QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH

Evergreen Park, Illinois

Rev. Edward M. Mikolajczyk, Pastor
Rev. Christopher Kituli, Associate Pastor
Rev. Thomas McCarthy, OSA, Weekend Associate
Rev. Robert Guessetto, OSA, Weekend Associate
Rev. Rich Young, OSA, Weekend Associate
Rev. Paul Galetto, OSA, Weekend Assoicate
Robert Landuyt, Permanent Deacon

Where Faith & Knowledge Meet

Queen of Martyrs

proudly presents

our Second Annual Spring Fundraiser:

UNLOCK the *Future*

Sunday, March 26th 2017

from 2-7 PM at Gaelic Park

6119 W. 147th Street Oak Forest IL

Tickets $35

Event ticket includes DJ, Dinner, Beer and Wine.
Join us for an evening of fun for an incredible cause!
Raffles, Grand Raffle, Silent Auctions and Baskets await!

Memos from Mikolajczyk

Blindness is a disease that is challenging and unpredictable. It causes frustration and discouragement. I see these emotions in place every week when I visit my brother. He has Type I Diabetes and blindness is one of its effects. I wish that I could restore his sight as we hear about in today's Gospel, but I can't. I feel helpless. Realizing that all I can do is be there for him and support him. It is not easy. Blindness can come in many different forms. Besides physical blindness, we can be blind to the needs around us, to a lonely neighbor, a struggling teenager, or to look at things the way God sees them. The Pharisees were blind in this respect. They felt threatened by Jesus, who they considered to be inferior to them. They refused to listen to His message and looked for ways to get rid of Him. What about us? Are we like the Pharisees? Are we blind to the opportunities Jesus offers us to follow Him? How is God calling us to serve Him? God is sending us forth to continue His mission. How are we responding? As we draw close to the celebration of Easter, I hope that we are incorporating ways to break down the barriers of blindness that prevent us from seeing God and doing his will. Once your eyes are opened, it's difficult to turn back and do nothing.

I would encourage all parishioners to come by the St. Joseph's room this coming weekend and experience a "Journey to the Cross". It is presented by the Women's Ministry. It is an opportunity to spend some time reflecting on the stations. It truly is a powerful experience, one that is memorable and uplifting. The hours are from 9:00AM until 6:00PM on Saturday, April 1st and Sunday, April 2nd from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. You will not regret taking the journey. A wonderful way to prepare for Holy Week.

This weekend, we are celebrating our Spring Fundraiser at Gaelic Park between 2:00PM until 7:00PM. I hope that you will come out to support this event. Many people have worked hard to prepare for this day. Your presence and participation is truly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Have a good week.

God Bless,

Fr Ed

Stewardship

Sharing your talents, time and treasure.

Queen of Martyrs Sunday Comparison—March 19, 2017

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Amount Needed	$10,000	$380,000
Amount Collected	$12,034	$320,631
Online Giving	$420	$13,920
Surplus (Deficit)	$2,454	$(45,449)
Number of Weekly Envelopes		313

Please consider increasing your weekly contribution to decrease our deficit. Your sacrifice is appreciated.

Queen of Martyrs Rectory Business Hours

Monday thru Friday — 9:00 A.M. to Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

The office is closed from Noon until 1:00 for lunch.

The Rectory is also open for key pick-up/drop-off and pre-arranged appointments with Fr. Ed:

Monday thru Thursday—3:30 to 8:30 PM
Friday—3:30 to 8:00 P.M
Saturday—9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and
Sunday—9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Please call or visit the Rectory during scheduled business hours to ensure prompt attention to your requests.

Queen of Martyrs
Adoration Chapel of Divine Mercy

"Look upon Him Whom they have pierced." (Pope Benedict XVI)… in Eucharistic Adoration

Let your eyes of faith see within the Sacred Host, Our Savior Jesus Christ, Whose Heart was pierced for love of us.

Come to Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and shower Him with your love for His great sacrifice. Become a Committed Adorer. Sign up at the Adoration Chapel or call Marion at 708 (424-8433) for more information.

On Monday, March 20th, Envelope No. 4106 was drawn. There was **NO** winner. The total amount of the prize pot was $5,445.00.

