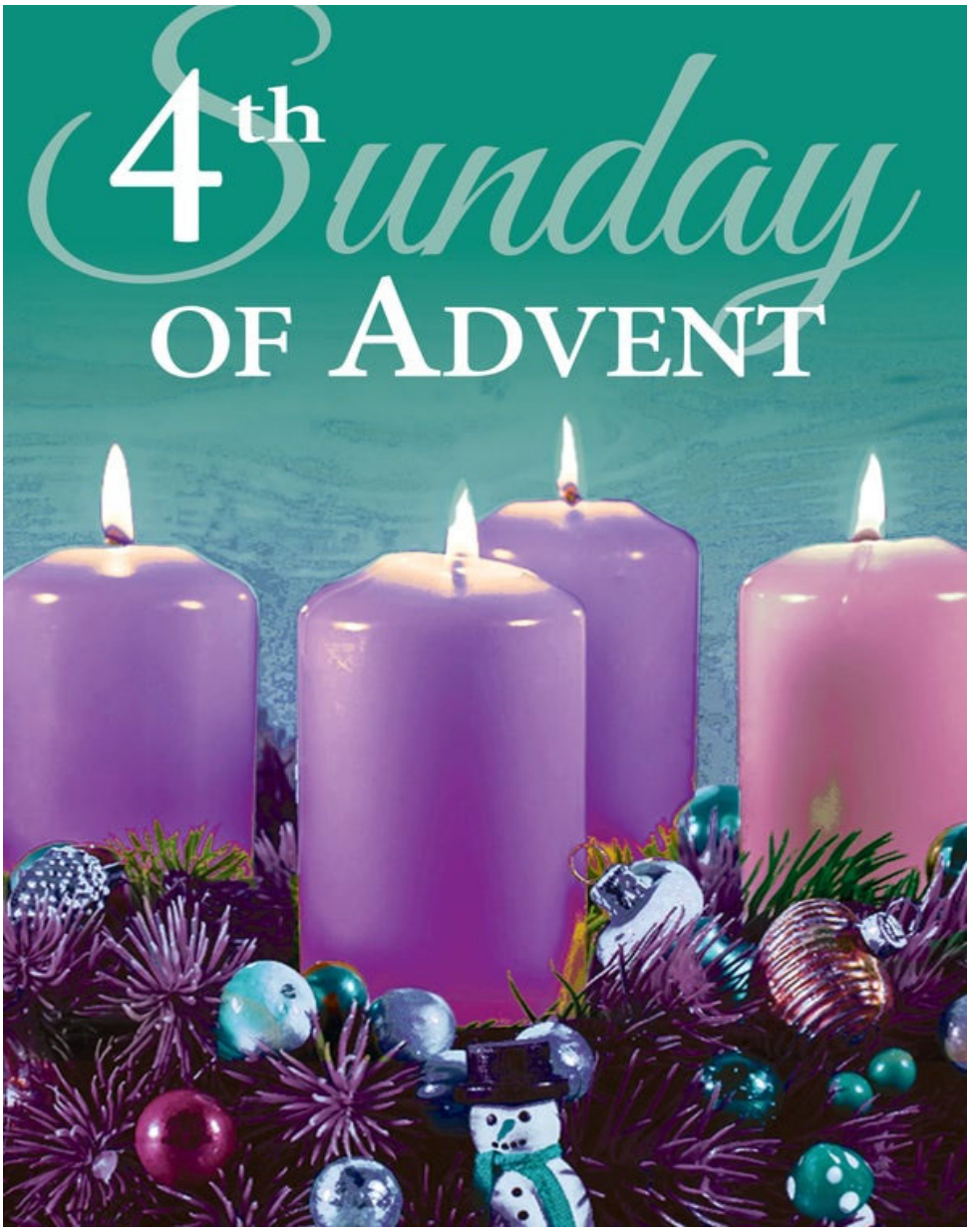
Queen of Peace

Roman Catholic Parish

Welcome! **December 18, 2022**



OUR LADY,
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
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Masses:

