St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

Baptism of the Lord **January 10, 2021**

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SUNDAY MASSES:
(5:30 PM Saturday),
9:00 & 11:30 AM Sunday

WEEKDAYS:
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00 AM,
Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 AM
First Saturday of the month 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:
LAST Saturday of the month at 4:00 PM

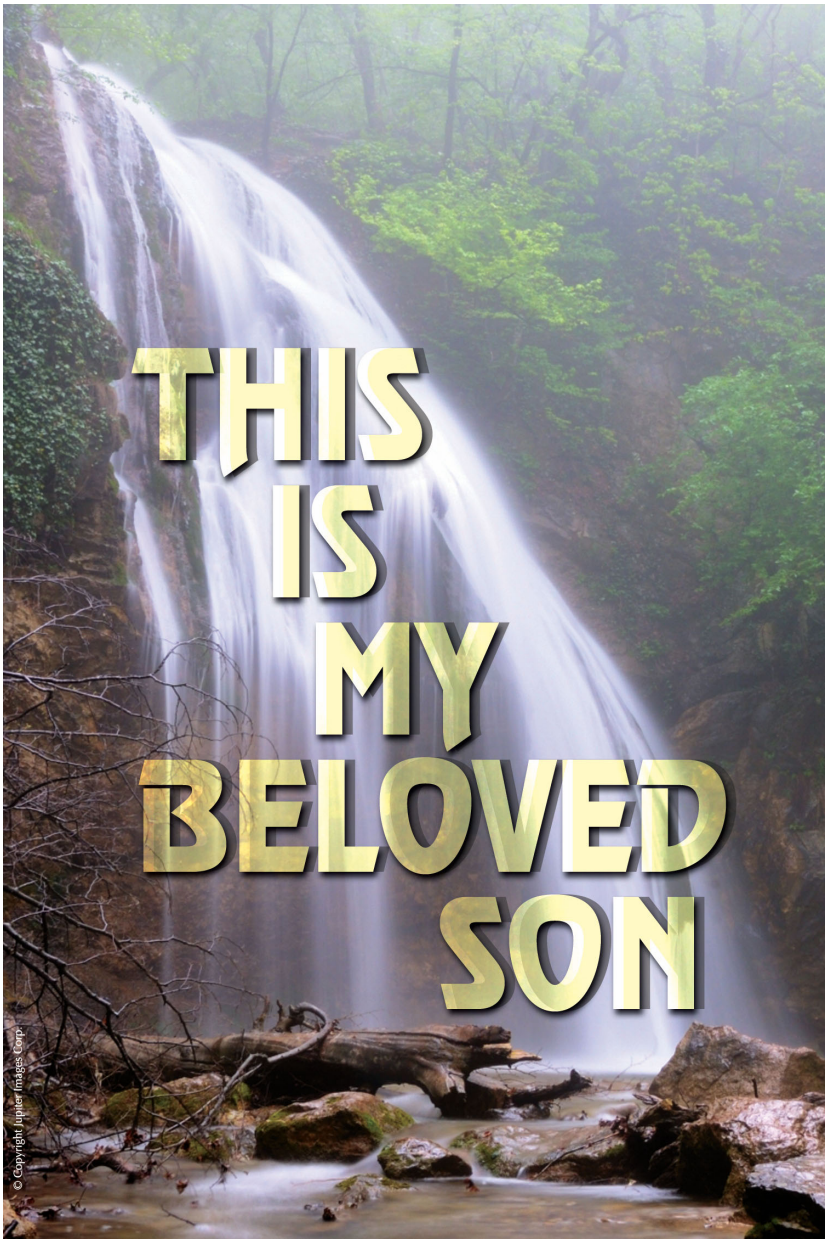
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:30 PM

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.
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to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

From the Pastor's Desk…



This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In his gospel, Matthew makes the special status of Jesus very clear to the reader. Although He is like others baptized by John, sharing fully in John's conviction that repentance is necessary for salvation, Jesus is also unique. Marked by the Spirit now as the Messianic servant of God, He will also come to be recognized as God's beloved Son. As Jesus emerges from the water, something amazing happens: the heavens open, a dove descends upon Him and a voice from the heavens cries out, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

It must have been clear to those present at this moment that Jesus was more than an ordinary man – He is the chosen one of God, with a purpose and a mission and upon Him is God's favor.

He is indeed more than an ordinary man. He is the Son of God, and when we make a conscious choice to follow Him by responding to our call at Baptism, amazing things happen in our lives, too. All we need to do is open our eyes and ears, to see and hear the great things that come with a relationship rooted in Christ.

