

Elmhurst, Illinois

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2008



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Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass

Thurs.: Communion Service

All at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30. Please call the parish office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Note from the Pastor

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Today we celebrate our Parish Feast Day with a special outdoor mass. The Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary was first prescribed only in 1954 by Pope Pius XII. It didn't take long for two local institutions to adopt the name and the title; a close by cemetery and us (we got the better deal). The Feast was originally celebrated on the 31st of May, the last day of the Marian month. In recent years, however, it has been moved to the octave of the Feast of the Assumption, hence the actual Feast day was Friday, the 22nd. No matter, we will celebrate the Blessed Virgin every chance we get.

I love Mary. I love the teenager from Nazareth who said the most profound words ever spoken by a human being, "Fiat, let it be". And from that simple word the Word became incarnate. The Divine Presence Power and Love became Flesh, one of us.

We, the human ones, are Mary. And we, the household of Mary Queen of Heaven, a little Catholic church on the northwest side of Elmhurst in the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois, take our very identity from her name and her title. To name someone and to give them a title is to identify them. And we have been named and titled. We are Mary Queen of Heaven Church.

What does that mean? I don't know. I am really not sure yet. But of this I am certain. It's an important name and a perplexing title. And so much of who we are as a community is tied up in that name and title. Names are really important. I tell young couples to name their children advisedly not following whatever may be the present fashion. God has already named the child in its mother's womb. And in our naming this sacred visitor from God, we give her or him their initial identity. In time, they will add to their name a title: Doctor, Lawyer, Indian chief. More Identity. What does it mean to be Mary? And more difficult, what does it mean to be the Queen of Heaven and Earth? And what does that say about us? I don't know... yet.

I do know this, however, in the economy of God nothing is wasted, everything is used, everything belongs. There really are no mistakes with God (well, he did make the avocado pit a little too big) from God's perspective. Even (and especially) the seeming failures in life are redeemed and turned into the truest revelation of life. From our lemons we make lemonade, from our deaths we are given life, from our losses, gain. Nothing is wasted, everything is used and especially our identities. What does it mean to be white (people of color), female (male), American citizen (undocumented immigrant), Elmhurstite (is that a word?, it's

better than Bensenville), Catholic, and a full-fledged, active, participating member of the household of Mary Queen of Heaven? It's our name and our title that speaks to us today.

Mary. It's not by mistake that the very first assignment I had in my priesthood was to Saint Mary's Church and my most likely last assignment is another Mary. What does that say and mean to me and how does that form my identity? And title. It is not by mistake that all three parishes in the city of Elmhurst are Marian parishes: the Visitation, the Immaculate Conception, the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. It is not by mistake that all three are joyful mysteries of the Rosary: the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Coronation. What does it mean? I must confess that I find the Visitation much easier to understand and identify with (I was alone and you visited me) and even the Immaculate Conception (the perfect vessel for the Redeemer of the World). But Queen? As a good red blooded American boy, I don't get the Queen thing (and I get the King thing even less). The title seems so regal, royal, unapproachable, and foreign to my experience and the real paradox of Mary.

Mary is the little one, the *anawim*, one of the poor of Yahweh. The littlest and the lowest I understand. It is to the little ones that the kingdom belongs. The poor are blessed. In Mary's battle hymn, the Magnificat, the lowly are lifted up, the hungry are fed. Yes, she does say that the lord has looked in the lowliness of his servant and then hence forth all generations will call me blessed. But what does that mean? And what does that mean for us? I just don't know.

So, on this our Feast Day, we have our work cut out for us. Who are we? Who are we as a Parish? And what does our name tell us about ourselves? As the little Roman Catholic Church on the northwest corner of the City of Elmhurst in the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois named Mary Queen, what does that mean? Let us delve into that mystery together.

In Jesus whose name is above every other name,

Father Tony



Parish News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH FEAST DAY MASS

On Sunday, August 24th
a special Outdoor Mass will
be held in honor of the
Queenship of Mary.

All are invited to this special liturgy which will take place between the Church and the School Building. We hope you and your family will join us in celebrating our parish feast day. Fellowship will be graciously hosted by the Men's Group in Barrett Hall immediately following mass. Should the weather be inclement, Mass will be held in Church.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

DESTINY NEWS

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME

September 14th Meeting
8:30 AM In School Building

September 28th Meeting
8:30 AM In School Building



WINGS TO HEAVEN

5th through 8th Grade Welcome

September 14th Meeting
6-8 PM In Barrett Hall

September 28th Meeting
6-8 PM In Barrett Hall



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IT'S PICNIC TIME!!!

