St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Ascension of the Lord **May 17, 2015**

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SUNDAY MASSES: (5:30 PM Saturday), 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM

WEEKDAYS: 6:30, 9:00 AM (8:30 AM Saturday)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays from 4:00—5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room.

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with one of the Priests. Weddings are celebrated for registered parishioners of St. Eugene Parish.

PARISHIONERS: When moving in or out of St. Eugene Parish, please notify the rectory.

YOUR WILL: Remember the church in your bequests.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE: The priest should be the last in, and first out of church.



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Please TURN OFF any electronic devices before entering the church for Mass or any other Liturgical service.
Please do NOT park in front of church to ensure emergency vehicle access.
There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

Welcome, visitors and guests, to St. Eugene Church and Parish. Please sign our guest register in the rear vestibule and let our ushers know if you need a taxi or need to use a phone.

RECTORY HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 - 11:30 am & 12:30 - 8:00 pm
(closed for lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm)
SATURDAY & SUNDAY:
9:00 am - 1:00 pm





Planned Abuse

Included in the bulletin this week is an insert - a publication - about Planned Parenthood. Please take a moment to read the information about this organization. It is truly shocking to learn how Planned Parenthood operates. Disregard for life, human safety, and sexual crimes are all part of “the plan.” This is not a good organization. In my opinion, it is one of the most evil organizations that operates legally in our society. Planned Parenthood does not contribute in a positive way to society. They are a greedy organization which often cooperates and protects rapists that prey on young women.

For example, a twenty-four-year-old man might bring a fourteen-year-old girl to a Planned Parenthood facility. The girl is pregnant by the twenty-four-year-old man (statutory rape), and now wants her to have an abortion. Because of an insane law that exists, parents’ consent for an abortion is not needed. However, the man involved is still guilty of a sexual crime with a minor. Unfortunately, Planned Parenthood will often protect the criminal, perform the abortion, and take the money without any questions. Parents of the fourteen-year-old girl may never know what has been done to their daughter. Fathers and mothers may notice a change in their daughter, but they will be ignorant of the crime and abuse that was perpetrated upon her.

The Catholic Church was guilty of covering up sexual abuses in the past. This was a heinous crime that never should have happened. The church has worked to help the victims and has taken many steps to prevent such abuse from ever happening again. Unfortunately, Planned Parenthood does not seem to be held to the same standards of the church or the legal system in this country. Planned Parenthood should at least have the decency to change their name. Planned Abuse is a more appropriate name. Planned Murder would also fit for this organization. The taking of a human life is what happens in an abortion. It is planned evil and it plays a big role in the work of Planned Parenthood.

Yours in Christ,

Bulletin copy **MUST** be in the rectory office **NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON EACH MONDAY**. Copy material received past the deadline will not be published in *The Voice* until the following weekend—NO EXCEPTIONS.

THIS WEEKEND

FAMILY MASS
FEATURING 6TH GRADE – 9:30 AM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE
Church Parking Lot (see page 6)

ORANGE RIBBONS (see page 4)
(available after all Masses at the church exits)

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God's family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives.

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**17**	
	St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive	
	Church Parking Lot	
9:30 am	Family Mass featuring 6th grade:	CH
MONDAY	**18**	
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM		
3:00 pm	Cub Scouts:	SH.MR
TUESDAY	**19**	
11:30 am	Young-at-Heart Club:	SH.CTR
3:00 pm	School Event:	SH.CTR+MR
WEDNESDAY	**20**	
6:00 pm	Athletic Program:	SH.CTR
6:30 pm	Altar & Rosary Society Governing Board:	SCH.110
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus:	SH.MR
THURSDAY	**21**	
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts:	SH.MR
FRIDAY	**22**	
6:30 pm	School Event:	SH.CTR+MR
SATURDAY	**23**	
10:00 am	AA.	SCH.RH

Sacrificial Giving

May 10, 2015

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**12,463**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average March (five week average)	**$**	**1,092**
Total	**$**	**13,555**
Sunday Budget 2014-15	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***2,445***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**1,982**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**210**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH. YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
We have over 85 donors on Give Central and we continue to see our online giving grow. You can now visit our giving page by going to our web site (www.st-eugene.org)



POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK
Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us.

Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

SUNDAY	**24**	
9:30 am	NO ACTIVITIES	

	FACILITY CODES
CH	**Church**
CV	**Convent**
REC.MR	**Rectory Meeting Room**
SCH.110	**School Room 110**
SCH.RH	**Ryan Hall**
SH.CTR	**Shaunessy Center**
SH.CTR+MR	**Shaunessy Center & Meeting Room**
SH.MR	**Shaunessy Center Meeting Room**



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
Mondays in church
12:00 NOON - 8:00 pm
with Benediction at 7:45 pm

"We see today our persecuted brothers, decapitated and crucified for their faith in you (Jesus), before our eyes and often with our complicity and silence."

Pope Francis expressed his hope that the international community does not look on, "silent and inactive" in the face of the unacceptable crime of the persecution of Christians around the world. (Vatican Radio)

PLEASE COME -- VISIT JESUS

MEMORIAL DAY
Next, Monday, May 25
We will not have Adoration



Prayer with Scripture

We invite you to an encounter of prayer where you can stop from the hurry of the moment and listen to God through God's Word, in silence, meditation, adoration and contemplation. In this short but intense time, we listen to a talk that introduces us into the understanding of the Word of God, which later, we reflect on and meditate in an attitude of faith, discovering what God is trying to reveal to us. The prayer is accompanied by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with songs to help the faithful enter more into prayer.

As the deer longs for streams of water,
so my soul longs for you, O God. Psalm 42,2

Every Tuesday in Spanish - 7:00 pm
Every Wednesday in English - 7:00 pm
Every Thursday in Polish - 7:30 pm
Every Thursday in Filipino - 7:00 pm
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For more information please contact the convent at:773-467-0295

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

ORANGE IS THE NEW COLOR OF MARTYRDOM



In the Middle East, Christian men, women, and even children are now being imprisoned, raped, beheaded, and crucified. In addition to the human suffering, all symbols representing Christianity including ancient Christian churches are being destroyed. In response to these evil acts, an orange ribbon campaign has recently sprung up in some American churches. Rey Flores, a Catholic writer for *The Wanderer,* declared that "orange is the new color of martyrdom." The orange ribbon campaign call upon Christians to show solidarity with the suffering Church by wearing the same color as the jump suits worn by the captives beheaded by the terrorist group, ISIS. Our future and the future of our children are already being affected by these transgressions now taking place. Using social media, the terrorist groups are recruiting, training, and brainwashing our own young people in the U.S. into committing domestic violence. Parishioners, especially parents of young children, are encouraged to participate in this campaign by praying for a conversion of those who are guilty of such brutality and also by wearing something with the color orange every day. An orange ribbon pinned to a shirt collar, an orange sweater or dress, or an orange bow tied to a front yard tree can draw attention to the plight of our Christian brothers and sisters. Christians of all denominations are uniting in this movement and, hopefully, it will spread throughout the county. Together we will not only keep up the awareness of these persecutions but may even give our own government more incentive to fight against these atrocities.. Ribbons are available in the vestibule.

Any questions please call Joe or Joanna Portenlanger at: 773-594-9397.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE!
You are cordially invited to join in the celebration of the Retirement of our



principal Dr. Patricia Brown
and
teacher Barbara Sedivec
Sunday, May 31, 2015
11:30 am Liturgy
Reception immediately following at the
St. Eugene Shaunessy Center (until 2:30 pm).



YOUNG AT HEART CLUB
Tuesday, May 19 - 11:30 am
Shaunessy Center

After our regular meeting, we will have beef sandwiches, (cost $4.00) cake & coffee and then play Bingo. Please call Beverly if you would like to order a beef sandwich.

We have tickets reserved for the Patty Waszak Show on Friday, May 15 at White Fence Farm. The cost is $35.00 for lunch and the show; the cost of the bus is additional. The bus will leave the St. Eugene Church parking lot at 10:30 am.

For information, please call Beverly, at: 708-457-0554.

To our Pastor



Rev. George Koenne

May 16



May God Bless You on your birthday!

CONFIRMATION OR COMMUNION DVD'S

If you ordered a Confirmation or Communion DVD, please pick it up in the school office during regular school hours, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

LIFESOURCE

ST. EUGENE - BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CHURCH PARKING LOT

LIFESOURCE BUS

BLOOD DRIVE

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BLOOD DRIVE

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

Will take place the weekend of
May 16 & 17
(church parking lot)
Before & after all Masses





We will be accepting household items:
(i.e. flatware, dishes, pots & pans)
and small appliances:
(i.e. microwaves, coffee makers & toasters)
as well as
clothing & shoes for men, women, and children.
All donations should be in good, ready-to-use condition, not needing repairs or cleaning.
Your donations will not only serve to clean out your closets
but also help those who are less fortunate.
If you have large pieces of furniture you wish to donate you may call SVDP at: 773-779-6700.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2015 will be held at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St., Chicago, on **Sunday, August 30, 2015 at 2:45 pm.** Couples married in 1965 who are interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register by May 29th.

