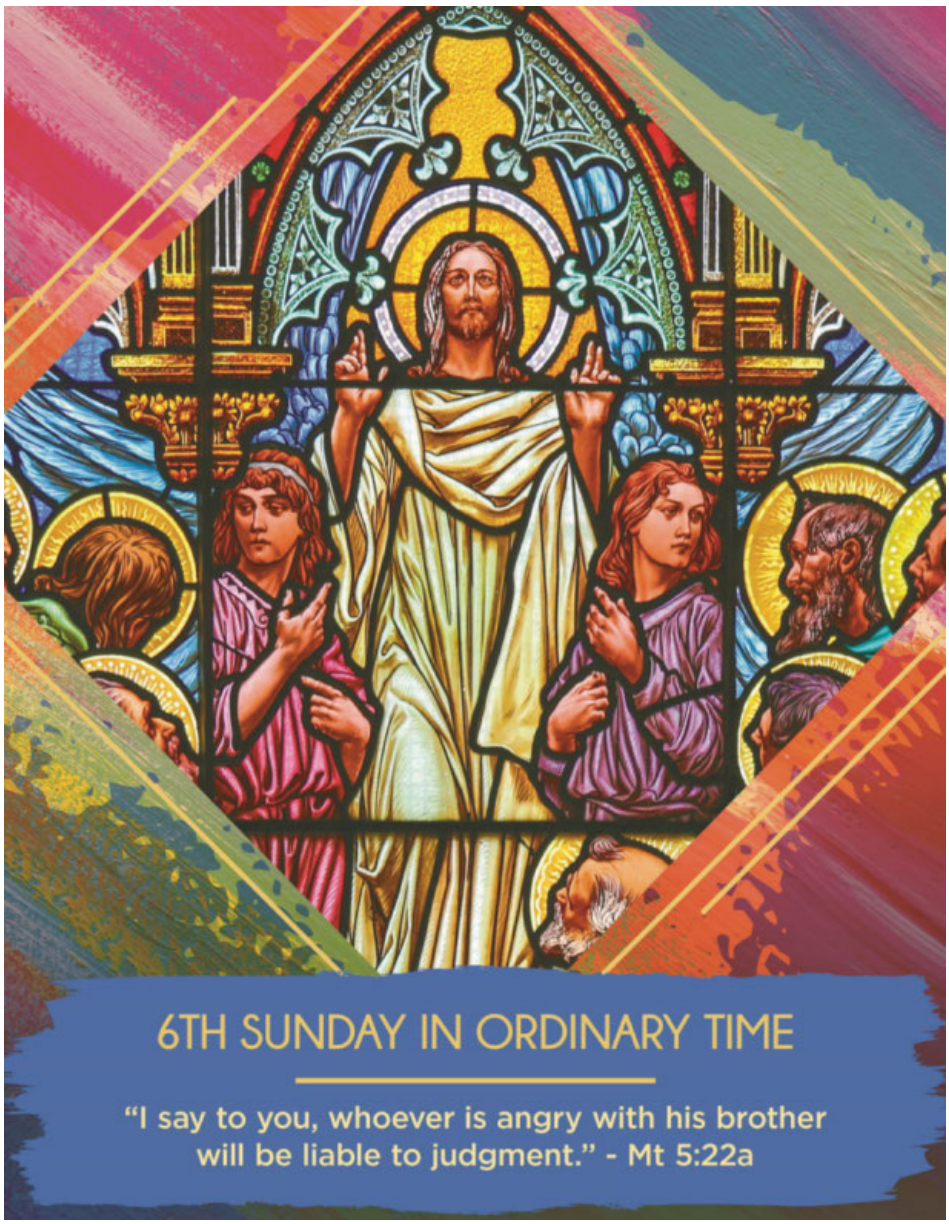
Queen of Peace

Welcome!

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.



February 12th, 2023

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Rectory Office Hours:
Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Masses:

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

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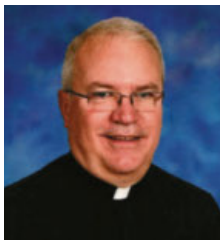
Masses:

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

From the desk of



Father Rich Yanos

Today, we celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Many parishioners have shared with me how much they appreciate the "Little Blue, Black and White Books for the Advent, Lent, and Easter seasons. These books have made such a positive impact here in our parish that we have purchased the "Little Black Books" once again for your personal spiritual and prayer life during Lent. In the gathering space and at the doors of the church **next weekend** you can pick up a copy to carry with you in your purse, car, pocket, etc. Please use these informative books to spend just six minutes a day in personal meditation/reflection and as your traveling companion for the season of Lent and Holy Week. Enjoy them!

