

# QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH

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March 13, 2022



Second Sunday

of

Lent

The Lord God said to Abram,  
“Look up at the sky and  
count the stars, if you can.  
Just so shall your descendants be.”

*Genesis 15:5*

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# Fr. Marty's Musings

Jesus led his disciples up a mountain, where they witnessed his Transfiguration. Mountains, because they ascend to the heavens, have been places where people ventured to encounter God. St. Patrick, legend says, spent 40 days fasting one Lent on a mountain. Croagh Patrick, or The Reek, is a mountain in Mayo, visible from the farm where my father was born. Pilgrims have climbed the mountain for centuries, some barefoot.

St. Patrick, patron of not only Ireland but Nigeria, was not Irish by birth. Sometimes the celebration of St. Patrick can lose touch with its Old-World origins. My Dad and Mom were born in Sligo and Mayo, respectively, and we never once had corned beef at home—it is hard to find in Ireland. The shamrock has three leaves, often confused with four-leaf clovers. As green beer flows here in America, many Irish are Pioneers (as my Dad was) who abstain from alcohol, belying the stereotype.



From the Breastplate of St. Patrick:

Christ be with me,  
Christ within me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



Many of us “give something up” for Lent. The privations we willfully accept may be more fulfilling if we ground them in prayer or solidarity with those with less. Giving something up can be a positive and healthy thing, especially if it leads to giving up smoking or eating more healthily.

Catholic Relief Services responds to global needs. This Lent, consider offering tangible support to Ukrainian families. Go to [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) or drop an offering in the collection marked “CRS” and we will show our support.

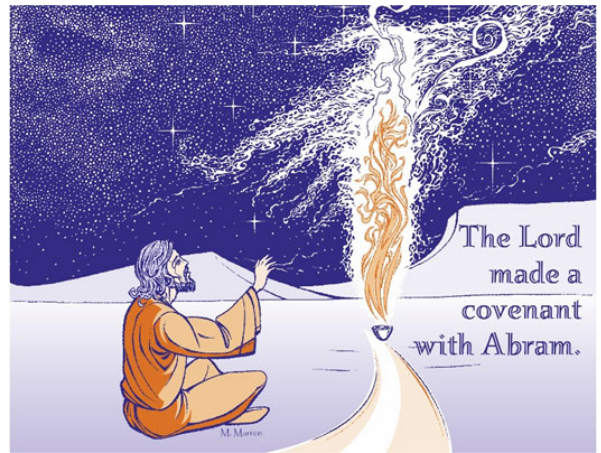
Let us act positively this Lent. It is a time for prayer, fasting, and outreach toward the poor. Supporting a ministry, helping a good cause, or giving something forward bookends what we give up.

May we be generous with mercy as God is generous with us. The Lord’s light guides our Lenten path. We simplify our lives to fill our hearts. Let us graciously receive the gift of God’s love and share it.



After a two-year delay, the South Side Irish St. Patrick’s Day Parade returns today (Sunday). “Thankful for Catholic Elementary School Teachers” is the theme and they are this year’s Grand Marshall. Our teachers were originally to be recognized in 2020, but that parade was one of the first public event shut down by the pandemic. We will be in position 22, gathering at the south side of 103rd and Artesian. Come out and support our teachers and school.

*Fr. Marty Marren*



## Stewardship

Sharing your talents, time and treasure.

### Queen of Martyrs Sunday Comparison—March 6, 2022

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Amount Needed .....	\$7,500.....	\$270,000
Amount Collected .....	\$8,017.....	\$251,584
Surplus (Deficit) .....	\$517.....	\$(18,416)
Number of Weekly Envelopes.....		178

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

### 50/50 Raffle Results for 3/7/2022

On Monday, March 7th, Envelope No. 1078 was drawn. There was **NO** winner. The total amount of the prize pot was \$20,830.00.

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!**

44<sup>th</sup> Annual South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade



Sunday  
March 13, 2022  
12:00 Noon step-off  
103<sup>rd</sup> & Western

\*Please meet at 103rd and Artsian at 11:00 a.m.  
to walk with the Queen of Martyrs Group

Act of Penance

by Paul Turner

After we confess our sins it is customary for the priest to recommend an act of penance or some "satisfaction" for the offenses. This has several purposes. It helps amend the past. It makes reparation for injury. It puts us on the road to a new life. And it offers "medicine" to keep us from the same "sickness." The act of penance reminds us that sin and forgiveness have a social aspect.

