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## December 1, 2013

# First Sunday of Advent





### 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 Hate to Go To Confession

I hate to go to confession. But I do. At least once a month whether I need to or not (okay, okay, I need to). So, why do I hate it and why do I go?

I hate it because it involves saying out loud that which I would rather keep hidden... my sins. As any of our second graders who have just made their First Reconciliation can tell you, it is the nature of sin to hide itself. They won't use those words, they'll use the words, "not me." "Did you eat the cookies I just baked, did you fight with your brothers, who left the light on, who forgot to put down the toilet seat???" "Not me!" In the short term, denial is a wonderful thing and our politicians have raised it to an art form called deniability. But as the Scriptures make clear, that which is put down and hidden is going to be shouted from the rooftops. While it may be the nature of the sin to try to hide itself, sooner or later, the truth will come out. And the truth will set you free. But, of course, first it will make you miserable.

We don't like the truth and as Jack Nicholson reminds us, "You can't handle the truth." Why? Because the truth is, we are all a whole lot less than perfect. We have all sinned, we have all screwed up. And in a general sense we will admit that. Our politicians again, "Well, nobody's perfect. Mistakes were made." (Don't you just love the passive voice?) But as to specifics? Forgedaboutit. Maybe if I don't talk about it or if I bury it, it will go away. No, it won't.

Sin operates not on the physical but in the spiritual realm. Things physical tend to heal themselves. Our wonderful physical body is self-healing. I always tell our young mothers that they have the power to heal by simply kissing the bumps and bruises of their little ones. Spread a little bacteria over them and watch them get better. Not so with the spiritual. And sin is spiritual. One never buries hurt, anger, deceit, resentment, fear, bitterness, judgments and character assassination dead. You bury it alive. And it never goes away. And it begins to poison the system. And no matter how much you cover it up with the makeup of propriety there is still something rotten in Denmark. And it's your soul.

No matter how hard you try to put on a happy face on the outside, it is literally killing you on the inside. It is spiritual garbage. When I teach the children about Reconciliation, I ask them if good people get garbage in their house. After some hemming and hawing the answer is always, "Well, I guess so, yes." But do good people keep garbage in their house? And the answer is a straightforward "no". And why not? Because if you don't dump the garbage it begins to stink to high heaven. I rest my case.

Why do I go to confession even if I don't like it? I get tired of stinking and being weighed down by my sin. The only way to get rid of a negative spirit is to name it, claim it and then bring it to the surface. Naming it is critical. Saying it out loud is imperative. I hate saying it out loud. But I have to. If I don't, I begin to delude myself. One of my favorite stories about why it is necessary to confess out loud comes from my mother. When I was in second grade about to make my First Confession I whined to her that I didn't want to go because my Protestant friends didn't have to go. They just confessed to God. "Doesn't God hear me," I asked? Then she told me the story. Once there were One Catholic and the other two businessmen. Protestant (this was the early 50's). They were about to embark on a business deal. The Catholic wasn't sure if it was just right so he went to confession and talked about it with the priest. The priest explained to him that no, he couldn't go through with it because it was immoral and showed him why. He went back to his partner and said, "We can't do it." "Why," his partner replied. "Because I went to the priest..." "You went to the priest! You went to a man and told him what you were going to do? And he told you it was immoral? That's insane! I went straight to God and He didn't say a word." Wise mother.

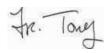
And so, I go to confession. I hate it. But I do it. Why? I want to be free. I don't want to carry this garbage around all the days of my life. And I want you to be free too. That's the reason we have special Penance services two times a year. We have one coming up this Tuesday. I'm always amazed, for easy as we make it, how few people show up. Do you get it? Do you understand how powerful it is? How necessary it is?

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## Note from the Pastor (cont.)

Some of you don't come because you really do need to sit down and talk. Some have things that go back many, many years and are very deep, profound and destroying. Some of you need to come on a Saturday afternoon at 3:30 to get it out. Well, I'm there. And I must confess, as much as I hate to go to confession, I don't like hearing confessions. But I am a really good confessor. Why? Because I am a pretty good sinner. I will listen with compassion and do all I can to point you in the right direction. And I will because it really isn't me talking to you, it's God's Holy Spirit. It constantly boggles my mind what comes out of my mouth on your behalf. One thing I know is that it is not me. It is humbling and powerful at exactly the same time. The most wonderful thing, however, is that when you walk out of that confessional, you're free. You've dumped the garbage. So, what the hell are you waiting for? We will be here Tuesday (four priests, no waiting), and I'm here on Saturdays. Confess and be free.

In Jesus, Who Hears With Compassion and Forgives All,



## **Parish News**

## **ADVENT RECONCILIATION** THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3



annual Advent Parish Communal Our Reconciliation Service is this Tuesday, Dec. 3. at 7:00 p.m. It is an excellent opportunity to receive this most liberating sacrament. Come, God's forgiveness is free.



## **Advent Reconciliation Service**

Tuesday, December 3 7:00 p.m.

### **Senior Christmas Dinner**

Friday, December 7 5:30 p.m.

