MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." – Lk 20:37-38



November 10, 2013 32nd 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



Last week I wrote about dying well and our preparation for it. Today we have our End of Life Seminar immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Do make every effort to attend.

What follows is an article I wrote shortly after my mother's death in February of 2002. It was the First Sunday of Lent. For me it is still timely. I hope it is for you as well.

And now we begin again. For the next 40 days we make a conscious effort not only to enter into a different time, a sacred time but also and moreover into a different place, a different space. Normally we are either on one side or the other, here or there. But for the next 40 days (and for the mystics among us all their days) we are invited to, called to a place that is neither here nor there. We are invited into *liminal space*.

The word "limina" comes from the Latin meaning threshold. It is the spiritual Twilight Zone that is neither day nor night, neither today nor tomorrow but that place in between where earth and heaven, the human and the Divine have the opportunity to meet. It is the one place where God can get to us, the place of the Divine encounter. And it is always a vulnerable place to be, being neither on third base or home.

For the past several months my mother, my brothers, all who loved her and I have been in liminal space. For some time now my mother has been preparing for the journey between the known and familiar and the utterly unknown. My mother has been dying. Last Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., in the loving arms of my brother Joe and sister-in-law Rhonda, she crossed over to the other side. As Joe and Rho let go, Jesus and Mary received. Mom's encounter with God is now complete. My faith tells me and I dare to believe that she is now home.

But for months before we were all in a different space, a different place. We were on that doorstep of God where God can get to us and true transformation can happen. Being in the presence of one who is dying is like being in no other place in the world. Every moment, every word that is uttered becomes very important. Nothing is thrown away, nothing is taken for granted. There is a certain respect even with one who is utterly familiar with you that you dare not violate. You gently tiptoe around them because you know this is not business as usual, you are in the presence of one who is betwixt and between heaven and earth. One who has an eye here and is already seeing the angels and talking to her deceased husband and brothers and sisters and friends. Here you know that you don't know. It is here that you dwell in mystery. And as painful as it is, it is a wonderful place to be. It is the place of separation and union. One of the last words my mother spoke to me that I clearly understood was, "apart." "Apart, mother?" She nodded her head. For one who has been tied to his mother's apron strings all his life, the umbilical cord of life was now about to be cut. How painful it is. How powerful it is. It is the place where we are utterly out of control, the place where we can only collapse into the compassion of God.

Believe it or not, one of the most wonderful things about the priesthood is that I am around mortality and death all the time. There is nothing like the immediacy and finality of death to help get one's priorities straight. But for as much as I am involved with the death of our parishioners, for as much as I care for them with a shepherd's heart, for as much and I know the pattern and teach the pattern, for me my mother's death did not happen as I had planned, as I had wanted. My God! How long does it take for us to let go of control?

One of my constant teachings is that we choose the moment of our death and we choose who needs to be there and whom we want to be there. Some people want a room full and some want to be left alone. My father waited till all were out of the room before he was ready to meet his Maker. On Saturday when the majority of my family gathered around my mother's bed to pray the prayers of commendation, little did I dream that the Lord would take her on Sunday. It was too soon. I wasn't ready. Praise God my brother Joe and Rhonda were there.

About a month ago, when my mother was getting seriously sick, I would try to cheer her up with a banter about her behavior. "Now, play nice for the Sisters and the nurses, Mom. Don't give them a rough time." She Note from the Pastor (cont.)



Angie Taschetta with her great-granddaughter Celia

would look at me, smile and just say, "You'll be sorry. You'll be sorry." I found out that my mother had died after the 10 o'clock Mass and before the noon Spanish Mass. I was on the walkway between the back door of the church and the back door of my house in between the two when my sister-in-law Rho drove up to give me the news. This couldn't be. This hit me like a ton of bricks and as she drove back to the Sister's infirmary to be with my brother and my mother I found myself crying and screaming at the top of my lungs, "Mommy, I'm sorry! I'm really, really sorry!" I had no idea where it came from but I am sure it was very deep. There I stood in the space in between, in that vulnerable place where there are no answers where the existential reality rips your soul asunder and you are one with the prophet Joel who cries out, "Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord weep, and say, 'Spare Oh Lord, your people'." And weep I did. To have been there, next to her hospital bed would have been according to my plan. To have been here, pontificating from the altar would be in my briar patch where I am always in control. But I was neither here nor there. I was in true liminal space. What a terrible place to be. What an awe-some place to be. I just stood there, frozen, transfixed and on some unspeakable and indescribable level, transformed.

