St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 14, 2016

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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.



Parish Staff

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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

The Integrity of The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

We still get parishioners who are upset because they cannot have a certain Mass Intention on the day they wish because there already is an intention for that day. The simple reality is that St. Eugene Parish follows the policies of the Catholic Church. Before ordination, a priest signs a paper stating that he will uphold the canon laws of the church (the policies of the Archdiocese of Chicago also fall under the umbrella of canon law). It is unfortunate that not all parishes are following the teachings of the church. Money is being taken for Masses and they are not being celebrated as the Catholic Church intended. Some priests and church leaders think they are being pastoral for allowing an abuse to take place. The truth is they are not doing a service to their parishioners; they are causing problems for parishes who are trying to follow church teaching, and they are perpetuating a practice that must stop.

The following is the policy laid out in Book IV of The Sanctifying Office of the Church:

203.2.3. Policy - No more than two Masses with "collective" intentions and offerings shall be offered during any given week.

See "On Collective Mass Intentions," Decree of the Congregation for the Clergy, Feb. 22, 1991.

The proper policy about Mass offerings is spelled out in Book IV of our Archdiocesan Policies and Procedures, which was sent to every parish. In policy 203, pages 15-17, it states among other matters that separate Masses are to be applied for each individual offering, as prescribed in Canon 948. Also, that by virtue of a Decree of the Congregation for the Clergy (dated March 22, 1991), each place of worship can combine individual intentions in a single Mass no more than twice a week, as an exception, to satisfy a multitude of requests for a Mass at that parish. But this is allowed only if:

a) the faithful have been explicitly informed and
b) have freely consented and
c) the place and time of the celebrations are made public and
d) the celebrant receives only the amount of one offering, with any excess of the usual stipend being put in the general funds of the parish or given to charity.

The above is the policy of the Archdiocese. A letter was sent years ago to pastors and parishes restating the correct procedure to be followed in all parishes. It is my hope that parishes that are not in line with the proper teaching will change their practice. It is not right to hide under the guise of being "pastoral" in order to perpetuate a serious abuse regarding the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

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THIS WEEKEND

SECOND COLLECTION
ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMER
MISSON APPEAL

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS
AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain "Here am I, Lord." This "Here am I" is Jeremiah's great prophetic response to God's call. But today's story of Jeremiah and the refrain "Lord, come to my aid!" remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a "sneak preview" of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today's words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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Sacrificial Giving

August 7, 2016

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**13,874**
Electronic Giving Weekly Average July (five week average)	**$**	**1,079**
Total	**$**	**14,953**
Sunday Budget 2016-17	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***1,047***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**2,652**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**64**

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

We have over 145 donors registered 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)

FOOTBALL MANIA TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE RECTORY & SCHOOL DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.

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.

HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**14**
	NO ACTIVITIES
MONDAY	**15**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
TUESDAY	**16**
	NO ACTIVITIES
WEDNESDAY	**17**
6:30 pm	Altar & Rosary Board Meeting: SCH.110
THURSDAY	**18**
	NO ACTIVITIES
FRIDAY	**19**
	NO ACTIVITIES
SATURDAY	**20**
10:00 am	AA: SCH: RH
SUNDAY	**21**
	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

O holy Virgin,
My beloved Lady,
I choose you for my guide.
Saint Francis de Sales

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED

China is an atheistic country. The government's goal of maintaining power includes the control of all religions. According to human rights groups, Christians and followers of other religions in China suffered the worst abuses in a decade last year as part of a state-sponsored crackdown on dissent. Persecutions increased by more than 150% in one year. There is a broad campaign to suppress all forms of dissent and Christians are increasingly the target of the repression. Pray for all Christians in China especially those who are forced to worship in underground churches.



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.