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I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services. The theme of this year's campaign is: **"Walking on the Road with Jesus."** If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. If you received it here in church, please fill it out and send it in or you can drop it in the next few weeks' collection baskets. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

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Also, today Saturday, February 11th before and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass as well as this Sunday, February 12th after the 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses, Blood Pressure Screening will take place in the Narthex of St. Eugene Church. Our Faith Community Nurse, Terri Kaisling will be providing this valuable service to all our parishioners. Thank you so much, Terri!

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I just want to let everyone know that we now have two deacons in our parish community. Deacons Ted Marszalek and Chris Virruso are both from Our Lady Mother of the Church. Deacon Ted is dealing with some physical and health issues that has kept him from active ministry lately, but Deacon Chris is still very much active. As a matter of fact, beginning next weekend, February 18 - 19, at the Saturday night 5:00 p.m. Mass, and every third weekend of each month thereafter, Chris will be serving as deacon and preaching at both Our Lady Mother of the Church and St. Eugene's. Please give him a warm welcome when you see him especially as he serves at St. Eugene for the first time on February 18th. Welcome Chris!

I want to congratulate our school and religious education 2nd graders who made their 1st Reconciliation this past Friday. This was indeed a special day for them and their families as well as our parish. This will be an exciting year for them all as they now look forward to receiving their First Communion in May.

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Congratulations to Fr. Ed Pacocha who will be celebrating his birthday this coming Thursday, February 16th. Best wishes to you and may God bless you with many more years!

