St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

The Voice

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016



Blase Cardinal Cupich

Elevated to the College of Cardinals

November 19, 2016

"When Pope Francis appointed me
Archbishop of Chicago more than two years ago,
the people of the archdiocese welcomed me
as a friend and brother
and I committed wholeheartedly to serve them.
The role of Cardinal brings new responsibilities,
but with your prayers and help, we will continue
the task we have begun of renewing the Church
in the archdiocese and preparing it to thrive
in the decades ahead."

— Archbishop Blase J. Cupich

Photo courtesy of the Catholic New World, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago. See www.catholicnewworld.com for ongoing coverage of events surrounding the consistory.

**On behalf of the Parish,
Congratulations to Archbishop Cupich
on his elevation to Cardinal.**

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

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER



A Time of Preparation

Some things simply do not turn out well if they are rushed. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. It seems in our society these two things are not valued. Preparing and waiting are often not appreciated by people who live in a world of instant coffee, microwave dinners, cell phones, and many other time saving devices. People spend a lot of money on items that minimize preparation and waiting. The Season of Advent goes against the current attitude in our society.

I like to compare the season of Advent to baking bread. When a person bakes bread, they have to prepare the ingredients first. The proper ingredients, measured to the proper amount, must be mixed together first before the bread can be baked. When all is ready, it is crucial to allow the proper time for the bread to bake. For example, if you are baking bread, and you only let it cook in the oven for one minute, you will be eating slightly warm dough when you take it out of the oven. The waiting time is important and cannot be ignored.

Preparation and waiting are key to baking bread. It is also the key to the Season of Advent. Prayer is the main ingredient that makes Advent a success. Prayer allows the true meaning of Christmas to shine forth. We prepare our hearts in order to experience the full joy of the season. If you want to have a truly wonderful Advent, it is important to take the time to pray. We live in a society that moves at a very rapid pace. Many people do not know how to slow down and reflect on what is happening around them. The weeks before Christmas can be a hectic time. The shopping, the wrapping gifts, the sending of cards, the parties, all these things can distract us from focusing on the birth of the Christ Child. We must make a concentrated effort to keep Christ in Christmas. If you find yourself stressed during the season, please take a deep breath and remember that Jesus is the true reason for the season.



Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

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THIS WEEKEND

SIGN UP TO LIGHT A CANDLE(S) ON OUR ADVENT WREATH
(sign up sheet is in the vestibule)
Please see page 4



OPLATEK
AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
AFTER ALL MASSES
(and at the rectory during the week.)

MITTEN TREE (see page 6)

DUE TO THE EARLY PRINTING OF THE BULLETIN, OUR DONATION INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.



BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A PARISHIONER OF ST. EUGENE PARISH, WE WELCOME YOU TO PLEASE STOP BY THE RECTORY OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.
M-F 9 am - 8 pm, SAT – SUN 9 am - 1 pm

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	**27**
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**28**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
3:15 pm	Cub Scouts: SH.MR
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
TUESDAY	**29**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
WEDNESDAY	**30**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SHCTR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
THURSDAY	**1**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH,.CTR
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SCH.RH
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
FRIDAY	**2**
6:00 pm	School Event: SCH.RH
SATURDAY	**3**
9:00 am	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
10:00 am	AA: SCH: RH
SUNDAY	**4**
9:30 am	Altar & Rosary Society Mass
	Rosary starts at 9:05 am: CH
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR

FACILITY CODES

CH	**Church**
CV	**Convent**
REC.LL	**Rectory Lower Level**
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

"Do you want many graces?
Go visit the Blessed Sacrament often.
Do you want few graces?
Visit the Blessed Sacrament rarely.
Do you want none at all?
Then never pay a visit to the
Blessed Sacrament."
St. Dominic Savio

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED
"AMERICA, WAKE UP"

The following are two more examples of violent attacks by Islamic radicals in our country. On May 1, 2010 a Times Square car bomb attempt perpetrated by a member of the Pakistani Taliban failed. On April 15, 2013 the Boston Marathon bombings killed three and wounded more than one hundred eighty people in retaliation for U.S. actions AGAINST Muslims in Iraq and Afganistan. This assault was committed by two brothers motivated by extremist Islamic beliefs.