Tuesday:	7:00 am
Thursday:	7:00 am
Sunday:	10:00 am

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7958 W. Foster Avenue
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Ph. (773) 775-6659

Masses:

Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
Confessions	4:00 pm
Sunday Vigil Mass:	5:00 pm
Sunday:	8:30 am
	11:30 am

Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday:	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction:	5:45 pm

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

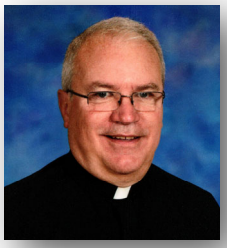
Our Lady,
Mother of the church

Monday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

St. Eugene

Monday - Thursday	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

From the desk of



Father Rich Yanos

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy focuses on the Blessed Virgin Mary whose story distills the essence of the season as no other figure can.

Her "yes" to God made Christ's first coming as we know it possible while her unquestioning faith and trust furnish us with a model to follow as we prepare for his second coming at the end of time.

With the celebration of Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday last weekend we as the Church were reminded of the "joyful" expectation that comes with the reaching of the 3rd week of Advent. Now we have arrived at the 4th Sunday of Advent with the anticipation of the coming of Christ at Christmas growing even greater. There are no greater memories I have than when I was a child and my sister and I counted down the days until Christmas. We were truly filled with more excitement than I am sure my parents needed at that time, as they were making all their own preparations and probably worrying about bills and family gatherings etc. The kinds of things children fortunately don't have to worry about. Through it all, though, I can still hear my mother gently reminding us of what Christmas was really all about and it had nothing to do with Santa and presents and rifling through the Sears catalogue picking out the things we wanted to find under our tree on Christmas Day.

It was in fact what was under our tree that our attention was focused. In our home it was a simple but carefully placed Nativity Set. But more than its simple appearance was the opportunity that was taken advantage of by our parents to remind us that the little child in the straw stable was the real reason for celebrating Christmas. It sometimes saddens me today to see so much emphasis on commercialism and making sure our children get everything that they want rather than on emphasizing what God has given us through the birth of his Son into our midst.

As I write you this week, I encourage you to remind yourself, your children, family, and friends what great event we are about to celebrate less than a week from now. In doing so perhaps we can reclaim the real meaning of Christmas and how we will once again welcome Christ into our hearts and lives.

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As practicing Catholics, we all know that going to Mass every weekend is not an option but rather an obligation, something that faithful Catholics participate and share in. I prefer to see our gathering with each other around the Lord's Table each week as an opportunity to come together with our fellow believers to offer thanks and gratitude for all God has done for us as we are fed with both Word and Sacrament to go out into the world to put our faith into action. We do this because it is one of God's desires for us, one of His Commandments, namely -- to keep holy the Sabbath Day. God must have known something of the value of His creations setting time aside each week to give thanks and praise for all He has done for us. Sadly, today, many have seemed to have forgotten this desire of our loving God. As a priest I hear so many reasons/excuses why people "opt" out of attending Mass. Quite frankly, I have to admit many of them are a bit lame.

A while back I remember reading an article that was titled, "Common Good Excuses". It addressed the many excuses that people use for not attending Sunday Mass and a response to them. I thought you might find the following helpful or at least thought provoking…

What's in it for me? Everything! God desires only and always your good. He became a man in large part to give us himself in the Mass. Why should you deny yourself such a gift?

I don't need to go to Mass to get close to God. At Mass, you receive God himself – Jesus Christ truly present in the sacrament. Even a beautiful mountain vista can't compare to that.

I had a bad experience with the Church. This is always sad. But many of us also had bad teachers – and we know the whole education system isn't bad. Jesus wants to bring you healing at Mass.

I don't get anything out of Mass. Don't expect it to be entertainment. Learn about what it does: joins us to Christ, separates us from sin, wipes away venial sins, commits us to the poor, and prepares us for heaven.

I don't have the time. There are 24 hours in a day, 168 hours in a week, Mass takes one hour. That's less than 1% of your week. You have the time; find it.