For further information call the Family Ministries Office at: 312.534.8351 or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

TO OUR PASTOR
REV. GEORGE KOEUNE
HAPPY 20TH
ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR
ORDINATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD
MAY 20



Parishioner Contact Update

To help us keep our records current, please print the information below and drop the form in the collection basket or at the rectory. Thank you.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss

Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Email address: _____ Email address: _____

Phone # (Home) _____ Cell # _____ Cell # _____

PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Linda Babusci, Rosemary Beyak, Michael Brennan, Baby Jeremy Brigante, Arthur Bronski, Rosa Canepa, Carmen Casneros, Cathy Cassettari, Lorna Chapuis, Franco Chiappetta, Katherine D. Cilley, Infant Liam Thomas Clark, Mirna Cozzo, Susan Curtin, Ed Czerwinski, James Donovan, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Rev. Richard Feller, Delmar Furlow, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Anne Marie Godby, Rev. Bob Grib, S.J., Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, David Hampal, Tim Heider, Anna Hoegerl, Patricia Imburgia, Kathy Jeskey, Linda Knight, Katherine Koeune, Heidi Kubica, Olga Kykta, Rose Marie La Coppola, Peggy Leen, Allie Lim, Stephanie Lim, Vernon Lipps Jr., Rosaria Lombardo, Rosina Macak, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, John Masley, Vicenza Mazza, Richard Miedona, Dennis Mikulski, Nick Milazzo, Sebastian Milka, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Lou Nava, Leo Navickis, Dorothy O'Leary, Robynn O'Leary, Lois Pallo, Bertha Pappalardo, Isaac Parris, Barbara Peele, Lena Pighini, Norma Quilici, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, Rita Rogers, Michael Rowan, John Ruberti, Teresa Ruberti, Theresa Samborski, Jerry Schippers, Joanne Schippers, John Schuster, Bernadette Sedlacek, Michael Shannon, Yolanda Shannon, Dean Showalter, Michael Solberg, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Janet Stryker, Maria Tenuta, Erich Thuer, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Louanne Will, Mary Ann Zulawinski and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list: Czeslawa Lipinski

For the Deceased: Patricia J. Borges, Aglaea (Lia) Gerard (wife of (Pat) Pascal), Bernard Pollara, M.D. (brother of Anna Schmidt)

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME LISTED.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

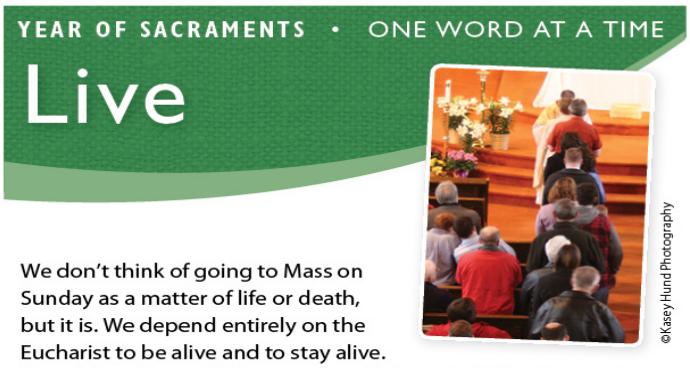
If you are in need of assistance, call the rectory. A member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will get back to you.

Marriage Banns

II - Christina Marie Theofanis & Thomas James Legowski

I - Jaclyn Miller & Richard Belluomini, Jr.

At the time of a family member's death, if you would like memorials to be made to St. Eugene Parish, please instruct the Funeral Home to use the following in the death notice: *"In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to St. Eugene Parish, Foster Avenue, Chicago."* Envelopes can be provided by the Funeral Home.



We don't think of going to Mass on Sunday as a matter of life or death, but it is. We depend entirely on the Eucharist to be alive and to stay alive. Jesus himself says, "Whoever eats this bread will **live** for ever." (John 6:51) And later he says that those who do not eat his flesh or drink his blood "have no life" in them.

We can often fool ourselves about what sustains us. We might think, for example, that it is our work, or our relationships, or even our entertainments. These things may keep us alive but only partially. The ultimate, complete, and true source of our life is Jesus, our bread of life. Only when we are sustained by him can we make sense of our life overall. And then we not only live, but we live wisely.

