

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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September 9, 2012

23rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



## Be Opened!

- And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" — that is, "Be opened!" *Mk 7:32-34*

### 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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



It was a Sunday morning ritual. From 1976 to 1982 (the years I pastored at Sacred Heart Mission in Hopkins Park) it almost never varied. Up before dawn, morning prayer, quiet time, get into one of the 16 broken down vehicles we had throughout those six years and drive to Momence. The first stop was the pallet factory to pick up wood scraps for the rectory's wood burner. Then off to St. Patrick church in Momence for the 7:00 a.m. Mass, and after the Mass the drive back to Hopkins Park to prepare for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Liturgy. On the way back on the Black Top (it was called the Black Top because it was the only paved road in the township) you had to pass through what was called The Front. The Front was a strip of road about a half mile from my church on which were located three bars. And even at that early hour they were doing a brisk business. As I drove by I would be greeted with smiles and waves by the patrons. I'd wave back and say, "Whatcha up to?" And the response was invariably the same. As they held up their can of Pabst Blue Ribbon they would wave at me and proclaim, "Preacher, we're having church!" And, indeed they were.

Church in the African-American community is culturally quite different from the church we experience today in the suburbs. It is closer to the old ethnic churches of Chicago where one's entire life: religious, cultural and even economic revolved around the Parish. In those days, one never asked what street you lived on but what Parish you belonged to. It was the same way at Sacred Heart in Hopkins Park and all of the thirty-some churches that dotted Pembroke Township. One didn't only worship at church, but socialized there, ate there, learned there and, most of all, enjoyed there.

"Preacher, we're having church!" Those are loaded words. In the black community from slavery days up to the present, the local African-American church was the one place you could be yourself. It was the one place where you were not beholden to "the man." You could relax, sing, shout and most of all, be who you were in God, yourself. Church is fun. "Preacher, we're having church"

Now, you all know that I am a stickler for starting Mass on time. Starting on time and ending on time shows respect for the people who are there. I have

pastored Hispanic communities, Filipino communities and African-American communities (not to mention the Elmhurst community) none of which are famous for being on time. In the Mexican culture if you have an appointment at 7:00 p.m., expect it to happen at 7:30 (maybe). If by 7:45 they are not there, you have been *dejar plantado*, left planted. They are not going to show. But when it comes to the Sacred Liturgy, I do not tolerate this kind of behavior in the Latino Community. The 11:30 a.m. Spanish Mass at St. Isidore began exactly at 11:30 (and the church was filled). My rationale? *Cuando se anda en gringolandia...* when you live in the land of the gringos, you show up and start on time. The 1:00 p.m. Mass at St. Isidore was mostly Filipino and the same rules applied (with a little luck they were there by 1:15).

The only cultural community I would wait for was the black community. Our 10:00 Mass usually started about 10:15. Why the double standard? While both the Filipino and Mexican communities were oppressed, they were never slaves. A very wise old black man once explained it to me. He said, "Father, in the days we were slaves, we were first owned by and then worked for the white man. And everything we did was on his time. The only place we were not on his time was in church. That was God's time. God's time is different from man's time because with God, there is no time. And so if we're a few minutes late, it was no big deal, because we weren't going anywhere. We could stay the whole day long. The white man will give you an hour, but not an hour and one minute. We'll give God all day long. It's because it's the one place we can be who we really are... God's precious children." I can't argue with that.

Two weeks ago our high school group, Destiny, came down for a weekend of work and worship to Sacred Heart Mission in Hopkins Park. As Kathleen Gusloff told me, "it was a great weekend." When I asked her what was the best part, she told me the kids just loved the Mass we celebrated together. It was alive, everybody sang, the music was fun. They really felt like they were in communion not only with God but with each other. They clapped and shouted and sang and laughed and worshiped and had a really good time. "Preacher, we're having church!" For them it was a real eye opener. For me, it was really exciting to see their eyes opened. There are no better teachers of the ways of Jesus than God's precious poor.

