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THE VOICE

The Ascension of the Lord **May 24, 2020**

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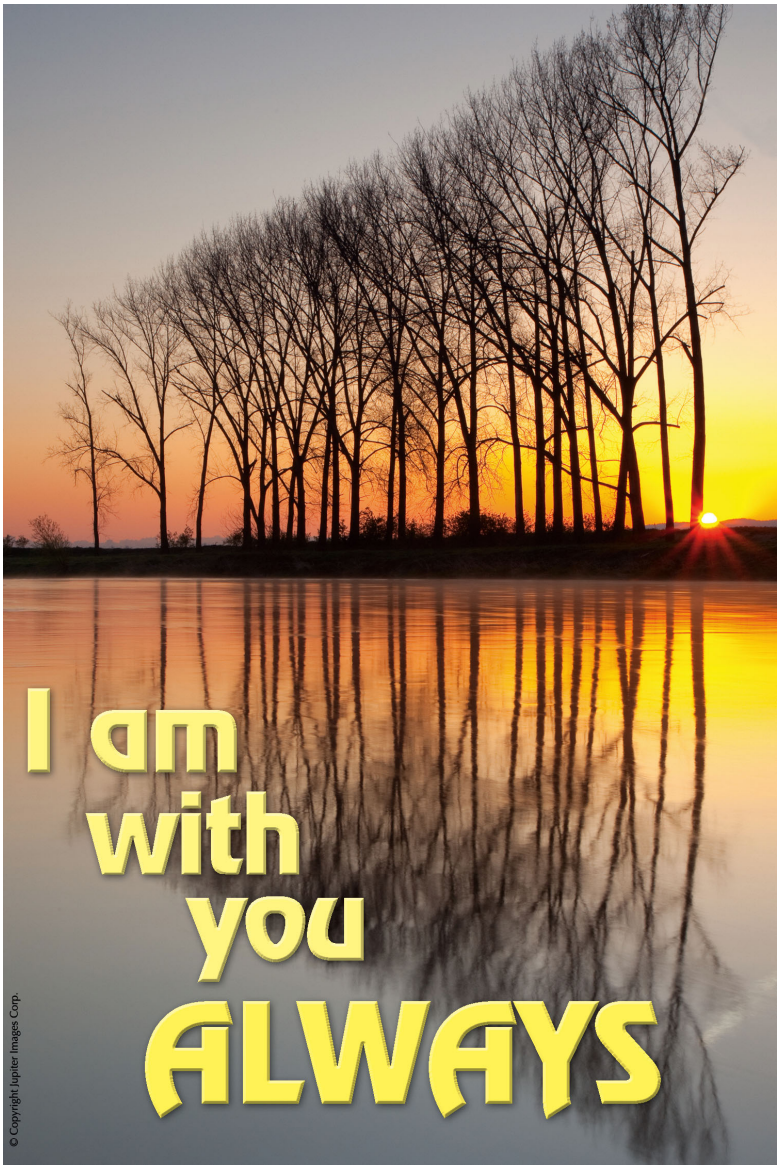
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

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.

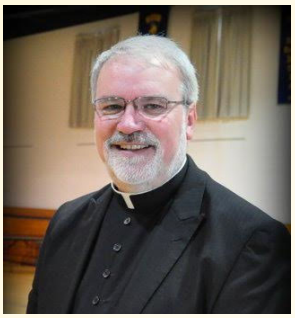


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Please do NOT park in front of church to ensure emergency vehicle access.
There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

From the Pastor's Desk…



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This Solemnity was moved from this past Thursday, May 21st to the 7th Sunday of Easter in many dioceses throughout the country. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Jesus say just before his Ascension into heaven, *"…you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and to the ends of the earth."* His Ascension into glory marks the beginning of our responsibility in the Church to continue his mission. And that is the hallmark of the Church's life—to teach and to do what Jesus taught and did.

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Just a reminder that on Monday, May 25th, our nation celebrates Memorial Day. Unfortunately, because of the stay-at-home mandate due to COVID-19 we will not be able to gather for usual community Mass, however, if you are able perhaps you might plan on starting this day off by offering a prayer and giving thanks for all the many men and women, living and deceased, who have served our country so valiantly to preserve the freedoms we so much value as American Citizens.