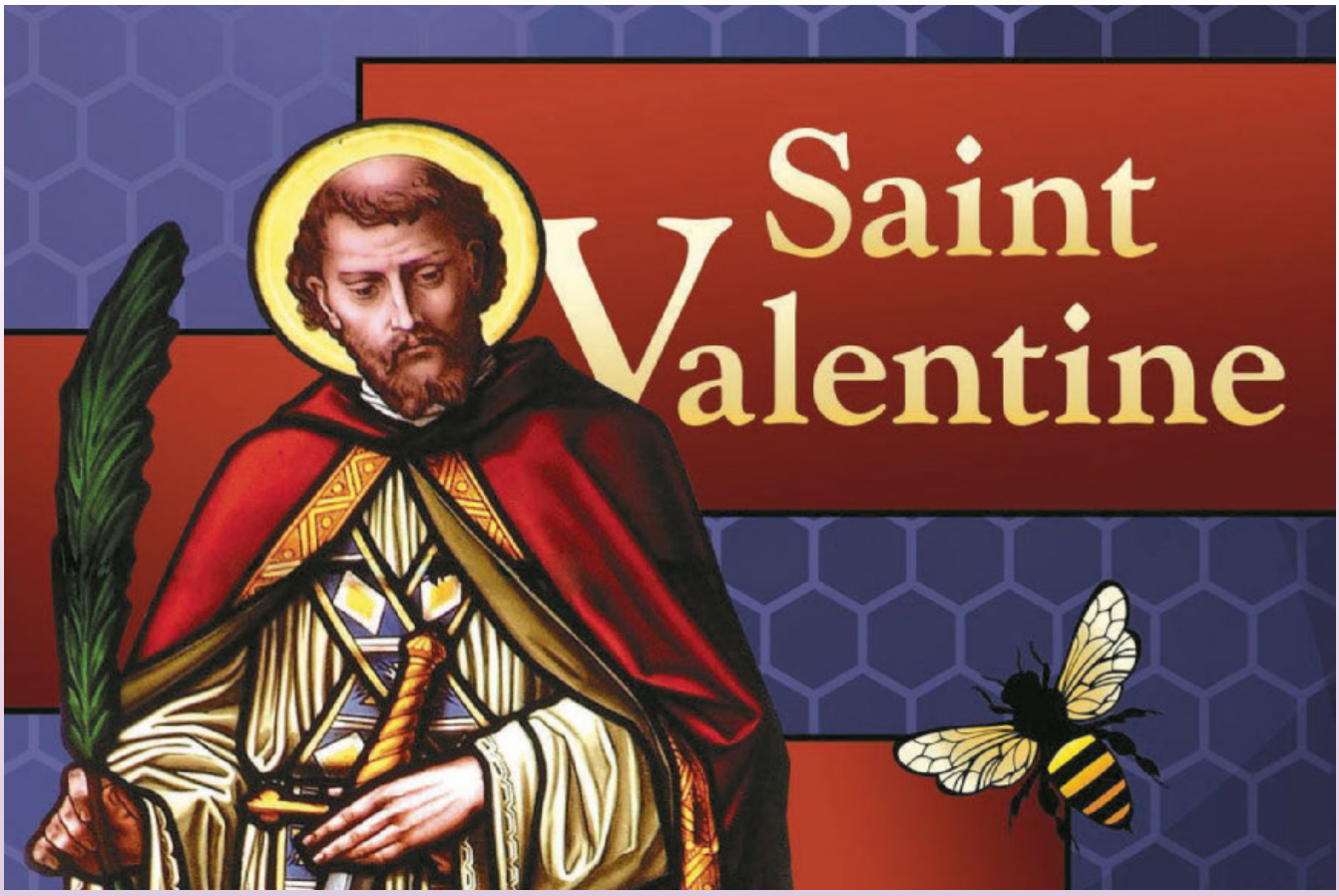
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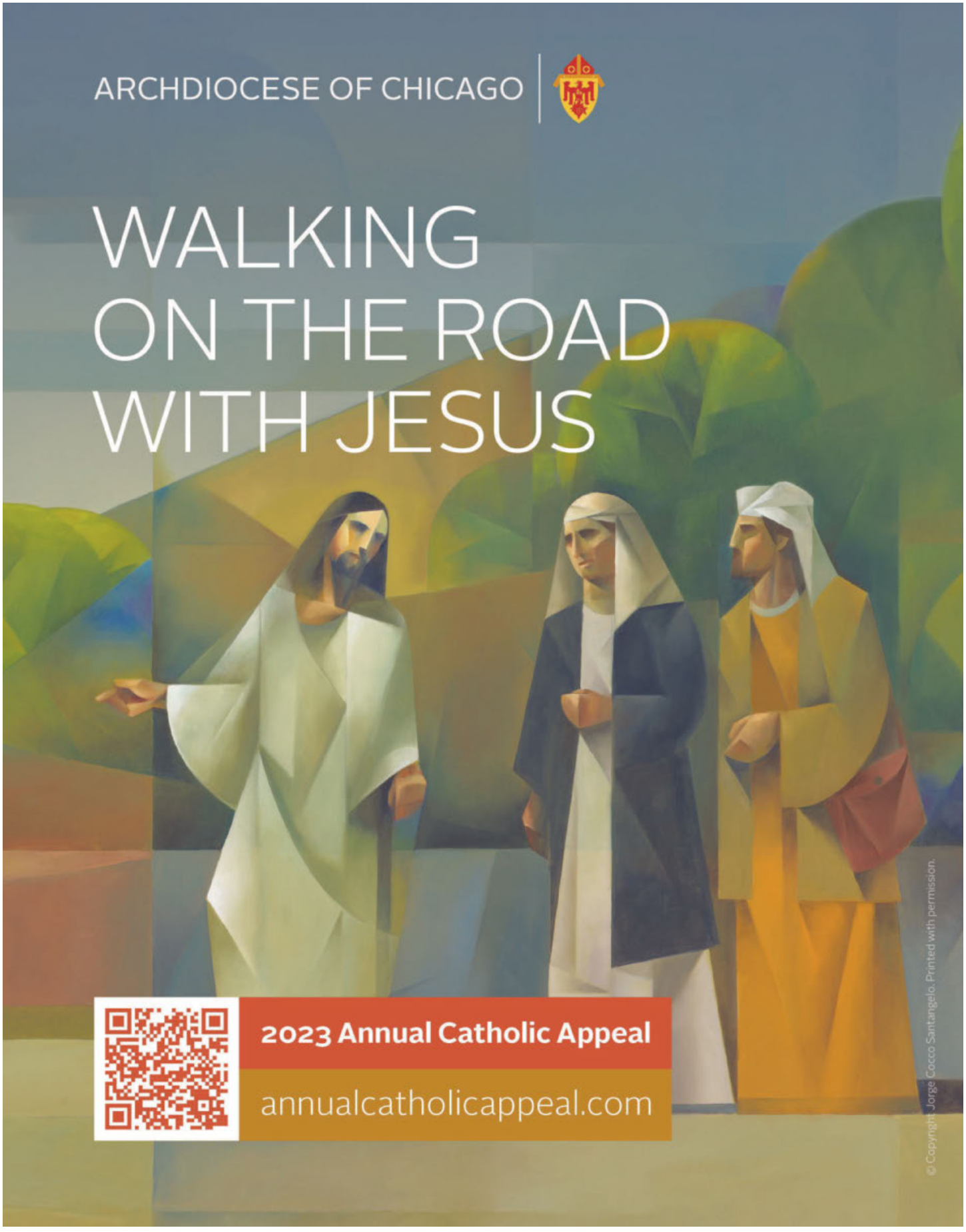
This Tuesday, February 14th, is Valentine's Day. According to legend, the Valentine takes its name from a young Christian priest who lived in Rome. Like so many of the early Christians, Valentine had been imprisoned because of his faith. Often and longingly, he thought of his loved ones and wanted to assure them of his well-being and of his love for them.