### Feast of Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9 8:30 a.m.

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12 St. Joseph in Addison St. Alexis in Bensenville

## **Christmas Eve**

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy Mass

**Family Mass** 6:30 p.m.

10:30 p.m. Christmas Carols

11:00 p.m. Solemn Christmas Eve Mass

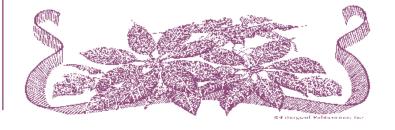
## **Christmas Day**

Wednesday, December 25

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

## Mary the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 4:30 p.m. New Year's Day, January 1, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.



### **Parish News**



#### **CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE**

Our Christmas Food Drive will take place the weekend of December 14 & 15. Items needed to help the 25

families we have adopted are canned fruit, vegetables, soup, prepared foods, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, potatoes, baking items, paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, dish soap, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, etc. We are also in need of gift cards for Jewel, Mariano's, or Pete's Market.

The food will be sorted on Monday evening, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. If you can help, please give Sheila a call at (630) 833-6657.



### **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree will be up the weekend of Nov. 30 & Dec. 1. Please note: all gifts for the Giving Tree must be returned the weekend of

December 14 & 15 as the families will be picking them up along with the Food Baskets on December 20.

## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH IS HE CALLING YOU?

"I signed up for CRHP because I thought it would be a good Lenten devotion, and it would save me another lonely weekend (I had been recently widowed). I will admit, I was a little apprehensive, but from the moment the early Saturday morning began, I felt most welcomed. The weekend turned out to be very relaxing, spiritually uplifting, fun, and a lot of good food. I made wonderful new friends, who I know will always be there for me and pray for me."

Do you feel alone? Do you need to be spiritually uplifted? Do you want to be part of community in a deeper sense? Please consider making a CRHP weekend – women's February 8-9, 2014 and men February 22-23, 2014.



### **BULLETIN DEADLINES**

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, Dec. 15	Friday, Dec. 6
Sunday, Dec. 22	Wednesday, Dec. 11
Sunday, Dec. 29	Wednesday, Dec. 18
Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014	Monday, Dec. 23

Thank you for your cooperation.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) CLOTHING DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of December 7 & 8. Please start cleaning out those closets now. We are in need of clothing, shoes, linens, books, bedding, small house wares such as toasters, blenders, mixers etc. The SVDP is now also accepting small electronic items and computers working or not for their recycling center.

Your donations go to the St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the Thrift Shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. Proceeds from the Thrift Shops go into a general assistance fund where SVDP Conferences at the churches help folks with rent, mortgage, utilities, doctor bills and prescriptions.

For the pick-up of furniture and heavy items, please call (630) 231-4658 and SVDP will send a truck to your home. Tax receipts are given. For questions or information, please call Sheila at (630) 833-6657. Thank you for your generosity and for your concern for the needy!

## **Parish News**

## THANK YOU MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN



As of November 13, 2013, you have generously donated:

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To the **BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE** Program THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU!

### Re-activate Healing Meals Ministry Volunteers Needed... Will You Help?

The Healing Meals Ministry provides the opportunity to make a small but significant contribution to another family in our parish.

When a fellow parishioner experiences illness or loss, we collectively reach out and offer meals to those hurting or recovering.

We are looking for people who every now and then would like the rewarding experience of providing a meal that truly heals. Great cooking skills are not required! Nutritious, hearty carry-out food or a restaurant gift certificate for meal delivery is equally appreciated.

Please send e-mail to jadamsmcd@aol.com with your name, phone number and email address. Your name will be added to the list, you will receive simple details of the ministry program, and finally you will be contacted in the future so you may sign up to contribute a nourishing healing meal for a family in need.



## SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013 IN **BARRETT HALL**

Immediately following 4:30 p.m. Mass

Seniors are cordially invited to attend a Christmas party in their honor. A buffet dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided by our youth group. Mark your calendar now and plan on having an enjoyable Saturday evening with good food, great conversations with your friends and special entertainment prepared especially for you.

So that we can prepare food for everyone, if you are planning to attend please complete the form below and return it before Monday, December 2. You can return your form in the collection basket, the basket provided in the vestibule of the church or return it to the Rectory. If you have any questions or transportation needs, please contact Dayna Pierzchala at (630) 834-3233 and she will be happy to make the arrangements for you.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.



Name:	
Address:	

Phone Number:

## Youth News

## Christmas Eve is Fast Approaching....

and it's time again to ask all you angels and shepherds, students, young adults, moms and dads, to bring this year's Christmas Eve Children's mass to life again this year!

All rehearsals will be held in church:
November 30, December 7, December 14
from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The last dress rehearsal is:

December 21 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All rehearsals must be attended. The major parts will be given out first come first serve.....if you have any Questions feel free to call Norma Williamson at: (630) 215-8611

### **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Sleep Out Saturday was a success. Our high school Destiny group raised over \$900 to help the Bridges Community in Du Page county.

