

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 Associate
Robert Landuyt, Permanent Deacon



December 25, 2016 • Christmas

*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*“Glory to
God
in the highest.”*

Luke 2:13-14

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Memos from Mikolajczyk



The day that we have been preparing for and waiting for has finally arrived. The trees have been decorated with ornaments and lights. The gifts have been wrapped and the meal has been prepared. Christmas has arrived. We gather as a people of faith to celebrate the birth of Christ. God’s gift to all of us. We hear and listen to the genealogy of Jesus that explains the connection He has to the family of David. What does His birth mean to us? How do we seek God in our lives? We come to understand that Jesus was with God from the very beginning. It was because of God’s love for us that Jesus became flesh and made His dwelling among us. As we celebrate Christmas, let us ask God to help us be more like His Son. To show us the way so that we can follow in His footsteps. We have so much to be grateful for. How can we incorporate the Word of Jesus into our lives? Today is a day to rejoice and share the Gospel message. Let us go forth like the angels and shepherds announcing the message and praising God: Glory to God in the highest and on Earth peace to people of good will.

On behalf of the Parish staff, Fr. McCarthy, Fr. Galetto, Fr. Young, Fr. Kituli, Deacon Bob and myself, we extend our best wishes to you for a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Enjoy the time with your families. May your travels be safe.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Giving Tree. Your generosity and support is truly appreciated. You helped to make many families have a wonderful Christmas. The School, Youth Ministry and the Domestic Violence Committee are grateful for your efforts in helping to make Christmas happen.

A reminder that next Sunday, January 1st is the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday—New Year’s Eve—4:00PM Mass
Sunday—New Year’s Day—7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM
There will be NO 4:00PM Mass

Have a good week.

God Bless,



Stewardship

Sharing your talents, time and treasure.

Queen of Martyrs Sunday Comparison—December 18, 2016

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Amount Needed	\$10,000	\$250,000
Amount Collected	\$6,651	\$200,887
Online Giving	\$360	\$8,605
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(2,989)	\$(40,508)
Number of Weekly Envelopes.....	254	
Collections for Christmas Flowers	\$2,075.65	

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society News

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

2016
December 28

2017
January 11 & 25

The members of St. Vincent de Paul would like to wish everyone a truly blessed Christmas and thank you for all your help during the year as we celebrate the birth of Christ today.



Queen of Martyrs Adoration Chapel of Divine Mercy

“A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.”
(Gospel Ant.)

Give Our Newborn King the gift of your presence. Come visit Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and give God thanks for His great gift to us.

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



On Monday, December 19th, Envelope No. 0650 was drawn. There was **NO** winner. The total amount of the prize pot was \$2,177.00.

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!



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!

Religious Education News

A welcome to our parish families and guests as we celebrate Christmas 2016. We hear the beautiful music and listen to the Scripture story of the First Christmas once again. You are wished happy times and safe travels with your families and a great 2017!

—From the Saturday School of Religion faculty and staff—
Meg and John Szczesniak, Jeanne Norville, Christine Rados, Jackie King, Maria Pazienza, Sheila Martin, Jamie Vences, Peggy Blake, Julie Yaverski, Dawn Doherty, Karen Bychowski, Maureen Lotti, Cyndi Kenzinger, Amy Parisi, Ricky Widmer, Stacy Dugger, Alexandra Pazienza, Meghan Lotti, Hannah Potter, and Bernadine Smierciak



SR COME TO SR

ST. RITA OPEN GYM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

10am to 12:30pm

5th through 8th grades Come spend part of Christmas break with the Mustangs at our annual Open Gym. Shoot some hoops with your buddies and get out of the house.



We will also have **PIZZA** and **GAMES** in the McCarthy Student Center after the events!

Enter through the McCarthy Center doors.



