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March 16, 2014 Second Sunday of Lent



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Sacrament of Confirmation
March 16, 2014

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Note from the Pastor



Ring Around the Rosie

"Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." Yikes! That's scary. Especially if you're a

little kid. It is, of course, the preferred formula that the minister is to use as he/she places ashes on the forehead of those coming up to prepare for Lent and Easter. What is it saying? Life is short. You are going to die. So what are you going to do about it? For an adult, these are pretty important questions. For a little kid, they can be downright scary.

I remember as a little boy in the 50's going every Ash Wednesday to St. Michael's Church in Wheaton and listening to Fr. Lynch give the same sermon. "Look around you. Life is short. There are some of you who are here tonight who will not be here next year." Even as a seven year old I knew exactly what he meant and it scared the beegeezes out of me. I don't want to die. I'm only seven. My friend Michael tells the story of being seven years old when he first realized that he was going to die. He went into an uncontrollable tantrum and no one could stop him except his father who wrapped his arms around him, held him tightly, made him look into his eyes and said, "Look. You are not going to die. You will grow to be an old man." The child collapsed into his arms and he was fine.

On every Ash Wednesday I remind our children that they can expect to grow to be at least 100 years old by today's standards. But at the same time I want them to know that Lent is a very important time. It is a time for them to learn discipline. To learn how to say the sacred "No." To sacrifice something they like for something even better. So how do you do it? Especially for a preschooler.

Every year I am invited to our preschool to put ashes on our little one's foreheads. I used to say to them, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." (I'm sure that made a lot of sense to them.) I didn't want to say that "they are dust and onto dust they shall return" just in case some of them understood what I was really saying. So I was always at a quandary as to what to do and say until last year.

Last year on Ash Wednesday, I went straight over to the preschool after morning Mass fully vested with ashes in hand. I looked at these beautiful, innocent children as I held this sacramental instrument of darkness and penance in my hand.

Now, how do I do this? We formed a circle and before I knew it we were holding hands and marching around singing, "Ring around the rosie, pocket full of posies, ashes, ashes, we all fall down." And indeed we did. We sang it about four or five times and every time we fell I reminded them that when they were little kids, before they learned how to walk they would always... what? Why they'd fall, of course. Falling is part of life. And falling is part of learning. We all fall down. But do we stay down? No, we get up to try again. We all make mistakes but is that the end? No, that's the reason why they put erasers on pencils. And that's the reason why when we fall, God lifts us up. And every time we get up, we get up a little higher, a little taller, a little more secure. It's the Paschal Mystery writ small.

Now we were ready to receive our ashes. As each child came up, the other ministers and I would put the ashes on the forehead of the little ones and say to them, "It's okay to fall down, but then you get up." Not only is it okay to fall down, it is necessary. It is part of the process. It is who we are. Children need success. They need to learn how to stand on their own two feet. They need to know that they can do it. And they do. However, I believe after the age of 35 or so, we learn very little from our successes. Most of what we really learn, we learn by falling down and then by being lifted by a power greater than ourselves. It is the grace of God. We collapse into His mercy and He lifts us up. It's the Paschal Mystery writ large.

Ashes, ashes, we all fall down. Just don't stay there.

In Jesus, Our Pasch,

Fr. Tony

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 16 - MARCH 23

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 & 13

2:00 p.m. Confirmation in Church

Monday, March 17, 2014

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Conf. Room

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Preschool CPR and First Aide Training

in Social Hall

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. CCW in Barrett Hall

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Room 13

Wednesday, March 19, 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 20, 2014

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

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, March 21, 2014

Bulletin Deadline March 30, 2013

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 22, 2014

3:30 PM Confessions 4:30 PM MQH Mass

4:30 PM MQH Mas

Sunday, March 23, 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

11:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fellowship in Barrett Hall 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Wings in Barrett Hall

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Parish Mission

ELMHURST COLLEGE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE SCHOLARSHIP

Mary Queen of Heaven parishioners who are attending Elmhurst College are encouraged to apply for one of two scholarships to be awarded by MQH. You can be a traditional undergraduate student or a non/traditional adult student. Scholarships are \$2,500 each and are available for the upcoming 2014-2015 academic year. Contact Ruth Pusich, Elmhurst College Director of Financial Aid, at (630) 617-3080 or ruthp@elmhurst.edu for more information or to apply.