Soul of Christ, sanctify us;
Body of Christ, save us,
from the evil one, protect us.

ADVENT WREATH



During Advent, a wreath with four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, is in a prominent place in the sanctuary.

As in previous years, we are asking parishioners to volunteer to be in the entrance procession and light the appropriate candle(s) at the beginning of Mass. A single person, a couple, or an entire family can volunteer for the candle lighting ceremony.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule of the church. Stop and sign up for one of the twenty masses during Advent. Make sure to include your telephone number (or call the rectory to leave your phone number), so we can answer any questions you may have and also to remind you the day before your mass.

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

St. Eugene Convent
7920 W. Foster, Chicago IL 60656
For more information please contact the convent at:773-467-0295

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MASS



Sunday, December 4 - 9:30 am
Church

We start saying the rosary at 9:05 am. Everyone is welcome to join in saying the rosary.



A PRAYER SERVICE TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Monday, December 5 - 7:00 pm
Church

"The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family", observed St. John Paul II. Recognizing the vital role of families in the world, the Knights of Columbus have initiated a prayer program to the Holy Family, with the intention of strengthening Catholic families and their prayer lives. The prayer service will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The chosen icon for this program is an etching of the Holy Family blessed by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, last year and currently on pilgrimage throughout the United Sates. Please join us for this prayer evening.

ADVENT 2016 - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 17 - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (English only)

Tuesday, December 20 - 7:00 p.m. - Communal Reconciliation Service
(Confession heard in English, Italian & Polish)

Wednesday, December 21 - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (English, Polish, & Italian)
(Confession heard in English, Italian & Polish)

Christmas Choir



The St. Eugene Choir invites Parishioners to sing with them on the glorious Feast of Christmas for the 10:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass and/or the 11:30 AM Mass on Christmas Day. There will be one rehearsal in church on Thurs, Dec. 15th at 7:00 PM.

Even if you have never sung with a choir before but still enjoy singing the music of the Christmas Season please consider joining us for these Festive Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lydia Hilado at the rectory number: (773) 775-6659.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

The greatest gift of the Christmas season is love.



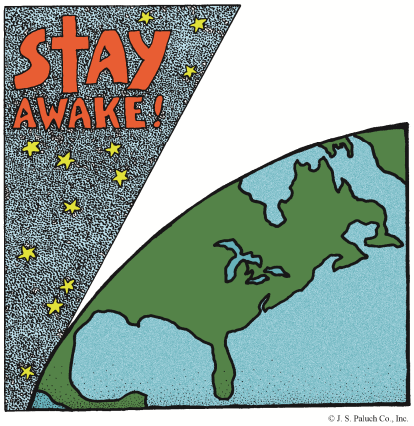
The scarf, mitten/glove tree (for all ages) will be in the vestibule of the Church from the first Sunday of Advent until the fourth Sunday of Advent.



The tree items are distributed with the help of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

God Bless Everyone!

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.



CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

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*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Anthony Barone, Jennifer Pemberton Blackmore, Anthony Bongiorno, Arthur Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Frances Bruno, Dominic De Fano, Francine Bruno, Ken Cain, Brian Campbell, Franco Chiappetta, Agnes Collins, Deacon Jim Cozzo, Jr., Mirna Cozzo, Kevin D'Agostino, Dana Dennis, Jaimie Di Carlo, Marge Dyson, Vicki Fealey, Don Feist, Bob Gasiorek, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Frances Gofron, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, James G. Hanson, Tim Heider, Denise Hess, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Jackson, Eileen Jacques, Kathy Jeskey, John Keating, Cindy Koeune, Katherine Koeune, Bob Kolk, Raymond Kordzinski, Lila Krzak, Olga Kykta, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, John Masley, Dolores Michalek, Ursula Mills, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Deacon Ed O'Leary, Rita Oltman, 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, Gina Vassalo, 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:

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

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
Friday, December 9 – 5:30 PM
Shaunessy Center



Back by popular demand, Altar & Rosary is offering the Christmas Trolley tour. The trolley takes us around downtown Chicago to see the sights and Christmas lights! This Christmas light tour will take you through the brightly decorated streets of Chicago. Join the festive atmosphere of the city and you will be quickly caught up in the spirit of the holiday! The tour includes a stop at the popular German Christkindlmarket. This year, we will be going to see the Zoolights at Lincoln Park.

