

Elmhurst, Illinois

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 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

My mother was a worrier. My father worried about nothing (he didn't have to worry, mother did it for him). And, for better or for worse, I am my mother's son. My mother was highly intelligent, creative, outgoing and neurotic. My father was quiet, stable and sane. I have never met a man more at peace with himself than my father. At his funeral in 1989, I proclaimed that I was jealous of him. He died too soon and had not yet passed on to me his equanimity, calmness and ability to enjoy the precious moments of his life. And for him, every moment was precious. I am happy to report that after 19 years I am becoming more and more like my father and yet there is one neurotic worry that I can't seem to shake. I worry that I may be losing my mind. I worry inordinately about the CRS (can't remember stuff) syndrome. It's a standing joke how bad I am with names and faces (that's why I am working at it so hard). But in addition, I don't remember past events and that scares me. But there is an upside.

In last week's *New Yorker* there was a cartoon of an elderly man clearly upset with his elderly wife. The caption read, "I am *not* losing my memory. I'm living in the *now*." This cartoon is obviously referring to Oprah's discovery of Eckhart Tolle's *The Power of Now*. Along with his other book, *The New Earth*, he has become all the rage for his proclamation of the gospel of NOW. While his language may be New Age, the concept goes back to the Gospel of Jesus. And the practice of learning to live in the now has a 2,000 year history of what we call contemplative prayer.

To contemplate something is to see it all the way through, to be present to it, to be with it here and now. Most of us are lousy contemplatives and therefore suffer from syndromes of the past and future. This robs us of a great deal of life because in reality, neither the past nor the future exists. The only life they have is the existence we give to them in our minds. And a mind is a terrible thing to waste. And yet we waste most of our lives fretting about the future or brooding over the past. By now, most of us have heard the popular saying, "the past is history, the future is mystery, all we have is the gift of this moment and that's why is called the present."

In the movie, *As Good as It Gets*, Jack Nicholson walks into a therapy group where the confused participants are trying to sort things out and he announces, "What if this is as good as it gets?" Well it is. This moment is as good as it gets. That's because this is the only moment that exists. This moment is precious because it is fleeting. In a moment it will give way to the future and it will become the past and at that moment neither one exists. All that exists is this moment, now. Now, what are you going to do with it? Most of us

ignore it. We either live in the future or the past. Very few of us live in the present.

When I was a little boy, I thought things would be wonderful when I got to school. When I was in first grade I wanted to be in third, that's where the action was. When I was in third, I wanted to be in Junior High. Junior High-High School, High School-College, College-Graduate School and then I went to work. I would be lying to you if I didn't dream of and anticipate retirement. But then what? Why do we always think that we are going to start living some time in the future? It doesn't exist. And neither does the past. Oh, the time we spend rehearsing and remembering past wounds and hurts. Oh, the opportunities we missed and how we would change them if we had the chance now. They're gone! And they are not coming back. They don't exist... except in our mind and the mind is a terrible thing to waste.

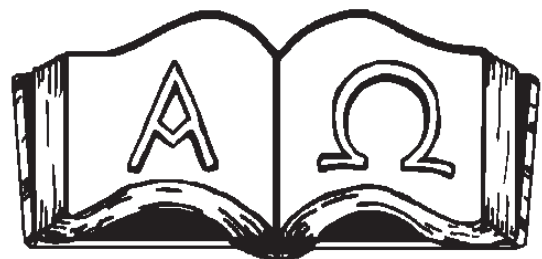
What am I afraid of? What do I worry about? My mind wasting away. Isn't that ironic? One of the ultimate oxymorons, is "Peace of Mind". I have never met a person in their mind who is at peace or a person at peace who lives in their mind. So what am I worrying about? That's Jesus' question to me.

At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives us his "Don't worry, be happy" speech. Why are you worried about what you are going to eat or what you are going to wear in the future? Seek first the kingdom and everything else is yours as well. And the kingdom is NOW.

Now, I can not promise you I will remember our last conversation together. I can not even promise you that I will remember your name. What I will promise you and endeavor to do is to be present to you at the moment that we are talking, are praying together, are experiencing the life giving healing touch of Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, the Eternal Now.

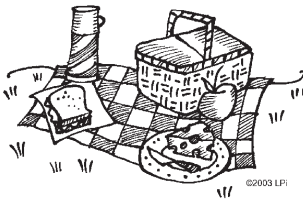
In Jesus the present,

Father Tony



Parish News

WHAT A WONDERFUL PICNIC!