Although the secular world may have tossed out their trees and taken down all the festive decorations the day after Christmas, the Christmas season officially ends today with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

What better opportunity than today to remind all in our community of the significance and meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism and to remind all in our parish of the guidelines and understanding that should accompany those wishing to celebrate a baptism for their child or as an adult here at St. Eugene?

Sacrament of Baptism



Congratulations on the planned baptism of your child! The St. Eugene Community welcomes her registered families to celebrate with great faith and joy the baptism of their children and is pleased to be the Church where this first Sacrament will be celebrated. The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Baptism is the first sacrament of Christian Initiation. It is the sacrament that frees a person from original sin and makes that person a member of the Body of Christ and His Church, thus beginning the way to a new life in Christ. It is administered by a priest or deacon pouring Holy Water on the person's head "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." One must be baptized before receiving any other sacraments. Baptism is the foundation for all ministry and life in the church and confers a commitment to follow Christ and spread His message throughout the world. Furthermore, in baptism, one is incorporated into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and thus participates in the gift of the resurrection and eternal life with Christ. Infants can be baptized soon after birth. At the time of baptism, parents vow to practice their faith and provide a Catholic upbringing for their child (ren). Adults who have never been baptized take part in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), and will typically be baptized during the Easter Vigil Mass.

Selecting a godparent or sponsor: The duties of godparents are much more than just ceremonial. The principal responsibility of a godparent is to give witness to the Catholic faith by his or her words and actions, thus parents need to find practicing Catholics to faithfully serve in their role as godparents. As noted in the Code of Canon Law, "insofar as possible, one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it" (Canon 872). **In selecting godparents, the Catholic Church requires:**

~ A godparent must have received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation;

~ A godparent or sponsor must be at least 16 years of age;

~ A godparent must be living a life consistent with faith and morals as taught by the Catholic Church;

~ A godparent should be a registered, active Catholic in their parish church. A non-Catholic, baptized Christian should also be a registered, active member of their Christian faith community.

~ Preferably there are two practicing Catholic godparents, however, minimally, there must be one Catholic godparent; a non-Catholic, baptized Christian may be chosen as a Christian Witness.

If this is your first child, both parents are required to participate in our Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism of your child. This Session is also recommended for any godparent who has not previously participated in a Baptismal Preparation Session. (However, due to COVID-19 social distancing precautions and social distancing requirements these sessions have been temporarily postponed until it is deemed safe to return to in-person group gatherings).

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On Monday the Church transitions from the Christmas Season into a short 5 ½ week period called Ordinary Time before the start of the Lenten Season that begins on February 17th this year with Ash Wednesday. May these days and weeks be opportunities for each of us to grow more deeply in our faith and relationship with Christ and with one another. Have a great week ahead everyone!

Also, I would like to sincerely thank that those in our parish who so kindly and generously remembered their parish priests this Christmas with their thoughtful cards and supportive and heartfelt messages, gifts and homemade treats. Please know that we are truly grateful for your kindness.

Fr. Rich



As We Start the New Year



2020

JANUARY

HARLOW MARIE BRUMMER
MAVERICK DOMINICK BRUMMER
ADRIANA WILSON

FEBRUARY

ALYSSA JADE MARTINELLI

MARCH

ELEANORA BELLE CRIVLARE

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

ANTHONY JOHN DOTE
CHARLIE FINN HOHENADEL
GIORGIO WILLIAM JACKLIN

JULY

VINCENZO NICHOLAS NIGRO
SOPHIA GIOVANNA ENGQUIST
GRACE ROSE KILLION
AMELIA ISABEL SIANO
STEPHON OLSON YOUNG

AUGUST

JANALISE MARIE HITE
BROOKE OLIVIA SODERBLOM
ALESSANDRA GIANNINA LEVATO
OLIVER WLEZIEN
ALLIE JUNE O'CONNOR

SEPTEMBER

AUBREY LYNN MORDAN
FLYNT MOSIAH C. PEREZ

OCTOBER

MIA ALICIA KLOCH
ANTHONY JOSHUA MANTUANO
ETHAN WALTER RYBAK

NOVEMBER

DECLAN LEE CLEM
DOMENICO MICHELE

DECEMBER

JOHN RAYMOND GOCH
LINCOLN NOAH RIVERA
NICHOLAS WITOLD TULACZ



THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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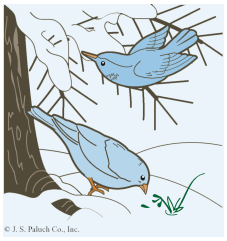
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AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