The tour is scheduled for Friday, December 9th. The trolley accommodates 32 people and we have contracted for two trolleys at this time. The trolley picks us up at the Shaunessy Center and leaves promptly at 5:30 pm and returns at 9:30 pm. Cost is $24.00 per person. You do not have to be an Altar & Rosary member to join us. For additional information, please call Lois Feist at 773-774-1511.

The Altar & Rosary Society
Christmas Celebration
Tuesday, December 6th
Shaunessy Center
Doors will open at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM.

The food is catered by Elmcrest Banquets and the menu consists of Vesuvio Boneless Breast of Chicken, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Vesuvio Potatoes, Stuffed Shells, Garden Tossed Salad with your choice of Ranch or Italian Dressing, dessert and coffee or tea. Cost is $18.00 for members (dues must be paid) and $20.00 for unpaid members or guests. We will be entertained by Des Plaines Harmonies. Members, Guests and Parishioners are welcome to join us. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket/s for our celebration should call Lois (773-774-1511) no later than November 27th.



SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND
FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR
AT CHRISTMAS





Sophia Castelli
Mia Barbara Francis
Christina Spada



ST. EUGENE'S
CHILDRENS CHOIR
Will perform
Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 11:00 am
Liberty Bank, 7177 W. Foster Ave., Chicago





POPE FRANCIS
TWEET FOR THE WEEK
It is not enough to experience God's mercy in one's life; whoever receives it must also become a sign and instrument for others.

FULFILL TODAY
If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.
--Anonymous

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring. At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.
--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



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.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, November 26 - Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
5:30 Sean Killen
Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Advent
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Mary Lomonaco
11:30 Pasquale & Caterina Busa, Catherine Gromlewicz, Wladyslaw Gwozdz, Joseph Kuzara, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Rosina Macak, Janina Danuta Nita, Eugenio, Leo & Isabella Macaluso, Mazur Fam., Angeline Nadile, Dr. Jeremiah Pruc, Phillip Saineghi, Jr., Anna Scola, Eraldo Simonetti, Maria Tenuta, Frank Winiarski
4:30 Anthony & Lillian Dielle

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

Monday, November 28
6:30 Henry Godzistewski, Sr.
9:00 Margaret & Fred Rogers
Tuesday, November 29
6:30 Edward & Victoria Wnek
9:00 Frank Chiappetta
Wednesday, November 30 - St. Andrew
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Vincent Bellisario, Evelyn Kurpiewski, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Umberto Landini
Thursday, December 1
6:30 Zygmunt Danilowski
9:00 Joseph Jagiello
Friday, December 2
6:30 Charles Petti, Jr.
9:00 Frederick Tomzik
Saturday, December 3 - St. Francis Xavier
8:30 Erwin Budnik
Saturday, December 3 - Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
5:30 Marcel Noronha
Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Mary Jane Dombrowski
11:30 Concetta Alaimo, Margaret Chlopek, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Joe & Giuseppa Fiorante, Dec'd Mbrs. Heiberger Fam., LaPietra Fam. & Friends, Daniela Palumbo & Nicola Fantozzi, Angela & Vincenzo Recchia, Robert P. Reilly, Sr. Maria Tenuta, Natividad Lim Verno
4:30 Ettore DiVito

+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

***Lector **Eucharistic Minister ***Server**
Saturday, December 3 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 1**
Saturday, December 3 - 5:30 pm
* J. Kusinski
** J. Schmidt, B. Brinlee, P. Conlon, R. Fiorante, M. Guerrieri
*** **Team 12**
Mon., 12/5 - 9:00 am
Sunday, December 4 - 7:00 am
* C. O'Malley
** J. Carrozza, A. Bischof, R. Kennedy, R. Trovela, J. Santiago
*** **Team 11**
Tue., 11/6 - 9:00 am
Sunday, December 4 - 9:30 am
* A & R Lector
** A & R Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 10**
Wed., 12/7 - 9:00 am
Wed., 12/7 - 6:30 pm - **Team 1**
Sunday, December 4 - 11:30 am
* J. Sclafani
** S. Sclafani, J. Horn, B. O'Neill, P. Paetsch, B. Gasiorek
*** **Team 9**
Thu., 12/8 - 9:00 am
Thu., 12/8 - 11:30 am - **Team 3**
Thu., 12/8 - 6:30 pm - **Team 2**
Sunday, December 4 - 4:30 pm
* S. Sparacino
** R. Sparacino, E. Dillon, D. Divello, A. LoForte, M.B. Glynn
*** **Team 8**
Fri., 12/9 - 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.