Wings Christmas party is Sunday December 22 at 6:00 p.m. All students are asked to bring a white elephant grab bag, snack to share, and paper towels. Also, please bring toilet paper or toiletries to donate to the Elmhurst Walk In Ministry.

IS SUNDAY OF ADVENT





## **Religious Education News**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

First Communion Date Request Forms should be in the REO by this time.

### **Advent Service Projects:**

This year we will again be collecting new unwrapped toys for **Marillac House** on Chicago's West Side...not so very far from Elmhurst. There will be a "toy box" in the hall of school for donations on **Wednesday**, **December 4 and 11** during class times. Toys for all ages are welcome... no violent toys please. Please be generous.

Our children also have the opportunity to add a global dimension to their acts of service. They will go to the "polls" to vote for the animal of their choice to be sent to a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country. The RE children are asked to come to class with a donation of 50 cents which will be donated to **Heifer International**. They can then "vote" for a pig, a sheep, or a goat to be sent to a small village, which will drastically improve the quality of life of its residents. The "polls" are open on December 4, 11 and 18. Over the years, our children have really enjoyed this project.

Please mark your calendars: There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break:

December 25, January 1 and 8.

Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

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

## **Diocesan News**

# 2013 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). I urge you to join with me in offering this appeal your prayerful and vocal support. Your efforts are vital to its success.

Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the RFR in 1988 to address the profound lack of retirement funding among religious communities. Despite ongoing generosity to the annual collection, numerous communities continue to struggle to provide adequate care for their senior members. Financial distributions from the RFR offer supplemental support for bolstering retirement savings and for meeting such day-to-day needs as prescription medications and nursing care.

Many of us may recall a sister, brother, or religious order priest whose life and witness had a profound impact on our own vocation. In thanksgiving for this person - and for the many contributions senior women and men religious have made to our Church and world - I ask for your assistance. Consider inviting an RFR speaker to address parishioners during Mass, or make the appeal yourself. Please be sure to announce the collection from the pulpit.

As St. Paul reminds us, "So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith" (Gal 6:10).

God bless you,

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon Bishop of Joliet



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is held dear by many. This year you may attend the services at St. Joseph in Addison or St. Alexis in Bensenville.

The schedule for St. Joseph's at 330 E. Addison, Illinois is as follows:

- Wednesday, December 11 Vigil Mass at Midnight.
- Thursday, December 12
  - Mañanitas (morning prayers) from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
  - Mass at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. Alexis at 400 W. Wood Street in Bensenville will be having the following services:

- December 3 11 Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:30 p.m.
- December 12 Morning Serenade/ Mañanitas to Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:00 a.m. with Bishop Conlon.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ellen Walker at (630) 279-4021.

### **KERMES**

This Friday, Dec 6, is a first Friday and a day of celebration between ourselves and our special Catholic Grade School, Holy Family School in Bensenville. Holy Family Catholic Grade School was formed by combining the two schools from St. Joseph-Addison and St Charles Borromeo Bensenville. As a parish we have helped sponsor the school by providing scholarships to children in need.

As a 'Thank You' the school is having a Mexican Fiesta called a Kermes. It will begin with a bilingual Mass celebrated by Father Tony at 6:00 p.m. and then continue with games and food and fun.

All are invited to attend.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	R. Styka	G. Dolesy	R. Villamil
Eucharistic Ministers	A. DeCillo (S) H. Todd (C) B. Lawlor G. Los K. Passerilli S. Pingitore T. Sabel	M. Pena (S) M. Pena (C) D. Styka R. Styka K. Vicary N. Williamson	K. Carambot (S) R. Marro (C) K. Gusloff T. Gusloff P. Letourneau B. Kevil T. Kevil
Altar Servers	J. Nosek C. Selfridge K. Selfridge	S. Harrington B. Harrington G. Vandenberg	G. Hendron J. Race P. Vosicky



Collection Totals for: Sunday, November 24, 2013	
Adults	\$8,889.00
Parish Pay	\$4,211.71
Children	76.05
Collection Total	\$13,176.76

172 parishioner envelopes were used. 141 parishioners - Parish Pay.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



### Sunday, December 1, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Rita Simpson 10:30 a.m. † Robert Bradley

### Monday, December 2, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Margaret Hay

#### Tuesday, December 3, 2013

8:30 a.m. Mary Queen Parishioners

#### Wednesday, December 4, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Giovanni and Elena Cutri

### Thursday, December 5, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Blythe O' Sullivan

### Friday, December 6, 2013

8:30 a.m. Gene Los Family

#### Saturday, December 7, 2013

4:30 p.m. Susana Cortes de Caicedo

#### Sunday, December 8, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Daniel Connell 10:30 a.m. † Albert Fuchsen

† indicates person is deceased

### Readings for the Week of December 1, 2013

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

## **Prayer List**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett Susana Cortes de Caicedo

Barbara J. Godawa

Irene Kmieciak Joan Skimina



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

Mary Queen of Heaven		December 20	2013 Wed	Thu	Elmhurst,	urst, IL Sat
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