To be eligible for the raffle, you must use two separate envelopes for the current week. In your regular weekly envelope, your contribution **must** be at least $5.00; and you **must** use the corresponding week's 50/50 envelope with a $5.00 contribution in that envelope. **To be included in the weekly 50/50 drawing, envelopes must be in the rectory office by 8:30 A.M. on the Monday morning immediately after the weekend.**

Good luck next week!

TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation

Total Parishioners Pledged:……283
Total Pledges:……...$494,713.00
Amount on Deposit as of 02/27/17
In "To Teach Who Christ Is" Account:…..……..$288,142.19

Notice: Bulletin articles must be received in the Rectory office by **Noon on Tuesdays**. Please drop them off or e-mail them to jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul Society News

Sandwich Schedule for Adult Members at 9:00 A.M. in the Convent on the following **Wednesdays**:

2017
April 5 & 19
May 3, 17 & 31

In today's second reading Paul reminds us that we should "live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." As we continue our journey during Lent, let us try to share the light with those we encounter in our everyday lives through simple words and acts of kindness.

You may have noticed an envelope for St. Vincent DePaul in your packet this week. We are asking for donations to help us make it through till July (our next food drive). We rely on your generosity to help keep our programs going and things tend to get a little tight around this time of year between food drives. Thank you in advance for any donation you wish to give .

In the market for a new car? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Chicago is raffling off a 2017 Buick Encore (valued at $25,000) in coordination with the Friends of the Poor benefit on April 30th. Watch for a member to be selling tickets on April 1st and 2nd after all masses. For a mere $25 you may be able to win a new car courtesy of Ray Buick on 63rd Street in Chicago.

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 15th
10:00 am
*Central Park side of church

Ages 1 to 10 years old.
Bring your Easter Basket

We hope you will be able to join us on Holy Saturday for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

If you would like to donate, we would appreciate wrapped candy for stuffing the eggs. Donations can be sent through the school office or rectory.

Please send in donations by April 7th (office or rectory) or 8th (rectory).

Any questions please contact Lisa O'Leary
oleary19188@gmail.com

Queen of Martyrs Youth Ministry

QMYM

Mission Trip 2017

All You Need is Love

FUNDraiser in April $8 for a dozen!!

QMYM Stations of the Cross

Join us for another prayer experience
on Good Friday April 14th at 3pm

National Catholic Youth Conference
November 16-19, 2017

Find out about this pilgrimage that takes place in Indianapolis
with 25,000 teens & adults from across the nation
on MONDAY March 27th 7pm!!
Current Freshmen-Juniors in High School. Contact Tina.

Hiya Jr. High friends!!
Meeting on Tuesday March 28th 6:30-8pm.
SAME TIME, SAME PLACE, DIFFERENT DAY

Questions about QMYM?
Contact Tina O'Shea at
QMartyrsYM@gmail.com

Religious Education News

Thanks to John Szczesniak, a first grade catechist together with his wife, and a Chicago firefighter, who brought his suit and gear in to show his Saturday class what he does during the week. The children learned much about helping others. Thanks, John!

The Saturday School of Religion children had their own snowball challenge (not fight) indoors since they were unable to enjoy much SNOW this winter. Grades challenged one another and students challenged their catechists. A good time on Saturday, March 11 was had by all!

Confirmation Candidates in both the school and the Saturday School of Religion participated in a retreat day with Fr. Tom McCarthy. They listened about making right choices, being very careful on social media, the sacraments of initiation and even enjoyed some games with Fr. McCarthy. Congratulations to Kevin Fieldler who won $5.00 from Fr. McCarthy because "he really, really wanted it".

QM students in grades 2, 3, 5—8 will celebrate **Lent** Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 28.

QM students in grade 4 will participate in a retreat day Wednesday, March 29 and celebrate Reconciliation.

QM school children in grade 7 will attend **Stations of the Cross** Friday, March 31 at 1:30 PM.

Saturday School of Religion children in grades 2—8 participated in Reconciliation Saturday.

Saturday School of Religion registration 2017—2018 is currently going on for grades 1—8. Registration will open to new families to the program after April 1.

A First Communion parent meeting will be held Saturday, April 1 at 10:15 AM in the church. Details about May 6 will be outlined.

Hope to see many of our families and their guests at the fundraiser Sunday afternoon, March 26.

