

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday -

Communion Service 8:30 am Tuesday to Saturday 8:30 am

Rosarv

Monday to Saturday 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00 pm.
Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent at 7:00 pm

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for March 17, 2024 MON. 1:00 PM 3/11/24 for March 24, 2024 MON. 1:00 PM 3/18/24

A Message from Fr. Sunny

SEVEN SONGS TO SING IN LENT

I am sure most of you will not be surprised if I told you that music and song is part of my spirituality. Singing has become an expression of my deepest spiritual insights, and my innermost realities in my spiritual life. Why not? Didn't St. Augustine say that singing is praying twice? If you would like to try incorporating song in your Lenten journey, here, in random order, are my suggestions of songs that will give you inspiration and prayerful insights during this season:

- HE WILL CARRY YOU. "If he carried the weight of the world upon His shoulder, I know my brother/sister that He will carry you." This song somehow takes me back to the via dolorosa, when Jesus walked the way of the cross, carrying the burden of our sins. It also somehow connects with a poem called "Footprints in the sand" which reminds us that when we are struggling, God carries us and never leaves us alone.
- ABOVE ALL. "Like a rose trampled on the ground, He took the fall and thought of me above all."

 The theology of God's love is that He put us first above anything else, including His Son.

 That is the essence of John 3:16. It is the icon of all love to put the beloved ahead of oneself. That is the true and radical love that God teaches in the cross.
- BE STILL, MY SOUL. "Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heavenly friend; through thorny way leads to a joyful end." The entire lyrics is beautiful and poetic, but this line sums it all up. It reminds me of Jesus telling his apostles to stay with him and be awake even for an hour, to be still in the garden, when the tempest was about to pass. It tells us to be at peace in the midst of the trials, to be at peace in faith.
- WE ARE THE REASON. "We are the reason that He gave His life... to show us the reason to live!"

 This song connects us back to Christmas and the ultimate self-giving of God, so that we too
 may learn to give. It is very inspirational and the lyricism is confident in faith.
- HOSEA (COME BACK TO ME). "Come back to me... long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life." This is very familiar for Catholics. It is a beautiful song which reminds me of the Compassionate father waiting for his prodigal son to return home. God feels the same longing for the return of every sinner. How incredibly healing to think of God in this light.
- HEALING. "Coz your love just keeps on healing me, no matter how I bruise... I know that your love is healing." How beautiful to think of God's healing power found in His love. I remember playing this in my head when I was about to go to the operating room... I surrendered everything to God and just told Him that I will lie down in faith, for His love to heal me. It took away my pre-surgery anxieties.
- HE (I FORGIVE): "He can turn tide and calm the angry sea... though it makes Him sad to see the way we live, He'll always say 'I Forgive'." Here is a song that states the basic truths about God. He is all powerful and yet He chooses to forgive. The ironic verses of the song get us to thinking about the mercy of God, compelling to do better.

There are so many beautiful songs that are so good for this season, but I will stop here. What's in your playlist? What moves you about those songs that touch on the themes of Lent? Let's sing in church, and sing in our inner sanctuaries, the truth of God, and our relationship with Him. Tell Him through song what happens in your heart. May this Lenten Season bring much joy for knowing the merciful love and generosity of God. Amen.

With my priestly devotion,
Fr. Sunny Castillo

CALENDAR

3/9/24 **SATURDAY** 6:30 am That Man is You in Barrett Hall 8:30 am Mass Reconciliation 9:00 am 10:00 am Joyful Again in Rm 1 Religious Ed.-Barrett Hall 1:00 pm 1st Communion Retreat 3:00 pm 4:30 pm Mass 4:30 pm Easter Food Drive 6:00 pm Indian Catholic Community

3/10/24 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:30 am	Mass
8:30 am	Easter Food Drive
9:00 am	1st Communion Retreat
9:00 am	Family Faith 6-8
9:30 am	OCIA
10:30 am	Mass
10:30 am	Children's Liturgy of
	the Word

3/11/24 MONDAY

8:15 am	Preschool
8:30 am	Coffee & Convos Communion Service
7:00 pm	Praver Group

3/12/24 TUESDAY

Mass

8:30 am

9:00 am	YOGA
7:00 pm	CRHP Women-Barrett Hal
7:00 pm	Choir Adult in Room 13
7:00 pm	Choir Practice

3/13/24 WEDNESDAY

8:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Preschool
	Coffee & Convos
3.00 nm	Religious Ed Classes

3/14/24 THURSDAY

8:30 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class
6:30 pm	CCW Events

3/15/24 FRIDAY

8:30 am	Mass	
7:00 pm	Stations of the	Cross

3/16/24 SATURDAY

6:30 am	That Man is You in
	Barrett Hall
8:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Joyful Again-Barrett Hall
9:00 am	Reconciliation
4:30 pm	Mass

4:30 pm Easter Food Drive

3/17/24 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT Daylight Savings Tine Begins

