 months a few years back. He probably is one of the atheists of whom Pope Francis speaks when he says that some of them will be entering the Kingdom before we do. He sent me this email last week. Enjoy.

A half an hour ago I got on the bus and I heard two heavyset black women standing near the rear exit exclaiming, "God is good!" In a louder voice I proclaimed "God ISSSS Good!"

One of the women looked at me and said "Lord, a handsome man!" I said "a very fat man." She raised her voice and bellowed, "your fat pays me no mind!" So I yelled, "SISTER! Here I am!" We hugged, riders laughed and she squeezed my butt. I have to tell you. It made me feel like a million bucks.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A huge Thank You to our almost 100 volunteer catechists, aides, office helpers, hall monitors, traffic monitors, etc. etc. It truly takes a village to share our faith with our children. We have over 500 children enrolled. We could not do it without you. We are truly blessed at Mary Queen.

However, we still need one more catechist to share duties in Gr. 6 at 6:45 p.m. Because of a change in job situation, we could also use another person to share duties in a Gr. 5 classroom at 5:15 p.m. Please consider joining our team of dedicated men and women just like yourself who weekly share their Faith with the young people of the parish. The children of the parish are waiting for you.

Reminder to all RE families and friends. Classes for the 2013/2014 year began this past Wednesday, September 18. If you have not registered yet, call to see if there is room at your desired grade and time. If not, there is the home school option. You must be registered to home school.

With the start of RE, please be very cautious in the parking lot on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Our little ones and even our not so little ones are our precious gifts from God.

Mark your calendars:

- Our Confirmation Prep classes begin this Wednesday, September 25 at 6:45 p.m. in church.
- Wednesday, October 2, at 4:45 p.m. Father Tony will once again bless all our furry, feathered, and even scaly little friends in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, which is celebrated on the 4th. Our annual Pet Blessing is a very popular event, so come early to the field north of the school.
- Wednesday, October 2 all of our Confirmation prep candidates and their parents will be initially interviewed starting at 6:45 p.m. You should have received a letter with specifics for the evening.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2013				
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	
Lector	R. Styka	K. Sutkus	S. Napolilli	
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Passarelli (S) B. Lawlor (C) G. Loss S. Pingitore T. Sabel H. Todd J. Vilim	K. Vicary (S) N. Williamson (C) D. Gornick D. Bernstein M. Gorzik P. Mason	T. Kevil (S) P. Letourneau (C) R. Marro K. Mueller G. Pinkerton P. Twardowski M. McDonald	
Altar Servers	C. Gornick S. Harrington A. Huizar	D. Dunn C. Letourneau A. Lang	P. Vosicky B. Hernandez C. Hernandez	

Church Support			
Collection Totals for: Sunday, September 15, 2013			
Adults	\$7,228.78		
Parish Pay	\$4,132.18		
Children	\$16.00		
Collection Total	\$11,376.96		
156 parishioner envelopes were used. 144 parishioners - Parish Pay.			

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



Sunday, September 22, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Robert Lawlor Jr. 10:30 a.m. † Kristen Elkins

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Monday, September 23, 2013 8:30 a.m. Santiago Rosero

Tuesday, September24, 20138:30 a.m.Parishioners of Mary Queen

- Wednesday, September 25, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Sandra Salvatore
- Thursday, September 26, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Ralph St. Pierre

Friday, September 27, 2013 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, September 28, 2013 4:30 p.m. † Les Barloga

Sunday, September 29, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Dr. Thomas Pozen 10:30 a.m. † Charles Lee

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of September 22, 2013

Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

BIBLE STUDY GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN PART 2

The Gospel of St. John Part II runs for eight weeks, beginning the week of September 23 and concludes the week of December 1. Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening, and Wednesday evening sessions are available. Even if you participated in the spring, please register for this session as well so adequate space is available. Book sets will be available for \$15.00. (If you need assistance with the fee, please speak to Father Tony or Heather Brand.)

REPORTING INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice. Reports may be made to any pastor or to Mrs. Judith Speckman at (815) 263-6467. Contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

