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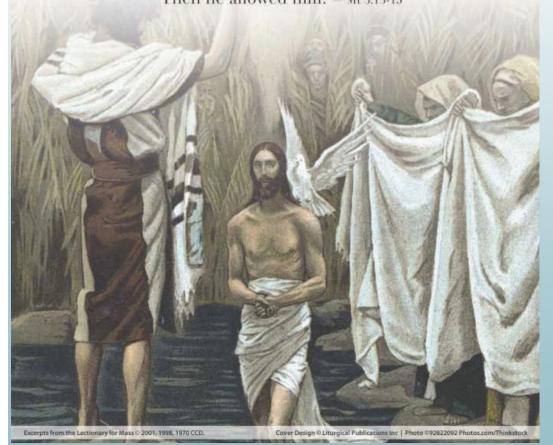
Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"

Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he allowed him. — Mt 3:13-15



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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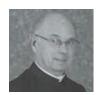
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Note from the Pastor



BAPTISM AND THE DEPENDENT CLAUSES

There are three births critical to our existence. The first is our birth into

physical life. The last is our birth into eternal life. But the one that affects us the most while we are here is our rebirth in Baptism. Today we celebrate the feast of Jesus' Baptism where His true identity is made manifest. Now He knows who He truly is. He is not just the carpenter's son or Mary's boy but He is the Son of God.

But what does it mean to be the Son of God? That's what Jesus had to discover in the desert when He fasted for 40 days and was tempted by the devil. What He knew when He came out of that desert was that to be the Son of God did not mean to dominate creation or control it but to love it and to liberate it by being willing to enter into the suffering of all of creation. And with that He sets the pattern for all who are to follow Him. That's us.

John the Baptist proclaimed that the one who follows Him, the Christ, would baptize us with fire and the Holy Spirit. The fire burns off the dross to reveal the gold of the Holy Spirit. We who are baptized in His name are called, therefore, to follow the same pattern that He set for us. St. Paul puts it this way, "Are you not aware that you who are baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? By baptism into His death we are united with Him so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life." That's the pattern. Something has to die so that something can come to life. The old, selfish, fearful one has to give way to the new reality rushing in, the Divine implant of God's grace. This gives us God's power to stand in solidarity with and to love the other.

Of all the Liturgies we celebrate here at Mary Queen, we love nothing more than a Baptism at Mass. We love them for good reason. This is not a Christening with the sprinkling of a few drops of water but a plunging into the mystery of the Christ. And the baby comes out a brand new creation. I love to look at the faces of the people in the pews as I parade around this child with the face of God. All are smiling; some have tears in their eyes knowing that the great Christ mystery has once again been passed on.

And what is that mystery? Emmanuel. God-in-us! And if God is in us through Jesus Christ then we are to do the works of God. And the work of God in Jesus is to stand in solidarity with suffering humanity, to participate in its redemption, and to know that we are all interconnected one with the other. That's what it means to be a baptized Christian and a member of the Body of Christ. It is always a joy to see how this divine inoculation takes, especially in our young people. And this last Christmas we saw it take in a most beautiful form.

With every Baptism we point our children in the direction of the Divine. By our own Christian lives we model for them what this looks like in action. We bring them to church, we tell them the stories, we teach them forgiveness, and, very importantly, how to stand with the poor and suffering of the world just as Christ did. Two weeks ago, two of my most precious little, parishioners, Chloe and Tanya came up to me all excited. They said to me in unison, "Father, we are so excited because last week we went to help with 'Feed My Starving Children'." There it was. The love of the Divine manifested in the littlest hearts. And about a month and a half ago, I was approached by eight fifth grade boys. They too wanted to do something special.

The boys wanted to adopt a bunch of children for Christmas. Being the old wizened bureaucrat that I am, I tried to point them in the direction of the Giving Tree. No, No, they wanted to do something very special. And they wanted to do it on their own. Could I find some families for them? I hesitated and asked them how important it was for them to do it this way. Very important. Then do it.

And boy did they do it! They call themselves "The Dependent Clauses." The name came to Andrew Hausoul who was studying dependent clauses in school. What a neat name, he thought. It is, indeed. The dependent clause, just like us, cannot stand on its own. It is not independent. It is dependent upon others for it to work. None of us stands alone. What an incredible lesson. So the boys set out to raise some funds, buy some toys, wrap them up and deliver them. On the Saturday before Christmas, box after box after box of child wrapped clothes and toys and presents were delivered to the rectory. Now that's baptism in action.

