St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — October 4, 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.

DR. JAMES E. BERGMAN
RETIRING FROM ST. EUGENE
AFTER 23 WONDERFUL YEARS!



Retirement Mass, today,
Sunday, October 4, 2015 - 11:30 am
Reception following Mass in the Shaunessy Center

Parish Staff

Rev. George Koeune, Pastor
Rev. James J. O'Brien, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Grzegorz Wójcik , Associate Pastor
Rev. John Hetland, Associate Pastor
Rev. Philip J. Grib, S.J., Resident
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Deacon Chick O'Leary, Business Manager

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Dr. James E. Bergman, Director of Music
Mr. Vincent Hilado, Assist. Director of Music
Mrs. Barbara Meier, Bulletin Editor
Mrs. Joanna Bischof, Mrs. Pat Conlon,
Mrs. Kathleen Kon &
Mrs. Terri Swiderski, Receptionists

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





Thank You, Dr. Jim Bergman

It is really impossible to sum up in a short article how much Dr. Jim Bergman has done for our parish. He has been the director of music at St. Eugene Parish for the last twenty-three years. That's a lot of music!

I am truly thankful to Dr. Bergman for his dedication and faith. He has inspired many people with his gift. Last year, a visitor to our parish told me that she travels more than an hour to attend St. Eugene Parish on Christmas Day. In her opinion, the music and choir singers at St. Eugene Parish were the best in the whole Archdiocese. That is quite a compliment and Dr. Bergman deserves a lot of the credit.

Many churches in the area have musicians who have been trained by Dr. Bergman. His musical knowledge is extensive. I am thankful that he has been so generous to share his talents with others. He has enriched our church with his ministry. Although he has earned his retirement, I know that many parishioners are sad to see him leave the parish. However, he has stated that he will return to help out from time to time. Perhaps when Ms. Lydia Hilado (our new music director) goes on vacation, Dr. Bergman will return to share his gift of music.

As I stated above, it is impossible to grasp in a few short sentences all that Dr. Jim Bergman has done for our parish. It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. With that thought in mind, I would like to share some pictures with you of his time here at St. Eugene Parish.

May God bless Dr. Bergman as he begins a new chapter in his life!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George



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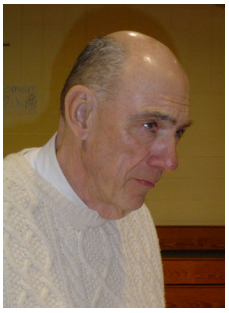













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AUDITIONS
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 3RD
1:00 - 4:00 PM
RYAN HALL





THIS WEEKEND

RESPECT LIFE LITURGY
MASS 5:30 PM

JIM BERGMAN
RETIREMENT MASS - 11:30AM
RECEPTION FOLLOWING IN SHAUNESSY CENTER



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
MASS 9:30 AM
ROSARY BEGINS AT 9:05 AM

SUPPORT THE TROOPS FUNDRAISER
collection box is in vestibule (see page 5)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CANDY SALE
AFTER ALL MASSES (see page 5)

TOWARD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

From the beginning of creation, God intended for people to live together in relationship with one another. Much of scripture shows us how to do this as it illustrates and clarifies God's plans. The readings this weekend guide us in the value and care of our relationships. Specifically, the Gospel focuses on the circumstances of failed relationships. Unlike the Pharisees, we would do well not to focus on the laws that pertain to failed relationships, but concentrate instead on what God really intended for us. Healthy bonds require a lot of our time and energy. They certainly require trust and honesty. Jesus demonstrated a deep commitment to his friends and to us. As our brother, he gave his very life for us. Children work hard at friendships. They trust, forgive, and love without conditions. The final words of today's Gospel invite us to welcome Jesus and the people of our relationships with the fresh enthusiasm of a child.