Every Tuesday in Spanish - 7:00 pm
Every Wednesday in English - 7:00 pm
Every Thursday in Polish - 7:30 pm

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GIVING BACK
The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.
—Peter Chrysologus

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

To be with Mary in heaven

Some days we'd like to be assumed into heaven with Mary and avoid life's pain. Until our days are spent, however, our vocation must focus on this earth, saying as she said "Be it done unto me according to Your will." May this feast day remind us not only of Mary's Assumption into Heaven, but also of her blessed obedience and willingness to serve right where she was. May her example light our road as we travel toward the day we rejoin her in heaven.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY
MONDAY, AUGUST 15
IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASSES
MONDAY, AUGUST 15:
6:30 & 9:00 AM



PLEASE PRAY



***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Anthony Barone, Rosemary Beyak, Anthony Bongiorno, Arthur Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Frances Bruno, Francine Bruno, Brian Campbell, Franco Chiappetta, Agnes Collins, Deacon Jim Cozzo, Jr., Mirna Cozzo, Kevin D'Agostino, Dana Dennis, Marge Dyson, Vickie Fealey, Don Feist, Bob Gasiorek, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Frances Gofron, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Jackson, Eileen Jacques, Kathy Jeskey, Cindy Koeune, Katherine Koeune, Bob Kolk, Raymond Kordzinski, Lila Krzak, Olga Kykta, Rosina Macak, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, John Masley, Mickey McGuire, Dolores Michalek, Nick Milazzo, Ursula Mills, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Deacon Ed O'Leary, Lois Pallo, Lena Pighini, Norma Quilici, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, Rita Rogers, John Ruberti, Teresa Ruberti, Leo Samborski, Theresa Samborski, Marie Sauser, Jerry Schippers, Joanne Schippers, Patrick Schippers, John Schuster, Michael Shannon, Yolanda Shannon, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Rev. Fred Tomzik, Mary Vail, Oscar Veth, Beverly Wijas, Janina Wójcik, 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: James W. Cassidy, Jr., Edmund Czerwinski (husband of Lorraine)

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

ST. EUGENE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY'S TRIP TO



THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION



Wednesday, September 21

The bus will be in the parking lot on the west side of St. Eugene Church at 7958 W. Foster Ave, Chicago IL at 8:15a.m. and will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. arriving at the shrine by 10:00 a.m. when it opens. We will have 5 hours to experience the shrine, gift shop, and eat our box lunch which will be ordered from Teibel's Restaurant and delivered to the shine for us. We will board the bus at 3:00 p.m. and travel home to St. Eugene's arriving back at approximately 4:30 p.m

We have one bus which holds 56 passengers. The prayer trail is one half mile. We have one golf cart (capacity for 7 people) available for those who cannot walk. Other golf carts should be available once the other group returns. I do need to let the shrine know **as soon as possible** the number of additional people that would need to use golf carts so they can be held for our use. We are ordering box lunches and have secured the terrace to eat our lunch. The box lunch consists of a sandwich (ham, turkey, beef) and includes lettuce, tomato & cheese with a packet of condiments, chips, veggies (celery, carrots & green onion w/dip), pickle, cookie and beverage (water, Pepsi or Diet Pepsi).

The cost for the trip to The Shrine of Christ's Passion is $40.00.

Anyone wishing to join Altar & Rosary's trip to the Shrine of Christ's Passion should contact Lois at: 773-774-1511 to make your reservation.

Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa
Friday, August 26, 2016

A bi-lingual Polish/English Mass to honor Our Lady of Czestochowa on her feast day will be celebrated on Friday, August 26, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the church. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Greg. Please join us to celebrate Our Lady.

Święto Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej
26 Sierpnia
W tym dniu będziemy mieli specjalną Msze w języku Polskim i Angielskim aby uczcić to święto. Msza będzie odprawiona 26 Sierpnia, o godzinie 7:00 pm w Sw. Eugeniusza. Ks. Grzegorz



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The RCIA is a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and discussion.

This class is designed for those who are: not baptized; baptized in another denomination; or baptized Catholic but did not make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

We meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Rectory from September 21, 2016 until Easter 2017.