Beyond his cell window, just within reach, grew a cluster of violets. He picked some of the heart-shaped leaves and pricked them with the words, "Remember your Valentine," and sent them off by a friendly dove. On the next day, and the next, he sent more messages that simply said, "I love you." Thus, did the Valentine have its beginning. And so, it has been through the ages…Those who love, remember…and send Valentines to express their love.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to all in our parish family!

Fr. Rich Yanos




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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 11, 2023

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Armando Abdon, Sr., Joseph Bielawiec,
Joseph & Josephine Derus, Grace & Elmer Frelka,
Wayne Greco, Mary Pecora, Jorgio Stefanovski

Sunday, February 12, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz, Evangeline Duarte, Ted & Jean Fornek,
Helena Mazek, Richard Rangel, Frances Remfuss,
Dorothy & George Thiermann, Martha & Alex Wrobel

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Mario Agosta, Gary & Cycelia Hayka,
Catherine Hejka & Fam., Jan & Helena Hopkala,
Krzysztof Hopkala, Steve, Jeff, Dave & Paul Nicosia,
Eamonn, Donie, May, Donna & babies Adam & Grace
Omeara, Pietro Pisello, Jozef Rebacz, Jadwiga Swider,
Rosaleen Waters & Suzanne Rudden, Raymond Wilk,
Martha Zanotti, Mary Zavesky, Lorraine Klein,
Anna Nardulli, Rosemarie Kingston,
Christine Maria Samp, Anna Swider,
Wieslawa Karczmarczyk, Tomasz Dorak

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish, Reyna Onejda,
Graziella & Francesco Bellantuono, Krzysztof Dabros,
D'Agostino & D'Avino. Fams.,
George & Pearl Giovannoni, Phil & Phillip Saineghi

Monday, February 13, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Purgatorial Society
Rev. Joe Dean, Cerkoney & Pepple Fams.,
Andrew & Elfreda Lombardi, Anna Nardulli,
Maria Wiktor - Death Anniv., Martha Zanotti

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Rev. Richard Klajbor
For a gift of love for Matthew

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz, Jude & Minn Fams.,
William & Martha Lee Emrich,
Rev. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC,
Rozalia & Bartlomiej Radzik, Martha Zanotti

Thursday, February 16, 2022

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Joe Jaycox,
For a gift of love for Matthew

Friday, February 17, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Thomas & Violet Rosier
Bernadette, Sarah Anne & Mary Caulfield,
Don Feist - 90th B-day, Edith & Warren Kenney,
Anthony & Angeline Serpico