Picnic

On Sunday, September 7th,
Mary Queen of Heaven will
holding its annual family picnic.

Come spend time with family and friends and enjoy music, games, and just some good old fashioned family fun. There will be a delicious lunch available to purchase, or you may bring your own. Pop, water and popcorn will be available for purchase. The MQH Men's Group is organizing the event, and we will be looking for as much help from our parish family as possible.

Please contact

Mike Launius (630-941-8773),
Jim Japczyk (630-337-3273) or
Tim Mueller (630-567-5757)
if you would like to volunteer.

RCIA

As we enter our new season for the RCIA we will need a "pool" of faithful Catholics to assist our team in preparing those persons seeking the sacraments of the church.



Actually, there are several "pools" to choose from!

- **Catechist** "pool"—is there a particular topic of Catholic teaching you would like to share? Social justice issues, how to pray the rosary, or contemplative prayer?
- **Sponsor** "pool"—take a personal journey with an individual as godparent or sponsor?
- **Faith companion** "pool"—to share your journey of faith at our weekly session?
- **Hospitality** "pool"—help set up and prepare refreshments for special events?

Training, guidance, support (water wings) available for all willing to take the plunge!

Contact

Mimi Wolak (630)941-3851 or
Tom Nanak (630) 530-4502.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish News

THE YEAR OF ST PAUL



Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year the Pauline Year. This will be the year of St Paul for Mary Queen of Heaven as well. Our Little Rock Scripture Series will focus on Paul this year as we

open ourselves to experience what he experienced....the liberating grace of Christ.

Every month there will be an article on line at www.littlerockscripture.org or www.dolr.org :

- **This August: Paul, the Missionary to the Gentiles.**
- September: The Nature of Discipleship in Paul's Writings.
- October: Paul and Grace (this is a most important one).
- November: Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit.
- December: Paul and Marriage (and it's not what you think).

As people of God, we have a serious obligation to know the ways of God. Not for God's sake... but for ours. Do take some time to study and learn.

Christian Worship Commission



To pray for our sick is an important privilege of our parish family. Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. When calling the parish office, please leave contact information and your relationship to the person. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks.

Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

- Arthur Carusso
- Shirley Harrell
- Elm Hos**
- Baby Joshua Kurby
- Al Martin**
- Fr. Stanley Orlikiewicz**
- Phyllis White

Christian Education Commission

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This is it. We only have 2 weeks before the opening of the MQH RE 08/09 year. Our opening event is September 10th. Unfortunately, there are 4 co-catechists positions that we still have to fill. **We really don't want to disappoint our children by not opening those particular classes on time.** Please think about sharing your faith with the children of the parish. Our children need you. **The following are those grade levels where help is still needed:**

Session 1 - Wednesday 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Grade 3 2 catechists
Grade 4 2 catechists

All sessions meet on Wednesdays. If you can help, please call the REO today. Classes begin in just a few weeks

Have you registered yet?

Registrations are still being taken in the REO for the coming year. It will be here before we know it. If you have not registered, please do so ASAP. Pass the word to your friends and neighbors. **Classes are filling up. FYI: The 3:15 Kindergarten and Gr. 1 is at capacity, however, there is space at 5:15. The 5:15 Gr. 5 is also at capacity, but there are openings at 7:00PM. Please bear in mind; we do not accept registrations the week of September 17th. If you want your child to start class on time, registrations must be in the office by September 12th. We will accept registrations after the 17th if there is space available.**

Our catechists will meet in preparation for our fall session at the following times:

- **Wednesday, August 27, 6-7PM** in Barrett Hall for New catechists only.
- **Wednesday, August 27, 7-8:30PM** in Barrett Hall for all catechists.
- **Wednesday, September 3, 7-8:30PM** in Barrett Hall for all catechists.

For more info on any of the above, please call Mary Ann Woods at the REO, 832-8962.

Christian Education Commission

MQH PRESCHOOL—SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Please call the Preschool for information. Become a part of our growing school. Schedule a visit, meet the teacher, come "Light the Way" with us.

The Preschool is currently accepting Registration for the 2008-2009 school year. Preschool classes are Monday through Friday from 8:45a.m.– 12 noon daily. 2 day (TTh) and 3 day (MWF) programs are offered.

Children are welcome to attend M-F, and additional flexibility is available when needed. Realizing that there can be a benefit from younger children learning from older children, classrooms have a combination of three and four year olds.

Tour the school, meet the teachers, and visit with current families at one of our Open Houses or schedule a tour at your convenience.

Please call the Preschool Director,
Mrs. Liz Lowrey, at **630-833-9500** or
visit our website at

www.maryqueenpreschool.org

for information about our growing program.