When I finally came to my senses, I realized it was twenty to twelve and that within a few minutes the church would be completely filled for the Spanish Mass. I really didn't want to say it. I tried to get Fr. John Peters to cover for me but he was already saying Mass at Maternity Church. Beatriz had offered to have us cancel the Mass but I could not do that. Instead I retreated back to my house until one minute to noon and as I made the short sojourn between my porch and the altar, as I walked into the back sacristy and beheld 15 faces all fixed on me, solid faces, compassionate faces, faces that I knew understood, I was ready to do what I was born to do, celebrate life.

"Toca la campana," I told my somber faced server David Aviles, and as he rang the bell and the people stood, the little choir began to sing, "Quiero Servirte Mi Señor (I Want to Serve You, My Lord). Dame la luz hacia la cruz. Hazme capaz de ver a tu faz (Give me the light that leads to your cross, give me the ability to see your face)." And as they sang and as I stood before them the sobs began to make themselves heard and the tears began to flow. The sweet liberating tears of pent-up pain unleashed. It was then that I experienced in the core of my being that, indeed, this was not only a sacred space but these were liminal Standing before me were the boundary people. walkers, no longer belonging to their old land and not quite yet belonging here. Before me were those who knew that if they were to survive at all, it would only be in God. And for the moment of that Mass, we were all in God, we were all in a holy place. Here.

So now the holy time begins for us all. It was by the spirit that Jesus was lead into the desert, that liminal space where the angels were held at bay and Jesus was accompanied by the wild beasts. It was the 40 days of entering into the emptiness of one's own life in order to experience the fullness of God. And now it is our time to enter into. This is our acceptable time, these are the days of our salvation. The invitation has been given to us. Come away to that place of nocomfort, that place of the unknown, the vulnerable, that place of God.

In Jesus, the Boundary Walker,

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FATHER JOHN BARRETT

By now many of you have heard that our former pastor, Fr. John Barrett was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He is presently considering his options. Please keep him in your prayers and if you want do drop him a card his address is:

> Rev. John Barrett 460 Raintree Court #1H, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

END OF LIFE SEMINAR ESTATE PLANNING FOR THE HEART PREPARING TODAY FOR AN EASIER TOMORROW

The topic none of us wishes to discuss is death. Yet, this is a universal experience all of us will face for ourselves and our loved ones. How can we die "well"...with dignity and grace? To do so we need proper preparation. Please join the discussion on Nov. 10, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Barrett Hall. This topic will be explored from the Catholic perspective with a team of medical professionals along with Father Tony. You will be provided with resources related to having "the discussion" with family members and to become aware of your choices regarding end of life care. A light lunch will be provided.



TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to all who brought photos for our Table of in **Remembrance.** This action helped to expand our view of

family and remind us of the lives and gifts of these individuals. May they rest in the peace of God. With Thanksgiving approaching the table will need to be taken down following the Masses on November 9/10. Thank you.

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **NOVEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 18**

Sunday, November 10, 2013

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 13 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. End of Life Planning Seminar in Barrett Hall

Monday, November 11, 2013

8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

MQH Mass CRHP (Men) in Room 13 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Business Networking Group in Social Hall

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

8:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Baptism Class in Church

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, November 13, 2013

8:30 a.m. 3:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

MQH Mass RE Classes in Church/Barrett Hall/School 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Study of St. John Part II in Conf. Room

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Bulletin Deadline November 24, 2013 MQH Mass 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Yoga Class in Barrett Hall

Friday, November 15, 2013 8:30 a.m. **MQH** Mass

Saturday, November 16, 2013

Thanksgiving Food Drive

10:30 a.m. First Reconciliation in Church 3:30 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. MQH Mass

Sunday, November 17, 2013 Thanksaiving Food Drive

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8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	MQH Mass		
9:00 a.m 10:30 a.m.	RCIA in School Room 13		
9:00 a.m 10:30 a.m.	Destiny Youth Group in Room 1		
10:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word		
	in School Room 3		
11:30 a.m 1:00 p.m.	CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room		
2:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.	Baptisms in Church		
6:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Wings Youth Group in Barrett Hall		

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CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We will again have a Christmas Eve Children's Choir for the 4:00 p.m. Mass Rehearsals will be held in the choir loft after the 10:30 a.m. Mass for one hour -11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rehearsal dates are November 17 and 24, and December 1, 8, 15, and 22. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve for a warm up. See the Music Director, Ed Nowak after any Mass in the choir loft, or call him at (708) 246-0868 for more information.