Last Sunday could not have been any better! The weather was perfect, the setting grand and the people played.

Much thanks to our men's group who organized the day and to parishioner Steve Rhea of A Moon Jump 4-U who kept our children bouncing, climbing and happy.

It was a grand day. We'll have to do it again.

A Vocation View

Embrace the cross, a sign of defeat has been turned into the sign of Victory, through which we have entrance into Eternal Life.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 21st all are invited to join fellow parishioners for Fellowship in Barrett Hall immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



Fellowship

This month's Fellowship will be co-hosted by the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Bring you family and enjoy tasting the assortment of goodies, a cup of coffee, tea, or juice. It a great time to meet new people and converse with other friends and parishioners.

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Market Day

Please pick up your September Market Day order sheets in the BACK OF CHURCH!

Since the deadline for to submit order sheets has passed please order Online by Friday September 12, at noon. Pickup will be on **Saturday, September 20, from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.**

If you have questions or would like to place an order, please call **Karen at 279-4108** or **Beth at 833-5469** or email her at ekujawa121@sbcglobal.net.

THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN AND THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The CCW and P&J Committee will co-sponsor an evening program on "The Crisis in Darfur" on **Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Barrett Hall.**

Our guest speakers will be: **Sr. Pauline Acayo, Catholic Relief Services Peacebuilding Officer from Uganda** and **Madeleine Philbin, Regional Director, CRS Midwest.** Sr. Pauline will share her experience working with peace committees and youth peace clubs supporting reconciliation for adults and children formerly abducted by rebels. Ms. Philbin will offer a brief background on the situation in Darfur, the status and scope of the humanitarian crisis it has engendered, and some helpful suggestions of ways that we can all "go make a difference" by advocating with national and world leaders to prevent the continued genocide in Sudan and other locations.

All men, women and youth of the parish, and their guests are invited!

Parish News

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YOGA AT MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Yoga- stretching, balancing, being healthy

Yoga at Mary Queen, welcomes all ages. If you have not tried Yoga yet, come and try it out.

There is Yoga class almost every Tuesday at 9:00 am

You can be added to Debbie's email list to find out or call 630/941-7224

September 16 and 23 Tuesday 9:00 am
\$4 per class or \$6 per family

Life is Christ

Philippians 1:21



A year for St. Paul
June 2008 - June 2009

THE YEAR OF ST PAUL

Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year the Pauline Year. From June 2008 through June 2009, the Little Rock Scripture Study Staff is publishing a 13-part series of St Paul columns available online. To access these monthly columns, follow these directions:

1. Go to www.littlerockscripture.org.
2. Scroll Down and click on the "View the Articles" link found in the "A YEAR FOR SAINT PAUL" section in the bottom of the web page.
3. When you go to this page you will have access to the following columns:
 - Saul Becomes an Apostle of Jesus (June 21)
 - Cross of Jesus is Means for Salvation (Jul 19)
 - Paul Welcomes All Into Life with Christ (Aug 16)
 - Disciples are Saints Set Apart to Serve (September 6)

A new column will be available on October 11

CCW MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder to turn in your membership dues. Dues are \$15.00 and the money will be used for the projects that CCW sponsors during the year. You may place your envelope in the collection basket at the mass or bring it to the rectory.



Congratulations to **Rick Emich** and **Brian Biggs** who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the 10:30 Mass today. It has been a pleasure and honor to spend time with Rick and Brian who have demonstrated significant faithfulness to the RCIA process over the last 9 months.

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



Christian Education Commission

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Wednesday, September 17th, classes begin at the normal times for all our Religious Education children. Please keep them, their families, and our fine staff of volunteer catechists in your prayer.

Speaking of volunteer staff, we are still in need of 2 catechists for Gr. 4 at 3:15. If those positions are not filled, we must delay the start of class for the one grade 4 class that is still in need of a catechist.

If you can help, please call the REO today.

Help keep our children safe on Wednesday afternoons.

We also need help with traffic control on Wednesdays. The parking lot is very congested on Wednesdays, particularly the first session with folks picking up Emerson children, Emerson children walking over to our school building, and people from schools other than Emerson dropping off children for RE. It would take only 15-20 minutes of your time weekly. But the service that you would be providing our little ones could last a lifetime. If you always wanted to help in the RE program, but the classroom is just not your thing, than this may be where you are called. Know that if your children are not registered at the first session, we can use help monitoring traffic at all three sessions. We are waiting for your call.

