

Events and Newsletters



Events

Monthly Memorial Masses

On the first Friday of each month, Memorial Masses will be offered for those babies lost during pregnancy; miscarriage, stillbirth, and neonatal death. These Masses will be offered by Fr. Tomi George, SVD, at the Divine Word Missionary in India.

“Walk to Remember”

Traditionally held on the first Sunday in October, Henry Ford Allegiance Women’s & Children’s Health holds an annual event called the “Walk to Remember,” recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Held at the Dahlem Center, staff members from the Mother/Baby unit invite parents who have suffered the loss of their baby to remember their child at this event. Each year a tree is planted representing all of the losses which occurred during the year.

“Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day”

October 15 of each year is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, which was established by former President Ronald Reagan. For more information, go to <http://www.october15th.com/>.

Names Added to Treasures In Our Hearts Columbarium and Memorial Wall

Many families whose baby has been buried/interred in the **Treasures In Our Hearts** Columbarium, choose to include their little one’s name on the niche. In addition, each year we invite those who do not have the physical remains of their baby to memorialize their little one by adding their name to the **Treasures In Our Hearts** Columbarium Memorial Wall. There is a fee to compensate the stonecutter for engraving your baby’s name on the Memorial Wall or Columbarium. Names are added to the Memorial Wall in October.



Newsletter



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Dear Friends of **Treasures In Our Hearts**,

Just over one year ago, Rosemary Gunsett called to ask if I would take over as the director of **Treasures In Our Hearts**. I said yes! The "call" was followed by many blessings...working with Rosemary to learn more about the ministry; meeting and working with **Treasures In Our Hearts (TIOH)** volunteers; and when needed, offering families who have suffered a miscarriage or stillbirth prayers, comfort, and resources to help in their time of need. Thank you, Rosemary, because you listened and understood through personal experience, and because of your determination and resolve, our parish now offers this ministry which has touched the lives of many who experience the devastating loss of their child. This past year **Treasures In Our Hearts** helped four families.

With thankfulness I reflect on this past year, which has been a time of transition. Pamphlets and printed materials have been redesigned, the newsletter is now available via email, and thanks to former Parochial Vicar Fr. John Whitlock a webpage for **Treasures In Our Hearts** has been added to Queen's website at www.queenschurch.com/tioh, which includes an option for online giving. We very much appreciate Fr. Tim's commitment to **Treasures In Our Hearts**, along with that of Parochial Vicar Fr. Peter and our Deacons (including Pat Gorczyca, who was accepted as a candidate for the diaconate this past August.) Thank you to our parish office staff - Jeannette, Rose, Joan, and Angela - for their help and assistance. With heartfelt gratitude, I also thank the many generous donors who enable this ministry to serve families who suffer a pregnancy loss. We hope for your continued support and ask for your prayers.

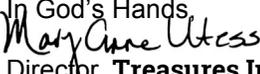
Each family that suffers the loss of their baby due to a miscarriage or stillbirth provides new opportunities for **Treasures In Our Hearts**. Inspired by the moms and dads who lost a baby this past year; moved by their love for the baby they would never know; touched by their family, their grief, and their faith, **TIOH** now offers additional assistance and comfort during this difficult time. Memorial cards, which include the baby's name, date, location of service, and parents' names, are given to each family. Families are asked if they would like to have pictures taken during the prayer service and interment, which are then sent to them electronically. In addition, each family receives a nosegay of Baby's Breath donated by Brown Floral Co. In the new year, we would like to include music in prayer and interment services as well as improve the follow-up with the families that we serve.

Following is updated contact information:

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*Please note the new phone number, which was updated in October. If you would like to receive future newsletters via email, please send an email to the **TIOH** address listed above. In addition to learning your preference, emailing the newsletter will also reduce mailing costs, thus conserving resources to assist families that have lost their baby due to miscarriage or stillbirth. Newsletters are also posted on the webpage.

...His mother treasured all these things in her heart. Luke 2:51. May the blessings of Christ's birth bring you peace and joy this Christmas and throughout the upcoming year.

In God's Hands,

Director, **Treasures In Our Hearts**

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Since its inception, **Treasures In Our Hearts (TIOH)** has been blessed by the support of many and has established partnerships which provide comfort, burials, memorials, prayer services at little or no cost to families who have suffered the loss of their child through miscarriage or stillbirth. **TIOH**, has been helping families since 2008, to date we have helped 70 families. We hope for your continued support and ask for your prayers.

As previously announced, Mary Anne Utess, has been named the new director of **Treasures In Our Hearts**, as Rosemary Gunsett and her husband are moving to Louisville, KY. These past months have been a time of transition. **TIOH** now has a page on the Queen of Miraculous Medal Parish website, which includes the option for online giving. Webpage attachments, along with printed materials, are in the process of being updated.

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In this age of technology, how we communicate is continually evolving. Traditionally, Rosemary mailed a newsletter two or three times a year. Recognizing that many depend on their electronic devices to communicate, let me know if you would like to receive future newsletters via email by sending an email to the **TIOH** address listed above. In addition to learning your preference, emailing the newsletter will also reduce mailing costs, thus conserving resources to assist families that have lost their baby due to miscarriage or stillbirth. Newsletters will also be posted on the webpage.

With appreciation, and on behalf of all who are touched by **Treasures In Our Hearts**, thank you Rosemary for your continued advice and assistance during this transition. A special thank you goes to Fr. John Whitlock for adding a **TIOH** webpage to the Queen's website. Thanks also to Marcia Roty, Deacon Dave Barrett, and Jennifer Ball for proofreading all updated materials. With gratitude for your support, be assured that **Treasures In Our Hearts** will continue to comfort and assist families who suffer the devastating loss of their little ones.

In God's Hands,
Mary Anne Utess
Director, **Treasures In Our Hearts**

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