PADS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of a few more volunteers for clean-up at the PADS site for homeless staying overnight at the Medinah Baptist Church, 900 Foster Avenue in Roselle between Lake Street and Irving Park. Mary Queen of Heaven along with Bethel United Church of Christ in Elmhurst volunteer on the Sunday following the fourth Saturday of each month at 6:00 a.m. If you can spare some time, give Debbie Styka a call. You can volunteer as often as you wish. Please email Debbie at debbie@styka.com or call her at 941-7224 (630) for more information. Confirmation students must be accompanied by a parent. Thank you.

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place the weekend of Nov. 16 & 17. This year we have adopted 25 Needy Families and are in need of

cans of soup, vegetables, fruit, juice and other drinks, baking supplies, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, prepared food, paper goods such as toilet tissue, napkins, Kleenex, paper towels, dish soap, laundry soap, cleaning supplies, and gift certificates for turkeys. Once again we thank you for your support and generosity and care for those in need. We are looking for volunteers to help sort the Thanksgiving food on Monday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in church.



WORLD MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." What encouraging and life giving words from St. Paul. Let the love of God give you encouragement hope, and strength and allow the love of God to direct your hearts in all you do and say, especially in your marriage relationship. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on December 6-8, 2013. Contact Jim and Kris McCulloch, (630)577-0778. For more information visit our website at: **wwmejoliet.org**.

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, Nov. 24	Thursday, Nov. 14
Sunday, Dec. 1	Wednesday, Nov. 20
Sunday, Dec. 8	Friday, Nov. 29

Thank you for your cooperation.

Community News

SERRA CLUB ANOUNCEMENT

The SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, November 18. 2013 at St Petronille Parish, 420 Glenwood Avenue, Glen Ellyn. The evening will begin at 6:00PM with Rosary and Mass in the Church. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center. At the dinner, Thomas Maronta, Treasurer of our SERRA Club, who was recently invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jeruselem by Cardinal Francis George will be guest speaker.

"Sir Thomas" as he is now referred to within the Order, will discuss the structure, activities and what it means to be a Member of the Order as it relates to living a Christian life in absolute fidelity to the Holy Father, and according to the teachings of the Church observing as its foundation the principles of charity which makes the Order a primary means of assistance to the Holy Land and assisting in upholding the rights of the Roman Catholic Church and all other Christian denominations in the Holy Land.

To find out more about SERRA or to make a reservation for the dinner, please contact Joann Carr at carrgeojo@gmail.com or (630)665-0994

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation Prep Families:

All Confirmation candidates, parents, and if possible their sponsors are to attend a meeting with Fr. Tony in church on **Wednesday**, November 13 at 6:45 p.m. Please call us if there is an emergency which prohibits your attendance.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 16 at 10:30 a.m. in church.** Children and their families are to be in attendance. If for some reason, you cannot make this date, please call the REO.

Attention RE Families: Please inform the REO if your address has changed.

Reminder to all RE families: As the cold & flu season descends upon us, please keep your children home if they are ill.

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

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

SATURDAY,	MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013				
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM		
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta		
Lector	B. Dunn	R. Wilkes	T. Kowalski		
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Lawlor (S) G. Los (C) K. Passerilli S. Pingitore M. Conway H. Todd J. Vilim	M. Grozik (S) N. Williamson (C) D. Gornick K. Vicary D. Styka R. Styka	B. Kevil (S) T. Kevil (C) R. Marro K. Gusloff K. Mueller J. Spears P. Letourneau		
Altar Servers	J. Nosek B. Hernandez C. Hernandez	J. Reginelli P. Vosicky G. Vandenberg	G. Hendron T. Procajlo N. Anderson		



Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



Sunday, November 10, 2013				
8:30 a.m.	†	Miller McCarthy		
10:30 a.m.	†	Bill Fattore		

- Monday, November 11, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Arthur Caruso
- Tuesday, November 12, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Francis and Della Schroedl
- Wednesday, November 13, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Faye St. Pierre
- Thursday, November 14, 2013 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of Mary Queen
- Friday, November 15, 2013 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Saturday, November 16, 2013 4:30 p.m. † Lino Magneli
- Sunday, November 17, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Rose M. McNelis 10:30 a.m. † Gene Saccaro
- † indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of November 10, 2013

Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/
	Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:233:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett

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





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