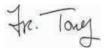
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Note from the Pastor (cont.)

In a way, the boys celebrated a mini baptism on that day. They forgot themselves in favor of standing in solidarity with someone else in need. They died to their own selfish desires in order to do something outside of themselves for someone else. Pretty neat.

Now, I am sure that I would not have to look very hard to find what the boys did multiply over and over and over again in our parish. We can begin with the toys that the children collected for Marillac House and money they raise for Heifer International. And the story goes on. Sometimes we worry about how we are passing on the faith to our children. Well, at least on this level it is being passed on quite nicely, thank you very much.

In Jesus, Who Shows Us the Way,







Andrew Hausoul, Joe Bonelli, Jake Downey, Anthony Flores, Tom Kunst, Matteo Mancuso, Diego Nunez and Mickey Vreeland

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **JANUARY 12 - JANUARY 19**

Sunday, January 12, 2014

Bible Study Sign Up

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

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 6, 7 & 13 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

Monday, January 13, 2014

MQH Mass

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Business Networking Group in Social Hall

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bible Study in Conf. Room 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Baptism Class in Church

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

MQH Mass

3:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. RE Classes in Church/Barrett Hall/School

Thursday, January 16, 2014

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Peace and Justice Committee in Barrett Hall 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in Room 4-5

Friday, January 17, 2014

Bulletin Deadline January 26, 2013

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 18, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Recycling Event in Parking Lot

3:30 PM Confessions 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 19, 2014

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

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 6, 7 & 13 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Youth Group Destiny in Room 9 11:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fellowship in Barrett Hall 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. Youth Group Wings in Barrett Hall

Parish News

TAX STATEMENTS

Donation accounts for 2013 have been closed. Your tax statements are being prepared and you will receive your 2013 tax statement by the end of January. Any donations received after December 31, 2013 will appear on the 2014 tax statement.

Parish News



CCW Ladies Game Night

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall

Bring some friends, a snack to share and your favorite game (if you have one)

For an evening of fun!

Questions? Call Dayna at (630) 834-3233

SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND FOR CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS

Sign-up for the CRHP weekends is starting this weekend. We already have some men and women signed up so don't miss out! The weekends are a beautiful gift from God – don't let the present go unwrapped. You'll discover how much you are truly loved by God on this weekend. Say "yes" to that prompting of the Holy Spirit, whether it's a small still voice in your heart or an outright invitation to come. Just come and see and taste the goodness of the Lord.

Women's Weekend (Feb 8-9, 2014) and Men (Feb 22-23). For information contact Ralph Barnett and ralphebarnett@gmail.com or Molly Hughes at mollyhughes77@hotmail.com.



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY ON JANUARY 19

Fellowship Sunday will be held on Sunday, January 19 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Every-

one is invited to Barrett Hall for coffee, tea, juice and goodies. Bring your family and enjoy conversing with friends and fellow parishioners while sampling the delicious donated breakfast items. We are looking forward to seeing you!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEW MEETING TIME: THIRD THURSDAY EVENINGS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet the third Thursday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in Room 4-5 of Mary Queen of Heaven School building. No experience necessary!

This infuses their knitted, crocheted or fleece shawls with prayer for individuals facing challenges, needing comfort or healing, or celebrating special events in their lives. For more info about meetings at MQH, or to request a shawl for a loved one, contact Ruth Maple 630-279-5612 or email: Barisinger@sbcglobal.net

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Parish News

DID YOU MISS A STEP?

Have you been participating in the Catholic Faith, but were never confirmed in the faith? Our journey through life is seldom a straight path. Our personal choices or decisions that others make for us can impact our lives including our spiritual lives. If you are interested in completing this final Sacrament of Initiation, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Mimi Nolan, by phone at (630) 279-5700 or email her at: pa@maryqueen.org.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume this Wednesday, January 15 at their normal times. We are all looking forward to a great 2014.

Please mark your calendars:

- Saturday, February 1 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. Confirmation Retreat for all Confirmation Prep students in Barrett Hall. Families are asked to join their young people for Mass at 4:30 p.m. in church. If your Confirmation candidate has not returned their permission form for the retreat, do so ASAP. Without a permission form, candidates will not be permitted to attend the retreat. Retreat attendance is a Confirmation requirement.
- Wednesday, February 12 6:45 p.m. in church – There will be a meeting for parents only of children celebrating First Eucharist in the spring.