I also hope that this weekend that is often looked at as the unofficial start to summer will be a time for all in our parish to get out and enjoy some rest, relaxation or perhaps even a barbeque. I wish you all a Happy Holiday even as we are social distancing.

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Below you will find messages from Cardinal Blaise Cupich to the members of the Catholic Church of Chicago regarding the Reopening of our Churches and from me to all in our parish. Please take the time to read them.

Dear Friends in Christ,

These fifty days of Easter, leading to Pentecost, are marked by unprecedented suffering, as humanity has fallen victim to a perilous contagion. In addition to the threats to our physical wellbeing, we are suffering spiritually as the Covid-19 pandemic has required restrictions of our worship and active participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Surely, there have been moments in history when governments and rulers have persecuted Christians and banned their public worship. This is not one of them. Rather, the present restrictions come in response to an extreme medical emergency as local, state and federal authorities – specifically public health officials – legitimately fulfil their responsibilities to safeguard human life and the common good. They have based their reasonable guidance on careful consideration of empirical data and the best available disease-mitigation practices as they seek to contain the pandemic's rampage through our communities.

While everyone must exercise good citizenship in observing these restrictions, I call on the Catholic faithful, as advocates for justice and charity, to comply with these regulations. From the first pages of Scripture we learn that we indeed are "our brother's keeper," a truth that must inspire us as we are called to sacrifice. We should also be motivated to cooperate with public safety norms, given our reverence for life and human dignity. This is, at its heart, a moment to proclaim the breadth and depth of what it means to be pro-life, particularly as this virus preys on the most vulnerable in our midst.

The good news is that a plan for a gradual reopening of our churches has now taken shape, as I note below. However, since our movements will be restricted as that plan unfolds in different phases, your pastors and bishops will continue for the present time to offer Mass in private each day and to livestream and broadcast Masses from our parishes and the archdiocese. I am particularly grateful to ABC-TV, Univision and Polvision in Chicago for giving us airtime every Sunday. These celebrations surely are not the same as gathering in our churches for Mass, but I know from hearing from many parishioners that they provide a great deal of solace and support in this time of uncertainty.

We must be honest. We expect this situation to continue for some weeks, and any plan for reopening our Churches for public worship must include every precaution to ensure public gatherings do not create a second wave of contagion, thus squandering the gains made through our sacrifice in these days.

With those realities in mind, I am heartened to announce that the Catholic Bishops of Illinois have reached an agreement with the Office of the Governor on a multi-phase Plan for reopening our churches for the celebration of the sacraments, private prayer, adoration and Mass. As I share the Plan with you, both by way of an Executive Summary and the full Plan in the attachment, I want to assure you of my prayers for you and your family's personal, material and spiritual wellbeing. I also express my appreciation to the many people on the archdiocesan staff and in the Office of the Governor for the many hours they have given to designing and fine tuning this agreement. Again, I call on all Catholics to seize this moment to exercise faith-filled citizenship in a way that reflects our deep regard for life, our calling as disciples of Jesus and our love of country.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop of Chicago
Cardinal Blaise J. Cupich

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Subject: Reopening Plan for St. Eugene Church amid COVID-19

Hello St. Eugene family,

I pray that you and your loved ones are healthy. As you may have seen, Cardinal Cupich recently shared our multi-phased plan for reopening churches in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Specifically,

· Phase I allows for parishes to reopen for Baptism, Reconciliation, Weddings and Funerals with a limit of 10 attendees.

- Phase IA allows for parishes to reopen for private prayer and adoration with a limit of 10 attendees.

- Phase II allows for reopening for weekday and weekend Masses for larger groups depending on the guidelines from the state and the capacity of the church building.

Our St. Eugene Parish Reopening Plan



First and foremost, it is important for everyone to understand that our efforts will prioritize the safety and wellbeing of all while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith.