I'm a sinner. I don't deserve to be at Mass. Welcome to the club! We are a Church of saved sinners. None of us deserves to be here. See you at the confessional…

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It's hard to believe that in a little over a week from now we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. As you know, there will be many more worshipers than usual at these Masses. For this reason, I ask that all in our parish do your best to arrive earlier if you are able. And remember… It's Christmas, so let's try and be nice even when that may be the last thing you're feeling when being delayed in the parking lot for a few extra minutes. ☺

I look forward to seeing all of you and your families at our many Masses over the next couple of weeks. Please note that our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule are slightly different than regular weekends. Hopefully, by now, you have received my Christmas letter and our Christmas Season Mass Schedule. As you know some of our Masses during the holidays can be very crowded. If you are planning to attend these Masses, again, please try to get here a little earlier than usual to help ease the congestion. By offering 10 Mases for Christmas Eve and Day we hoped to alleviate some of that over-crowding.

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Wishing all in our parish a blessed conclusion of the Advent Season and week ahead.

Fr. Rich Yanos



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



St. Eugene Church:

Tuesday, December 20 - 7:00 pm (English & Polish)
Saturdays - 4:00 pm (until all are heard)
(No Confessions on Christmas Eve)

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Weekday Mass: Saturday, December 24 - 8:30 am

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

3:00 pm (Family Liturgy)- St. Eugene Church
4:00 pm - Our Lady, Mother of the Church
5:00 pm - St. Eugene Church
9:30 pm (Christmas Carols Begin) - St. Eugene Church
10:00 pm - St. Eugene Church
12:00 am Midnight Mass - Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

7:30 am - St. Eugene Church
9:00 am - St. Eugene Church
9:00 am - Our Lady, Mother of the Church
11:00 am - Our Lady, Mother of the Church
11:30 am - St. Eugene Church

Feast of the Holy Family, Friday, December 30

9:00 am - St. Eugene Church

Weekday Mass, Saturday, December 31

8:30 am - St. Eugene Church

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31

4:00 pm - (Mass of Anticipation) - St. Eugene Church

New Year's Day Mary Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation), Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:30 am & 11:30 am - St. Eugene Church
10:00 am - Our Lady, Mother of the Church

The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 8, 2023

8:30 am - St. Eugene Church

Opłatki - Christmas Wafers

available for a donation of $3.00
at both churches and at the rectory office
during regular office hours.

Rectory Office will be closed on Saturday, December 24th, Monday, December 26th, New Year`s Eve, December 31st & New Year`s Day, January 1st.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 17, 2022

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
Ken Cain, Ralph & Virginia Conenna,
Norbert & Wesley Feret, Elmer & Grace D. Frelka, Angeline Komperda, Franek & Julia Kot,
Hillard & Michael Michalek, Stefania Rebacz,
Evelyn Rzepka, Eugene Slomski, Yolanda Slomski,
Kenneth Van Spankeren, Helen & Walter Wojtas

Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Nicolo Bartolotta, Jenny Chun Li Yu,
Kathleen Ann Cummings, Maria DeSantis, Ted Fornek,
Giacomo Giovannielli, Jaroslaw Olszewski,
Bernadett Sedlacek, Leonard Stancy,
George & Dorothy Thiermann, Alexander Wrobel,
Beverly Wrobel, Jerome Wrobel, Martha Wrobel

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Lydia Adriano-death Anniv., Deacon Sonny Annoreno,
James F. Cahill, Jr., Healing for Fr. Dan Fallon,
Ralph Ferri, Dec'd Mbrs of the Grossi & Muglia Fams.,
Rita K. Hart, Marcia Juszczynski, Nurse Terry Kaisling,
Czeskaw Kuta, Joseph Mandile, Mandile & Vero Fams.,
Luigi Morelli, Fr. Joe Ognibene, Mary Beth O'Grady,
Pietro Pisello, Cesira Poletto, Ben Poletto,
Robert Ringelstein, Ruth Ruvoli, Joseph Subsits,
Nicola Troiana, Caterina & Calogera Vivacqua,
Jeffrey Wrobel, Mary Wrobel