Happy Birthday **and** **Happy Anniversary** to all who will celebrate during the new month of April.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

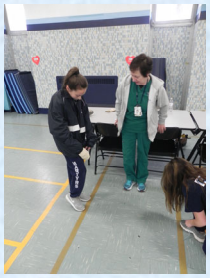
Queen of Martyrs parishioners, Kevin Herman and Edward Langle were recently welcomed as First Degree members of Father Perez Knights of Columbus Council #1444. The next opportunity for men to join the order is Palm Sunday.

Queen of Martyrs Junior High Students Learn To "Think First"

Fireman Ed Dunne from the Evergreen Park Fire Department visited with the 7th and 8th Grade students to discuss the importance of making good choices through his "Think First Program". Fireman Ed brought in speakers and medical personal to show first hand how injuries can affect a person's life.

The students tried on casts and braces to understand how difficult walking or doing simple tasks are when wearing one of these. They also wore blind folds to appreciate the value of their vision. Students used a wheel chair, learning the difficulty of navigating a ramp. Fireman Ed and the various speakers spoke to the students about never drinking and driving, driving carefully, and following the speed limit. Although the students aren't currently driving the speakers wanted to make the students aware of their future driving responsibilities and to emphasize the importance of not getting into a vehicle with a driver that has been drinking.

The students left the assembly with a new appreciation for their health and a clear idea of the importance of making good choices. The "Think First" Program also helped them to be mindful and understanding of those dealing with a handicap.



women's ministries

Women's Ministry Presents "Journey to the Cross" Pray Stations

All are welcome to attend the prayer stations and have a personal journey to the cross with Jesus. It is an open house format and you pace your own experience. Please visit the pray stations on Saturday, April 1st during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, April 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph's room. You are invited to bring a friend and your family members to encounter this self-paced presentation. You are invited to come and spend as little as 10 minutes or an hour, or whatever your schedule allows.

Please contact Mary Lynn Boline at mlboline@gmail.com or 773-791-2307 for more details or if you wish to lend a helping hand.

Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives and Friends

Prayer is a powerful prescription for whatever ails you. Please remember our sick in your prayers:

Luke Amelio	Shirley Evans	Judy Mitchell
Bill Barts	Raymond Farano	Shirley Muno
Jerry Becmer	Vikki Finkel	Jacqueline Olsen
Mary Beth Birmingham	Mary Fergus	Patricia Peil
Maddux Blunt	Carl Gonzalez	Alex Pier
Tim Brennen	Lauren Graver	Richard Pollack
Jack Carr	Jean Harazin	Laura Dixon Price
Jan & Jack Clisham	Joyce Hoff	Daniel Ramsden
Carol Coleman	Conor Kilmartin	Sue Reidel
Janice Della Posta	William Lass	Elizabeth Reilly
Don DiFilippo	Teresa Li	Mary Schneider
William Dillon	Jim & Pamela Matusiak	Bob Sigel
Jim Downing	Terry McKee	Judy Ulrich
Erin Eustaquio	Lauren McGovern	Bob Warda
	May Mesco	Daniel Waters

While They Serve…

We pray for our Parishioners and the Relatives of Parishioners who are serving in the Military and protecting us…

Matthew Beemsterboer - USMC - nephew of Barry and Joan McClorey
Daniel Birmingham - USMC - son of Ed & Mary Birmingham
Ted Bos—USMC—grandson of Theresa Bos
Jade Guest—US Navy—Granddaughter of Ray & Sharon Cramsie
Captain Daniel R. Johnson—US Army—son of Betty and Roy Johnson
Colton Kielbasa-US Marine-Son of Rich & Charmaine Kielbasa-Brother of Chris Kielbasa
Lance Corporal Patrick J Kinnerk—USMC— Nephew of Michael and Meg Kinnerk
Sgt. First Class Wayne Mutnansky
Lt. John Mutnansky
Sergeant Clifford Oskvarek—USMC—son of Chuck & Carol Oskvarek
Colin Prendergast—son of Carole Prendergast
Lt. Col. Ellen Shannon-Ball—daughter of Barbara and sister of Jack Shannon
Mike Slomski—US Marine—nephew of Steve & Mary Currier
David Slomski—US Army—nephew of Steve & Mary Currier
1LT Martin J. Springer - US Army—son of John Springer
1LT Robert J. Springer - US Army—son of John Springer
Daniel Talty—USMC—grandson of Colleen & Pete Cunningham

If you would like us to pray for a Parishioner or a Relative of a Parishioner serving in the Military, please contact the rectory at 708-423-8110 or email jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com.