Priests may impose whatever penance they wish. It should correspond to the seriousness and the nature of the sins. Traditionally, priests assign prayer, often three Our Fathers and/or three Hail Marys. That penance can help us experience God's ever-ready mercy. But the unrepentant may consider the tradeoff worth the sin.

The point of the sacrament of reconciliation is conversion of heart. We confess our sins to experience God's forgiveness and to change our way of thinking and behaving. The confession of sins is about reconciliation, about taking the steps to change what was wrong. It is not about getting cheap grace so we can go forth and sin some more.

The burden of conversion does not lie completely with the act of penance, but that is a place to begin. The priest may request a penance of prayer, self-denial, or service to one's neighbor. For example, if your sin is impatience, you might be asked to do some act of kindness toward those you've offended. If your sin is overindulgence in food or drink or the abuse of substances, you might accept a penance of fast and abstinence. You could also suggest to the priest a penance you think would help you.

The act of penance does not have to make up for all that we've done wrong. It couldn't. Only Christ could do (and has done) that. Rather, the act of penance has a simpler goal. It helps us turn away from the past and turn toward the future with the equipment we need to make the journey well.



Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



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Queen of Martyrs Parish Outreach

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

2022  
**March 16 & 30**

"Lord, you were rich, yet for our sakes, you became poor. You promised that whatever is done for the least of your brothers and sisters is done for you. Give us grace to be always willing to provide for the needs of those whose parents have died or whose homes are broken, that your kingdom of service and love may extend throughout the world, to your unending glory." This prayer from St. Augustine of Hippo challenges us to see Jesus as he hides himself in those who need our help. How can you be more alert to respond to those in need during this Lenten season? (Hint: Use the Outreach envelope in this month's packet to donate. Or help any legitimate charity of your choosing this Lent.)



Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m.  
in the St. Joseph Room

Please "click" on the link below to sign up and pick your design.

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Total Parishioners Pledged: .....	283
Total Pledges: .....	\$494,713.00
Balance as of 01/31/2022 in	
TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS Account: .....	\$16,710.08

# FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM & YOUTH MINISTRY



*QMYM Teen Retreat 11*  
*will take place*  
*April 23rd and 24th!!*

*Forms & Payment DUE*  
*March 25th*



Thank you for your contributions to the Ash Wed. Collection!! All donations will go to the 2022 Mission Trip!!



+CALENDAR+

*Faith Formation Classes*  
*3/26, 4/2, and 4/30*

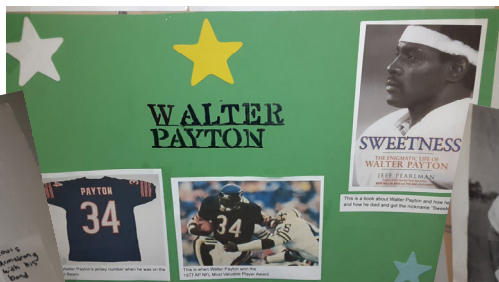
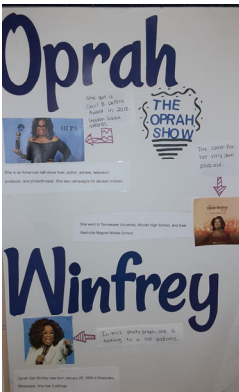
*+ Retreat Formation*  
*Sundays 7pm*

*+ Random Fun Wednesdays*

Contact Tina O'Shea at:  
 QMFAithformation@gmail.com or  
 QMartyrsYM@gmail.com

### Queen of Martyrs School Explores History

The 8th Grade students in Mrs. Scorzo's Social Studies class had the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of African-Americans and their central role in U.S. history during Black History Month. The students picked a person to highlight whose life made an impact on the world. A wide variety of role models were selected including famous scientists, activists, abolitionists, athletes and actors. Each person that the students chose to do their projects about all demonstrated the values of respect, tolerance, and an appreciation of differences. The 8th Graders hung their posters on the walls near the school library so that all of our students would be able to view their excellent work during the month of February! The students enjoyed participating in this multicultural lesson for Black History Month!





### QUEEN OF MARTYRS



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"Wildcat Wheel of Winnings" on Facebook and you  
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### MOVING???

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and let us know.  
708-423-8110



### While They Serve...

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

*Martin Beemsterboer; Matthew Beemsterboer; Ted Bos;  
LT David Jackson Jr.; Major Daniel R. Johnson;  
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Colonel Ellen Shannon-Ball; Kevin Smith;  
Capt. Martin J. Springer and Sgt. Steven Surdynski*

If you would like us to pray for a Parishioner or a Relative of a  
Parishioner serving in the Military, please email the rectory at  
[jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com](mailto:jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com) or call at 708-423-8110.