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parishes
Donato Carbonara, Albert Corrado, Juan Diaz,
Zaira DiBenedetto, Domenica & Ernesto Fiorante,
Eugene Paulini, Kenneth Paulini,
Int. of Mrs. Lucyna Piechowicz

Monday, December 19, 2022

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Purgatorial Society
Donald & Alice Abdo, Betty Gleeson,
Teofila & John Ryndak, Suzanne Seng,
Vladimir Tkalcevic

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
For Parishioners, Louigi Masellis,
Nicolo Bartolotta, Margaret Bastian, Mike Masellis,
Rev. L. Jerome Parrish

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Juan Diaz, Jake Fendley, Giacomo Giovannielli,
Antoni Gumkowski, Bernadett Sedlacek

Thursday, December 22, 2022

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Deacon Sunny Annoreno, Rev. Joe Dean,
Carol Samp, Carlos Saul

Friday, December 23, 2022

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Ida D'Ovidio, Joyce Jacobs, Jude & Minn Fams.,
Mary Anne Loftsgaarden, Jimmy McGuire,
Ryszard Karczmarczyk

Saturday, December 24, 2022

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Saturday, December 24, 2022
Vigil of Christmas

3:00 pm Mass at St. Eugene Church (Family Liturgy)
George & Filipa Concioldi,
Liv. & Dec'd mbrs Lutfy & Dahir Fams.,
Irene McGreevey, Annie Nash, Jerry Stephen

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
People of the Parishes

5:00 pm Mass at St. Eugene Church
Janina & Wieslaw Borawski, Juan Diaz,
Richard Humanski, Joseph, Helen & Philip Iwan,
Janus & Haj Fams., M/M Evaristo Natalino,
Susan Tiedje, Halina Wardzala

10:00 pm Mass at St. Eugene Church
Leonardo Cataldo, Carmela & Frank Esposito,
Domenica & Ernesto Fiorante,
Cristina & Giovanni Greco, Joseph Krol,
John Kula & Nienczyk

12:00 am Midnight Mass
Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
People of the Parishes

Sunday, December 25, 2022 - Nativity of the Lord

7:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parishes
Feist & Mikulski Fams., Kula Fam.,
Josephine & Michael Mugnini, Elvira & Emidio Spinelli

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
People of the Parishers

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Jimmy Byrne, Charles & Frances Clark,
Int. of Bonnie Frackiel & Genowefa Pawula,
Int. of Mark & Arthur Frackiel, Antoni Orlowski,
Anna Scola, Robert Seliga, Leonard Stancy

11:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
People of the Parishes

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Anna Maria & Domenica Battista, Tod Bpurgart,
Walter Caban, Witol Gadomski Fam.,
Krys, Dabros, & Wytrwold Fams.,
Anna & Mike Parente Sr., Michael Vito Parente,
Phil & Phillip Saineghi

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 12 / 24 3 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Rich Yanos	P. Draniczarek - WB T. Moore - B M. Cozzo - C T. Crivlare - O M. Pollowy - WO	G. Pilch J. Pilch	L. Olen
Saturday, 12 / 24 4 pm - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom	M. Riebock - C M. D'Alessandro - T M. Marszalek—T	TBA	W. Kaczmarczyk - 1st-UP N. Ringelstein - 2nd
Saturday, 12 / 24 5 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Ed Pacocha	C. Bobka - C	TBA	J. Mroszczak
Saturday, 12 / 24 10 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Tomzik - WB P. Tomzik - B S. Sparacino - C R. Sparacino - O R. Kennedy - WO	TBA	J. Imburgia
Saturday, 12 / 24 Midnight Mass - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos	M. Marszalek - C R. Molas - T	T. Molas	N. Ringelstein - 1st J. Molas - 2nd - UP
Sunday, 12 / 25 7:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	M. Meo - WB L. Feist - B M. Egan - C J. Kolaski - O C. Bobka - WO	TBA	C. Mikucki
Sunday, 12 / 25 9:00 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Ed Pacocha	M. Egan - WB D. Duszynski - B B. Czubek - C C. Bobka - O C. Hill - WO	TBA	J. Bischof
Sunday, 12 / 25 9:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Walsh - C C. Szymanski - T	D. Flynn N. Ringelstein	N. Mosk - 1st UP P. Peterson - 2nd
Sunday, 12 / 25 11:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Jacek Dada Deacon Chris Virruso	R. Molas - C R. Catalano - T M. Marszalek - T	T. Molas G. Pilch J. Pilch	J. Molas –1st - UP A. Jasinska - 2nd
Sunday, 12 / 25 11:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Rich Yanos	F. Klus - WB J. Pomis - B F. Pacia - O	TBA	L. Vasich