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+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, May 16 - Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter
5:30 Frank Esposito

Sunday, May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Calogero Colletto
11:30 Rosalina Bergantinos, Janina Borawski, Maria Brunetti, Chillemi, Killmer & Brickman Fams., Giuseppe Covello, Steve & Helen Dobrowolski, Maciej Dun, Boguslaw Frycz, John Gaughan, Elizabeth Janowski, Patrick Kennedy, Rev. Kazimierz Kowalski, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Frank Masley, Angela Marraccini, John & Therese Mc Guane, Catherine O'Hara, Julia Projanowska, Phyllis & Belbo Russo, Lidia Szokarski, Sophia Utrata
4:30 Mary Jane Ruckauf

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am

Monday, May 18 - St. John I, Pope & Martyr
6:30 Louis Tartaglia
9:00 James Meyer

Tuesday, May 19
6:30 John C. Mallon
9:00 Angeline Romano

Wednesday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Elmer Chanski, Chillemi, Killmer & Brickman Fams., Domenica, Ernesto & Joseph Fiorante, Giovanni & Cristina Greco, Pamela Heider, Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Carmela Scelsi

Thursday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallones & Companions
6:30 Domenico Lalicata
9:00 Int. for Kathy Nagel

Friday, May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia
6:30 Chris Koeune
9:00 Helena & Walter Siwiec

Saturday, May 23
8:30 Ray & Irene McNamee

Saturday, May 23 - Vigil: Pentecost Sunday
5:30 Jeanette Wozniak

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Phil Saineghi
11:30 Chillemi, Killmer & Brickman Fams., Mary Brigid Corrigan, Filomena Covello, Chris & Tadeusz Dabros, Nelio & Luz de Mesa, Dyson & Marsiglia Fams., Philip & Joseph Genovise, Louis Fred Howard, Antonio Iannotta, Marion Kalwajtys, John Kula, Domenico Lalicata, Vince & Mary La Pietra Fam. & Fri., Mariano & Regina Lising, Rich Litwitz, Franklin Myron Masley, Samborski & Detolve Fams., Wytrwol Fam., Ed & Victoria Wnek
4:30 John Carbone

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

****Lector **Eucharistic Minister ***Server***

Saturday, May 23 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 16**

Saturday, May 23 - 5:30 pm
* P. Wagner
** E. Dillon, P. Conlon, D. Divello, M.B. Glynn
*** **Team 3**
Mon., 5/25 - 9:00 am

Sunday, May 24 - 7:00 am
* K. Kon
** L. Feist, D. Feist, J. Schmitt, J. Carrozza
*** **Team 5**
Tue., 5/26- 9:00 am

Sunday, May 24 - 9:30 am
* T. Swiderski
** G. Bermas, T. Swiderski, D. Laterza, J. Nardi
*** **Team 4**
Wed., 5/27 - 9:00 am

Sunday, May 24 - 11:30 am
* J. Sclafini
** S. Sclafini, E. Della Santina, M. Kenny, M. Vasich
*** **Team 1**
Thu., 5/28 - 9:00 am

Sunday, May 24 - 4:30 pm
* N. Rodriguez
** A. Rodriguez, B. Brinlee, M. Guerrieri, B. O'Neill
*** **Team 2**
Fri., 5/29 - 9:00 am



PLEASE NOTE:
The designated multi-intentional Mass times will be the 9:00 morning Mass on Wednesday, and the 11:30 morning Mass on Sunday. Multi-intentional Masses will have no more than 30 names.

A REMINDER
To make sure a Mass Intention is included in the bulletin, it must be made **2 weeks** in advance. To make sure a Mass Intention is read at Mass, it must be made at least **1 week** in advance of the date requested.

The Knights of Columbus honored all of the Altar Servers at a pizza lunch on Tuesday, May 12.



Pictured above our 8th grade Altar Servers



All of our Altar Servers pictured with Mrs. Kusinski, Dr. Brown and Father George

THIRD GRADE FAMILY MASS, SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015



















THIRD GRADE FAMILY MASS, SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015













National RIGHT TO LIFE

Next week, the U.S. House of Representatives will take up a landmark pro-life bill that, if enacted, will save thousands of unborn children each year from a painful death.



The bill, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, would protect unborn children from abortion, beginning at 20 weeks - nationwide. By this point in development (and indeed even earlier), the unborn child is capable of experiencing great pain during an abortion. This federal bill was developed on the basis of model legislation developed by National Right to Life, which has been enacted so far in 11 states.