I will assemble a Parish Reopening Leadership Team with parishioner co-captains to lead our efforts. Together, we will attend required training from the Archdiocese to ensure that our parish reopening plan conforms to the guidelines developed by the Archdiocese in collaboration with civil and healthcare authorities. We will also receive a starter kit of protective and cleaning supplies, as well as guidance on purchasing/maintaining supplies ongoing.

Volunteers Needed

We will need volunteers to assist with various aspects of our parish reopening plan. Importantly, leadership team members and volunteers must not be part of a "vulnerable population" (that is, not over the age of 65; no underlying medical condition such as diabetes; lung disease; undergoing cancer treatment, etc.). I ask all of you who are younger than 65 and healthy with no underlying health conditions to consider assisting with one of three reopening teams:

- Set-up team. Sample duties include ensuring that all supplies needed for each sacramental celebration/ gathering are ready for use, entrances and exits are marked and propped physically open prior to attendees' arrival/departure, windows are opened, etc.

- Greeting team. Sample duties include assisting in managing the flow of congregants as they enter the church, making sure attendees use hand sanitizer upon entering, are wearing a mask, and are reminded not to enter if ill; directing people to appropriate seating/waiting areas, etc.

- Cleaning team. Sample duties include maintaining and cleaning essential and trafficked areas of the church before and after the church has been used. Masks and gloves will be provided, if you do not have your own, in addition to approved cleaning/disinfecting supplies.

The Reopening Leadership Team and I will make sure that all volunteers are properly trained. Please send us a message at Reopen@st-eugene.org to indicate your willingness and ability to volunteer. From those that step forward, we will also request that some act as volunteer captains to help lead each of the three teams.

Timing for Our Reopening

As I mentioned, the Parish Reopening Leadership Team members and I will need to complete required training, which began the week of May 17 and will continue until we get enough volunteers to staff

these required teams. Once we complete the training, we will need to review and complete tasks assigned to all parishes as part of a reopening certification process to be approved by the Archdiocese. Therefore, the soonest that any parish in the Archdiocese will realistically open for sacramental celebrations, private prayer or Eucharistic Adoration is likely the end of May. However, our parish, like all others in the archdiocese, will move forward at a pace and timing appropriate for our own situation.

Following our training and certification approval, we will only open our church once the Reopening Leadership Team and I feel confident that we have the right volunteers in place to make it possible to reopen. Again, the need for parishioner assistance cannot be overstated. As a matter of fact, reopening our church will not be possible without the numerous volunteers needed to sign up for these required teams. So, if you are between the ages of 18-64, please let us know of your willingness to volunteer to help us reopen our church by going to Reopen@st-eugene.org and leaving your contact information so that we can let you know of the online training session that must be completed first. All of this will be required for us to receive certification to open our doors again. The sooner we can get all this done the sooner we can reopen.

The guidelines and measures required to reopen are designed to protect our wellbeing and that of the of our broader community. As Cardinal Cupich has noted, from the first pages of Scripture we learn that we indeed are "our brother's keeper." Our Lord Jesus Christ prayed, "that they all may be one" (Jn 17:21) and commanded us "love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34). Our collective patience, willingness to help and the care we take to reopen is a demonstration of our unity and love for one another.

May God grant you His peace during this difficult time and may He manifest His love and presence to you in abundant ways. If you have any questions, please contact me at Reopen@st-eugene.org .
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich

P.S. Currently, I am working with our parish staff as well as with our parish council leadership to work out the complexities that will be involved in creating the plan to reach Phase I of this multi-phased process for our parish. When accomplished it will enable us to reopen our church for Baptisms, Reconciliation, Weddings and Funerals with a limit of 10 attendees. As you can see from reading the above required protocols and procedures for reopening our church, this is not going to be an easy process. As you know, most of our faithful that worship here with us are over the age of 65 and ineligible to assist in being a part of the teams that will be required for us to open our doors. We have many hurdles to get over before we can be certified to get back into our church, even for the initial only 10 people that will be able to be in church for any of these sacramental services.

We can use all the "younger" members of our community that we can get (those 18 and older). This is a great way for you to put your faith in action. Your St. Eugene Community needs you now more than ever. Hope to hear from you soon. Again, you can sign-up by emailing us at Reopen@st-eugene.org and leaving your contact information. Thank you and know that I am praying for everyone in our St. Eugene community.