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HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**4**
	Knights of Columbus
	Fannie Mae Candy Sale
	after all Masses
9:30 am	Altar & Rosary Society Mass
	Rosary starts at 9:05 am
11:30 am	Dr. James Bergman retirement Mass: CH
	Reception following: SH.CTR+MR

Sacrificial Giving

September 27, 2015

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**10,226**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average August (five week average)	**$**	**901**
Total	**$**	**11,127**
Sunday Budget 2015-16	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***4,873***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**597**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**33**
Seminary Collection	**$**	**2,974**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH.
YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

MONDAY	**5**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
3:15 pm	Cub Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
TUESDAY	**6**
11:30 am	Young at Heart Club: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	Altar & Rosary Society: SH.CTR+MR
WEDNESDAY	**7**
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus: SH.MR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
7:00 pm	School Advisory Committee: SCH.110
THURSDAY	**8**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**9**
3:30 pm	A & R set-up Craft Fair: SH.CTR+MR
SATURDAY	**10**
9:00 am	Altar & Rosary Society Craft Fair: SH.CTR+MR
10:00 am	AA.SCH.RH
SUNDAY	**11**
12:30 pm	Athletic Program: SH.CTR

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

"When God sees us coming to him in prayer, he leans his Heart down very low to his little creature, like a father who bends down to listen to his child."
Saint John Vianney

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED

In January 2015, ISIS killed a dozen adolescents in Mosul, Iraq for watching a soccer match between Iraq and Jordan on T.V. Please pray for all people who are victims of an oppressive society.



Knights of Columbus
Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II Council # 14008

To help support their many charitable and pro-life initiatives, members of the Knights of Columbus will be selling **FANNIE MAE chocolate bars after all masses this weekend, October 3 & 4. Bars are still only $1.00!!!**
Please lend your support to this worthy cause.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Monday, October 5 - 4:00 pm
In front of church



YOUNG AT HEART CLUB
Tuesday, October 6 - 11:30 am
Shaunessy Center

After our regular meeting, we will have cake & coffee and then play Bingo.

We welcome new members. We meet on the first & third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am in the Shaunessy Center.

2nd ANNUAL
St. Patrick High School
Varsity Cheerleaders
SUPPORT THE TROOPS
FUNDRAISER

We will be collecting toiletries to send to our troops!

We received a list of the "most needed" care package items:
Men's deodorant, Q-tips, multi-vitamins (men & women), hand sanitizer, foot powder

Please drop off your donations in the marked box in the church vestibule beginning this weekend and continuing this weekend of October 3 & 4.

THANK YOU
for your supporting our TROOPS

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
Tuesday, October 6
Doors Open 6:30 pm
Shaunessy Center



Joanna Portenlanger is the chairperson for our meeting this month. The theme is "And ...Jesus Smiles" by Fr. Ed Paccoha. Bring your favorite joke. The Mission Collection will be for the Verbum Dei Sisters.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Next Sunday, and on the second Sunday of each month, St. Eugene Parish offers a blessing for expectant mothers, fathers and their unborn children following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The blessing is given to strengthen mothers and fathers during the time of waiting, and to pray for the health and safe delivery of their child. This blessing may be received monthly throughout the pregnancy.

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE

The **Crisis Pregnancy Helpline** is sponsored by the Women's Center. They provide counseling, food, clothing, baby furniture, referral services, etc. to those experiencing a difficult pregnancy. **1-800-400-4205**



PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Rosemary Beyak, Arthur Bronski, Rosa Canepa, Cathy Cassettari, Franco Chiappetta, Katherine D. Cilley, Infant Liam Thomas Clark, Francesca M. Concialdi, Mirna Cozzo, Ed Czerwinski, Ron Di Cicilia, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Gloria Gera, Rev. Bob Grib, S.J., Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Imburgia, Kathy Jeskey, Linda Knight, Katherine Koeune, Bill Krzywicki, Olga Kykta, Rose Marie La Coppola, Rosaria Lombardo, Marco Lomibao, Rosina Macak, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, Piera Martinucci, John Masley, Dennis Mikulski, Nick Milazzo, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Richard Oberheim, Dorothy O'Leary, Deacon Ed O'Leary, Robynn O'Leary, Lois Pallo, Bertha Pappalardo, Isaac Parris, Lena Pighini, Norma Quilici, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, Rita Rogers, John Ruberti, Teresa Ruberti, Leo Samborski, Theresa Samborski, Jerry Schippers, Joanne Schippers, Patrick Schippers, John Schuster, Michael Shannon, Yolanda Shannon, Dean Showalter, Michael Solberg, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Janet Stryker, Thomas Joseph "T.J.", Maria Tenuta, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Bonnie Veth, Beverly Wijas, Louanne Will, Linda Yeazel, Mary Ann Zulawinski and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list:

For the Deceased: Angela Cima, Roy Malik, Mariano Manzella, Richard Morawski

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FALL CLOTHING DRIVE



Will take place the weekend of
October 17/18
(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.



