MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

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March 30, 2014 Fourth 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

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Note from the Pastor



Come Back To Me

It seems to me the worst thing in the world is being completely isolated, totally alone, cut off. This Lent we

choose for our theme, "Come Back to Me" in the hopes that we can reconnect with the Source of Life and with one another. This is utterly indispensible for true happiness and true life.

Right now there is a great debate going on over solitary confinement which cuts a person off completely from other human contact. Those who have experienced it say it is the worse kind of punishment. Many say it is cruel and unusual which makes it unconstitutional. Why? Because we are constituted to be connected. With God. With one another.

Last summer while taking the Metra from Chicago to Elmhurst, I was struck by the fact that in my car I was the only person who did not have their face buried in some type of screen. For the full distance of the ride there was absolutely no human commerce, even by members of the same family sitting next to one another.

In his poem God's Trombones poet James Weldon Johnson wrote about God creating the world and then the animals and then finally us and the tag line after each creative event was always the same, "I'm lonely still,"

And God said, I'm lonely still Then God sat down – On the side of hill where He could think:... God thought and thought Till he thought: I'll make me a man... And there the great God Almighty... Who rounded the earth in the middle of His hand; This Great God Like a mammy bending down over her baby, Kneeled down in the dust Toiling over a lump of clay Till he shaped it in His own image; Then into it He blew the breath of life And a man became a living soul. Amen. Amen.

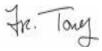
Augustine said it best, "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until we rest in Thee." We are made for something more and yet we continue to isolate ourselves away from all the relationships that make life worth living. We bought into the illusion that if we make enough, are self-sufficient enough, work hard enough, we can have it all. But all for what?

In a culture that worships individualism and personal choice, we lose track of the fact that we are social beings and from the moment of conception to the day of our death in need of each other. Author Anna Keating in an article in America Magazine quotes Benedict XVI, "As a spiritual being the human person is defined by interpersonal relations. The more authentically he or she lives these relations, the more his own personal identity matures. It is not by isolation that the people establish their worth, but by placing themselves in relation to others and with God."

She then goes on to guote Malcolm Gladwell's recent best-seller, Outliers. He tells the story of a little Italian Village in Roseto, Italy. In the 1800's they migrated to a town in Pennsylvania where they created a community and prospered. Physicians began to discover that while their diets were filled with fat and their lifestyle was just as sedentary as the rest of the American population, no one in the village suffered from heart disease. There was also no suicide or violent crime. Most lived long lives and died at an old age. There was nothing genetic that could explain this situation. It was finally concluded that it was the closeknit community that was the source of their good health. The extended family was still alive and well with great multi-generational relationships. There was respect for children and the elderly and on Sunday, everybody went to church. Obviously, good health is more than just diet and exercise. Relationships make all the difference in the world.

God seems to love relationships because God is a relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And we, as His creatures, are invited into the dance of that relationship. As we are touched by the power of His Spirit, we are then propelled into wholesome relationships with each other. Obviously, given the fractured relationship that we have with one another and our God, we still have a lot to learn. But we learn by doing, by practice. That's what this season of Lent is all about. We practice by coming back to the Source of Life and then going forth to one another. It is still Lent, there is still time.

In Jesus, the Son of the Father, the Fullness of the Spirit,



Parish News

A LENTEN EXERCISE APRIL 11 AT 6:00 P.M. IN BARRETT HALL

The ministry of Peace and Justice is offering a Lenten Experience for all of our Mary Queen families. We invite everyone to join together on Friday, April 11 in Barrett Hall to share a simple pot luck supper of meatless soup, salad and bread. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. We will then move into church to pray the Stations of the Cross and go back to Barrett Hall afterwards to share a light desert and review a section of the movie A Place at the Table. This deals with the topic of hunger in America and programs that assist the hungry. A short discussion will follow and we will write letters to our legislators in support of increasing funding to some of these programs. Examples of letters will be available. This is a areat way for children to learn social responsibility.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church to register your family and what you can bring. Hope to see you there.

MQH MEN'S GROUP ANNUAL ROAD TRIP TO MILLER PARK IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN SATURDAY, APRIL 26

The Men's Group of MQH would like to invite all adult-aged men to join them for a late afternoon and evening of baseball, watching the Milwaukee Brewers play the Chicago Cubs at Miller Park. The group will be leaving the MQH parking lot at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26 by Coach Bus and returning the same night around 11:30 p.m. The cost per attendee will be \$65.00 (checks can be made out to Mary Queen of Heaven) which will include your ticket to the game, round trip transportation, and beverages on the bus. Tickets are limited to a maximum of 40 and going fast, so don't delay. You can Reserve your space by contacting Jim Japczyk at jfjapczyk@gmail.com. Please join the men of MQH for some fellowship on this road trip to Miller Park to see America's pastime in full swing!