JUST A REMINDER:

All planned services will only take place if we are given the OK to return to our normal routine of church gatherings.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

If you are in need of assistance, call the rectory.
A member of the
SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY
will get back to you.

Social Concerns will not be having a
Spring Clothing Drive

Social Concerns would appreciate monetary donations instead of food. You may bring your donation to the rectory or mail the donation. Be sure to mark your envelope **Social Concerns.**

"PUSHED" OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original Dr. Dolittle Tales called the "Pushmi-Pullyu." It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the "push me" and the other is the "pull you." Today's feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or "pushes" the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew's Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that "pulls" us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory.

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MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020

Prayer on Memorial Day



Lord Jesus Christ, today we honor the memory of those men and women who gave their all in the cause of freedom. They worked, fought and died for the heritage of freedom, brotherhood, and honor that they have passed on to us.

Help us to recall that you gave up your life for the true freedom of all human beings. Teach us the meaning of peace and the real battle that must take place in ourselves before it will be won in families and nations. Make us keep your memory in our celebration of communion and pray for the peace and freedom of the whole world.



Let freedom ring
Our fathers' God to Thee
Author of liberty
To Thee we sing
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light
Protect us by Thy might
Great God, our King!

St. Eugene Parish Give Central Sign Up Instructions

The following is a list of step-by-step instructions to sign up for Give Central to support St. Eugene Parish. If you have any questions or need some help, feel free to call Business Manager Anthony Woldeit at the rectory 773-775-6659 or email at awoldeit@st-eugene.org.

1. Go to our website www.st-eugene.org and click on the Give Central picture located in the middle of the welcome page. Clicking this link will take you directly to St. Eugene's Give Central page.

2. You will be brought to the page titled "Ways to Support St. Eugene Parish". Select one of the featured collections including Sunday, Social Concerns, and others. If you do not see the collection you want, click "View More" and make your selection(s)



3. After selecting a collection, enter the amount you wish to contribute, the first payment date, the frequency, and whether you would like to have ongoing giving or select an end date. Then select "Add to my Gift Basket".



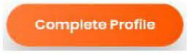
4. You can then decide to "Add More" collections and follow steps 2 and 3 above or select "Checkout".



5. You will be brought to a screen to review the selections you have made in your gift basket, and if all looks good, you are ready to "Continue"

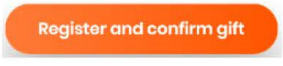


6. We encourage you to sign up by selecting "Complete Profile". You will be brought to a screen to enter your personal information including address, phone number, email addresses, and your preferred payment method.



7. After filling in the pertinent information, be sure to check the box and select "Register and Confirm Gift"





That's it! You will be brought to your home page where you can add more gifts or simply logout. We sincerely appreciate all your generosity.

Offertory Collection Update

March 14/15 through May 16/17 (10 weeks since the closing of our churches)	
Cash received in envelopes:	$50,683
Electronic giving:	$16,193
Total:	$66,876
Operating budget requirement:	$137,000
(In order to meet our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year, we need to receive $13,700 a week in our offertory collections. Therefore 10 weeks times $13,700 a week is equal to $137,000 total)	
Deficit/Shortfall:	**$70,124**
(This is the amount needed to make up for the lost revenue that we have experienced as a result of COVID-19)	

Easter 2020 Collection	
Cash received in envelopes:	$25,655
Electronic giving:	$ 3,690
Total:	$29,345
Easter budgeted amount:	$46,000
(In order to meet our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year, we need to receive $46,000 through our Easter collection)	
Deficit/Shortfall:	**$16,655**
(This is the amount needed to make up for the lost Easter collection revenue that we have experienced as a result of COVID-19)	

Total deficit/shortfall thus far:
$86,779

As you can see, your continued support during this very challenging and unprecedented time is both critical and essential to maintain and operate all we do here at St. Eugene Parish. Please consider dropping off or mailing your contribution to the rectory, or sign up for electronic giving at Give Central (more information can be found in this week's bulletin). **We are extremely grateful for those of you already generously doing your part to support your Church, and truly we could not be here without you.**



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHUR NOTICE

Of adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, St. John Vianney has written:
"When we speak to Jesus with simplicity and with all our heart, He does like a mother who holds her child's head with her hands and covers it with kisses and caresses."