Diocesan News

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

Have you ever thought about being a priest but you don't know how to discern the call? Are you 18 years of age or older? Would you like to spend a day in discussion and prayer to learn more about God's call in your life? If you answered yes to these questions, this retreat is perfect for you.

The Diocese of Joliet has invited Fr. Jonathan, from St. Meinrad Abbey, to give a discernment retreat at the Fiat House, 113 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, IL 60432 on Saturday, September 13, 2008. The day begins at 9:30 am and concludes at 6 pm. Three meals will be provided and there is no cost for the retreat. The day will include the vigil Mass for Sunday, talks and discussion about the call to priesthood.

Please contact Fr. Burke Masteres
at frburke23@aol.com or 815-834-4004
to RSVP for this exciting opportunity

Diocesan News

LETTER FROM FATHER BURKE

Dear friends at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish,

I thoroughly enjoyed my time with you on the weekend of August 16-17. There is a wonderful spirit in your parish. I particularly would like to thank Fr. Tony and the entire staff for their invitation and for the hospitality you all showed me.

As Vocation Director, I would ask that you help me in a few ways:

1. Pray that young people will have the courage to say YES if God is calling them. May we all slow down and pray in silence to listen to God's voice
2. Parents, encourage your children to consider a vocation to priesthood and religious life. If it is God's will for them, they will find happiness following this call.
3. One of my goals is to have a vocation committee in every parish. The goal of a parish vocation committee is to promote a culture of vocations within the parish. If you would like to help with the mission of vocation promotion within your parish, please contact Fr. Tony. The Diocese of Joliet provides a training manual and training on October 25, 2008 for those interested. It is not a huge time commitment, but it is an important ministry.
4. Please be generous to the Catholic Ministries Appeal as 11% of your donation goes toward educating our future priests, which costs about \$750,000 each year.
5. Learn to appreciate the beauty of the Catholic faith and teach it to your children, especially the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

For more information on vocations, please visit our web site www.vocations.com. Also, I send out a monthly newsletter and daily reflections on the Scripture. If you would like to be added to my e-mail distribution list, please e-mail me at frburke23@aol.com.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you. Please pray for me and our 32 seminarians in the Diocese of Joliet.

God Bless,
Father Burke

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008

	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	D. StaRosa	M. Reed	P. Reynertson
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Styka (S) D. Styka (C) C. Reisenbuckler K. Passarelli Volunteer	T. Sabel (S) J. Unger (C) D. Bernstein T. Nanak Volunteer	P. Mason (S) M. Murray (C) P. Twardowski J. Spears P. Mason Volunteer
Altar Servers	E. Zielinski M. Jankovec	J. Alonso K. Pierzchala	M. St. Peter C. McManus



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 24, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM People of the Parish

Monday, August 25, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, August 28, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, August 29, 2008

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 30, 2008

5:00 PM † Ginny Lyman

Sunday, August 31, 2008

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory
10:30 AM † Giovannie and Rita Colella

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

- Mt 16:19-20

Readings for the Week of August 24, 2008

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



The collection total for:
Sunday August 17, 2008 amounted to \$5,494.00
Thank you for your support.

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Enter www.goodsearch.com for web site. Type "Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church" into the "I support" box, & click "verify". Continue your search.

Sign-up weekends -
August 23-24, 30-31,
Sept 6-7

**Paul's Letters from Prison
SCRIPTURE STUDY SIGN-UP - Sept. 2008**

(please print) email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

PHONE: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Day and Time Preference – 1st Choice (Circle one)

1. Monday, 9:30 -11am	Begins Sept 15 - last day Nov 17
2. Tuesday, 9:30am -11am	Begins Sept 16 - last day Nov 18
3. Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Begins Sept 16 - last day Nov 18
4. Wednesday, 7:30 – 9pm	Begins Sept 17 - last day Nov 19

Fill in 2nd Choice: Day _____ Time _____

Fundamental Commitment:
Prayer – Presence – Preparation - Participation

Scripture Study - Take this half home with you as a reminder

I signed up for this time:

Monday, 9:30 -11am	Begins Sept 15 - last day Nov 17	Conference Room
Tuesday, 9:30am -11am	Begins Sept 16 - last day Nov 18	Conference Room
Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Begins Sept 16 - last day Nov 18	Conference Room
Wednesday, 7:30 – 9pm	Begins Sept 17 - last day Nov 19	Conference Room

2nd Choice: Day _____ Time _____

Requires Fundamental Commitment to:
Prayer - Presence - Preparation - Participation

Study Materials: \$13.00. Scholarships available. Speak to Father Tony.

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