MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

426 N WEST AVE, ELMHURST IL 60126-2128

Phone: 630-279-5700 Fax: 630-279-4667 Email: parishoffice@maryqueen.org Website: <u>http://www.maryqueen.org</u>

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Cover design @Liturgical Publications Inc. Image from BigStockPhoto.com @ James Burns.

March 9, 2014 First Sunday of Lent

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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Anthony R. Taschetta Pastor

Rev. John Barrett Pastor Emeritus

Deacon Tom Nolan (630) 279-5700 Baptismal Coordinator

Deacon Alex Grozik (630) 530-0503 Vocations

Mary Ann Woods (630) 832-8962 Director, Religious Education

Genet Pinkerton (630) 833-9500 Preschool Director

Mimi Nolan (630) 279-5700 Pastoral Associate/RCIA/Bereavement

Sr. Marlene Geimer, SLW (630) 279-5700 Julie Blaszak Office Managers

Ed Nowak (708) 246-0868 musicdirector@maryqueen.org Music Director

Marta Gamboa (630) 279-5700 mqhbulletin@maryqueen.org Bulletin Editor Website

Note from the Pastor



Come Back to Me

Now we begin again. And just in the nick of time. Many of us with this cold, hard, dark winter find ourselves

on the edge of despair. Yet as we once again begin the holiest season of the year, we can perceive in the distance, a very small flickering Light luring us to it. It is the light of Love, it is the Light of God, it is the Light of Christ. Our holy work is to come back to it.

The theme we have for this Lent is taken from the prophet Hosea and our *leitmotif* is taken from the hymn "Hosea" which calls us back to the Lord.

Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.

It is the great trick of Satan and the modern world in which we find ourselves to believe that we are radically separate selves (no wonder we are so lonely). The name Satan means the accuser and the accuser is always *diabolical* which means to tear apart and separate one from the other. And when we are separated from the Source of life and from each other we wither away. And so the invitation: Come back to Me.

In the Old Testament, the prophet Hosea was married to a woman named Gomer who was constantly unfaithful to him (in the seminary we had a pet dog who had a litter form a different stud every season... we called her Gomer). Every time Gomer went away, Hosea took her back. It was symbolic of Yahweh-God taking back unfaithful Israel as she embraced the false Gods of the world that could not save. In the 2700 years since Hosea wrote, not much has changed. We are still unfaithful, God continues to call us back.

> Trees to bend 'tho straight and tall So must we to others call.

The Lord never stops calling. The invitation is always there. Lent is the holy season in which we are called to ask ourselves: Quo Vadis, where are you going? The biggest boy band in the land today is called One Direction but if that direction is toward just me, my wants, my desires and self-fulfillment, it is the wrong direction. It is the direction of being separated from the Source. And so the invitation to turn around, to come back to me.

The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.

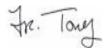
For the next 40 days we are invited with Jesus to go into the desert. It is there we are to fast and to pray and, I am quite sure, to be tempted. Our temptations may not be as dramatic as Jesus' but they will be real. It is the temptation just to give up on our Lenten resolutions and to give in to business as usual with no transformation taking place. We are called to so much more than that.

God has a holy longing and so do we. We are like two star crossed lovers who keep on missing each other and going our separate ways. Please, not this time. Not this Lent. Let us go out to the desert to meet Him and be embraced by His love. Let us not be afraid of the crosses that lay ahead for they will not so much be instruments of death but of transformation into the new life into which He calls us.

Long have I waited for Your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

He's calling, He's longing, He's waiting with His arms and heart wide open. Are you going?

In Jesus, Who Awaits Us in the Desert of His Sacred Heart,



Parish News

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

Fr. Gregor Gorsic (Mary Queen is his home parish) will be leading a tour of the Holy Land from November 3 - 12, 2014. If you are interested in joining him there are brochures in the back of the church or you can call at (630) 310-9396 and ask about the tour.

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 9 - MARCH 16

Sunday, March 9, 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

Monday, March 10, 2014

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

MQH Mass **Confirmation Practice in Church** Preschool Board Meeting in Room 7 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Room 13

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

8:30 a.m. MOH Mass 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Conf. Room 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Baptism Class in Church 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Room 13

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

8:30 a.m. **MQH** Mass 3:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. RE Classes in Church/Barrett Hall/School 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Conf. Room

Thursday, March 13, 2014

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Yoga in Barrett Hall

Friday, March 14, 2014

Bulletin Deadline March 23, 2014 8:30 a.m. Communion Service Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, 2014

3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.

Confessions **MQH** Mass

Sunday, March 16, 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 & 132:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.Confirmation in Church/Barrett Hall/School

Parish News

BE A BLESSING FOR THE BOLIVIA MISSION TRIP!

It is that time of year again, a little earlier because of Easter. We are asking for NEW children's underwear, pencils, erasers, and pencil sharpeners. We also need children's chewable vitamins NOT "gummies"! Thanks so much for your generous help! Look for a basket in the back of church for your donations. Any questions? Call Judy Fuchsen at (630) 258-5577.