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205





"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.

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.

+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, May 23 - Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord
5:30 Special Intention Julie Bronski, John Carbone, Domenica & Ernesto Fiorante, Sammy Vizzini

Sunday, May 24 - The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 People of the Parish
Sam Cortese
11:30 Dabros & Wytwal Fams.,
Zofia & Witold Gadomski, Giulio & Nicolina Izzi,
Hillard & Michael Michalek,
4:30 Gerryley Realiza,
Joseph & Rosemarie Walenda

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am

Monday, May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable,
St. Gregory, VII,
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
9:00 Anna Scola

Tuesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri
6:30 Patricia Zmijewski

Wednesday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbuy
9:00 Norine & Don Smith

Thursday, May 28
6:30 Purgatorial Society

Friday, May 29 - St. Paul VI, Pope
9:00 Gloria Bernardi

Saturday, May 30
8:30

Saturday, May 30 - Vigil: Pentecost Sunday
5:30 Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Andrew Bujdasz

Sunday, May 31 - Pentecost Sunday
8:00 Stanislaw & Agnieszka Chabura, Bob Moore
11:30 Joseph Kuzara, Tom & Michelle Martin,
Hillard & Michael Michalek,
Domenico Selvaggio
4:30 People of the Parish
Aniela Mietus & Aniela Komperda,
Gerryley Realiza



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PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: Antonio Garcia Alvarado, Annabella Amato, Victoria Amelio, Pat Apida , Lawrence Basili, Anthony Bongiorno, Julie Bronski, Helen Bruchalski, Silvana Cecchini, Franca Chiappetta, Jim Conlon Jr., Lorraine Czerwinski, Armenio & Ada De Filippis, Diane Divello, Mary Ellen DiVito, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Van Gaetto, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Patricia Gelfond, Ava Geole, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Jeff Hlavacek, Tim Heider, Florence Jassak, Karen Pavlis Karasawa, John Keating, Barbara Keiner, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Jennifer Lo Forte, Rosario Lo Forte, Ted Manczko, Rose Mary Maratto, Helen Masley, Phyllis McGarrh, Kathleen Minneci, Rich Moellering, Jr., Michael J. Muscarello, Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, Charles Petti, Norma Quilici, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Stella Rombotis, Daniel Luciano Ruiz, Theresa Samborski, Patricia Schippers, Bernadett Sedlacek, Audris Spencer, Emily Steckiewicz, Kevin Stenson, Edward Swieicki, and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list:

For the Deceased: Helena Korczynski, Ursula (Shirley) Mills sister of Rita Kopf

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WANT TO ADD A NAME TO THE SICK LIST.

Remembering our mothers and those who are important to us.

Sharon Aliga
Carmen Aliga
Primo Arquilla
Venanzio Arquilla
Rose Bahr
Denny & Mullay Bailey
Josie & John Bailey
Rose Banas
Karolina Banas
Renee Bauer
Kathy Bauer
Jackie Bauer
Kristen Bauer
Rebecca Bauer
Hulda Bauer
Lucy Bergamini
Florence Bobka
Sarah Bock
Tracy Bongiorno
Patricia Bongiorno
Ellen Bonner
Sally Borofski
Maria Bova
Julia Brown
Catherine Buechner
Mother of Barbara Cantenazzo
Josephine Carli
Joan Carlin
Wanda Carroll
Camilla Catallo
Members of Catenazzo Family
Halina Cegielski
Maria Cegielski
Zofia Cholewicki
Charlotte Christman
Nancy Christopher
Valeria Chrynro
Wanda Chwalibog
Mary Ciebien
Jane Cisek
Carolyn Clarke
Mary Josephine Clarke
Marda Coglianese
Annie Connor
Marlin Connor
Cecil & Dorothy Cook
Mother of Maria Cordon