Saturday, February 18, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene

Margaret Cossano,
Grace & James Matthews,
Jude & Minn Fams,

Saturday, February 18, 2023

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Charlotte Bader, Chester Dziaduch,
Elmer & Grace Frelka, Wayne Greco,
Spec. Int. for Bill Heneghan,
Spec. Int. for John &Therese Heneghan,
Helen Kocar & Fr. Fred Tomzik,
Wladyslaw Kozak, Arthur Russo,
Helen & Walter Wojtas

Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Poor Souls in Purgatory & John
Int. for Mark Frackiel, Helena Mazek,
Martha & Alex Wrobel

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Leon & Miguelac Aspi 50th Wedd. Anniv.,
Rosa Abbinanti, Mario Agosta,
Elaine & Edward Banka,
Patrick & Eilleen Casey, Raymond & Betty Feret,
Virginia Franceschi, Olympia Frantzis,
Thomas Harvey Sr., Katerina Hoog,
Jean & Ronald Jacobson, Louis & Connie Kalinowski,
Wanda & Joe Klebek, Ellen Kost,
Catherine Leszczynski & Fam.,
Romeo Nanto, Anna & Vito Nardulli,
Donato Parente,
Pietro Pisello, Stefania Rebacz,
Edward Sr., Gloria, Edward, Jr., Rodakowski,
Ken Schnotala, Julia &
Dominic DeCarlo, Martha Zanott,

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Giuseppe Castronovo, Juan Diaz,
Francesca Di Salvo, Giuseppe Marsillo,
Spec. Int. for Vickie Hawke,
Cosmo Martelli

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 2 / 18 **5 pm - St. Eugene**	Rev. Richard Yanos Deacon Chris Virruso	MB Glynn - W M. Pollowy - B T. Crivlare - C M. Meo - O J. Horn - WO	B. Janus M. Chmielowska A. Coleman K. Barr	D. Sulimowski
Sunday, 2 / 19 **8:30 am - St. Eugene**	Rev. Jacek Dada	T. Moore - WB B. Czubek - B M. Cozzo - C J. Kolaski - O S. Kumiego - W	L. Acierno B. Rog G. DiGenova A. Czubek	J. Bischof
Sunday, 2/ 19 **10:00 am - OLMC**	Rev. Ed Pacocha Deacon Chris Virruso	P. Peterson - C R. Molas - T	D. Flynn T. Molas G. Pilch J. Pilch	K. Kelch—1st L. Muehlfelder—2nd
Sunday, 2 / 19 **11:30 am - St. Eugene**	Rev. Greg Rom	C. Paulini - WB J. Pomis - B L. Feist - C J. Nardi - O F. Pacia - WO	S. Kerr D. Olson A. 0010Komosa M. Maddex	P. Brown

2022 Contribution Statements Requests

Please fill out a form and drop it with your offering during Sunday Mass.
You can also call parish office if you would like to have 2022 Contribution Statement mailed to you.
Please tell us your name, donation envelope number, address and church name that you contributed for 2022.
We will not be mailing out contribution statements unless they are requested.

With truly grateful hearts, we thank you for your faithful & generous support of our parish!

2022 Year-End Charitable Donations Statement Request

Please PRINT your First and Last Name_____

Phone number _____

Address_____

Envelope ID # _____

Please Circle One: OLMC St. Eugene Divine Savior

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 selfless acts they perform for us
in our time of need. We ask this in the
name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

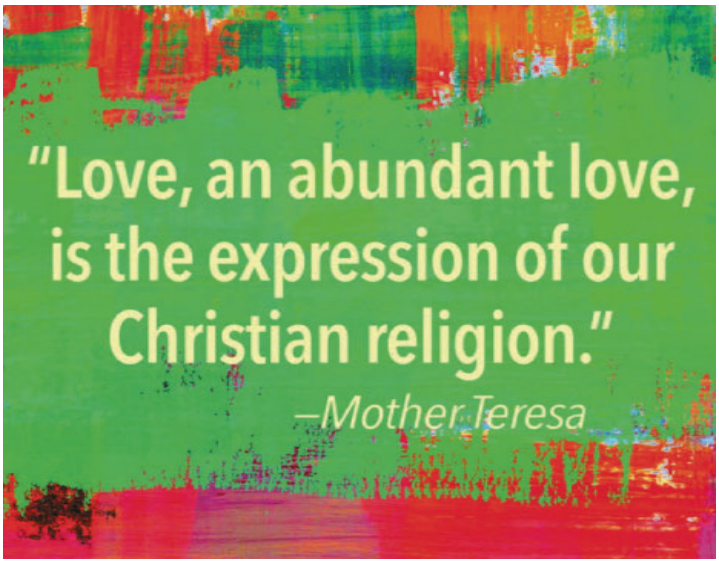
Major Adamczyk
Joseph Antosh, Jr.
Ghaleb Azroui
Donald Bellisario
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
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Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Kurt Feiereisel
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
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.

