QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH

Evergreen Park, Illinois

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Robert Landuyt, Permanent Deacon

Jesus said,
"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field."

Matthew 13:24

July 23, 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Memos from Mikolajczyk

The Scripture Readings for the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time continue to center around the parables Jesus taught. They focus on the invisible growth of God's life in us. We are called to be a people who are open to God's message of love and forgiveness. The readings remind us that God truly is on our side. Even when the destructive powers such as the weeds tend to overwhelm us. God is an understanding God who judges us with patience and forgiveness. We are invited to experience God's generosity and mercy. How willing are we to open ourselves up to God? We are asked to be kind and welcoming people. The challenge of living among the weeds will always be with us. The separation of the weeds will not happen until the "end of the age". Until then, we need to rely on the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us as we prepare to experience a transformation in our lives that will benefit us for all eternity.

Over the past month, we received a special gift from St. Bernadette Parish to help our children to enjoy the outdoors and have fun. Fr. Benedykt Pazdan, the pastor, donated their playground equipment for our students to enjoy. I am truly grateful for this generous gift to our parish and school community. I am also indebted to Mr. Bob Brongiel and JP Haran for arranging for the playground equipment to be transported to Queen of Martyrs. It is an investment that our children will be able to enjoy for years to come. The playground will be located in back of Vitha Hall Kitchen next to the convent.

A reminder to bring your brown bags of food and donations to the St. Joseph room after all the Masses this weekend to support the Christmas in July Food Drive sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul. Your assistance is truly appreciated in making this food drive a success.

Don't forget that Martyrsfest raffle tickets are now available for purchase. The cost is $50.00. Tickets are available at the Rectory during regular business hours or after all the weekend Masses, Saturday or Sunday. The last number of years, we have been able to sell out the tickets. My hope is that we will reach our goal this year. The Fest is scheduled for September 22, 23 and 24.

On the weekend of August 5 and 6, a speaker from the Archdiocesan Mission Appeal will speak to us about ministering to the people of India. The second collection will be to support their efforts. I ask you to use the envelopes provided to you in your packets.

Have a good week.

God Bless,

Fr Ed

Stewardship

Sharing your talents, time and treasure.

Queen of Martyrs Sunday Comparison—July 16, 2017

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Amount Needed	$10,000	$30,000
Amount Collected	$7,783	$24,428
Online Giving	$430	$1,345
Surplus (Deficit)	$(1,787)	$(4,227)
Number of Weekly Envelopes		266

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

"Lord, you are good and forgiving."
(Ps 86)

Fr. Richard Simon of *Relevant Radio* often says, "The Church is not a club for saints but a hospital for sinners." We are all sinners. Each one of us grows wheat and weeds in our hearts. Our job is to remove the weeds in ourselves and not judge the weeds in our neighbor. These difficult lifetime tasks are only successful with God's abundant graces and boundless mercy. In adoration before our Eucharistic Lord we will receive the necessary help to persevere and to succeed.

Become a Committed Adorer. Call Marion at (708) 424-8433 for more information or sign up at the Adoration Chapel.

On Monday, July 17th, Envelope No. 0447 was drawn. There was **NO** winner. The total amount of the prize pot was $6,173.00.

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 06/30/17
In "To Teach Who Christ Is" Account:…..……..$301,681.45

Notice: Bulletin articles must be received in the Rectory office by **Noon on Mondays**. 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
July 26
August 9 & 23

"Your way of acting should be different from the world's way; the love of Christ should come before all else. You are not to act in anger or nurse a grudge. Never turn away when someone needs your love. Speak the truth with heart and tongue." This simple quote is taken from The Rule of St. Benedict – a guidebook written by St. Benedict (possibly around the year 500) and intended for those in the monastic life. These words still hold true and should continue to be practiced by every Christian today. How different our world might be if more people followed these simple words!

Did you forget about the Christmas in July **Food Drive** sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul **this weekend**? It's not too late to stop by the St. Joseph's room **by 12:30 Sunday** with your donations of nonperishable food items, cleaning goods, paper products, or personal items. If you can't drop off food, please make a monetary donation today or at the rectory during the week.