Rose Cortese
Patrica Cortese
Linda Cozzi
Margaret Crevellone
Eleanore Czarnik
Sofia Czarnik
Ann D'Agostino
Victoria Mary Dahir
Effie Dahir
Angela Dauphin
Myrtle DeJarneite
Gia DelMedico
Maggie DelMedico
Dorothy Dempsey
Mother of Edward Dieball
Irene Dieball
Maria DiRe
Concetta DiRe
Anna DiRe
Mothers of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Divello
Dominica Donato
Louise Dotson
Helen Dzierzanowski
Marie Egan
Eileen Egan
Cheryl Egan
Belle Eget
Jane Everett
Sherry Fako
Natalie Fako
John Fako
John C. Fako
Mother of Teresa Falco
Yollie Fallbacher
Anna Feist
Mary Ann Finger
Bernice & Leo First
Mothers of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fitzpatrick
Mothers of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Flentye
Liz Freeman
Barbara Gehrs
Mother of Michael Giglio
Virginia Glynn
Jamie & John Goch
Alan Goch

Karen Goch
Unborn Baby Goch
Janice Goch
Victor & Kay Goch
Jerry Goch
Lottie Goraj
Theresa Graziano
Mothers of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Greco
Cecilia Gregorio
Barbara Grossmayer
Millie Guercia
Lydia Agawin Habacon
Elizabeth Hart
Ray & Carol Heidger
Raymond & Edna Heidon
Alex Helfgot
Francisca Cruz Hilado
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Heff Hlavacek
Bev Ivanauski
Sofhie Jablonski
Genevieve Jakobczak
Leona Janisch
Patricia Janusz
Sophie Jaromin
Clara Jurek
Alexandra Jusino
Wilma Kaiser
Jayne Kalousek
Marion Kalwajtys
Harriet Kalwajtys
Alice Katzmarek
Mary Kaye
Sara Kenny
Janet Kilian
Leive Kimball
June Knapp
Irene Koch
Martha Koenig
Joan Kordzinski
Anna Kosala
Jadwiga Kowalczyk
Pamela Kowalski
Helen Kowalski
Lillian Krowkowski
Eleanor Kruckow

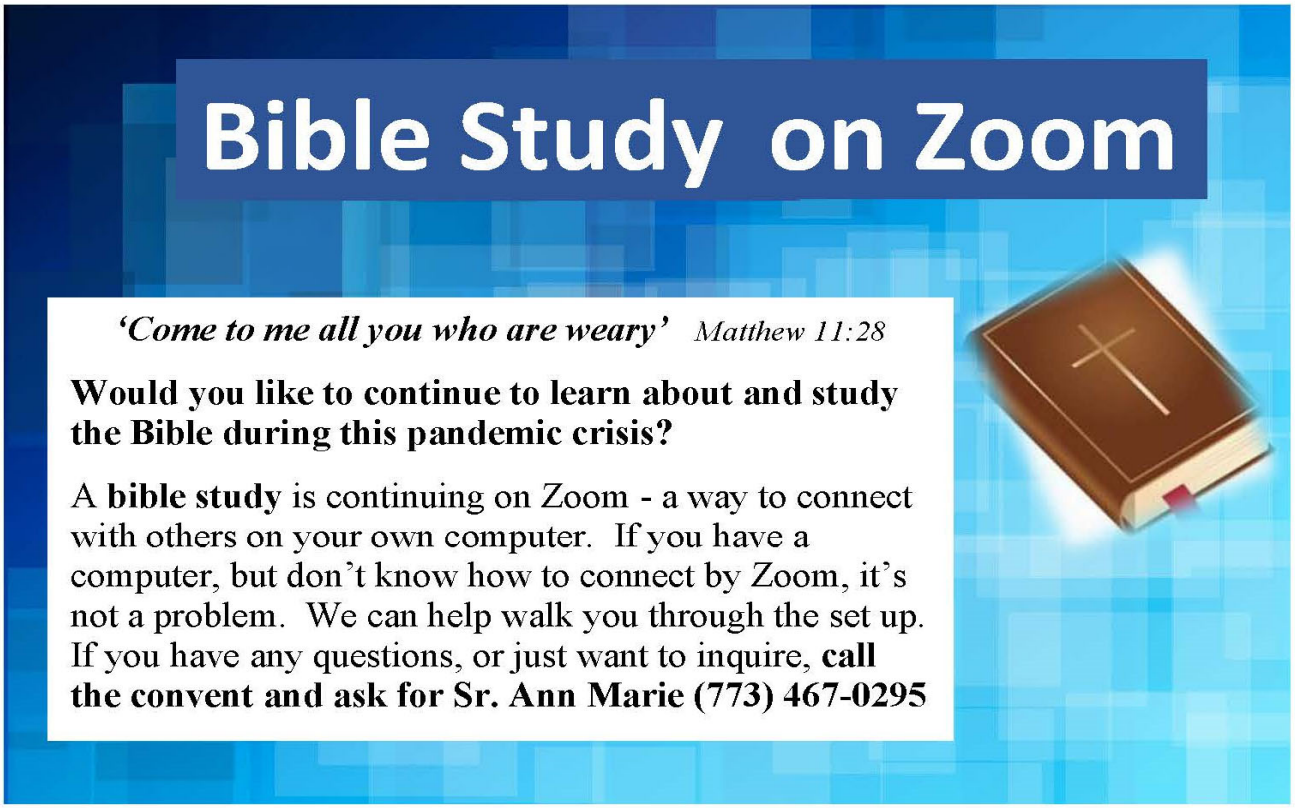
Remembering our mothers and those who are important to us.