Lenten Schedule

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

<u>Confessions</u> Saturdays - 3:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday April 12 - 13 Mass on Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

> <u>Good Friday</u> April 18

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



<u>Holy Saturday</u> 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

"MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE" A Lenten Mission with Father Ed Shea, OFM March 30 – April 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church in Elmhurst

Come, Pray and Sing with Father Ed as we reflect together on what it means for us to be instruments of peace in today's world. Sunday, March 30 (Benediction) "Where there's Doubt...Faith." Monday, March 31: (Reconciliation) "Where there's Injury...Pardon." Tuesday, April 1 - (Mass) Where there's Despair...Hope."

Parish News

FATHER TONY HOMILIES

You can now play homilies from the Mary Queen website (**www.maryqueen.org**) on your mobile device such as iPad or cell phone. Fr. Tony's homilies are available on DVD to watch on your TV or computer. They are also available as Audio CD for listening on a CD player or in your car. Homilies from 2013 are available now or preorder January-June 2014.

You can also order homilies as audio mp3 files, which can be played on a computer or transfer to a mobile device.

Circle the items that you want:

- 2013:38 homilies on 6 Video DVDs \$25
- 2013:38 homilies on 8 Audio CDs \$25
- 2013:38 homilies as MP3 audio files 2014: Approximately 20 homilies on 3 Video DVDs \$15
- 2014: Approximately 20 homilies on 4 Audio CDs - \$15
- 2014: Approximately 20 homilies as MP3 audio files - \$10
- 2014: Parish Mission "Spirituality in the first and second half of life" -Video DVD - \$15
- 2014: Parish Mission Audio CD \$15

Please print your name and address:

Name ______ Address ______ City _____

Phone

Email Address (optional)_____

Mail your order to: Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Office, 426 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126 OR put it in the Sunday collection and mark the envelope "Homilies". Make Checks Payable to "Mary Queen of Heaven". Financial assistance is available, contact Fr. Tony. For questions or to check status of your order, call the parish office at (630) 279-5700. All proceeds will go to a charity supported by Mary Queen of Heaven.

Parish News

AED TRAINING

Automated external defibrillator training will be held in the Social Hall on April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. High school students are welcome. To enroll contact John Menarek at (630) 818-0091.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saint Kateri, recently canonized native American saint, would arise early before the sun and wait for the church doors to open. Her day began with Eucharist and prayer. She would spend long hours on her knees in the cold chapel adoring Jesus hidden in the Sacrament of Love.

Our next day of Eucharistic Adoration is on **April 7**. The day of prayer begins after 8:30 a.m. Mass, and ends with Benediction at **7:00 p.m.**. We are always looking for people who would like to "adopt" an hour. Please call Kay Diggins, (630) 530-7214, or Rose Wilkes, (630)833-7238.



MQH EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 19, 2014

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 11:30 a.m. after the Blessing of the baskets. This year it will be inside the school and kids up to 7 years old can participate. We will split the egg hunt into three rooms according to age group: 2-3yr olds, 4-5yr olds, and 6-7yr olds. Each room will have an egg with a golden coin in it. Who-



ever finds the coin will win an Easter basket.

We will also have a visit from the Easter Bunny... so parents bring your cameras.

For more information, please contact Norma Williamson at (630) 215-8611 or email her at: **njvdesigns@yahoo.com**.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our RE year is winding down and we are already starting to plan for next fall. Please begin to pray about how you can help in our program. As always, we will have some catechist and aide spots to fill. The faith formation of our children is in your hands.

Have a safe and happy Spring Break. Class resumes at the normal times on Wednesday, April 9.

Wednesday, April 9 - Please join our 7th graders in church to pray their annual presentation of the Living Stations in church at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, April 2 No RE class because of Spring Break.
- Saturday, April 12 Grade 2 Parent and child Bread Breaking session in church at 10:00 a.m. Practice at 12:30 p.m. for those that are making their First Communion on April 26 at 11:00 a.m. One parent is required to accompany their child. Practice should take about 45 minutes.
- Wednesday, April 16 NO CLASS due to Holy Week.
- Wednesday, April 23 Last RE class All school food drive during session 3.

Registrations for the 2014-2015 RE year have been mailed to our families. If you would like to be put on our mailing list, please contact the REO. Remember parish registration is a prerequisite for registration in the Religious Education Program.