Lenten Schedule

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Mission "Spirituality of Two Halves of Life" Preached by: Fr. Tony Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church Sunday, Monday and Tuesday March 23, 24, 25 – 7:00 p.m. Note: Sunday, March 23 is for your entire family.

Confessions Saturdays - 3:30 p.m. March 12 - Children's Reconciliation during RE class times March 24 - 8:15 p.m. after Parish Mission

Holy Thursday April 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday April 18

Stations of the Cross 12:00 Noon **Good Friday Service** 7:00 p.m.



Holy Saturday April 19

Blessing of Easter Baskets 11:00 a.m. in Church

Solemn Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 20 Masses: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CCW "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" 2014 CANDIDATES

Heather Brand...Our family has belonged to Mary Queen since 1994. Bill and I have one daughter, Rachel, who is 20 and lives in California. After going to Mass with Bill often and always feeling welcome, I attended the spirit -filled RCIA program and converted in 2002. Our Catholic faith is the foundation of life for which we thank God. I am blessed to serve in Bible Study, CRHP and choir ministries. Recently, I started a prayer ministry for cancer patients. The people of MQH are a gift and make the parish feel like home. I am both surprised and honored to be nominated.

Marie Grozik... Alex and I have been married for 14 years. We have 4 grown children and 13 grandchildren. We have been in Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for 12 years. I was a Bible Study Coordinator and Facilitator for 9 years, have been a lector for 11 years, one half of a Pre-Cana Mentor Couple for 10 years and part of CRHP for 2 years. Alex and I are part of the RCIA team. I also help Alex with many of his Deaconal ministries, such as baptisms, Peace and Justice, Ministry of Vocations and wake services. We really enjoy being a part of the Mary Queen family just because it feels like home when we are with all the people here. We came because we enjoyed the liturgies when we visited and we stayed because of the warmth we felt. I am honored to be included in this great group of nominees.

Maria Balice Kresnicka.....I have been a member of Mary Queen of Heaven for 6 years. My husband and I have been married for 16 years and have a son in 7th grade and a son in 4th grade. I work part-time in public relations. I have taught first grade Religious Education for 4 years, helped with the Children's Christmas Eve Mass and led Children's Church for 3 years.

Nancy McGing... I am honored to be nominated for Woman of the Year. From the time our family joined Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, the feeling of community and a sense of welcome has been ever-present. We made lifelong friendships with many of the families here and our four children still consider them their parish family. Helping at Religious Education as hall monitor allowed me to give back to our parish and make many friendships simultaneously. As a choir member, it was a joy to participate in such a special way during Mass. Last fall, drawing on my experience and passion for Hospice and Palliative Care as a Nurse Practitioner, it was a privilege to speak with fellow parishioners about choices at the end of life. For the past seven years, I have co-chaired a grass roots movement with my husband, Bill McGing, to provide Christmas gifts to children and families from a school in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Chicago. I turned to my friends at Mary Queen the first year with the goal of giving one classroom of children a new uniform for Christmas; a wish that their teacher had shared with us. Since that first year, our donations have grown. Each year at Christmas time, we open our home for donations. Our basement becomes the staging area for sorting, labeling and organizing the items that are contributed. We organize wrapping sessions for teens of our parish and York High School can earn volunteer hours by wrapping the books, stuffed animals, beanie babies and hats, gloves and scarves for the school children. With the help of our supporters, this year, "Friends of Elmhurst" delivered gifts to approximately 600 children, furnished bags of groceries to several families, and sponsored a "garage sale" granting parents the opportunity to purchase gifts for their families at a nominal fee. For most of the families at this school, our gifts are the only gifts the children receive. I am so fortunate to have built relationships through Mary Queen that have allowed us to help so many other people. I look forward to continuing to reach out to others through our efforts with "Friends of Elmhurst". Thank you again, Mary Queen of Heaven parish for honoring me with the nomination of Woman of the Year.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CCW "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" 2014 CANDIDATES (cont.)

Toni Nessi...I have been a member of the parish for 6 years. During that time, I was a teaching assistant for one year in the Religious Education program. My "ministry" at Mary Queen is to document Father Tony's homilies and various speaking events. I have been recording homilies since 2009 and have over 250 homilies recorded and posted on a website that I maintain. Father Tony puts his heart into his homilies and I try to extend his word to many by recording and making them available to parishioners. I also process them into sets of Video DVDs and Audio CDs to those who want them. In addition to homilies, I have recorded Easter Triduum Masses for the RCIA candidates for 5 years, and provide them with videos so they can remember this important event in their spiritual life. I have also filmed many other events as a way to share the closeness and vibrance of our church community. Many of these pictures and videos are on-line and I was a major contributor of photos and layout of our MQH Directory. I have also self-published a book of Mary Queen photos called "Our Parish, Our Friends, Our Family". My husband is Bob Maguda who has participated in RCIA and CRHP giving team for several years.