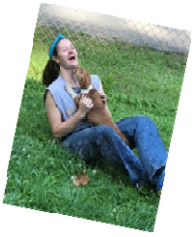
All donations are welcome – remember, no donation is too small!

Thank you for your generosity!

Please disregard the Mission Co-Op envelope in your July envelope packets. The Mission date weekend has been changed to August 5th and 6th. Please use your envelope for that date.

Queen of Martyrs Youth Ministry

QMYM



"The Beatles used the word, "Love" 613 times in their songs yet that is nothing compared to the love I have witnessed in Harlan. This has been my third mission trip and while each one has been special in its own way, this year has been different. I don't know if it's the fact that I've had a hard year, the amazing combination of people that are here, or the unique experiences we have all shared this week but for some reason this week has really been incredible. My faith really hit a plateau this year and I had trouble seeing God in my life but as soon as we got here it's like God has been saying "I'm right here you idiot!!". How can you not see God's love in helping people who desperately need it or in Mikey bopping to Peanut Butter Jelly? How can you not feel it in that cool breeze on the roof where the sun is beating down on you or when your homeowner tells you she loves you? How can you not heart it in Tina's laugh or in the music in the vans? How can you look at the people of Harlan and the mountains they live in and not see God's love? God's love is everywhere and you don't have to go far to see it because it's in all of you. Sometimes it's hard to see how much your work really means to people but know everything you've done impacts everyone around you. The hardest part of the mission trip isn't carrying sixty five pounds of shingles up the roof or getting nails stuck in your feet. It's bringing this love and these feelings you've felt this week back home"—Meg

QMYM Softball

July 26th @ St. Catherine/St. Germaine 6:30pm
Tournament July 30th at Veteran's Park 8:30am-3pm

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NOVEMBER 16-18, 2017 · INDIANAPOLIS

Is God calling you to this 3 day pilgrimage??

Join QMYM
Saturday October 21st for
HOLY FIRE!!
Open to 6th—9th grade students
in the fall!!
Register NOW for reduced cost!!

Summer Adventures
Save the Date

Tuesday August 1st Beach
Tuesday August 8th Zoo
Every Wednesday Random Fun 7pm
Every Sunday 4pm Mass
Softball Ongoing

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

Save the date!

Martyrs Fest 2017
September 22, 23 & 24

Raffle tickets will be available at the rectory and after all Masses beginning THIS weekend.

Tickets $50.00
Only 1000 will be sold
1st prize $ 10,000—2nd and 3rd $2,500—4th-7th $1,000
8th-9th $500

We are looking for sellers after Masses. If interested, please contact Bob Pellegrini at 773-852-3209 (cell)

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC – JULY 2017

Dynamic Catholic has provided our parish with FREE faith and spiritual resources in the form of CD's, books, prayer cards and information about their mission to "inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism". The resources are located in our church library or on the tables at the back and side of church.

The parish gift this month is a CD by Matthew Kelly called, Becoming the Best Version of Yourself. As Matthew Kelly says, "Who you become is infinitely more important than what you do or what you have". Grab a CD and "take life to the next level"!

These resource have been going fast, so pick a CD up today! Remember to share with your family and friends.

For more information about Dynamic Catholic and to sign -up for daily and "special moment" reflections please visit their website at dynamiccatholic.com or call 859-980-7900.

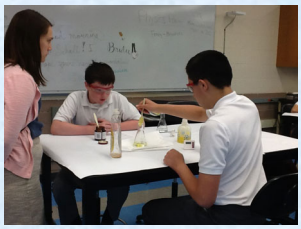
BE BOLD BE CATHOLIC

Queen of Martyrs 7th Graders Visit Mother McAuley AP Chemistry Class

Mrs. Kettering and Mrs. Biszewski took the 7th Grade Students on a Field Trip to Mother McAuley to spend time in their AP Chemistry Lab. Queen of Martyrs Principal, Mrs. Kathleen Tomaszewski, joined the students to work alongside them in the Lab.