Little Company of Mary
Hospital and Health Care Centers
The Technology to Heal, the Mission to Care

Little Company of Mary Hospital will be hosting a monthly Prostate Cancer Support group meeting on Thursday, 4/6/17. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room M1, located in the Cancer Center … Spouses are also welcome to attend this meeting. Please contact Mary Duffin RN, BSN Oncology Nurse Navigator at 708-229-4142 if you have any questions.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY — Mar. 27, 2017
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM— Lori Rooney & Alice Nemeth
Tony Pocius
Stanley Gwizdala
7:00 PM— Natalie Reis
Thomas McCormic

TUESDAY — Mar. 28, 2017
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM — Robert Springgate
Ted Bos

WEDNESDAY—Mar. 29, 2017
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM — Edna L. Kukulski

THURSDAY — Mar. 30, 2017
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM— Living & Deceased members of the Kukulski & Liberacki families

FRIDAY — Mar. 31, 2017
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM— Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY — Apr. 1, 2017—*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*
8:30 AM — Deceased members of Queen of Martyrs
4:00 PM— Jerry Giermak
Joan Gray
Angie Morsovillo

SUNDAY — Apr. 2, 2017—*5th Sunday of Lent*
7:30 AM — George A. Hroma
9:30 AM — Joan Gray
11:30 AM — Dolores Moxley
4:00 PM— Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs

		Eucharistic Ministers	LECTORS
Apr. 1	**4:00 PM**	TBD	TBD
	(L)	M. Evans	M. Walsh
	Altar Servers	M. McKenna	J. McKenna
		J. McKenna	
Apr. 2	**7:30 AM**	TBD	TBD
	(L)	K. Boucher	J. McMahon
	Altar Servers	A. Powell	O. McShane
		E. Monroy	
	9:30 AM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	D. Parisi	K. Lang
	Altar Servers	T. Cox	E. Cox
		B. Rewers	
	11:30 AM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	T. Gump	J. Springer
	Altar Servers	D. Reyes	J. Hogan
		C. Morales	
	4:00 PM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	TBD	TBD
	Altar Servers	B. Biondo	M. O'Connor
		K. Quinn	

May They Rest in Peace

George Dvorak
Janet Ann Cavanaugh
Nancy Murphy

Altar Servers

Week Days Mar. 27—Apr. 1, 2017
8:30 AM

Mon., Mar. 27 — M. DelBosque, L. Demcak
Tues., Mar. 28 — G. DelBosque, A. Ellerbeck
Wed., Mar. 29 — L. Dougherty, M. Farritor
Thur., Mar. 30 — R. Eppenstein, N. Gertonson
Fri., Mar. 31 — D. Farritor, J. Granat
Sat., Apr. 1 — Adult Servers

QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH - PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY
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Carole Prendergast
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Religious Education Classes for Public School Children, Gr. 1-8

YOUTH MINISTRY
Tina O'Shea, Youth Minister —773-332-7553

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708-422-1540 FAX 422-1811
Website: www.qmschool.com

EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM
Janice Bolster, Coordinator — 708-423-8120

SCHEDULE OF MASSES:
Anticipated Mass on Saturday: ..... 4:00 P.M.
Sunday: .....7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M.,11:30 A.M., 4:00 P.M.
Vigil of Holy Day: ..... 7:00 P.M.
Holy Day: Eucharistic Service ..... 6:00 A.M.
Masses .....8:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Weekdays: Eucharistic Service Mon.—Fri. ..... 6:30 A.M.
Morning Mass Mon.— Sat. ……..8:30 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Pre-marriage instructions required. Arrangements must be made by the engaged couple, in person, at the Rectory six months prior to the wedding.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY:
For membership info or assistance call the Rectory. Confidentiality assured.

MINISTRY OF CARE
Jane Dunne, Coordinator — 708-499-9808

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL
10240 South St. Louis
Open daily from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.

Registration of New Parishioners:
Please register at the Rectory at your earliest opportunity.

Moving:
Please notify the Rectory of your departure or of a new address in the parish.