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.
Also, please call the rectory when your loved one returns home.

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.



Happy Birthday Wishes
To Rev. Ed Pacocha
February 16th



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Queen of Peace Parish

Invites you to Our St. Joseph Table



Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Where: The Shaunessy Center, 5220 N. Canfield

1st Seating: 3-5pm
2nd Seating: 6-7:30pm

Admission by tickets only. Seating is limited for each session.

Tickets available : at St. Eugene Church Rectory Office during regular office hours.
And after weekend Masses starting February 25th at SE.

Donation: Adults - $10
Children 4 to 14 - $5
Children 3 and under - Free

A traditional meatless St. Joseph's Dinner, featuring a variety of pasta, fish, side dishes, pizza and desserts, with all proceeds from the event are supporting our Social Concerns Ministry, which benefit many people in our community who are struggling. The table blessing will be at the start of each seating.

Dried Goods:	Ditalini	Cans/Jars/Bottles:	Crushed Tomatoes
	Farfalle		Olive Oil
	Spaghetti		Artichokes Hearts
			Black Olives
Beverages	Juice (any kind)		Italian dressing
	Coffee (regular and decaf)		
	Wine		
	Bottled water		

The following items are needed for the creation of the Saint Joseph's Table:

Other Perishables Homemade breads and desserts . Your favorite dish and favorite recipes are welcome.

- Drop off at the Shaunessy Center after 3:30PM on Friday, March 17 or 11:00AM Saturday, March 18
- Any business wishing to sponsor the St. Joseph Table, contact any committee member or the rectory.

Thank you for your generosity!

For More Information Contact:

Sal Sparacino – 630.768.8375 Russell Sparacino – 708.557.5059

Donations may be brought to the rectory. For pick-up call the rectory or committee member.

Living Rosary

Pray a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena. If you would like to pray a decade daily, please contact the rectory office.



Rosary Guild

This week's Rosary intention is for those suffering from illnesses. We ask that you pray at least one Rosary for the weekly intention. If you would like to be a part of the Rosary Guild, please reach out to the rectory office.

Blood Pressure Screening will take place in the Narthex after the Masses as listed below.



- Our Lady, Mother of the Church after 10:00 am Mass - March 12th
- St. Eugene before/after 5pm Mass - February 11th and March 11th
- St. Eugene after 8:30am and 11:30am Mass - March 12th

Please stop by and learn more about your heart health.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

As we continue to meet the first and third Wednesday of every month, we are so grateful for all the donations of yarn the last few months. We are like kids in a candy store to look thru the latest donations. In the month of February we delivered a small load of shawls and lap robes to Resurrection Life Center on Talcott. The Chaplain wanted to start out small and go from there. Hope it's the start of a lasting Friendship to keep all the residents warm and toasty and in Gods embrace. The parish nurse also brings them to the homebound. If anyone knows of places that would be interested in shawls or lap robes, please feel free to contact Pam at: 773/685-7586. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue our Ministry, and again we thank you and will keep you in our prayers.

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday, **February 14**, 2023 at 11:00.
This will be our Valentine's Day Party.
Please feel free to wear your red if you want.
Our lunch will be mostaccioli with meatballs along with a salad and a cherry slice for dessert.
Our speaker will be Dr. Angela Cano who will be speaking on dementia.
After lunch, bingo will be played.

Hope to see you there.