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

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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, Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500 mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org www.maryqueenpresschool.org

Diocesan News

APRIL 3 DEDICATION & BLESSING BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER

On Thursday, April 3, 2014, the administrative offices of the Diocesan Curia are pleased to invite the people of the Diocese of Joliet to join them in celebration of their new offices located in Crest Hill, Illinois. The Blanchette Catholic Center covers approximately 1.5 acres and houses many of the offices of the Diocese, including in the years to come, Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Joliet. The building also features a fully operational conference center available for large meetings and banquets. Please join us for:

- 2 p.m.-6 p.m.: Open House of the Blanchette Catholic Center
- 3 p.m.: Blessing of the building and talk by Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet in the Conference Center

Our address is: 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill, Illinois 60403 (near the intersection of Weber & Division). Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon, and tours will be available through our agency offices. Bishop Conlon hopes that the parishioners of the Diocese of Joliet will take this opportunity to visit our offices and learn how the Curia personnel work to serve the parishes and the people.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, APRIL 5 SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014							
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM				
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta				
Lector	B. Dunn	K. Sutkus	S. Napolilli				
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Reisenbuckler(S) K. Diggins (C) B. Eadon B. Lawlor G. Los H. Todd T. Sabel	D. Bernstein (S) J. Eichorst (C) D. Gornick M. Grozik N. Williamson R. Maple	B. Kevil (S) T. Kevil (C) R. Marro P. Twardowski K. Mueller K. Gusloff K. Caramot				
Altar Servers	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez T. Serpico	S. Harrington B. Harrington K. Scharcht	J. Race P. Vosicky M. Kerley				

Church Support

Sunday, March 23, 2014Sunday Collection\$7,563.00Parish Pay\$4,573.83Children\$32.30Collection Total\$12,169.13

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

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



Sunday, March 30, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Brenda Scanlon 10:30 a.m. † Amelia Cisneros

Monday, March 31, 2014

8:30 a.m. Alfred and Elaine Martin 63rd Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 8:30 a.m. † Delores Szachnitowski

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Myeczyslaw Izdebski

Thursday, April 3, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Ralph St. Pierre

Friday, April 4, 2014 8:30 a.m. Rev. Jason Stone

Saturday, April 5, 2014 4:30 p.m. † Patricia Ferrarini

Sunday, April 6, 2014

8:30 a.m.MQH Parishioners10:30 a.m.†Sam Cappello

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 30, 2014

Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday:	ls 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	ls 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or
	11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

WORLD CATHOLICISM WEEK APRIL 7 - 11

DePaul University - Free & open to the public 2250 N. Sheffield, Chicago, IL

Speakers will explore the following themes:

- "Scattered & Gathered:" Catholics in Diaspora
- Spiritual Tools for a Secular World
- Sweatshops & Sacraments: Catholic Approaches to the Apparel Industry

For the full schedule, complete list of speakers, location & registration details, please visit http://worldcath2014.depaul.edu

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 27 Sunday of Divine Mercy 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA/Mistagogy in Rm 6, 7 & 13 	 20 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM AND 12 NOON Easter Sunday Mass 	 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA Retreat in C/SH/Rm. 13 	6 5th Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Rm 6, 7 & 13 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in C	 30 4th Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Rm 6, 7 & 13 	Sun	Mary Queen of Heaven
28	21 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Commission in Meeting in BH	14 Monday of Holy Week	 7 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration in C 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Preschool Board Mtg. in Rm. 7 	31	Mon	n
29	22 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CCW in BH	15 Tuesday of Holy Week	Sister Am 10:30 AM Bible Study in Conf. Rm 7:30 PM 8:30 PM Baptism Class in C 7:30 PM 8:30 PM Bible Study in Rm. 13	J 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Bible Study in Conf. Rm. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee in Conf. Rm. 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study in Rm. 13	Tue	April 2014
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	25 DEADLINE BULLETIN May 4, 2014	18 Good Friday 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross in C 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	11 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM P & J "Hunger in America" in BH 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in C	A DEADLINE BULLETIN Apr. 13, 2014 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in C	Fri	Elmhurst, IL
BH Barrett Hall C Church Conf Rm Conference Room SH Social Hall	 26 11:00 AM First Communion in C/SH/BH 3:30 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Mass 	19 Holy Saturday 9:00 AM RCIA Holy Saturday Rites in BH 11:00 AM Basket Blessing 11:30 AM Egg Hunt 7:30 PM Solemn Easter Vigil	12 9:00 AM - 12 NOON AED Training in SH 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM 1st Communion Bread Breaking in C 3:30 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Mass	5 3:30 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Mass	Sat	, IL