For more information, please contact:
Angie Cisek - (708) 456 - 1375
or the rectory - (773) 775 - 6659

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO DEACON ED O'LEARY AUGUST 15



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2016 will be held at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State St., Chicago, on **Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 2:45 pm.**

For further information, couples married in 1966 who are interested in attending this celebration should call the Family Ministries Office at: 312.534.8351 or visit the website: www.marriageandfamilyministries.org to register.



Marriage Banns

III- Natalia Kajmowicz & Anthony Shabbou
I - Lucia Marina Libreri &
Paolo Emilio Cosentino



Baptisms

Angelika Cecilia Wnek

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

Keep this Information handy for summer travel.

You can always access Mass times via the internet at: www.Masstimes.org



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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Your parish doesn't get two weeks off with pay. Please remember to send in your envelope even if you are on vacation.

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 # _____

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, August 13 - Vigil:
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 Myron Masley

Sunday, August 14 -
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 James Urbaszewski
11:30 Amalia & Jenaro Barone, Sr. Joan Buckett, Giuseppe Cinquini, Helen & Steve Dobrowolski, Maciej Dun, Vincent Farin, Boguslaw Frycz, Fr. Bob Grib, S.J., Lorraine Hage, Hinze & Moriarty Fams., Frank Jablonski, Rev. Kazimierz Kowalski, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Bridget O'Keefe, Joseph Picardi, Maria Cecilia Saavedra & Natividad Verano, Maria Tenuta, Edward & Victoria Wnek
4:30 Joseph Jagiello

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

Monday, August 15 -
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 Elsie Schaeffer
9:00 Joseph Jagiello

Tuesday, August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary
6:30 Dominic Nardi
9:00 Jimmy McGuire

Wednesday, August 17
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Anthony Antonacci, Rocco Falco, Int. of John Kevin Keating, Int. of Sheila Ann Foley-Johnson, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Helen Manda, Elvera Melone

Thursday, August 18
6:30 Dominica Donato
9:00 James Meyer

Friday, August 19 - St. John Eudes
6:30 Mary Anne Loftsgarden
9:00 Bill Elliott

Saturday, August 20 - St. Bernard
8:30 Fredi Mei
3:00 ***Wedding:***
Natalia Kajmowicz & Anthony Shabbou

Saturday, August 20 - Vigil:
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 M/M J. Martin & Fam.

Sunday, August 21 -
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 Frank & Lorraine Mikulski
9:30 Esposito & D'Avino Fams.
11:30 Anna & Leo Bucaro - 25th Wedd. Anniv., Angela & Giuseppe Bucaro, Ding Banganiban, Maring Bravante, Charles Cilley, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Terry Dahlquist, Sonia Dellota, Maciej Dun, Boguslaw Frycz, Pamela Heider & Frank Mietus, Rev. Kazimierz Kowalski, LaPierta Fam. & Fri., Antonio Miranda, Richard Niewinski, Anna Pannarale, Michael Vito Parente, Vincenzo & Adele Pizzuto, Robert P. Reilly, Jr., Maria Tenuta
4:30 People of the Parish

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

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

Saturday, August 20 - 8:30 am
*** Team 12

Saturday, August 20 - 3:00 pm Wedding
*** Team 4

Saturday, August 20 - 5:30 pm
* P. Wagner
** B. Brinlee, J. Imburgia, M. Kowalski, M. Lopez, Y. Sarmiento
*** Team 3
Mon., 8/22 - 9:00 am

Sunday, August 21 - 7:00 am
* J. Bischof
** R. Perez, A. Bischof, G. Bermas, E. Mendoza, N. Francisco
*** Team 2
Tue., 8/23 - 9:00 am

Sunday, August 21 - 9:30 am
* P. Basili,
** M. Cozzo, M. Kenny, J. Kusinski, J. Nardi, B. Veth
*** Team 1
Wed., 8/24 - 9:00 am

Sunday, August 21 - 11:30 am
* T. Bernacki
** R. Spanola, J. Santiago, P. Paetsch, S. Sparacino, R. Sparacino
*** Team 11
Thu., 8/25 - 9:00 am

Sunday, August 21 - 4:30 pm
* A. Cisek
** E. Dillon, R. Kopf, M. Pollowy, B.. Ndiwe, R. Fiorante
*** Team 10
Fri., 8/26 - 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 SCHOOL OFFICE
The school office is now open.
Regular office hours: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.