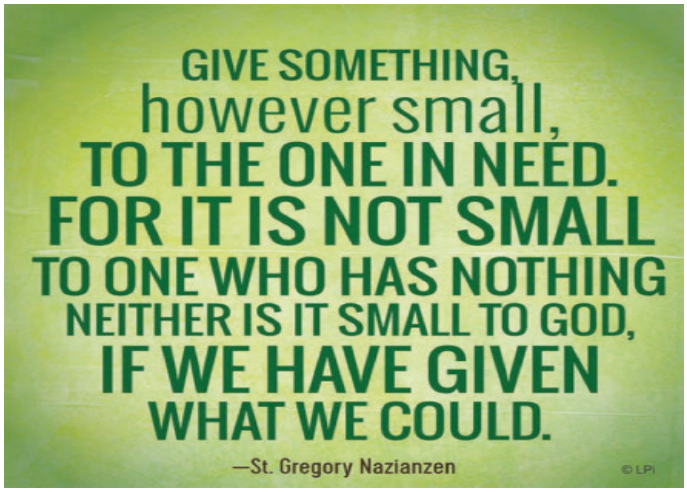
PARISH SUPPORT

February 4-5, 2023

5:00 SE	$3,862.00
8:30 SE	$3,252.50
10:00 OLMC	$2,821.00
11:30 SE	$3,299.50
Mail SE	$5,132.00
Total Physical	**$18,367.00**
GC DS	$291.01
CG OLMC	$686.22
GC SE	$2,401.00
Total Online	**$3,378.23**
Grand Total	**$21,745.23**

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.
Thank you for your support!





Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Eugene Church
Mondays
4:00 pm - 6: 00 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm

"United with the angels
and saints of the heavenly Church, let us
adore the most Holy Sacrament of the Eu-
charist. Prostrate, we adore this
great mystery that contains God's
new and definitive covenant
with humankind in Christ."

- Pope John Paul II

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Emil Laesen
† Frank Sciackitano

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Saint Eugene's Shaunessy Center

Friday, February 24th 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

The Knights of Columbus Father Breen Council 1899 is hosting its first fish fry for Queen of Peace Parish.

We will be serving various fried and baked fish along with delicious side dishes. Menus with suggested donations per item will be available that evening. You may dine in or take out.

Please come and keep this great Catholic Lenten tradition going which was initiated by our brother knights, Council 14008 from many years ago.







Avianna Lucia Levato



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VOCATIONS EVENTS

Do you think you might have a calling?

Fr. Tim Monahan, Vocations Director, wants to connect with you.

High school men are invited:
St. John Vianney College Seminary visit, Feb. 16–18
Quigley Discerners event, Feb. 25

College men are invited:
Seminary Sprint in Mundelein, Mar. 10–11

Scan for details and sign up!



Lenten Book Discussions:

Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism of Jordan to the Transfiguration and Jesus of Nazareth:
Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection

By Pope Benedict XVI

After discussing Pope Benedict XVI's book, Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives, in December for Advent, the **Queen of Peace Parish Young Adults Group** will continue to discuss the other books in Pope Benedict XVI's series in honor of Lent. The other books examine Jesus' adult life, beginning with his baptism in the Jordan River to the Resurrection. No need to have attended The Infancy Narratives event in December!

The book discussions will be held approximately once a week on Thursdays during Lent (February 23, March 2, March 9, March 23, and March 30) at 8:00 PM.

We will meet virtually on Google Meets.

The specific reading schedule and Google Visit https://www.facebook.com/StEugeneYoungAdultsGroup for the most current information or email us with any questions at youngadults@st-eugene.org

March 9

Jesus of Nazareth, Chapters 7-10
(The Message of the Parables through Jesus Declares His Identity).
To join the video meeting, click this link:
https://meet.google.com/vdq-vsmv-nxc
Otherwise, to join by phone, dial +1 281-301-1168 and enter this PIN: 598 353 652#

March 23

Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week, Chapters 1- 5
(Entrance of Jerusalem through the Last Supper)
To join the video meeting, click this link:
https://meet.google.com/pjh-yepz-tbf
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March 30

Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week, Chapters 5- Epilogue
(Gethsemane through the Ascension)
To join the video meeting, click this link:
https://meet.google.com/ebv-zznc-abt
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:
Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:
Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:
"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed James Miller, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Shot to death in front of his students in 1982, his legacy of love lives on today through the many schools he started.

Prayer

Official Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all.

Amen.