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1-800-400-4205



Parishioner Contact Update for currently registered parishioners

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 # _____

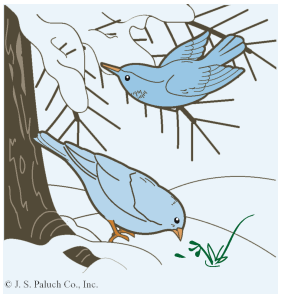
Bulletin copy **MUST** be in the rectory office **NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON EACH MONDAY**. Copy material received past the deadline will not be published in *The Voice* until the following weekend—NO EXCEPTIONS.



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
Mondays in church
4:00 pm- 6:00 pm
with Benediction at 5:45 pm

"O my God,
what a great and awful difference is there between what I am and what I ought to be!"
Venerable John Henry Newman

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS



Decorating for Ordinary Time

"What goes up, must come down," as the saying goes. The Liturgical Decorating Committee will be meeting on Friday, January 15, at 6:30 pm to take down all the Christmas decorations. We need some "extra hands" to help change the sanctuary from Christmas to Ordinary Time. This will include: taking down the creche and returning all the statues to the loft, taking down all the trees, changing out the banners, and changing the altar linens, It should take us about 2 – 2/12 hours to finish. The more help we receive, the faster things will get done!

Please call the rectory to leave your name and phone number and we will get back to you!

The Liturgical Decorating Committee

Christmas Collection 2020

Christmas Mass Donations:		$23,653.00
3:00 Mass:	$ 2,860.00	
5:00 Mass:	$ 3,645.00	
10:00 Mass:	$ 4,275.00	
7:00 Mass:	$ 1,455.00	
9:30 Mass:	$ 5,599.00	
11:30 Mass:	$ 5,819.00	
Mailed in*:		$35,331.00
*Or put in the regular collection at a Sunday mass		
Electronic giving:		$ 4,565.00
Total:		**$63,549.00**
Operating budget requirement:		$57,794.00

Our usual budgeted amount for Christmas was around $65,000, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we lowered our expectations by about 10%

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you all so much for your generosity during this Christmas season. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions on the number of worshippers allowed at mass, we were able to almost match our Christmas collection from last year ($64,266). We appreciate all of you that dropped your offering off at the rectory or mailed it in, as well as those of you that joined us for Christmas Mass. May God bless you in the New Year.

SURPLUS AMOUNT: $5,755

Offertory Collection

Weekend of December 26-27		
Physical Contributions:		$11,277.72
5:30 Mass:	$ 1,011.00	
9:00 Mass:	$ 2,026.50	
11:30 Mass:	$ 872.00	
Mailed In:	$ 7,368.22	
Electronic giving:		$ 1,208.00
Total:		**$12,485.72**
Operating budget requirement:		$13,400.00
In order to meet our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year, we need to receive $13,400 a week in our offertory collections.		
Deficit/Surplus		**$ 914.28**

December 2020 Running Total	
Cash received in envelopes:	$ 44,196.02
Electronic giving:	$ 7,419.00
Total:	$ 51,615.02
Budgeted amount:	$ 53,600.00
Deficit/Surplus	**$ 1,984.98**

Fiscal Year-To-Date Running Total	
Cash received in envelopes:	$233,574.54
Electronic giving:	$ 49,156.00
Total:	$282,730.54
Budgeted amount:	$348,400.00
Deficit/Surplus	**$ 65,669.46**

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.**

Offertory Collection

Weekend of January 2-3		
Physical Contributions:		$10,596.40
5:30 Mass:	$ 1,570.00	
9:00 Mass:	$ 1,458.50	
11:30 Mass:	$ 1,389.00	
Mailed In:	$ 6,178.90	
Electronic giving:		$ 5,033.00
Total:		**$15,629.40**
Operating budget requirement:		$13,400.00
In order to meet our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year, we need to receive $13,400 a week in our offertory collections.		
Deficit/Surplus		**$ 2,229.40**

January 2021 Running Total	
Cash received in envelopes:	$ 10,596.40
Electronic giving:	$ 5,033.00
Total:	$ 15,629.40
Budgeted amount:	$ 13,400.00
Deficit/Surplus	**$ 2,229.40**