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

PRAYING

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

- Mary Oliver, Thirst

Preschool News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Registration for 2014-15 school year begins in January.

- Past and current family registration is January 1 through January 17, 2014.
- Registration for new families is January 16 through February 1, 2014.

Families will have the opportunity to talk with a teacher, a parent, and the preschool director during the Open House. They will be available to answer all questions and provide tours of the school.

Open House Dates

- Thursday, January 16
 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 18
 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 26
 10:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

You may enter the school through the doors of the church or from the east or west doors of the school. The children are welcome.

Registration papers are available online at www.maryqueenpreschool.org. Individual tours may be scheduled in February.

Community News

A NOTE FROM SPIRITO! SINGERS

Spirito! Singers Bravura Ensemble is honored to be signing at Mary Queen of Heaven on January 26 at 10:30 a.m. Thank you so much for welcoming us.

Spirito! Singers is an exceptional choral organization based in the Western Suburbs with rehearsals held in both La Grange and Elmhurst. Three ensembles include: Bravura, young women 9th -12th, Ragazze girls, 5th - 8th grade, grade of Elmhurst and of LaGrange, and the Men of Spirito!, men 18 years old and up.

Spirito! Singers perform two major concerts each year, December and May, and each ensemble sings at multiple Sunday services at churches throughout the Chicago area.

Spirito! seeks to develop musicianship and vocal technique through the art of sacred choral music. For more information about these ensembles or to listen to the inspirational music please visit our website at http://www.spiritosingers.org or call us at (630) 581-5440.



ECUMENICAL SERVICE

All of the Christian Churches in Elmhurst are invited to celebrate the annual Week of Prayer for Christian

Unity. Please join us on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the newly renovated Immaculate Conception Church, 132 Arthur Street. Music will be provided by Men of Spirito! Refreshments will follow in the Agnesian Room, courtesy of Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry. The event is co-sponsored by First United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church of our Savior, and St. Peter's United Church of Christ.



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TAKE A BREAK VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: GIVE THE GIFT OF TIME TO A FAMILY

The Clearbrook Take A Break Volunteer Program matches volunteers with a family that has a child with special needs age birth to 4 years old. Volunteers spend time in the family's home to give parents a break.

If you have 3-4 hours per week to play, share and care for a child and are 21 years of age or older, we need you! Training is provided and being offered at a location in your area in January!

To find out more about how you can make a difference to a family in your community, please contact Tina Yurik, Director of Clearbrook's Take a Break Volunteer Program, at 847-291-6971 x227 or tyurik@clearbrook.org. We also invite you to visit our website at www.clearbrook.org.

DISCERNMENT GROUP

The Benedictine Sisters of Lisle would like to invite practicing Catholic, single women, ages 20-50, to a Discernment Group to be held on the third Thursday of each month from 7 - 9 pm, beginning January 23, 2004 at Sacred Heart Monastery in Lisle. We believe that God calls women with various talents that are suitable for religious life, the married life or single life. It is important to pray and explore the privileges and responsibilities of each type of vocation. See our website for more information www.shmlisle.org.

If you are interested, please contact Sister Christine Kouba, OSB by January 14, 2004. Her email is: **ckouba@shmlisle.org** or call her at: (630) 977-9225. Thank you!





MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	E. Walker	K. Passarelli	T. Kowaski
Eucharistic Ministers	M. White (S) B. Lawlor (C) B. Eadon	M. Pena (S) P. Mason (C)	J. Spears (S) R. Marro (C)
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Sunday, January 5, 2014			
Sunday Collection	\$6,480.19		
Parish Pay	\$5,140.21		
Children	\$18.50		
Collection Total	\$11,638.90		

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

The 2013 Christmas Collection will be published at a later time.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



Sunday, January 12, 2014

8:30 a.m. † The Holmes Family 10:30 a.m. Dr. Thomas Pozen

Monday, January 13, 2014

† Faye St. Pierre 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

† Terri Quaid 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

9:00 a.m. † Irene Kozak

Thursday, January 16, 2014

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of Mary Queen

Friday, January 17, 2014

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, January 18, 2014

4:30 p.m. † James Stanko

Sunday, January 19, 2014

† Karen Sima 8:30 a.m. † Raymond Cirone 10:30 a.m.

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of January 12, 2014

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20 Monday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 Tuesday:

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 Thursday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 Friday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17 Saturday: Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett Susana Cortes de Caicedo Barbara J. Godawa



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



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