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PARISH NEWS

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY - MARCH 17th

Fellowship Sunday on March 17th is being hosted by the MQH PRESCHOOL. Please join us in celebrating St. Patrick's Day with your families and friends in Barrett Hall immediately following the 10:30 a.m. mass. Breakfast goodies, juice, coffee and tea will be available. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society and Mary Queen of Heaven Parish will be holding our Easter Food Drive the weekends of March 9th and 10th and March 16th and 17th. As in the past we have adopted 15 families for Easter and will be in need of canned fruit, vegetables, and soup, prepared foods, pasta, spaghetti and sauce, cereal of all kinds, drinks (including, coffee, tea, and juice), baking supplies, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles, etc.), cleaning supplies, dish soap, laundry soap, tooth paste, deodorant and goodies for Easter Baskets for the children age 12 and younger in the families. The families will be picking up their Food and children's Easter Baskets on March 22nd. Thank you and if you would like to help sort the food, we could use your help the evening of MARCH 18th at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila at 630-833-6657 or Karen at 630-279-4108.



It's Lent...and you know what that means.... ... we're fryin' AND bakin'

were fryin AND bakin

"Cod for God"

every Fryday Knight!

.. but man cannot live by Cod alone!

Next week, March 15th...

try our
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... our ZESTY fish tacos!

Serving from 5 - 8 PM

1911 Club Hall of Fr. McDonald Councill 1911 537 S York Street Come Learn about the Life of St. Margaret of Castello

> Thursday, April 18 6:00 - Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm - Presentation

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church Ministry Center Social Hall 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville



Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Margaret of Castello. Bom in 1287 in northern Italy to rich and powerful nobles, Margaret's birth was met with her parents' disgust and rejection, as she was born with numerous deformities. Eventually, out of fear of her discovery, Margaret's parents confined her to a cell connected to a church. It was here in the solitude of the mountains that she formed a profound and intimate relationship with God. She was later abandoned by her parents and left to fend for herself in a strange city. She would be taken in by beggars and then by various families. However, her holiness and deep love of God inspired and changed the hearts of those she encountered. She become a lay Dominican and served the sick and the imprisoned until her death at the age of thirty-three.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit <u>sspeterandpaul.net/cloud</u>

Focolare Word of Life Meeting March 17, 2024

Potluck Luncheon and Discussion Barrett Hall – 12:00 noon

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Ps. 51:10)

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PARISH NEWS

On Saturday April 20th the 46th Annual Woman of the Year Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet at 1:00 p.m. As in past years, our parish has chosen one of our parishioners as MQH's Woman of the year.

Look for nomination forms in the pews on Saturday, March 10th and Sunday, March 11th along with pencils to nominate one of the ladies of our parish to be our woman of the year. Please fill out the form and drop it in the Nominee Box as you leave church. Unfortunately, employees of the parish cannot be nominated.

On the weekend of March 16th & 17th as you leave church, you will be able to vote for one of the nominated candidates.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila at 630-833-6657 or Phylis at 630-279-6239.

Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Saturday-March 30th at 10:30am Ages 9 & under sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080545A4AE29A7FF2-48195588-2024

Egg Stuffers Needed sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080545A4AE29A7FF2-48196241-2024

Each volunteer group/family will be given a bag of 50 eggs to stuff with candy and toys. We will provide Easter Egg size "toys" to use. We ask that you donate the candy. **NO NUTS** Please!

Bags will be ready for pick-up on March 8th through March 15th.

Return the "stuffed" eggs by March 22nd- Before Spring Break.



CCW SPRING WREATH MAKING

All the ladies of our parish and their friends are invited to join us on THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH AT 7:00 P.M. in Barrett Hall to make Spring Wreaths for their front doors or inside their homes. Peggy Garvin of Garvin Greenhouses in South Elgin will be at Mary Queen to instruct us on how to make a Spring Wreath. The fee for the evening is \$35 and will include all the necessary materials needed. *Please sign up for this event after the Masses beginning this weekend February 24 and 25th.* Should you have a glue gun and or wire cutters at home, please bring them along. Refreshments will be provided by CCW. We are looking forward to seeing you and if you have any questions, please call Phylis at 630-279-6239 or Sheila at 630-833-6657.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

Pulling for Families

Join in the fun by collecting pop tabs and bag tags!

- <u>Pop Tabs</u> All across the suburbs, hundreds of individuals, schools, and companies are working together to collect pop tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities[®]
- Keep them coming in and we have filled 4 1/2 large containers so far this year! I would love to end the school year with 6 full containers. Yes, that is a challenge!
- It's not just pop cans; Soup cans, pet food cans, energy drinks, canned fruits, and veggies, and more!!!
- https://rmhccni.org/get-involved/pop-tabs/
- Those pop tabs are then recycled by the recycling partner, United Scrap Metal, gives them the market value of the recycled metal, plus a charitable match from United Scrap Metal.