NEW REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Saint Eugene School is now accepting new registrations for the 2016-17 school year. We offer full and part time pre-school for three year olds, full and part time pre-kindergarten for four year olds, and full time classes for kindergarten through grade 8. Pre-school parents have the option of three mornings (T-W-T), three full days (T-W-T), or five mornings (M-T-W-T-F), or five full days (M-T-W-T-F). Pre-Kindergarten parents have the option of five mornings or five full days.

Parents may also make appointments for individual tours at other times.

For more information,
please call: 773-763-2235

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DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR MASS

As warm weather is here, we would like to remind everyone that Sunday Mass is the most important and solemn event of the week. It is not an "informal occasion." As a consequence, the appropriate attire for Mass should be characterized by **modesty, dignity, and elegance.** Clothing suitable for a picnic, or for the beach, can indicate a lack of respect for the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

CONFIRMATION, COMMUNION, & GRADUATION DVDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

JUBILEE OF MERCY

RESOLVE

Once the mercy of God really and truly takes hold in our lives, we know clearly what we must do. We resolve to live now in light of that mercy. We cannot carry on as before, when we did not fully know or grasp the dimensions of God's mercy.

"Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." (Luke 19:8)



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ONE WORD AT A TIME

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POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK

When there is dialogue in the family, tensions are easily resolved.

You are cordially invited to the
St. Eugene Parish

Ministry / Organization Fair

Wednesday, September 14, 2016
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Shaunessy Center

St. Eugene School Open House

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Come tour the school.
Visit the classrooms and teachers.

Come visit our
ministries / organizations.

FREE RAFFLE!
Refreshments

Become a part of
something REWARDING!

St. Eugene has a proud history of service and commitment to its church and school, generosity towards those in need, and a determined spirit. Our parish is made up of many dedicated people who have kept and continue to keep that vision. They are the members of the various ministries and organizations that are part of our parish and school. Come and meet them. Come and join them.

"God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission."

John Henry Cardinal Newman

Join a ministry and fulfill your mission!

Highlighting Ministries

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and discussion. This is an old rite of the Church which was brought back after Vatican II.

This class is designed for those who are:

- not baptized
- baptized in another Christian denomination
- baptized Catholic but did not make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

After study and prayer, candidates are welcomed into the Church on Holy Saturday, when the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation are received.

At the beginning of Lent, the Elect go to Holy Name Cathedral and are presented to the Archbishop -- symbolic of their acceptance into the larger Church.

There is no charge for the classes Topics such as: the Trinity, the role of Mary in our faith, and the Sacraments are covered.

Anyone 18 years and older is eligible to participate in the program. Classes are held in the rectory on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning in mid-September through the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

_____ Yes, I'm interested in joining. _____ I still have some questions.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Email: _____

(Please fill out and drop off in the Sunday collection basket. You will be contacted.)

PRO-LIFE MATTERS



Dr. Bernard Nathanson on Why He stopped Doing Abortions

"I ran the largest abortion clinic in the world for 2 years. I had no conflicts whatsoever at the time I was doing the abortions. I changed my mind because the new scientific data which we were getting from advanced technology persuaded me that we could not indiscriminately continue to slaughter what was demonstrably a human being."

Interview with Bernard Nathanson, M.D., 1986 (the most famous abortionist in history)

"In its seventh week [the unborn baby] bears the familiar external features and all the internal organs of the adult….The brain in configuration is already like the adult brain and sends out impulses that coordinate the function of other organs….The heart beats sturdily. The stomach produces digestive juices. The liver manufactures blood cells and the kidneys begin to function by extracting uric acid from the child's blood….The muscles of the arms and body can already be set in motion. After the eighth week….everything is already present that will be found in the full-term baby."

Special Fatima Event August 28, 2016

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Centennial U.S, Tour for Peace is underway and coming to our area!