Registration Is Now Open For

Little Vikings

At St. Eugene School

We Will Be Offering 2 Sessions!!

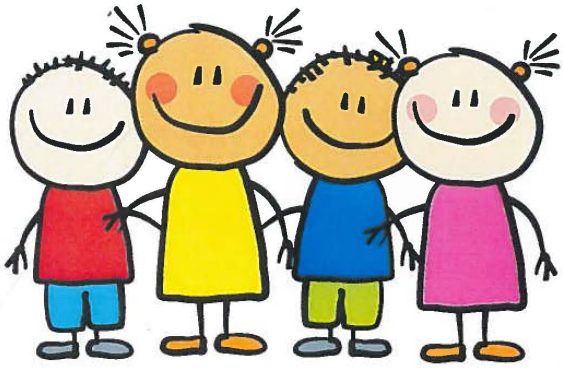
Session One Begins:
October 6, 2015 - December 15, 2015

Session Two Begins:
January 19, 2016 - March 22, 2016

Class Meets:
Tuesdays from 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Age: 18 months - 3 years old

Cost: $75 for each session



This program provides an opportunity for children and parents or caregivers to play, interact and learn together. Toddlers will participate in activities that help develop motor and social skills with a "hands on" and discovery approach to excite them to learn about the world that surrounds them. Enjoy circle time, arts and crafts, storytelling, music and movement, plus a variety of other activities. A certified teacher will teach this class and the class size is limited to 15 children. So sign up today and come play with us!!!

Please Contact the School Office
for more information at (773) 763-2235

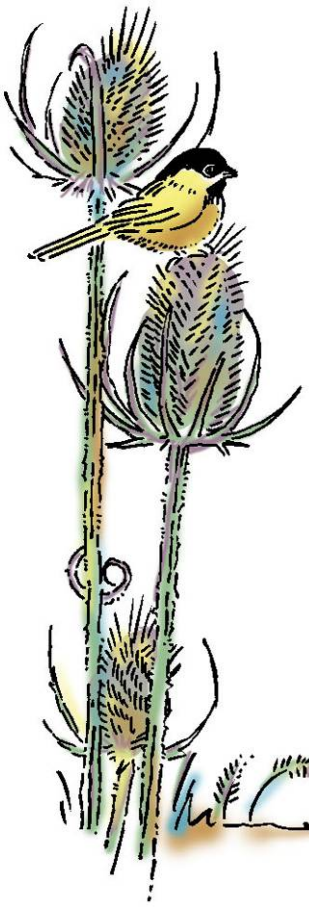


ST. EUGENE
ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

PRESENTS AN ARTS & CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



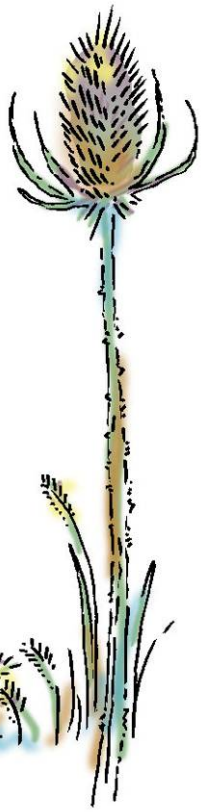
SHAUNESSY CENTER

5220 N. CANFIELD AVE.

Come, join in the fun!!!

Crafters, Bakery, Raffle, and a CAFÉ

for a snack or lunch!



+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, October 3 - Vigil:
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 M&M Fifielski

Sunday, October 4 -
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 Gerald Schippers
9:30 Frank Masley
11:30 Black & Heredia Fams.,
Beatrice & Dominic Calderisi,
Sam & Mary Caruso, Margaret Chlopek,
George Concialdi, Joe Costa, Vincenzo Di Iorio,
Luz & Nelio DeMesa, Vincent Farin, Lena Greco,
Frank Jablonski, Hilario Juarez, Robert Landeck,
Vince & Mary LaPietra Fam. & Fri.,
JoAnn Markos, Mannheim & Leyden Fams.,
George & Claudia Meier,
Joe & Pat McDonnell (in Thanksgiving),
Giuseppe Pizzuto, Rose Radzik, Sandra Romeo,
John Samborski, Julia Vero, Joseph & Anna Wilk
4:30 People of the Parish