- Bag Tags Restaurants, schools, and other venues across the United States and Canada, contribute to Danielle Cares for Chairs collecting over 3 million plastic bread tags and has awarded 6 mobility products.
- Keep them coming in, we have a large container halfway filled so far. Once it is full, we will take it to SCARCE where they will help turn them into a wheelchair.
- Learn more about the on-going bread tag collection here:

https://www.scarce.org/new-collection-plastic-bread-tags/



Let this inspire us and remind us how little things add up to make a big impact for people and the planet.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR



As part of our Faith Formation program, we want all children to participate in the Eucharistic Revival through "art" – visual and written. Everyone who participates will receive a sacramental appropriate to their age. Submissions are due April 5th and will be displayed in Barrett Hall during the April Fellowship Sunday 21st with winners selected from each grade. Make sure your name and grade are included with your submission.

Go to the Faith Formation webpage for details and entry requirements for each grade: https://www.mghelmhurst.org/ or contact the Faith Formation office: 630-832-8962.



Reminder: In the spirit of Lenten almsgiving, please help to fight world hunger by contributing to the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project. Contributions are due April 12th.

PARISH NEWS



"CAMP"

When: June 10th - 14th

Time: 9 to 11:30 am

Who: children ages 3 - 10

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)

Registration is now open. See the link to sign-up at https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/

Full-Time, Benefits Eligible Business Manager, St. Joan of Arc Church and School, Lisle, Illinois. The Business Manager will report directly to the Pastor and assist the Pastor with the stewardship of the physical, financial and personnel resources of the Parish. The Business Manager will be responsible for Parish Accounting and Finances, Property Management, Human Resources and Communication and Collaboration. Must have several years' experience handling financial and business transactions; experience in budget development, control, analysis, and reporting required; Management or Business degree with accounting experience preferred; experience using accounting software, Microsoft Office, and Google Docs. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. Interested candidates should send their cover letter and resume to Leanne VanGronigen at LVangronigen@sjalisle.org.

TMassINTENTIONS

Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:30 am † Joseph Ransom Rice

For the Faithful Mary Queen of Heaven

10:30 am † Gerlando Tamburello

Monday, March 11, 2024

8:30 am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

8:30 am Madeleine Wichgers

James Malloy

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

8:30 am For All Teachers and Students

Thursday, March 14, 2024

8:30 am For World Peace

Friday, March 15, 2024

8:30 am † Melissa Schowalter

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:30 am Jim Shepard

4:30 pm For All God's Children

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:30 am † Joseph Ransom Rice

10:30 am Mary Whitney

For the Faithful of Mary Queen of Heaven

Universal Prayers

March 10

For the Parishioners of Holy Family Parish, St. Walter Parish in Roselle and St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Romeoville, that they would be filled with abundant blessings during our Diocesan Anniversary Year. Let us pray to the Lord.

Monday, March 11- Holy Family, Shorewood Tuesday, March 13 - St. Walter, Roselle Friday, March 15 - St. Andrew the Apostle, Romeoville

Prayer REQUESTS

Michelle Shufelt, Russ & Lynn Kubycheck

Requested by MQH Parishioners

Kathleen Anselmo, Nicolas Freer & Rachel Thompson

Requested Sheila Reiter

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

3/10 - Dcs. Daniel Danahey, Daniel Defino, Steven DeSitter

3/11 - Fr. Gerald Watt C.R., Fr. Marion Wroblewski C.R.

3/12 - Fr. James Dvorscak

3/13 - Sr. Cindy Langlois, Sr. Frances McCarron,

Sr. Barbara Nelson IBVM

3/14 - Sr. Julie Stapleton, Sr. Mary Lou Wicislo IBVM

3/15 - Fr. Stephen Eickoff, Fr. Herbert Essig

3/16 - Dcns. Michael Doyle, Robert Duncan, William Dunn

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16, 2024 & Sunday, March 17, 2024

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
LECTORS	K. Passarelli	C. Espinosa	P. Reyenertson
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	B. Lawlor-C E. Ruiz S. Harrington C-indicates the c	M. Grozik-C A. Losascio aptain	G. Pinkerton-C R. Baguilat P. Delaney L. Frank G. Pozen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK - MARCH 10, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

32: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ps 137:1-6 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Lenten Weekday [4]

244: Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday [4]

245: Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday [4]

246: Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 / Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Lenten Weekday [4]

247: Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106:19-23 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Lenten Weekday [4]

248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps 34:17-21, 23 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Lenten Weekday [4]

249: Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 / Jn 7:40-53

TO DONATIONS...

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Sunday \$ 5,500.00 SUNDAY, February 25, 2024 Mail in \$ 290.00

Electronic \$ 1,802.50

THANK-YOU FOR

YOUR GENEROSITY TOTAL \$ 7,592.50

Mary Queen of Heaven

Monthly Sunday Giving Collection Analysis (rounded to the nearest \$)

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 22,918	\$ 187,353
Mail in	\$ 1,960	\$ 25,188
WeShare	\$ 10,848	\$ 114,244
Total Collections	\$ 35,726	\$ 326,784
Budget Total	\$ 41,443	\$ 264,981
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (5,717)	\$ 61,803

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