The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years.



St. Jude Chapel in the Women's Center - 5126 N. Cicero Ave. in Chicago is hosting the tour on Sunday, August 28th at 7:00 pm.

It will be an extraordinary occasion of healing, hope and grace. Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima and venerate this beautiful statue that set out from Fatima in 1947 to bring the graces of Fatima to all who might not ever be able to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. We bring the pilgrimage to you!

Hundreds of favors and graces, including cures, and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special Statue (created by Jose Thedim in 1947 and based on Sr. Lucia's description of her encounters with Our Lady) is a great gift to our community.

Contact Theresa Jedziniak - taj3047@att.net or call (847) 647-7794 for more information.

Learn more about the tour and the statue at www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

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.

Assumption Traditions

In Germany, people gather large bouquets of herbs and wildflowers, especially those associated with healing properties. These are brought to the Assumption Vigil or Holy Day Mass, are blessed and taken home to be dried and kept for the various purposes of seasoning, healing, and for fragrant decoration of the home.

FRIENDLY VISTORS NEEDED

Be a friend to a lonely senior.

The Seniors Assistance Center is looking for outgoing, caring and compassionate volunteers to visit with a senior citizen in the communities of Norridge, Harwood Heights and unincorporated Norwood Park Township.

This service provides companionship to the older adults in our community who are lonely, isolated, homebound, or in need of assistance to leave their homes. One of the most important aspects of the program is the real friendship that can develop between a senior and a friendly visitor.

Some simple and fun things to do when visiting with your senior - having coffee/tea and conversation; reading aloud; playing a favorite game; sharing memories; doing crafts together; planning occasional outings such as short walks or shopping when possible.

For further information about how you can become a friend to a senior, call Anne or Carole at: 708/456-7979.

Jubilee Year of Mercy
August 14, 2016
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This *Jubilee Year of Mercy* bids us share our own experience of Jesus' mercy with those on what Pope Francis calls the "peripheries"—people who feel marginalized, even unwelcome—inviting them to come home. But with all this mercy, why today's mayhem? "Do you think I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). Jesus "breaks down" those "breakups" in painful detail—parents, children, even in-laws. "Against" appears eight times in five verses. Jeremiah faced death for bearing witness (Jeremiah 38:4). Can't we bear at least a small share of the sometimes merciless cost of sharing mercy? The Letter to the Hebrews warns us, keep your "eyes fixed on Jesus" and "so great a cloud of witnesses," lest we "grow weary and lose heart" as we run "the race that lies before us" (Hebrews 12:1–3). After all, "for the sake of the joy that lay before him," Jesus "endured the cross" (12:2). Can't we endure our small crosses for the sake of sharing mercy?



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Mary's Assumption: Our Example

In celebrating the Feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven, we have a tendency at times to feel that this particular mystery puts her on an entirely different plane of life than the one we ordinary human beings enjoy. We focus on her uniqueness and forget what she shared with us: the common struggle of being human in a harsh reality.

The truest blessings from this Feast come when we reflect on both sides of Mary. It is only when we remember that she was as human as we are, yet she triumphed, that her example becomes truly inspirational. Each of us is a unique creation of God bestowed with body, soul and gifts, just as Mary was. And if we will become wholly obedient to God as she was, we can fulfill our own place in His eternal plan. Mary's Assumption is a wonderful time to remember that we have work to do, a place to fill, an example to set. Are we?

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
DONALD BELLISARIO
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
CATHY O'LEARY CHAMBERLAIN
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
MARTY DURCAN
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST
ANDREW HOPKINS
CHRISTOPHER JENKINS
JACK KANE
TYLER LANNERS
ANTONIO JAMES LIM
JAMES TYLER MARBACH
CHRIS MARCHIORI
KEITH MILLER
MEGAN MILLER
THOMAS NEUHENGEN
CATHERINE ANN (BARHAM) NEWELL
ERIC NORWOOD
VINCENT PAGE
CHAD PRITCHARD
NICHOLAS RANCH
HOLLY SCHIPPERS
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.