The students participated in many hands on experiments including mixing dish soap and vinegar to observe their chemical reaction. The students also had the opportunity to watch the classroom pets, two guinea pigs. The guinea pigs are part of an experiment involving observing monohybrid cross hairy vs. not hairy, short hair vs. long hair. The students learned about the role that genetics play in the types of hair that animals have and how that relates to human genes as well. The students discussed the guinea pigs diet and the effects that it has on healthy skin and hair, and over all health. The students interacted with Mother McAuley students as they went about their every day activities in their AP Chemistry class.

The Q of M teachers and students were invited by Ms. Ellen Youpel, the Recruitment Assistant at Mother McAuley High School. The experience was very enriching for the 7th Grade students and they appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Chemistry Lab.



PARISH LIBRARY NEWS

"Search and Rescue: How to Bring Your Family and Friends Into or Back Into the Catholic Church," is a double whammy. First, author Patrick Madrid's book can make us better informed Christians, period. But it can also give us the courage to dialogue with others – allowing the Holy Spirit to do its work. One priest said, "St. Monica would've benefited from reading this book in her effort to bring her son, Augustine, into the Church!"Madrid also warns about the usual pratfalls we take in clumsy conversion efforts. And he encourages humility and patience in carrying out our game plan. He knows his stuff.

Find our "library nook" in Martyrs' Cry Room. Take a look and take a book, before or after Masses each weekend. For more info, call Terri, at (773) 239-1041.

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.

Sharing News…

There will be NO Cash & Carry throughout the month of July. We will be back on the weekends in August.

There will be NO weekly orders taken the week of August 7th. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY — July 24, 2017—*St. Sharbel Makhluf*
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM— Marie Keller
Don & Carol, their children, their families & their loved ones
For the souls of Don & Carol Skonicki & the souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY — July 25, 2017—*St. James*
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM — Betty Sullivan

WEDNESDAY—July 26, 2017—*Sts. Joachim & Anne*
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM — George Badke

THURSDAY — July 27, 2017
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM— Casey, Mark & Matthew Maciasz

FRIDAY — July 28, 2017
6:30 AM— Communion Service
8:30 AM— Charlotte Carter
Edward Daluga

SATURDAY — July 29, 2017—*St. Martha*
8:30 AM — Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs
4:00 PM— Max Esposito & Suzy Esposito
Frank Dyra
Anne McKenna

SUNDAY — July 30, 2017—*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30 AM — John Burbatt
George Badke
Loretta Connelly
9:30 AM — Josephine Polich
Mrs. Bill (Sis) Quinn
Ken Hansen
11:30 AM — Charles Murabito
Donna Moriarty
Francis Gutrich
4:00 PM— Nora Coleman

		Eucharistic Ministers	LECTORS
July 29	**4:00 PM**	TBD	TBD
	(L)	E. Langle	J. Springer
	Altar Servers	J. Davies	K. Quinn
		TBD	
July 30	**7:30 AM**	TBD	TBD
	(L)	P. Scolan	K. Boucher
	Altar Servers	T. Cox	E. Cox
		TBD	
	9:30 AM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	M. Evans	M. Evans
	Altar Servers	J. Schmitt	R. Smith
		J. Glennon	
	11:30 AM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	T. Gump	J. Donnelly
	Altar Servers	A. Clark	R. Clark
		TBD	
	4:00 PM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	TBD	TBD
	Altar Servers	B. Biondo	TBD
		TBD	

May He Rest in Peace

James Downing

Altar Servers

Week Days July 24—29, 2017
8:30 AM

Mon., July 24 — Adult Servers
Tues., July 25 — Adult Servers
Wed., July 26 — Adult Servers
Thur., July 27 — Adult Servers
Fri., July 28 — Adult Servers
Sat., July 29 — Adult Servers

QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH - PARISH INFORMATION

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Administrative Assistant: Peggy Klein
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MUSIC DIRECTOR
Carole Prendergast
708-423-8110

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
708-422-1647
Religious Education Classes for Public School Children, Gr. 1-8

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

SCHOOL
Kathleen Tomaszewski—Principal
3550 W. 103rd Street
Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805
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.