Fiscal Year-To-Date Running Total	
Cash received in envelopes:	$244,170.94
Electronic giving:	$ 54,189.00
Total:	$298,359.94
Budgeted amount:	$361,800.00
Deficit/Surplus	**$ 63,440.06**

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PLEASE PRAY

For the Sick: Antonio Garcia Alvarado, Annabella Amato, Victoria Amelio, Pat Apida , Lawrence Basili, Judy Bauer, Al Bischof, Jr., Anthony Bongiorno, Julie Bronski, Amber Bruchalski, Helen Bruchalski, Silvana Cecchini, Franca Chiappetta, Lorraine Czerwinski, Armenio De Filippis, Vincent Di Re, Diane Divello, Mary Ellen DiVito, Anita Dublanski, Marge Dyson, Danny Eder, Don Feist, Bruno Fondriest, Van Gaetto, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Patricia Gelfond, Ava Geole, June Grovak, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Jeff Hlavacek, Tim Heider, Florence Jassak, Karen Pavlis Karasawa, John Keating, Barbara Keiner, Allie Lim, Jennifer Lo Forte, Rosario Lo Forte, Ted Manczko, Rose Mary Maratto, Helen Masley, Phyllis McGarrh, Camille Miller, Eugene Michael Miller, Kathleen Minneci, Rich Moellering, Jr., Russ Moskal, Michael J. Muscarello, Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, Theresa G. Nawara, Gregory Pizza, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Lillian Rom, Stephen Rom, Stella Rombotis, Daniel Luciano Ruiz, Frances Salvato, Theresa Samborski, Patricia Schippers, Bernadett Sedlacek, Audris Spencer, Daniel Starzec, 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: Patricia Pisano

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST THE SICK LIST WILL BE UPDATED.
PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY BY MONDAY, JANUARY 25 (9:30 AM)
IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME TO STAY ON THE LIST.

ADDING NAMES TO THE PARISH SICK LIST

It has always been the goal of St. Eugene to offer our parish community an opportunity to pray for those parishioners who are ill and in need of our prayers. We have tried to keep close track of these names for our Bulletin as they are made available to us.

However, now we face an important privacy issue, very much like the issues faced by hospitals, health institutions, and certainly by other parishes.

We cannot (by law) publicly let our parish community know the health status of any of our members without their permission.

We appreciate the fact that often friends, neighbors, and acquaintances wish to do something special for a person who is ill, and ask to place their name on the list to be prayed for. While their intentions are surely good, we simply can no longer accept names in this manner.

Names for the sick list placed in the Bulletin have to be called in by the person who is ill, or by a member of their immediate family. At the time they call in the name, they will be asked whether they are the sick person him/herself, or a member of their family, and if they give permission for the name to be placed on the list. They will be asked for the ***correct spelling*** of the sick person's name. If a ***family member,*** they will be required to give ***their*** name for our records.

Thank you for your patience regarding this process. We wish to do all we can to offer our parish community the opportunity to offer prayers for those who are ill — but we must also be cognizant of the fact that all members of our congregation are entitled to their privacy in this regard.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER REMEMBRANCES

Mr. Jude Alagna
Mr. & Mrs. Mary Anderson
Mary Anderson
Baio Family Holy Spirit
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Barlow
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Bartula
Anna Battista
Eric Berggren
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Berkowski, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Biancofiore
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Biel
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Bielakowski
Ms. Christine Bobka
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brennan
Please pray Brisk Family
Dr. Patricia Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Vittorio Brunetti
Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Zofia Bruno
Mrs. Angelina Bumbaca
Katarzyna & Teofl Cabaj
Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Camiliere
Timothy Campana
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Carrozza
Mrs. Laura Catenazzo
Mrs. Barbara Catenazzo
Silvana Cecchini
Adam Cegielski
Lorna Chapuis
Mr. & Mrs. Jan Cieniawski
Mrs. Angeline Cisek
Mrs. Rosemarie Collins
Joseph 'Speedy' Cozzi
Guy Cozzi
Mr. & Mrs. Josephine & Joseph Czaja
Stan Czaja
Mr. & Mrs. Jan Czekaj
Mr. & Mrs. Slawomir Dabkowski
Mrs. Domenica Dammicco
James W. De Castris
Daisy & James R. De Crastris
Ines Di Iorio
Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Zofia Dobosz
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Donato
Egan & Mc Guire Fams.
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Eget
Jane & Del Everett
June Feiereisel
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Feist
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fiorenzo
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Flentye
Mr. & Mrs. Zdzislawa Gacka
Mr. & Mrs. John Gariti
Mr. John & Mrs. Betty Gebhardt / Urbaszewski