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6 10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12 13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



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Gospel Meditation

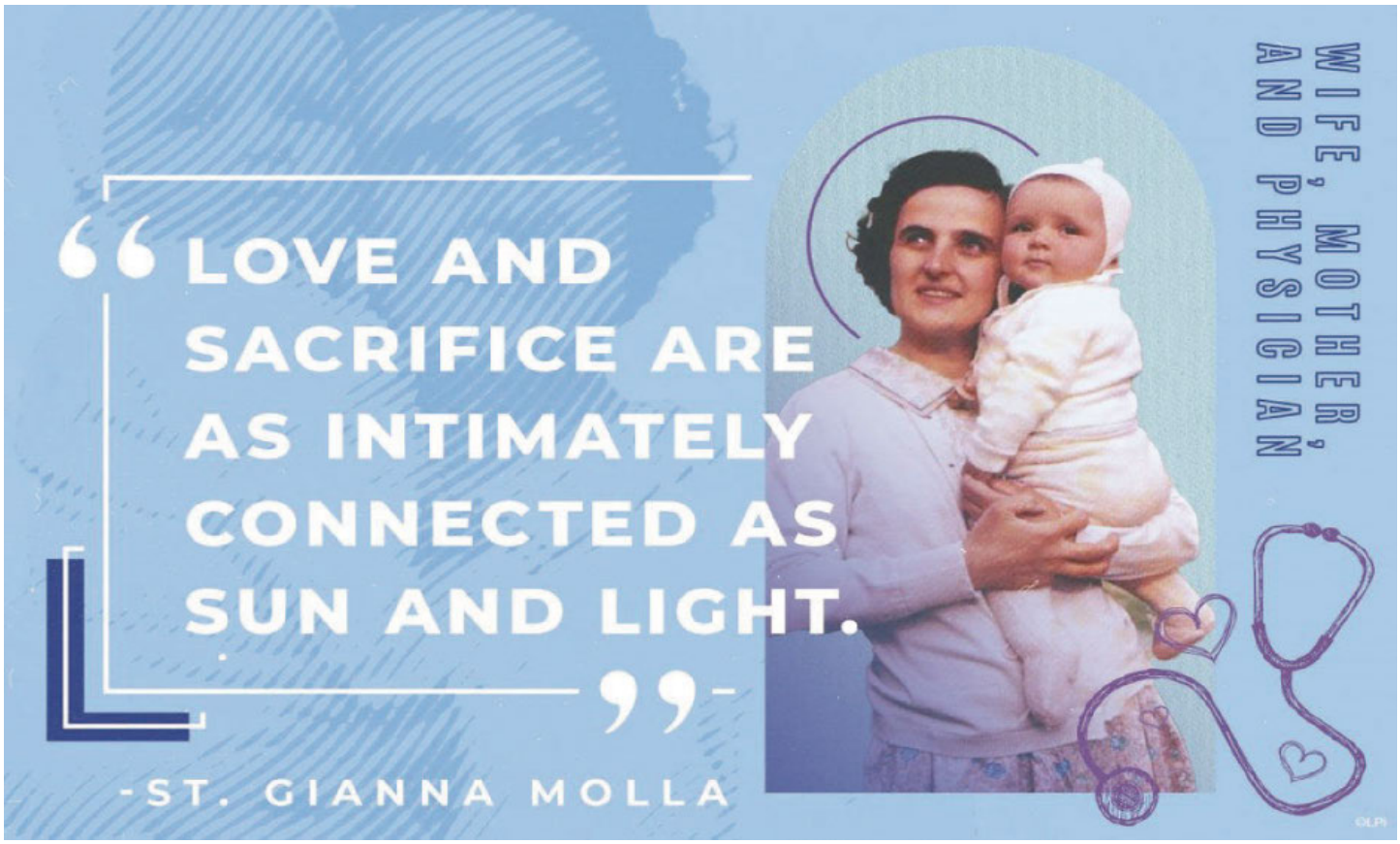
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— Father John Muir





PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.
We thank You and praise You through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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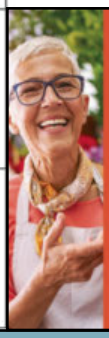
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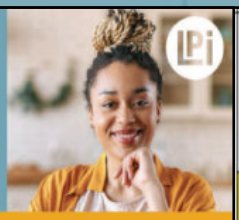
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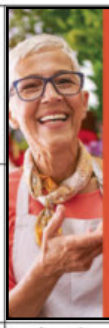
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