Please **RSVP** to Mr. Ed Leiser at **773.925.RITA** or eleiser@stritahs.com



TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS
A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation

Total Parishioners Pledged:.....284
Total Pledges:.....\$518,083.00
Amount on Deposit as of 11/30/16
In “To Teach Who Christ Is” Account:.....\$275,147.56



Queen of Martyrs Youth Ministry



QMYM



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Next Volleyball Game
Monday January 9th at 9pm



Tuesday December 27th 8pm—
Wednesday December 28th 6am!!
All High School teen are welcome 😊
Must have form, \$10, and RMH donation.

QMYM Ski Trip
Monday January 16, 2017
Open to all 7th Grade—High School teen
and Young Adults.
Contact Tina for more information



Freshmen/Sophomore Winter Retreat
Building Bridges
Save the Date Saturday January 14, 2017
9am-6pm \$25 includes lunch & dinner



Mission Trip 2017
Information Meeting night Thursday January 12th 7pm.
Registration opens Sunday 1/22 6:30pm
OLYMPICS

“My life has changed tremendously. I am so glad to be alive. I would explain this week to others as breath taking, astonishing, just wow. It is so unbelievably beautiful. You can see God in all the little things: finally finishing the floor boards, building new relationships and strengthening the old ones, sitting here looking at the lake, all your mental pictures, remembering how happy you feel and how you smile and choke back tears. Life is so amazing. I am so glad I’m alive. Help people at home and see the beauty in life. Change someone’s life. I love my life and I’m so glad God is present. Memories I will cherish: putting up the walls, Megan’s nightly videos of us sleeping, every minute spent with Cheeto, Rattlers, the way Anna smiles with her eyes, seeing God in every one’s face when a huge smile over takes them, and making jokes to make everyone laugh.” –Gabby



Brother Rice High School Trivia Night



The Brother Rice Alumni Mothers' Club will host its Trivia Night on Saturday, January 28, in the school cafeteria, 10001 S. Pulaski in Chicago. This 21-and-older event begins at 7:00 P.M., and the cost is \$20 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets online or download an order form, go to the Brother Rice website at <http://brotherrice.org/brother-rice-high-school-trivia-night-2/>



Mother McAuley is pleased to announce its fall Scholarship recipients. The following are parishioners of Queen of

Martyrs:

Irish Fellowship: Fiona Martin—Sophomore
Katie McShane—Freshman

St. Therese, the Little Flower: Fiona Martin—Sophomore
Congratulations!

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School Principal Mrs. Eileen O'Reilly '03, is pleased to announce that 40 students from the graduating class of 2017 have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars—2 are parishioners of Queen of Martyrs:

Shannon Duffin and Elise Knightly
Congratulations!



The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) recently named 61 Marist High School seniors Illinois State Scholars. The following are parishioners of Queen of Martyrs:

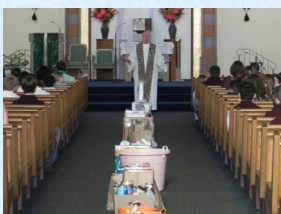
Hannah Bounardj, Kiera Hilliard, Allison Monterastelli,
Jack O'Neill, and Bridget Ryan

Congratulations!



Healthy Thyroid function is essential to your overall health and wellbeing. The thyroid gland is the “thermostat” for your metabolism. If it is over active, you will be intolerant of the heat, have difficulty sleeping, may feel your heart racing or develop irregular beats. If it is under active you will be intolerant of the cold, feel unusually fatigued, gain weight or have difficulty losing weight, and may have muscle cramps. The Health Education Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers offers Thyroid screening 4 days a week at three convenient locations from 8:30—11am four days a week. Fee \$15. No doctor’s order necessary. Call for appointment. 708 423-5774.