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



2016 Knights of Columbus
Youth Free-Throw Championship
Local Competition
St. Eugene Parish Shaunessy Center
Saturday, December 10, 2016 1:00 - 3:00 pm

All boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, are invited to participate in this local competition. Winners will progress through local, district, and state competitions.

All boys and girls 9-14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For entry forms or additional information, please contact:

Patty Samborski, St. Eugene Athletic Director
773-763-2235 ext. 227 psamborski@st-eugene.org

Awake, arise and shine!

It's easy to walk through life in a sort of sleepy lull, waiting for the next event with one eye open, one closed. We don't do any harm, but then we don't accomplish much that's good either. We just make do.

But making do, just won't do. This first Sunday of Advent we are called to "Stay Awake!" We must seek out with our whole heart what will keep us awake, alert, prepared. Shake off that easy slumber and get your house, your heart ready for Jesus' arrival. There is so much to do every day for God's kingdom! Awake, arise and shine!

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL
IS STILL COLLECTING *BOX TOPS*

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.

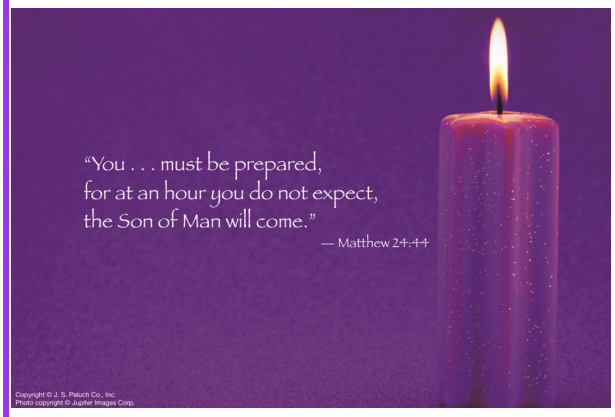
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First Sunday of Advent





TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

John Tillotson,
Archbishop of Canterbury

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

Rev. George Koeune, Pastor
Rev. James J. O'Brien, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Greg Wojcik , Associate Pastor
Rev. John G. Hetland, Associate Pastor
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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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

We are running our annual
Christmas Gift Program
for the children of
Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

This year we've been given the names of ***425*** children.
In past years, thanks to the generosity of the members of the St. Eugene community,
we've been able to provide a gift for every child in the Christmas Gift Program.
We are hoping that the members of the St. Eugene community
will once again help us to provide a gift for each of the 425 children.
The suggested gift amount is
$15.00 - $20.00.

Our members will be in the vestibule of the church with the children's names before and after Masses the weekend of December 3 - 4.
All gifts should be wrapped & returned to church the weekend of December 17 - 18.

Remember the gifts must be returned by 11:00 am on December 18.

Our members want to thank everyone for bringing a little joy into the lives of these children this Christmas season.

St. Eugene School

OPEN HOUSE!

7930 W. Foster Ave.
Chicago, IL 60656
www.steugene-school.org
(773) 763-2237

Wednesday, December 14 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)
Sunday, January 29 (10:30 am - 1:00 pm)

- 3 Yr. PS/ 4 Yr. PK: Full and Half Day Programs
- Kindergarten– 8th Grade
- Before and After School Care
- Strive for children to grow spiritually
- We cater to our students' interests with a variety of extracurricular activities.
- Our graduates successfully move on to prestigious high schools.

Academic Excellence

Rooted in Faith







ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE THIRD



SIMBANG GABI
at
ST. EUGENE PARISH



MASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016 AT 7:00 PM IN CHURCH





PLEASE JOIN US AFTER MASS TO SHARE A MEAL
(offering authentic Filipino dishes)
IN THE SHAUNESSY CENTER

SPONSORED BY:
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For more information please contact:

Yolly Sarmiento: 847-284-0524
or
Evelina Habacon-Hilado: 773-763-5197

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
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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
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.