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

Monday, October 5
6:30 Walter & Harriet Szatko
9:00 Kazimierz & Henryka Fornal

Tuesday, October 6 -
St. Bruno, Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
6:30 Joseph Jagiello
9:00 Sr. Ann Patrice

Wednesday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Amato & Onesto Fams.,
Brickman & Chillemi Fams., Victoria Castagna,
Rev. Richard Feller, Geider & Szczech Fams.,
Lincoln & MacArthur Fams.,
Vince & Mary La Pietra & Fam. & Fri.,
Charles Lubek, Eileen Niederkorn,
Ints. of Peg & Beth Rogers,
Regan & Killmer Fams.

Thursday, October 8
6:30 Val Schaeffer
9:00 Frederick Tomzik

Friday, October 9 -
St. Denis & Companions, St. John Leonardi
6:30 Malecki Fam.
9:00 Jim & Margaret McGuire

Saturday, October 10
8:30 Patricia Zmijewski

Saturday, October 10 - Vigil:
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 George Meier

Sunday, October 11 -
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 Rosaria Centineo
9:30 Angeline Komperda
11:30 Black & Heredia Fams.,
Maria & Peppino Bonofilio & Fam.,
Concetta, Gina & Giorgio Mario Castellese,
Maria & Pasquale D'Agostino,
Chris & Tadeusz Dabros, Tom Doles,
Vincent Farin, Hinze & Moriarty Fams.,
Frank Jablonski, John Kula,
Walter & Marion Kalwajtys,
Vince & Mary La Pietra Fam. & Friends,
Frank Masley, Mannheim & Leydan Fams.,
Daniela Palumbo, Ed & Victoria Wnek,
Wytrwol Fams.
4:30 People of the Parish

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Saturday, October 10 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 14**
Saturday, October 10 - 5:30 pm
* D. Divello
** B. Brinlee, R. Tomsovic, M. Lopez, E. Dillon
*** **Team 13**
Mon., 10/12 - 9:00 am
Sunday, October 11 - 7:00 am
* M. Egan
** J. Carrozza, P. Gerard, R. Kennedy, R. Perez
*** **Team 12**
Tue., 10/13 - 9:00 am
Sunday, October 11 - 9:30 am
* C. Hill
** C. Hill, J. Imburgia, M. Kenny, M. Vasich
*** **Team 11**
Wed., 10/14 - 9:00 am
Sunday, October 11 - 11:30 am
* J. Sclafani
** D. Bowery, S. Sclafani, R. Fiorante, R. Spanola
*** **Team 10**
Thu., 10/15 - 9:00 am
Sunday, October 11 - 4:30 pm
* D. Laterza
** M. Guerrieri, C. Paulini, E. Mendoza, J. Kusinski
*** **Team 9**
Fri., 10/16 - 9:00 am

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.

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.

St. Eugene Parish presents

2015 Fall Lecture Series

"In Search of the Holy"

Both lectures begin at 7:00 pm
in Church

Wednesday, October 14

Sister Belinda Monahan

"Archaeology and Holiness?
Finding God in the Small Things in our Lives"

Holy may not be the most common word used to describe archaeology, but for me archaeology is work to which I feel I am being called and one of the places where I most clearly see God. This presentation will describe various facets of my archaeological research and how I see God in the world through archaeology.



Wednesday, October 21

Mike Aquilina

"Quest for the Grail:
The Search for the Holy in Popular Culture"

How Christian artists took a trashy romance and spun it into a profound classic of the spiritual life.



St. Eugene Church, 7958 W. Foster, Chicago, IL

(Free Admission—Donations Appreciated)

Registration is now open for the 4th Annual St. Eugene Trot 'n' Treat 5k Run/Walk and Kid's Monster Dash

Saturday, October 17, 2015

To register and for more information, visit www.steugene5k.org

To volunteer visit http://www.volunteersignup.org/9PMX8

Are you or a business you know interested in sponsoring the race?
There are several sponsorship levels available.
Please call 773-610-3929 or email StEugene5k@gmail.com
for more information
To receive race updates, like us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/StEugene5k