Just a reminder, we do not process registrations this week of September 17th. If you are not yet registered for class, you must wait until next week to do so.

Also note: The following grade levels at are capacity:

Session 1 - Kindergarten and Grade 1 (There is space at 5:15)

Session 2 - Grade 5 (There is space at 7:00PM)

We will put children on a waiting list for the above grade levels if desired.

**Wednesday, September 17th, 6:45PM in Church,
Fr. Tony will be speaking to parents who missed last week's talk.
This is a mandatory session for all RE parents.
Children are also welcome to attend.**

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

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. 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.

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.

Elm Hos
Al Martin
Fr. Stanley Orlikiewicz

Diocesan News

L.O.S.S. SUPPORT GROUP

(LOVING OUTREACH TO SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE)

Through the collaboration of Catholic Charities (the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet), support groups are in place for anyone who has lost a relative or friend to suicide. A trained facilitator and a mental health professional assist these groups. The groups meet from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. on either the third Wednesday or the fourth Thursday of the month. Please note that there has been a day change for the Wheaton group which will now be meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next meeting dates are as follows:

- Sept. 17th - St. Paul the Apostle Activity Center
130 Woodlawn in Joliet
- Sept. 25th - St. Daniel the Prophet Parish Center
101 West Loop Drive in Wheaton

For more information on LOSS,
call toll-free 1-800-240-7011 or
visit us at www.cc-doj.org

TREE OF LIGHT INFANT MEMORIAL MASS

All families and individuals are welcome to attend this Mass in remembrance of babies who have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death. This event will take place on **Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.** at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Please call **815-838-5334** to register the number of people attending. If you are unable to attend, but wish to have a baby remembered, please call our office. Elizabeth Ministers will assist at this event. You may also access the event flyer at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry Events Calendar.

Diocesan News

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

All parents of special needs children, are warmly invited to attend a special day of support, enrichment, solidarity, and resource-sharing. This program will be held on **Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. The presenter will be Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy, well-known locally and nationally for her work within the Catholic Church in helping volunteer catechists be prepared to work with special needs children. Because of the nature of the day, **pre-registration is required by October 20, please.** The \$10 cost per person will help pay for lunch, refreshments and materials. Please call the Center for Family Ministry to pre-register or access the registration form at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry Events Calendar. Those with questions about the day are encouraged to call Dr. Jim Healy at **815-838-5334**.

2008 JOLIET DIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Fr. Show Reddy Allam
Presider
St. Margaret Mary Church
1450 Green Trails Drive
Naperville, IL 60540
Friday, September 19, 2008
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 PM
Mass 7:30 PM
For more information, please call
Joey Rose at: (630) 941-7304

MOPS - MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

MOPS is an international, non-denominational, Christian organization devoted to meeting the distinct needs of mothers of young children. MOPS meetings at Christ Church in Oakbrook, provide the opportunity for women to connect with one another in Christian fellowship, listen to topics relating to marriage, family and parenting from a biblical perspective, participate in small-group discussion and create an occasional craft.

MOPS meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month from September to May from 9:15am to 11:15am. Evening MOPS group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm.

For more information, email Coordinator Katie Mulcrone at mulcronekatie@gmail.com or evening MOPS contact Nia Coluzzi at niacoluzzi@aol.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	E. Walker	K. Passarelli	S. Napolilli
Eucharistic Ministers	D. StaRosa (S) H. Todd (C) S. Pingitore M. White Volunteer	K. Passarelli (S) G. Regan (C) K. Vicary D. Bernstein Volunteer	J. Eichorst (S) F. Tremmel (C) M. McCall J. Spears P. Twardowski Volunteer
Altar Servers	J. McDonough M. McDonough	M. Bourke M. Nosek	M. Renno V. Maple



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 14, 2008

8:30 AM † Albert P. Kabat
10:30 AM † Domenico Donato
† Franceseo Donato

Monday, September 15, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, September 18, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, September 19, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 20, 2008

5:00 PM † Henry P. Hart

Sunday, September 21, 2008

8:30 AM † Alejandro M. Villamil
10:30 AM People of the Parish

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so he who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

- Jn. 3:14-16

Readings for the Week of September 14, 2008

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



**The collection total for:
Sunday September 7, 2008
amounted to \$8,048.79
Thank you for your support.**

Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people in today's first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship of God's gifts show that I know from Whom they came and am grateful?

See Romans 14:7-9