We pray for our loved ones who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the self-less acts they perform for us
in our time of need. We ask this in the
name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

Major Adamczyk
Joseph Antosh, Jr.
Ghaleb Azroui
Donald Bellisario
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Kurt Feiereisel
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood
Elliott O'Claire
Vincent Page
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Eugene Church
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Eugene Church
	10: 00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
	11:30 am	St. Eugene Church

Weekday Masses

Monday	9:00 am	St. Eugene Church
Tuesday	7:00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Wednesday	9:00 am	St. Eugene Church
Thursday	7:00 am	Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Friday	9:00 am	St. Eugene Church
Every Saturday	8:30 am	St. Eugene Church





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IMPORTANT!

UPCOMING SICILY and SOUTHERN ITALY TRIP

TRAVEL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

(Palermo, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Agrigento, Taormina, Pompeii,

Rome and the Vatican *and so much more)*





The Informational meeting everyone has been waiting for with regard to our upcoming 2023 Sicily and Southern Italy Trip departing on October 16—27, 2023 will be taking place here at St. Eugene's, 7958 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL 60656 on Sunday, January 15th at 1:00 pm in Meeting Room 110 located at the west end of the school off the church parking lot. Tell your family and friends about this trip and bring them along to hear about all the neat places we will be seeing and visiting. I can promise you a great time and a much remembered and cherished experience. At this meeting you will hear all the details about this trip, be able to ask all your questions, meet some of the many that are already signed up and perhaps even sign-up yourself.

I so look forward to seeing anyone interested in hearing more about these exciting destinations at this meeting. Mark the date in your calendars so you don't forget.

Fr. Rich Yanos

ST. JOSEPH THE STEWARD

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT IS THE HISPANIC ADVENT CUSTOM OF "LAS POSADAS"?

"Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues.

This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.



Rosary Guild

Our Rosaries this week are for Pope Francis and his December intention; volunteer not-for profit organizations. "We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation." Please contact the rectory office to be a part of the Rosary Guild, along with Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Shirley S., and Milabelle T.

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

This is prayed on Tuesday at the Our Lady, Mother of the Church worship site after the 7 a.m. Mass.

Living Rosary

If you would like the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to honor the patron of the Living Rosary, St. Philomena, please contact the rectory office to pray a decade of the Rosary daily for these intentions. The next decade available is, "Jesus Dies on the Cross."

Joyful Mysteries	*Luminous Mysteries*	*Sorrowful Mysteries*
Annunciation—Ted M.	Baptism in the Jordan—Barb R.	Agony in the Garden—Jean R.
Visitation—Barb R.	Wedding at Cana—Mary M.	Scourging at the Pillar—Jean R.
Nativity—Josephine N.	Proclamation of Kingdom-Ted M.	Crowning with Thorns—Mary M.
Presentation—Karen R.	Transfiguration—Emily A.	Carrying of the Cross—Ted M.
Finding in the Temple—Mary M .	Institution of Eucharist—Emily A.	



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It will be reflected in the next available bulletin.

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Please continue your contribution in the usual way, until we finalize the merger of the databases and electronic giving accounts. Also, if you are registered parishioner of OLMC, DS or St. Eugene Church – you don`t need to re-register.