FOOTBALL MANIAWEEK THREE



High Score Winning Cards for Week 3

Rank	Prize Money	Points	Yards	Game Card #*	Teams (points - yards)
1	$400	139	1345	233-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), Buffalo (41 - 428)
2	$200	137	1355	1566-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), Atlanta (39 - 438)
3	$100	136	1365	3099-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), Green Bay (38 - 448)
4	$25	133	1295	450-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), Indianapolis (35 - 378)
5	$25	131	1350	307-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), Tennessee (33 - 433)
6	$25	131	1337	4147-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Buffalo (41 - 428), Atlanta (39 - 438)
7	$25	130	1347	2130-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Buffalo (41 - 428), Green Bay (38 - 448)
8	$25	130	1280	3302-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), NY Giants (32 - 363)
9	$25	129	1201	1167-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), Minnesota (31 - 284)
10	$25	128	1357	38-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Atlanta (39 - 438), Green Bay (38 - 448)
11	$25	127	1312	4047-5S008	Arizona (47 - 446), Buffalo (41 - 428), Atlanta (39 - 438)
12	$25	127	1277	4078-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Buffalo (41 - 428), Indianapolis (35 - 378)
13	$25	126	1375	2803-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), Cincinnati (28 - 458)
14	$25	126	1322	4516-5S008	Arizona (47 - 446), Buffalo (41 - 428), Green Bay (38 - 448)
15	$25	126	1264	3431-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), Dallas (28 - 347)
16	$25	126	1243	3168-5S008	New England (51 - 471), Arizona (47 - 446), Kansas City (28 - 326)



MINISTRY OF CARE TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care bring the Eucharist to those who are sick, homebound, or elderly. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact the rectory by calling: 773-775-6659.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC SINGLES

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to continue to expand in the Chicago diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com: www.caci.org

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 # _____

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Orthodox Christians have a saying about the reality of sin. They speak of "this holy and sinful Church, which we love." We know all too well the effects of sin on the faith community. From our earliest days, we have seen baptism as a place where the old self dies in Christ, dies to sin, and rises to new life. Our ancestors in faith held that post-baptismal major sin was unthinkable. Yet, as one Baptist minister once explained, "We know that sin is drowned in the water, but it would appear that the devil is a pretty good swimmer."

The origins of the sacrament of penance have to do with a similar insight among bishops in the early church. A critical question for them was whether or not a baptized person who had committed a public sin could be re-established in church life, forgiven, and restored. Forgiven, yes, was an early answer, but restored was another matter. Penance would be a permanent lifestyle for the forgiven; they would live at the margins of the community, clearly visible in distinctive garments, and their access to the table of the Eucharist was restricted. The harsh beginnings of public penance led in time to a true treasure of our tradition: the ability to find our way home through the ministry of others, and a way for all of us sinners to experience the gentle embrace of our forgiving Lord.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It seems obvious to us that Jesus Christ is the Lord of second chances. We need look no further than Peter's denial and rehabilitation for proof. Yet early Christians were more tentative with the gift of forgiveness. For them, every Sunday was an experience of the Lord's power to heal and forgive, yet there were three sins that placed persons at the margins of the community's life. In some places, the rift caused by these sins was permanent. The sins were apostasy (denial of the faith), adultery, and murder. They were particularly detested because of their power to divide and even scatter the community gathered around the Lord's table. Fragile and persecuted communities could crumble and disappear under the weight of a harm done by a public sinner. Sinners were excluded from the community in the hope that "tough love" would help them come to their senses and experience deeper conversion. Inevitably, lists of grave sins grew longer as various bishops added their personal pet peeves to the roster, and more people were required to do public penance. For them, reconciliation was a once in a lifetime experience. Many sinners accepted their condition and hoped for a chance at a deathbed reconciliation by anointing. With more and more people permanently on the outs, the church began to struggle toward the light of the Lord's unfailing gift of reconciliation.

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POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK

With my heartfelt thanks. May the love of Christ always guide the American people!
#GodBlessAmerica

ANNULMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Annulment Support Ministry is active at St. Eugene's. Chris O'Malley has been trained for this role. If you are considering an annulment, please contact the Rectory at: 773-775-6659 and leave a message. Chris will return your call and help you to begin the healing process of annulment.



Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

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
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
CATHY O'LEARY CHAMBERLAIN
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
MARTY DURCAN
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST
ANDREW HOPKINS
BRANDON JACKSON
CHRISTOPHER JENKINS
JACK KANE
ANTONIO JAMES LIM
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.