There was a delay on the vote but that delay has been used to good advantage. The bill now contains additional protections for unborn children who have reached the 20-week point - provisions intended to deter abortionists from evading or violating the protections that the bill would extend to the thousands of babies who die every year in painful late-term abortions.

Please let your Representative know of your support for this bill. To find out who your representative is: go to www.house.gov/representatives/find/ or visit www.congressmerge.com to find the email address, phone number, & contact information for your congressman.

SOME SCENES FROM FATHER BOB GRIB'S MASS & RECEPTION ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015









TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With June not far off, attention in the parish turns to the celebration of weddings. Perhaps no other area of parish life is more shaped or challenged by the expectations of our culture. An old Irish proverb, "Marry in Lent and you're soon to repent," is amplified by another warning: "Marry in May and rue the day!" Memories of old pagan parties in May endured, and the Irish felt wedding receptions in May would be a stress on community morals. Queen Victoria did not approve of May weddings either, and her influence is still felt on family calendars, as is her daughter's introduction of the white wedding gown. Sometimes we mistake customs and curiosities for tradition. Tradition with a capital "T" has to do with Christ's miraculous rescue of the wedding feast at Cana, his affirmation of a man and woman pledging lifelong fidelity at the heart of a community's feast. The Church cherished that memory over time, but it took a millennium for us to think of marriage as a sacrament. Much of the rest of what we associate with weddings has to do with culture, customs, and family practices. A wise rabbi once said that "tradition is not wearing your father's hat; tradition is having a child." Don't let Queen Victoria reign over your wedding plans!

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YEAR OF SACRAMENTS • ONE WORD AT A TIME

Connect



The Eucharist, we firmly believe, makes present to us the Body and Blood of the Lord in his self-sacrificing love. And by receiving him in Holy Communion, we **connect** ourselves with him. In fact, this is *the* sustaining and life-giving connection of our lives. The Eucharist enables us to have this personal connection with the Lord. It would be a mistake, however, to think that it stops here.

The Eucharist connects us not only with the Lord but with each other in him. That is the gist of Paul's important words to the church in Corinth: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." (1 Corinthians 10:17) Looking at our connection with other people through the Eucharist radically changes how we see our relationships, even our closest ones. We discover the depth and power of those relationships because we are connected in him who holds all of us in his love.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Were you raised Catholic… but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

Are you a Catholic who feels separated from your church?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

For more information, please call the rectory at: 773-775-6659 and ask to speak to any of our priests.

We ask all of our parishioners, if you have a loved one serving in the military, to please contact the rectory office to give us the name of the soldier, so the whole parish can pray for your loved one. A book in the church vestibule is available for inscribing the names of all military personnel. This book will be part of the offertory procession from now until the war is over.

A PRAYER

LORD, HOLD OUR TROOPS IN YOUR LOVING HANDS.
PROTECT THEM AS THEY PROTECT US.
BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES
FOR THE SELFLESS ACTS THEY PERFORM
FOR US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.
WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF
JESUS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. AMEN

We pray for our loved ones

who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.

GHALEB AZROUI
CHRISTOPHER BAUER
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
CATHY O'LEARY CHAMBERLAIN
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
MARTY DURCAN
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST
ANDREW HOPKINS
BRANDON JACKSON
CHRISTOPHER JENKINS
JACK KANE
JAMES TYLER MARBACH
CHRIS MARCHIORI
KEITH MILLER
MEGAN MILLER
AUGUSTINE EMEKA NDIWE
THOMAS NEUHENGEN
CATHERINE ANN (BARHAM) NEWELL
ERIC NORWOOD
VINCENT PAGE
CHAD PRITCHARD
NICHOLAS RANCH
MICHAEL SCHIPPERS, JR.

If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the rectory.

Also, please call the rectory when your loved one returns home.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as Catholics united in faith at St. Eugene Parish is to help bring God to people and people to God. Through evangelization, education and being of service to each other, we strive to make our parish community a holistic community in body, mind and spirit. It is our goal to develop, support, encourage and empower one another in our parish ministries, so that each person can reach their human and Christian potential. We are enthused about the future of St. Eugene and the whole Catholic Church and we pledge our participation in that future. We seek dialogue and open communication with all parishioners in fulfilling the needs of our parish. While recognizing the cultural diversities in our community, we will strive to bring all people together in Christ under a common bond of faith, hope and love.