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## Note from the Pastor (cont.)

During the Mass we had some testimony. One of the people shared about losing her young daughter to leukemia, another about her son being murdered and a third about her child dying of a drug overdose. Hard stories all. But what amazed the children (and never ceases to amaze me) was that in the midst of this incredible, unspeakable pain they were deeply aware of the presence of the Divine and loving God holding them up and getting them through. As the old spiritual goes, "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. Trusting in His holy Word, He's never failed us yet." Those are not just the words of a song, but the model for their life. And our young people caught it.

It is clear that faith is not taught, it's caught. It is caught by those who live it daily and model how it is lived. And our beautiful young people were infected by the faith of those who shared it with them. It was a marvelous night. So much so that our teens want to try to do it here. We'll see. This Wednesday our Religious Education program begins again. We will be teaching our children about Jesus but more importantly, we will endeavor to introduce them to Jesus. Today (Sunday) Destiny meets to discuss what they experienced on their mission trip two weeks ago. They will be sharing as to how to bring that experience home here to Elmhurst. And tonight the Wings to Heaven group meets in Barrett Hall at 6:00 p.m. May they be on time.

In Jesus, Who Showed Us That,  
While God May Not Be There When You Want Him,  
He's Always on Time,



## Parish News



Fellowship

### FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Sunday, September 16 is Fellowship Sunday. Everyone is invited to join parishioners and friends in Barrett Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Eucharistic Ministers are hosting this month and there will be delicious goodies, juice, coffee, tea and lively conversations discussing the summer events that took place and plans for the arriving fall. So plan on joining us after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

## Parish News



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 9 - SEPTEMBER 16

#### Sunday, September 9, 2012

##### Gospel of Mark Part II Sign Up

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Youth Group Destiny in Classroom 9  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Classroom 13  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Youth Group Wings to Heaven in Barrett Hall

#### Monday, September 10, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass  
9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Church  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Business Networking Meeting in Social Hall

#### Tuesday, September 11, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Baptism Class in Church

#### Wednesday, September 12, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM RE Opening Event in Church/School

#### Thursday, September 13, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass

#### Friday, September 14, 2012

##### DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

8:30 AM Communion Service

#### Saturday, September 15, 2012

##### Gospel of Mark Part II Sign Up

3:30 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM MQH Mass

#### Sunday, September 16, 2012

##### Gospel of Mark Part II Sign Up

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Classroom 13  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Fellowship in Barrett Hall  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church



### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come and spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and ends with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up is in the back of church. We always welcome you to "adopt an hour". Questions? Please call **Kay Diggins (630-530-7214)** or **Rose Wilkes (630-833-7238)**. Our sister parish, Visitation offers adoration 24/7, and is located at 799 S. York.



## Parish News



### WANTED: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

As Mary Queen of Heaven continues to grow, so does our need for increase volunteerism in the various parish ministries. We would like to add more Eucharistic Ministers on our roster to accommodate our growth and we ask that you consider becoming one of them. The following are requirements to be a Eucharistic Minister: must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, must be Catholic and in good standing with the Church and, must be at least 17 years old. If you are interested, training will be provided at the church on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Derrick StaRosa at (630) 291-9115.

### JOURNEY OF FAITH

About 13 years ago our Small Christian Community (SCC) was founded along with several others here at Mary Queen at the suggestion of then Pope John Paul II as a way to prepare for the new millennium, the year 2000. The SCC group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (except in the summer), to share faith, usually based on the Sunday readings. We do not discuss theology nor pretend to be scripture scholars, but do experience the support that comes from belonging and having an opportunity to share our faith journeys.

If you have been in an SCC in the past, or if you have thought about, or wondered about what SCC does, we would like to extend an invitation to you to "come and see" by joining the group, Journey of Faith, for a session or two. The SCC group will be exploring the Sunday readings. The first meeting is on Tuesday, September 11. The next meeting is September 25. This is a great way to explore faith sharing with just a short commitment. If you have questions, or are interested in making a session commitment call Monica Babcock at (630) 279-4844.