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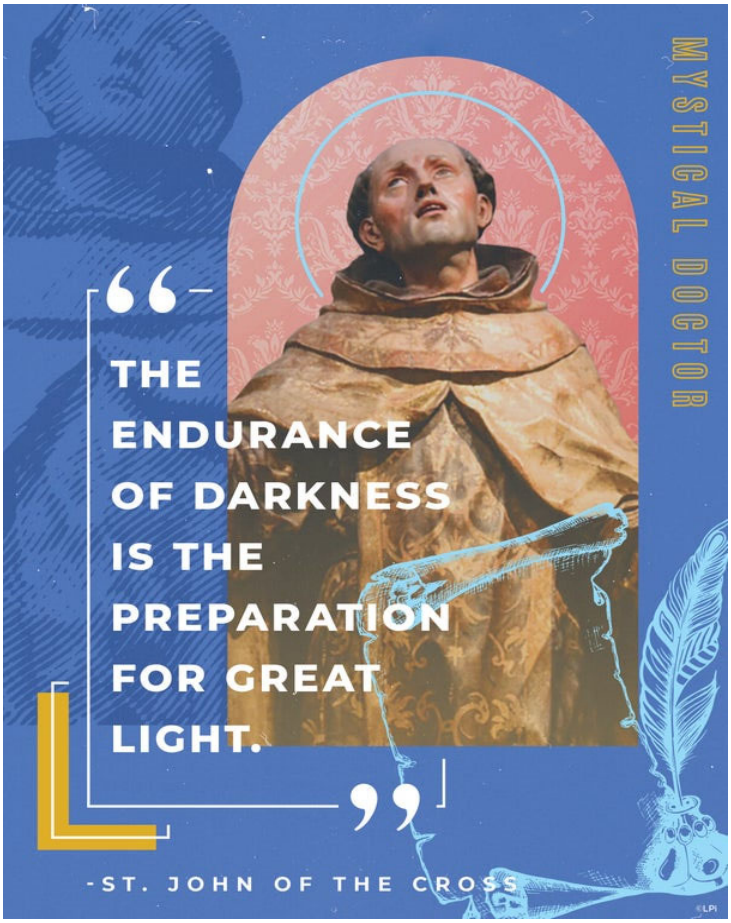
Please call parish office
for holiday submission dates.
We would not be able after the deadline.
Thank you.

St. Eugene & Our Lady, Mother of the Church Adult Choir

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Please meet Lydia, our Director of Music,
at the organ in church.
We will sing at the 11:30 am Mass.
Everyone is welcome to sing with us.!!!

For those interested in singing
at Our Lady, Mother of the Church,
please email Dennis Dayson at:
ddayson2@gmail.com.







Morris Drop in Club

We gather every Monday
at Our Lady, Mother of the Church.
All members of the newly-combined parish
are welcome to join.
For information, contact Jackie Pomis at
708-705-4552 or email at jbpomis@hotmail.com.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023
THERE WILL BE A NEW SICK LIST .
PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY BY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023 (9:00 AM)
IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME ON THE NEW LIST.

ADDING NAMES TO THE PARISH SICK LIST

It has always been the goal of Queen of Peace Parish 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 times friends, neighbors, and acquaintances wish to do something special for those who are sick. 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.

THIS WEEKEND

Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets
Available After All Masses
In Rear Vestibule
(All Tickets are Also Available
In SE Rectory Office)

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Second Collection
Next Weekend
Christmas Collection



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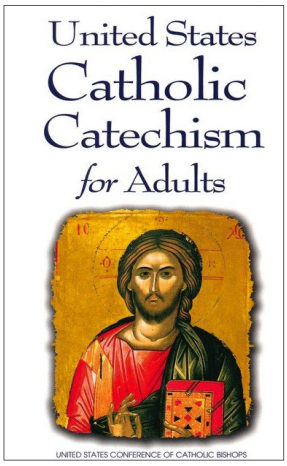
CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE

1-800-400-4205

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Tom Scianna

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



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In the Rectory Office
Questions? Contact Fr. Greg



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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St. Eugene Church
Mondays 45:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction at 52:45 pm

St. Eugene School Queen of Hearts Raffle

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BINGO BEFORE DRAWING AT 7:00PM
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If the joker is picked, the raffle resets!