Queen of Martyrs School
Sponsor A Thanksgiving Food Drive

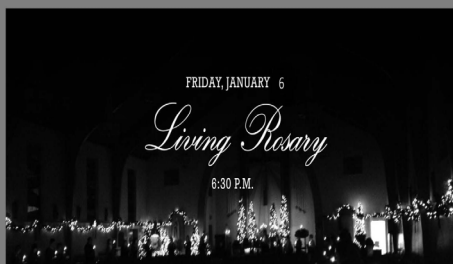


Students, Faculty, and Staff joined together for a Thanksgiving Prayer Service to reflect on how blessed and fortunate that they are. Students and their families collected an abundance of food and paper products to assist a family in need within the Community.



The Choir/Glee Club from Sacred Heart School joined in the prayer service and sang "Stand Up" a song they created which is this year's theme song for our school. Students were reminded to "Stand Up" for the hungry, the homeless, and each other. The children

gave thanks for the people in their lives that have taught them about their faith and who help them to carry on their family traditions. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with gratitude and love!



Please join us for a candle light rosary in the church followed by dinner and cocktails in St. Joseph's Room on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 6:30pm

We invite you to represent a bead of the rosary during a candlelight ceremony with friends and neighbors. You are welcome to bring a spouse or guest.

RSVP to this event or by email to mamagerto@yahoo.com



Holy Name is selling Annual Blackhawks Raffle Tickets. Only 100 tickets sold \$100 each. Prize is 4 seats, 6 rows from glass, for Blackhawks game Sat. Feb. 18th and \$2000 cash.

Great odds to win! Split one with a friend!!

If interested contact Chad Preabt at 773-964-8328 or chpreabt@yahoo.com



Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives
and Friends

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

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

MOVING???

Please call the Rectory and let us know. 708-423-8110





MONDAY —	Dec. 26, 2016— <i>St. Stephen</i>
6:30 AM—	Communion Service
8:30 AM—	Pat Nemeth Albert & Marie Gardner Thomas Hanrahan
TUESDAY —	Dec. 27, 2016— <i>St. John</i>
6:30 AM—	Communion Service
8:30 AM —	Dolores Brannigan
WEDNESDAY —	Dec. 28, 2016— <i>The Holy Innocents</i>
6:30 AM—	Communion Service
8:30 AM —	Frank Dyra
THURSDAY —	Dec. 29, 2016— <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>
6:30 AM—	Communion Service
8:30 AM—	Tom Schwarz
FRIDAY —	Dec. 30, 2016— <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>
6:30 AM—	Communion Service
8:30 AM—	Gertrude Brennan
SATURDAY —	Dec. 31, 2016— <i>St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve</i>
8:30 AM —	Genevieve Pahuski
4:00 PM—	Fr. Moran Pocious & Roman Families Edwin & Gerry Giermak
SUNDAY —	Jan. 1, 2017— <i>The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>
7:30 AM —	Bernice Mikolajczyk Matthew & Teresa Fiske Marie & Frank Griegel
9:30 AM —	Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs
11:30 AM —	Phyllis Berti Mary Fergus Nellie Doagerty



Dec. 31	4:00 PM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	T. Scott	J. Springer
	Altar Servers	M. Kramer J. Hogan	N. Kramer
Jan. 1	7:30 AM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	P. Scolan	M. Walsh
	Altar Servers	A. Powell R. Clark	A. Clark
	9:30 AM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	M. Evans	D. Parisi
	Altar Servers	J. McKenna M. McKenna	J. McKenna
	11:30 AM	TBD	TBD
	(L)	K. Lang	J. Donnelly
	Altar Servers	N. Capuano O. McShane	O. Manning



Altar Servers

**Week Days Dec. 26—31, 2016
8:30 AM**

Mon., Dec. 26—	Adult Servers
Tues., Dec. 27—	Adult Servers
Wed., Dec. 28—	Adult Servers
Thur., Dec. 29—	Adult Servers
Fri., Dec. 30—	Adult Servers
Sat., Dec. 31—	Adult Servers

QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH - PARISH INFORMATION

RECTORY

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Carole Prendergast
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bsmierciakqm@gmail.com
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YOUTH MINISTRY

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

SCHOOL

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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.