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### LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY Gospel of Mark Part II

Our Adult Ed and Spirituality Ministry will offer the second half of the study of the Gospel of Mark with the Little Rock Scripture Study. If you did not participate in the first half we welcome you to come to share this time. The cost of the books is \$14.00. If you did participate last spring, you already have all the books you need. We will continue our study of Mark beginning the week of September 24, 2012 and finish up the week of November 12, 2012, just as the liturgical cycle of Mark comes to an end.

The meetings will be one hour, except for the first one which will be 90 minutes, and includes viewing a video every other week. We will again offer a daytime meeting on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 2 evening meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday starting at 7:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or need assistance purchasing the books please feel free to call the rectory or Lynn Suwanski (630-530-2523) or Deacon Alex or Marie Grozik (630-530-0503).



### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

A **HUGE** thanks to our teens and adults that went with us to Hopkins Park. What an amazing experience for all. So much was accomplished for the people of the Sacred Heart Church. We had a Mass that rocked our Spirit and we hosted a pot luck for the parishioners. If you were not able to join us this time we plan to go back in the spring!

Watch the bulletin for the date of our revival Mass coming up this fall... hosted by our Destiny group.

Thanks to our teens you worked so hard!!! **Casey & Heather Callans, Pat Connolly, Gloria Frank, Dan Funk, Ben & Greg Gornick, Brianna Hernandez, Vicki Maple, Tanya Melendez, Mary Mendez, Krisna Morales, Melissa Rohman, Colin Weigel, and Alec Van Der Karr.**

Special thanks to our adults, you are greatly appreciated...**Ruth Maple, Genet Pinkerton, John Irwin, and Mike Launius.**

## Religious Education News



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

#### Facts you should know:

- ♦ The opening event of the MQH RE 2012/2013 year is **Wednesday, September 12th** at 6:30 p.m. in church for parents and children in grades 1-7. Fr. Tony will speak to our families about their role in the faith formation of our children. We expect to see all of our families there.
- ♦ Our first class session is **September 19th** for Grades 1-7 at the regular times. Please note our last session now begins at 6:45 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m.
- ♦ The opening event for our Confirmation Prep students and parents is **September 26th** in Church at 6:45 p.m.
- ♦ Please bear in mind we do not process registrations the week of **September 16th**.
- ♦ Home schooling is an option if the classes that you require are closed. However you must be registered in the program.
- ♦ FYI : We have almost 500 children registered in our RE program.
- ♦ Please exercise extreme caution in the parking lot on Wednesday afternoons. At the 3:15 session in particular, with Emerson parents picking up children and others dropping off children at RE and children walking over to MQH from Emerson, it is very hectic. Treat each child as if he or she were your own.

#### Thank You

Almost 100 people have volunteered to help in our RE program in some capacity. Thank you to all. At this time we are in need of only 1 catechist at the 6th grade level at 6:45 p.m. God is good. Please call us so that we are able to begin this class on time.

**For more information on any of the above, please contact the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email at [mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net).**



### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT SCHOOL YEAR

Registration is only available  
 For the Kindergarten Enrichment Program (KEP).  
 For information please contact:  
**Genet Pinkerton, Director (630) 833-9500**  
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### The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



#### Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. Faith helps us see more clearly the truth about human life and dignity that we also understand through human reason. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34). According to Pope Benedict XVI, "charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as 'social charity'" (Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

The United States Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to participate and speak out without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning our central moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to the political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

## Parish News

### Mary Queen of Heaven 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 8:00 am



Join us for the Inaugural Mary Queen of Heaven 5K Run/Walk, hosted by the MQH Men's Group, as we run and walk to promote health, fitness and fellowship in our faith community while providing support for missions and charities of the parish.