Mary Krupa
Members of Ksepka Family
Mary Kula
Monica Kula
Natalia Kula
Helena Kula
Martha Kuska
Camille Lajewski
Sophie Lajewski
Landini Family
Donna Laterza
Donna Laterza
Sophie Latocha
Marianne Lawrence
Lauren Link
Theresa Link
Della Loftus
Victoria Lombardi
Amelia Lutfy
Irene Makula
Elizabeth Mancheff
Hattie Mancheff
Karen Manczko
Jean Manczko
George Manczko
Monica Mandra
Barbara Mayer
Violet McGuane
Breege McGuane
John McGuane
Susan McGuane
Mother of Michael McGuire
Maureen McGuire
Colleen McGuire
Liz McGuire
Michele McGuire
Margaret McGuire
Maureen McGuire
Jeannette Mechla
Ann Michels
Helen Michuski
Lorraine Mikulski
Genowefa Mikulski
Camille Miller
Pat Miller
Shelley Moellering
Alma Moellering
Margaret Moellering

Paula Monfrey
Ombeline Monfroy
Johanna Moskal
Renee Murray
Rebecca Natale
Harriet & Josseph Nemiec
Mabel Neubauer
Elinor Newhouse
Amanda Nicely
Aniela Niemczyk
Anna Niewiaroska
Kathleen Nolan
Bernadette Noone
Marie Nuccio
Bridget O'Callaghan
Caroline O'Callaghan
Rosa Palmer
Julia Patock
Marie Pavlis
Carolyn Payton
Marie Phillips
Laura Pierotti
Bernice Pikula
Emily Polachovic
Regina Pollowy
Anna Ponic
Joanna Portenlanger
Cora Portenlanger
Jane T. Ptak
Christine Purtell
Marie Quercia
Ellen Radel
Josephine Ragona
Kayelan Rauch
Chris Recker
Charlotte Regula
Frances P. Reilly
Kathleen Reyes
Margarita Rivera
Lucy Rivera
Graciela Rivera
Ada Rita Rivera
Florentina Rivera
Mother of Mary Jo Ruckauf
Frank Ruscitti
Frances P. Ruscitti
Lorie Ruscitti
Ann Sabielny
Mother of Lawrence Sauter

Sarah Scanlon
Patricia Schippers
Pat Schleutermann
Mothers of Mr. & Mrs. James Schmitt
Rosemary Schu
Erin Schu
Viola Schu
Carolyn Schuman
Theresa Scotti
Angeline Serpico
Hilda Sima
Phyllis Skwerski
Eileen Sladky
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The Ascension of the Lord

The key to unlocking the scriptures is in Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we pray, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened." People see and hear things but simply have a hard time believing they are true. In our first reading from the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke starts where his Gospel left off—the ascension of Jesus. For as long as Jesus spent preparing the disciples, they were still foggy about what was happening, and spent time staring at the sky wondering where he went. In today's Gospel, the disciples still doubt Jesus to the very last minute. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks to the new Christian community, but could be preaching to each of us in the pews as he says, "I can explain it to you, but I can't make you believe. This is where faith comes in." May we all pray for the gift of enlightenment today!