Mrs. Patricia Gelfond
George Giovannoni
Mr. Thomas Gnutek
Mrs. Janet Grande
Mrs. Julia Grandsart
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Greco
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Guerriero
Mrs. Barbara Hinze
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hoffmann
Rev. David Hynous
Mr. & Mrs. Paolo Iannotta
Lorraine Ignoffo
Dorothy Jablonski
Arlene Jager
MS. Arlene Janusz
Clinton & Myrtle Keleher
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kennelly
Mr. & Mrs. James Kezios
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Killacky
Linda & Chuck Kimball
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kinel
Helen Kolakowski
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Kopeck
Eugene Kosla
Ms. Karen Kozlow
Theresa Kulbieda
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kwilas
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lajewski
Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Lawas
Please pray LeRoy Family
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Lim
Mrs. Betty Majewski
Mr. Michael Malarski
Ms. Mary Manahan
Mrs. Virginia Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Eugeniusz Mazur
Hugh McGreevy
Mr. & Mrs. Dino Meo
Mr. Steven Metallo
Mrs. Rae Metallo
Josephine Misiti
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Misiti
Donna Mizialko
Richard, Alma & Henry Moellering
Rev. Francis Moreci
Mr. & Mrs. Silvio Morelli
Mr. & Mrs. James Naughton
William Neubauer, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Newsome
Mrs. Wanda Niewinski
Danuta Nowak
Mrs. Crispina Odulio
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Ogrodny
Lucyna Orlowska
Palmisciano Family
Mr. Andrzej Pandyra
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Pavlis
Domanski Pawel

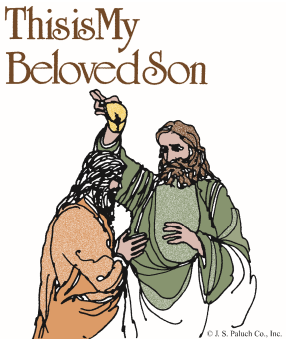
Mr. & Mrs. Genowef & Jozef Pawula
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Paytin, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pietrzykowski
Marcia Pollowy
Matthew Prill & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo Ramirrez
Rita Rogers
Mr. & Mrs. Marion Romanowski
Kathleen Rountree
Mrs. Daisy Ann Rubino
Ms. Mary Jo Ruckauf
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Rzymowski
Cecile Saia
Mr. Lawrence Sauter
Mrs. Concetta Scalise
Rev. Ron Scarlatta
Mr. & Mrs. James Schmitt
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schu
Angeline Serpico
Rev. Francis Shaunessy
Simonetti Family
Alicja Skrzypczyk
Heniek Skrzypczyk
Frank Solak
Mr. & Mrs Josef Sosin
Mr. & Mrs. Emil Sroka
Ms. LorraineTraska Straza
Mr. & Mrs. Olgerts Svilans
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Swantek
Please pray Swantek Family
Margaret Sweeney
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Swiderski, Sr.
Philomena & Joseph Tiberio
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Van Spankeren
Sammy Vizzini
Jean & Steve Wadington/Weber
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Wallace
Steve & Jean Weber
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Weber
Mrs. Denise Wileewski
Mrs. Lorraine Witt
Rev. Peter Yangas
Mr. & Mrs. Stan Zawislak
Maria Zima





As he did in Bethlehem,
so too with us,
God loves to work wonders
through our poverty.
He placed the whole of our
salvation in
the manger of a stable.
He is unafraid of our poverty,
so let us allow his mercy to
transform it completely!

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 - 5 pm, SAT – SUN 9 am - 1 pm



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RECTORY HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 - 11:30 am
&
12:30 - 5:00 pm
(closed for lunch:
11:30 am - 12:30 pm)
SATURDAY & SUNDAY:
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Renewing our Baptismal vows

Lord, You led by example in all that you did, wearing the mantle of humility and suffering where once you were robed in glory and power. On this day when we celebrate your Baptism, let us recall our own baptismal vows, renewing our commitment to repentance, service and love. And may we perpetually labor to fill the space in your kingdom that is uniquely ours. Amen

Baptism of the Lord
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Valentine's cards have appeared at the shopping mall, but in the Church it is still Christmas. Today's feast spun off from Epiphany. Originally, a blessing of holy water was an important feature of the Epiphany feast, and in the Greek Church, this was a day for leaping into the sea in grateful recollection of baptism. The gratitude may not be quite as profound among the Orthodox Christians who have to chop holes in the ice to plunge into the waters!