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

I will be working on the 1st Quarter 2023 schedule for Lectors & Extraordinary of Communion which will be January 8th through March 26th, 20023.

Please drop a note in the Sunday collection basket or leave a note at the rectory and mark it to my attention (Lois Feist) with the dates that you would be unavailable to be a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Communion or email me at loismfeist@gmail.com NO LATER THAN December 12th, so I will not schedule you for those dates. If you need to make any change in the mass times you requested, or you no longer have a landline, or prefer to change or make any correction to your contact information, please include that as well.

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,

which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. - Mt 1:23-24

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel. (Is 7:3-4)

PSALM:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

SECOND READING:

The gospel about his Son, descended from David
according to the flesh,
but established as Son of God in power. (Rom 1:15)

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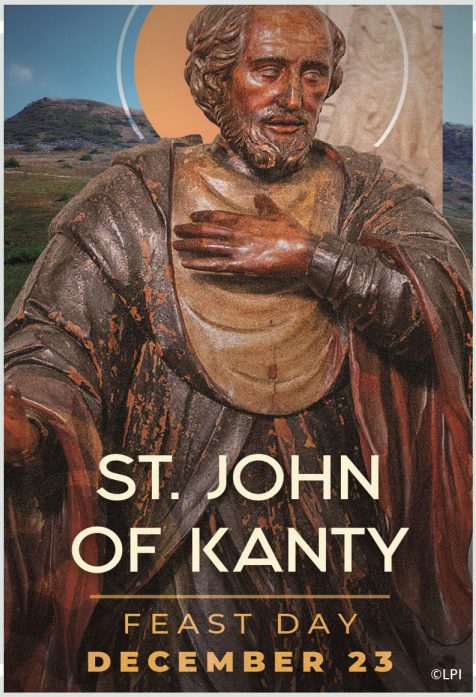
The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her. (Mt 1:20)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent
Wednesday:	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Saturday:	Christmas Eve
Next Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord





Saint of the Week

Saint John, sometimes called John Cantius, was born in the Polish town of Kanty in 1390. Not much is recorded about his early life, however, he was a bright young man who did well in his studies at the university in Krakow. He earned his doctorate in philosophy and went on to be ordained and earn a doctorate in theology as well.

He began teaching at the university immediately following the conferring of his doctorate in philosophy. Unfortunately, his popularity worked against him, and he was dismissed from his post on false charges. Saint John was reassigned to a post as a parish priest in the town of Olkusz, Bohemia. His parishioners did not receive him with open arms, and he was unsettled in his new position. But John did not give up, his honest care for the people of his parish eventually endeared him to them.

After a time, he was invited back to the university and he returned to teaching, filling leadership roles in the philosophy and theological areas until the end of his long life. Saint John deeply cared for the poor, giving everything but only what he needed to survive away. He lived an aesthetic life but was such an engaging man that he often dined with nobility. Saint John of Kanty died on December 24, 1473. He was canonized in 1767, by Pope Clement XIII. In 1998, a new religious community chose the saint for their patron and the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius, was formed in Chicago, Illinois.

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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell
Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

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If you would like to join the Ministry of Prayer, simply fill out the form below and you will receive the prayer intentions for the month of November. There is no fee; there are no meetings to attend. Every three months, you will receive the prayer intentions for the next 3 months. All you are asked to do is to pray for the intention of that day — that's it! There is power in prayer, especially when we pray together — even if we are all in our own homes! Won't you join us?

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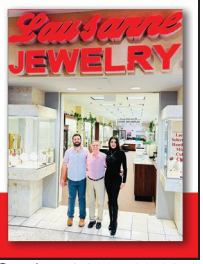
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