HERE IS THE GAME PLAN

When we hear an excerpt from a particular Gospel, it is easy to get the details and stories from all the Gospels all mixed up and combined into one. Theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this "Making Gospel Soup!" To understand today's Gospel passage, we must realize that this is material particular to Matthew and in his telling it takes place right after the Resurrection. There has been no "doubting Thomas" or any of the other stories that we've heard since Easter.

How often have you made a plan at an event, saying, "If we get split up, just go back to the car and wait" or "Stay at the fountain in the mall—I'll find you!" Earlier in Matthew, Jesus told the women at the tomb to tell the disciples, "If something happens, head back to Galilee" (28:10). This was the game plan and was both a geographic reference and a spiritual one. "Go back to what you know, what you remember." They were confused and hurting, but did as Jesus said, returning to Galilee, specifically to the mountain where they had a powerful experience with him before. That would make it understandable that the disciples showed up but were a bit leery or doubting.

YOU'VE GOT THIS

Put yourself in the disciples' shoes. This is May, the season of graduations, new jobs, new cars, marriages, and so many other transitions as young people strike out on their own. Jesus reminded the disciples, "I have the power, and I've been teaching you for three years. Now you have the power. Go. Make Disciples. Baptize in the name of the Trinity. Teach them what I taught you." Surely the disciples were frightened, and Jesus must have felt both fear and pride. This was the moment that happens in every lifetime. It was time for these disciples, these students, his "children" to become the masters. And how did he reassure them? As parents and teachers and mentors have been doing for centuries. He smiled and reminded them, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Or as we might say, "You've got this."

Parish Ministries & Opportunities

The information on this page is intended to assist those in our parish in knowing the variety of ministries and activities at St. Eugene. The names and phone numbers of the heads of each ministry are here for your information.

Education Commission

Alumni Association	Suzy McGovern	773/631-9313
Baptismal Preparation	Fr. Greg Wojcik	773/775-6659
RCIA	Angie Cisek	708/456-1375
Religious Education	Cathie Scotkovsky	773/763-2237
School Board		

Parish Pastoral Council Liasons

Erika Dillon	773/774-2161
Margaret Kinel	773/972-7868
Cathy Taylor	773/763-2235

Parish Life Commission

Altar & Rosary Society	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Athletic Board	Patty Samborski	773/763-2235
Church Support Tabulators	Don Feist	773/774-1511
Girl Scouts	Robyn Rog	773/919-6019
Finance Council	Anthony Woldeit	773/775-6659
Italian Catholic Federation	Anna Rubino	708/878-9562
Knights of Columbus	Tony Mion	708/457-0413
Parish Pastoral Council	Sal Sparacino	630/768-8375
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St. Joseph Table	Sal Sparacino	630/768-8375
Young at Hearts Club	Roberta Gols	773/774-0471

Parish Pastoral Council Liasons

Diana Bernacki	312/208-4043
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James Schmitt	847/287-2446
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Human Concerns Commission

Alcoholics Anonymous	Richard Rausher	847/612-4717
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Respect Life Committee	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Social Concerns Ministry	Chris Jassak	773/775-6659
	Joe Kilian	773/631-0054

Parish Pastoral Council Liasons

Mike Czubek	312/388-2686
Rita Kopf	773/625-1928
Betty Urbaszewski/Gebhardt	708/457-0787

Spiritual Life Commission

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Eucharistic Adoration	Joanne/Joe Portenlanger	773/594-9397
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Greeters	Michael/Bridget Brennan	773/763-6952
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Sacristans	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
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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

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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.

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