#### Entry Fee:

\$25 per adult (over 18) individual, \$15 per student (12 to 18), and \$65 per family (members of immediate family only, please). Children under 12 run free with a paid individual or family entry. Paid entry fee includes a bib number, race shirt, post-race snack and other goodies. Kids under 12 will receive a bib number and post-race snack, as well as can purchase a race shirt for \$10 online. Registration on race day will be \$30 per individual and \$80 per family, so please register early online! Registrations prior to October 10<sup>th</sup> will be guaranteed a shirt. Entries after October 10<sup>th</sup> will receive shirts as available. Walkers and runners only, no pets. Strollers welcome. No bikes, scooters or skateboards.

#### Race Course:

The race will begin in the MQH parking lot entrance and will feature a route through the beautiful tree-lined neighborhood surrounding the church. *Course map and details to follow.*

#### Registration:

Enter the following address into your browser to register:

<https://www.signmeup.com/86293> You can also follow the links at [www.maryqueen.org](http://www.maryqueen.org)

***Please note that online race pre-registration will be closing at noon on Thursday, October 18! Registration after this time must be done in person at the Parish Center, during packet pick-up on Friday, October 19 from 3-8 pm.***

#### Packets:

Bib and t-shirt pickup will be held on Friday, October 19 from 3-8 pm at the Parish Center.

#### Raceday:

At the event, there will be an inflatable moon jump and music. After the race, plan to stay and enjoy fellowship, a recovery snack and water. We'll also have a free raffle for prizes.

#### Parking:

Parking in the MQH lot on race day will be available for event volunteers only. If you are unable to walk to the event, limited parking will be available in the Emerson lot, at Berens Park, and on the streets of the surrounding neighborhood.

#### Sponsorships

Tax deductible sponsorship opportunities are available at two different levels. For \$100, Silver level sponsors and will have their logo presented online at the registration page and on the FAQ given to every runner receiving a bib. Gold sponsors (\$250 - \$500) will enjoy all Silver level benefits, plus they will have the opportunity to set up a table and hang a banner or signs at the event. Also, Gold sponsors will have their logo presented on the race shirt given to all runners and volunteers. Contact Jim Japczyk at 630-337-3273 or [jjapczyk@aol.com](mailto:jjapczyk@aol.com) for further information.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012**

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
<b>Lector</b>	K. Passarelli	R. Wilkes	P. Reynertson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	M. Zelinski (S) K. Passarelli (C) M. White M. Conway S. Pingatore T. Sabel G. Curtis	K. Vicary (S) M. Grozik (C) N. Williamson T. Nanak D. Styka R. Styka	P. Mason (S) P. Twardowski (C) R. Marro R. Melendez P. LeTourneau T. Kevil R. Styka D. Styka
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**Collection Totals for:  
 Sunday, September 2, 2012**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$8,225.00</b>
<b>Parish Pay</b>	<b>\$4,534.25</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$15.37</b>
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$12,774.62</b>

*166 parishioner envelopes were used.  
 138 parishioners - Parish Pay.*

**Thank you for your  
 continued kindness and generosity.**



**MASS INTENTIONS  
 FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, September 9, 2012**

8:30 AM † Lisetta Picciola  
 10:30 AM † Helena Giryn

**Monday, September 10, 2012**

8:30 AM † Ralph St. Pierre

**Tuesday, September 11, 2012**

8:30 AM † Jean Carrico

**Wednesday, September 12, 2012**

8:30 AM † Felicita Jusko

**Thursday, September 13, 2012**

8:30 AM † Rose Reilly

**Friday, September 14, 2012**

8:30 AM Communion Service

**Saturday, September 15, 2012**

4:30 PM † Annette Hunt

**Sunday, September 16, 2012**

8:30 AM † Eugene Los  
 10:30 AM † Michael and Shirley Masello

† indicates person is deceased

**Readings for the Week of September 9, 2012**

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

**Prayer List**

*Please pray for the sick of our Parish*

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*Please call the Rectory to add a name to our Parish Prayer List.*



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