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

olemn Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday

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

Parish News

CONFIRMATION TODAY

Today our 8th grade boys and girls come forward to complete their initiation into the great Mystery of life. It began on the day of their Baptism. Their parents promised for them that they would see to it that they knew there was not only a God but that God was manifested in the flesh through His son, Jesus. It is this Jesus who is the Christ and the Savior of the world.

In $2^{\rm nd}$ grade they continued their initiation as they made their First Holy Communion to remind themselves weekly that they belong to this Christ. As they ate of His Body, they were becoming what they eat.

And now they finish their initiation. Now they come forward and say, "I'm ready." I AM READY! Not their parents, not their Godparents but they themselves make this commitment to the Christ and His Kingdom as full members of His Holy Church.

We salute them, we honor them, we pray for them. Great thanks to their parents for fulfilling their Baptismal promises and for all who have taught them the ways of the Lord through the years, especially our wonderful Religious Education teachers here at Mary Queen under the marvelous leadership of Mary Ann Woods.

Young people, welcome! You may now take your place as a full-fledged member of Christ's Household.

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 MISSION NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday we begin our annual Parish Mission. Fr. Tony will be giving it this year on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The title is simply, "The Spirituality of the Two Halves of Life."

On Sunday evening we will explore the first half. It is for the entire family: parents, teenagers, children. The first night is critical for the running of a well-ordered Christian household. What makes us so special? Why are we chosen? What are our tasks as children and as parents? And how do we do it. It is family night. Bring the family.

On Monday and Tuesday we will explore what it means to be an "adult" Christian. Teaching the Beatitudes to children is nigh impossible. Knowing the Beatitudes and living them as an adult is indispensible. What does a true adult Christian look like? How do we get there and how do we know that we are there when we arrive? (Hint: On this side of Eternity we never full arrive.)

Do purpose to make this Parish Mission. It can make a wonderful difference in our lives.



BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon	
Sunday, March 30	Friday, March 21	
Sunday, April 6	Monday, March 24	
Sunday, April 13	Friday, April 4	
Sunday, April 20	Friday, April 11	

Thank you for your cooperation.

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 grassroots 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.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Sunday we celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep all of our newly confirmed in your prayers.

Mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, April 2 No RE class because of Spring Break.
- Wednesday, April 9 The 7th graders will lead us in the Living Stations at 7:00 p.m. in church.
- Saturday, April 12 Gr. 2 children & parents take part in special Break Breaking session in church with Fr. Tony at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 16 No RE class because of Holy Week.

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



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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:

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 22 SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	E. Walker	M. Grozik	M. McCall
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Collection Totals for: Sunday, March 9, 2014		
Sunday Collection	\$9,020.00	
Parish Pay	\$4,356.41	
Children	\$37.36	
Collection Total	\$13,413.77	

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

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



Sunday, March 16, 2014

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

Monday, March 17, 2014

† Catherine Higgins 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth McKenna

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of Mary Queen

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Sam Cappello

Thursday, March 20, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Robert Rezutko

Friday, March 21, 2014

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, March 22, 2014

4:30 p.m. † Ralph and Faye St. Pierre

Sunday, March 23, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Albert Fuchsen 10:30 a.m. † Blythe O'Sullivan

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2014

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 Monday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 Tuesday:

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18,

22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 Thursday:

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43,

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-

15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett Caleb Wilson (2 years old) Bernadette Telander



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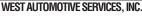
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