Norma Williamson...I have been a parishioner of Mary Queen of Heaven my entire life. My husband, Matt, and I have been married for 10 years. Matt is a Knight of Columbus. We have a son, Roberto, who is 5 years old and attends kindergarten at IC. I am involved in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Bereavement Ministry, Bible study, the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, Parish Council, RCIA and the Mary Queen of Heaven Business Networking group. I also run the Easter Egg Hunt. I am a Eucharistic Minister and enjoy helping out in the parish wherever I am needed.

Parish News

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR FATHER JOHN BARRETT

All parishioners are invited to join the Mary Queen of Heaven CCW on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall as we pray the rosary for Father John.

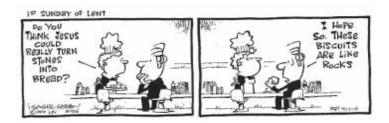
MISSED A STEP? ANOTHER OPTION IS HERE!

Are you a teen or adult Catholic who has not yet been Confirmed? Immaculate Conception will offer adult Confirmation classes beginning on Wednesday, March 19 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the PAC/Rectory, located at 134 Arthur Street in Elmhurst. They will meet for five sessions, concluding the week of April 23. They will not meet during Holy Week. You do not need to be a member of Immaculate Conception Parish to participate in these classes. Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Pam Stefik at (630) 530-3497.

PADS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of a few more volunteers for overnight watch shifts 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 Men's Group volunteer on the Saturday night/Sunday morning of the fourth Saturday/Sunday of each month. The overnight shifts are 11:00 p.m. Saturday to 2:00 a.m. Sunday and then from 2:00 a.m. Sunday to 5:00 a.m. Sunday (2 Volunteers for each 3 hour shift).

If you would like to assist the MQH Men's Group in filling these overnight shifts, please Contact John Irwin at dadtojandj@comcast.net.



Parish News

TRANSITION UPDATE

We would like to share with you the feedback from the questioner the Parish Council published in the bulletin. In the next few weeks we will sharing with you the some of the responses. Here are some of the answers to "What three words describe Mary Queen of Heaven?"



The personnel board of the Diocese is currently working on the applications submitted to them for our new priest. Thank you for your input. They will let us know when a decision is made. Father Tony will celebrate his last Mass the weekend of June 7/8 and our new pastor will celebrate his first Mass at Mary Queen the weekend of June 21/22.

Diocesan News

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2014

If you have not made your contribution to the 2014 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal, please consider doing so next weekend.

One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to this Appeal. You can and will make a difference.

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$45,459.00 in paid pledges, 60% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please mark your calendars:

- Monday, March 10 Confirmation practice takes place in Church from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Practice is mandatory and for CANDIDATES ONLY.
- Sunday, March 16 The celebration of Confirmation takes place at the parish at 2:00 p.m. in church. Candidates are to report to the school building by 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 2 No RE class because of Spring Break.

Please make any payments for outstanding RE tuition and fees into the Office as soon as possible.

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

Preschool News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Registration for 2014-15 school year has begun. Registration papers are available online at **www.maryqueenpreschool.org**. Individual tours may be scheduled in February.

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

YOGA IN BARRETT HALL

Come try our Yoga class - Each student can practice at their own pace and comfort level (Beginners to Advanced). Students must be able to get and up and down from the floor unassisted. Every Thursday in March - 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. Email **debbie@styka.com** or call (630) 941-7224.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 15 SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014				
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	
Lector	D. Novar A. Novar	M. Reed	P. Reynertson	
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Vilim (S) H. Todd(C) S. Pingitore B. Eadon B. Lawlor T. Sabel J. Alonso	D. Styka (S) R. Maple (C) P. Mason T. Nanak M. Pena M. Pena	R. Morro (S) M. McDonald (C) K. Mueller K. Gusloff J. Pinkerton P. Twardowski B. Caramot	
Altar Servers	C. Letourneau B. Hernandez C. Hernandez	A. Huizar K. Lewand K. Scharcht	E. Frank J. Frank A. Frank	

REES **Church Support Collection Totals for:** Sunday, March 2, 2014 **Sunday Collection** \$8,594.00 **Parish Pay** \$4,356.41 Children \$32.75 **Collection Total** \$12,983.16

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

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.

Mass Intent THE WEEK

Sunday, March 9, 2014

onday, march	7,	20
8:30 a.m.	†	D
10:30 a.m.	†	Ν
	+	D

aniel Hennessy Aaria Lamorgese **Debbie Klotter**

Monday, March 10, 2014

8:30 a.m. Agnes Eldon-Maxon 102nd Birthday

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:30 a.m.

- † Guy Tibero Sr.
- Wednesday, March 12, 2014 8:30 a.m. † Francis Schroedl
- Thursday, March 13, 2014 8:30 a.m. † Dorothy Corso
- Friday, March 14, 2014 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, March 15, 2014

4:30 p.m. † Lorraine and Edmund Grunwald

Sunday, March 16, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Sam Cappello 10:30 a.m. † Judy Sikorski

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 9, 2014

Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	ls 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett Bernadette Telander



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