Still, there are few better days to celebrate a baptism, and to plunge our hands into the waters of the font. Jesus found the waters of the Jordan irresistible because of what had been done in those waters: people had confessed their sins, and had acknowledged their need to be forgiven and healed. Today, we are the people in the water, and Christ comes to be with us. You won't have to chop a hole in the ice to celebrate your baptism. A beautiful bowl of water on the table tonight, a toast with sparkling water at dinner, or even a leap into the shower with a sign of the cross and a prayer of thanksgiving will suffice!

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+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, January 9 - Vigil:
The Baptism of the Lord
5:30 Robert Broghammer, Eileen Egan, Lou Kosik, Ignacy Niemczyk

Sunday, January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord
9:00 Walter Geibel, Maria Rempala, Jane Szorc, Dec'd Mbrs. Wawronowicz Fam.
11:30 People of the Parish
Leonardo Cataldo, Amalia & Gennaro Barone, Elviro & Margaret Barone, Patricia & Aurora Barone, Jan Mikulski, Caterina Stocchetti

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30 am
First Saturday of the month : 8:30 am

Monday, January 11
9:00 Feliciano Coldbong, Eugeniano Guieb, Florence Panfil, Norine Smith, Swiderski Fam.

Tuesday, January 12
6:30 Purgatorial Society

Wednesday, January 13 - St. Hilary
9:00 George Bobeck, Jr., Mardoian & Minn Fams.

Thursday, January 14
6:30 Robert Broghammer, Dominica & Joseph Donato, LaPietra & Minn Fams.

Friday, January 15
9:00 Zofia Cholewicki

Saturday, January 16 - Vigil:
Second Sunday on Ordinary Time
5:30 Wanda Chwalibog, Mardoian & Minn Fams., Fr. Fred Tomzik

Sunday, January 17 -
Second Sunday on Ordinary Time
9:00 People of the Parish
Caterina DiBartolo, Maria Rempala, Fred Reyes
11:30 Lou Kosik, Geraldine Marbach, Franco & Angelina Pizzuto, Caterina Stocchetti, Barbara Walsh

Our regular daily Mass schedule.
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday - 6:30 am
First Saturday of the month 8:30 am



FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say "in the names," but "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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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.

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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".



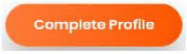
4. You can then decide to "Add More" collections and follow steps 2 and 3 above or select "Checkout".



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"

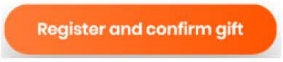


6. We encourage you to sign up by selecting "Complete Profile". You will be brought to a screen to enter your personal information including address, phone number, email addresses, and your preferred payment method.



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.

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		773/775-6659
RCIA	Angie Cisek	708/456-1375
Religious Education	Margaret Kinel	773/763-2237
School Board	Nate Brown	630/770-3787

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

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		
Parish Pastoral Council	Sal Sparacino	630/768-8375
Simbang Gabi		

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

Stephanie Romeo	773/484-6057
James Schmitt	847/287-2446
Steve Tomzik	708/453-0690



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Human Concerns Commission

Alcoholics Anonymous	Tom G.	773/456-5326
Annulment Support	Fr. Rich	773/775-6659
Ministry of Care	Joanna Bischof	773/775-6659
Respect Life Committee	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Social Concerns Ministry	Chris Jassak	773/775-6659
	Joe Kilian	773/631-0054

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

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

Spiritual Life Commission

Altar Servers		
Bereavement	Parish Office	773/775-6659
Eucharistic Adoration	Joanne/Joe Portenlanger	773/594-9397
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Greeters	Michael/Bridget Brennan	773/763-6952
Lectors	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Liturgical Decorating	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Liturgy Committee	Angie Cisek	708/456-1375
Music Ministry:		
Choir	Lydia Hilado	773/793-8460
Children's Choir	Lydia Hilado	773/793-8460
Ministry of Prayer	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Sacristans	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Ushers	Joe Portenlanger	773/594-9397

Parish Pastoral Council Liaisons

Sal Sparacino	708/457-1583
Mary Unger	708/456-4849

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.

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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.

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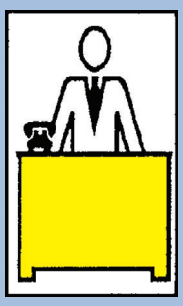
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