\*\*\*If your relative is NO LONGER serving, please call the  
Rectory office so we can remove them from our list.\*\*\*

—Thank you

### Chapel News...



We offer a Eucharistic Holy Hour for  
Grandparents on the **last Tuesday of each  
month from 1:30—2:30 p.m.** in our Chapel.

Please join us as we pray together for our grandchildren,  
young and old, to grow in God's Love and become all that  
He created them to be! The hour includes group prayer and  
time for private adoration.

Our next Grandparent's Holy Hour will take place **March  
29, 2022**

### Book Drive

Mercy Sister, Carol Mucha, is conducting a continuing  
used book sale. These items can be dropped off at the  
main entrance of Mercy Circle any of seven days of the  
week. She counts on the generosity of those who want to  
dispose of books in good condition of all genres including  
magazines, children's books, also CD's, DVD's, music,  
and small electronics including cell phones. Proceeds  
from the sales are used for Mercy Ministries. A cart is  
available at the reception desk if needed. For more infor-  
mation, please call Sister Carol at 708-297-4232.



**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](mailto:jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com).  
Thank you!

Liturgy Schedule

**MONDAY** Mar. 14, 2022  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— Dennis Lynch

**TUESDAY** — Mar. 15, 2022  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— Dolores Madlener & Family

**WEDNESDAY**— Mar. 16, 2022  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— Ann Leydon

**THURSDAY**— Mar. 17, 2022—*St. Patrick*  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— John Hector  
 Deceased Members of the  
 Murphy & Sullivan families

**FRIDAY** — Mar. 18, 2022—*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*  
 6:30 AM— Communion Service  
 8:30 AM— Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs

**SATURDAY**— Mar. 19, 2022—*St. Joseph*  
 8:30 AM— Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs  
 2:00 PM— Wedding—Claire Kennedy & Ryan Ritchie  
 4:00 PM— Peggy Munin  
 Deceased Members of the  
 Quinn & Walsh families  
 Joseph Bajzek

**SUNDAY** — Mar. 20, 2022—3rd Sunday of Lent  
 8:30 AM — Rados Family  
 Deceased members of the  
 Murphy & Sullivan families  
 10:30 AM— Bridget Forde  
 Kitty O’Hara  
 William Gerstner



Schedule for the weekend of March 19—20, 2022

Mass	Celebrant
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	Fr. Marty Marren
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Fr. Mathieu Herve Mboudou
Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Fr. Marty Marren

\* Subject to change



**Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives and Friends**

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

Mary Pat Anders	Johnny Esposito	Helen Esposito Melloni
Crispin Bofinger	Patrick Ferguson	Jacqueline Olsen
Whitney Davis	Bobby Kiehne	Debbie Synowiec



May They Rest in Peace

Rita Lusk



*Wedding Banns*



*II Claire Kennedy & Ryan Ritchie*



**Remember Queen of Martyrs**

Queen of Martyrs is grateful for your gifts throughout the year. While most gifts come by check, credit card through GiveCentral, or the collection basket, you may also give through your IRA or via appreciated securities/stock. Your IRA administrator or broker could assist you. Please contact Fr. Marty Marren, (708) 423-8110, or the Office of Planned Giving, [plannedgiving@archchicago.org](mailto:plannedgiving@archchicago.org), or (312) 534-7848.

# QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH - PARISH INFORMATION

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

If you are a parishioner and are moving, please notify the Rectory of your departure or of a new address in the parish.

**COORDINATOR OF FAITH FORMATION**

Tina O'Shea  
 Religious Education Program—[QMfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:QMfaithformation@gmail.com)  
 Youth Ministry—[QMartyrsYM@gmail.com](mailto:QMartyrsYM@gmail.com)

**SCHOOL**

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 Website: [www.qmschool.com](http://www.qmschool.com)

**EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM**

Carolyn McDonough, Coordinator — 708-423-8120

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES:**

Anticipated Mass on Saturday: ..... 4:00 P.M.  
 Sunday: ..... 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M.  
 Holy Day: Masses ..... 6:30 A.M., 8:30 A.M.  
 Evening Mass ..... Check the bulletin  
 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 3:45 P.M.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Please call the office for registration.

**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.

**OUTREACH (Formerly St. Vincent de Paul Society):**

For membership info or assistance call the Rectory. Confidentiality assured.

**MINISTRY OF CARE**

Jane Dunne, Coordinator — 708-499-9808

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