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.



OUR LADY,
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
Ph. (773) 625-3369

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

MASSES:

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

ST. EUGENE CHURCH
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Mon.- Thur.:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MASSES:

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

November 12th , 2023



From the desk of Father Rich Yanos

You might recall our ushers taking a count of our Mass attendees during the month of October. This is done every year so that we can update the Archdiocese regarding every parish's total number of attendees. The results of this year's count are as follows: At St. Eugene the number of those attending Mass was up an average of 76 persons per weekend from a year ago. Currently, there is an average of 1039 persons attending Mass on the weekend. Last year this number was 963. Pre-COVID this number was 1,406. At Our Lady Mother of the Church the number of Mass attendees was down an average of 35 persons per weekend from a year ago. Currently, there is an average of 214 persons attending Mass on the weekend. A year ago, this number was 249. These numbers are important because they give us a snapshot of the direction we are heading. An even more amazing statistic are the number of funerals we celebrate every year now that we have merged our three parishes. This loss of parishioners surely has an effect also on our yearly numbers as well.

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Next weekend, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, also known as CCHD. For over 50 years, the mission of CCHD has been to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through the promotion and support of organizations that help people help themselves.

We are fortunate to have with us this weekend Kevin O'Gorman who will be speaking at Our Lady Mother of the Church and Jose Torres who will be speaking at St. Eugene on behalf of the Campaign for Human Development Collection. Both men are actively involved with CCHD and we welcome them.

CCHD supports these local groups as they create jobs, improve neighborhoods, keep schools safe and enriching for children, and raise leaders for the future. CCHD-sponsored programs effectively break the cycle of poverty by building collective power so that people can take action on the issues that affect their lives, families and communities. For example, in our own Vicariate IV, Progress center for Independent Living is run by and for people with disabilities, helping them to live full, independent lives in the community. PCIL recognizes the human dignity of people with disabilities and provides them with leadership development.

Last year, parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago raised $380,753.68 during collection weekend.

Next week, we have the ability to sow tangible seeds of hope by contributing to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Donations can also be made year-round at CCHDchicago.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Thursday, November 23rd, is Thanksgiving Day. As is our tradition, we will be having Mass at 9:00 a.m. on that day. (not the usual time of 7:00 a.m.) Please note that this year our Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Mother of the Church and not at St. Eugene Church. Because we have two worship sites and Thursday morning's Mass is held at Our Lady Mother of the Church, we will gather there this Thanksgiving. If you have not yet gone to our neighboring worship site, please try it out. This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving when we will gather as a parish family to give thanks to God for all His blessings in our lives and nation.

I truly encourage all in our parish to join us for this special Mass, even if this has not been your practice in the past. What better way to start off this national holiday than to gather around the Lord's Table before we come together later in the day to celebrate with family and friends. And if this will not be the case for you, let us be your family on Thanksgiving morning. So, pop the turkey in the oven and plan on joining us around the Lord's Table with your Queen of Peace family this Thursday.

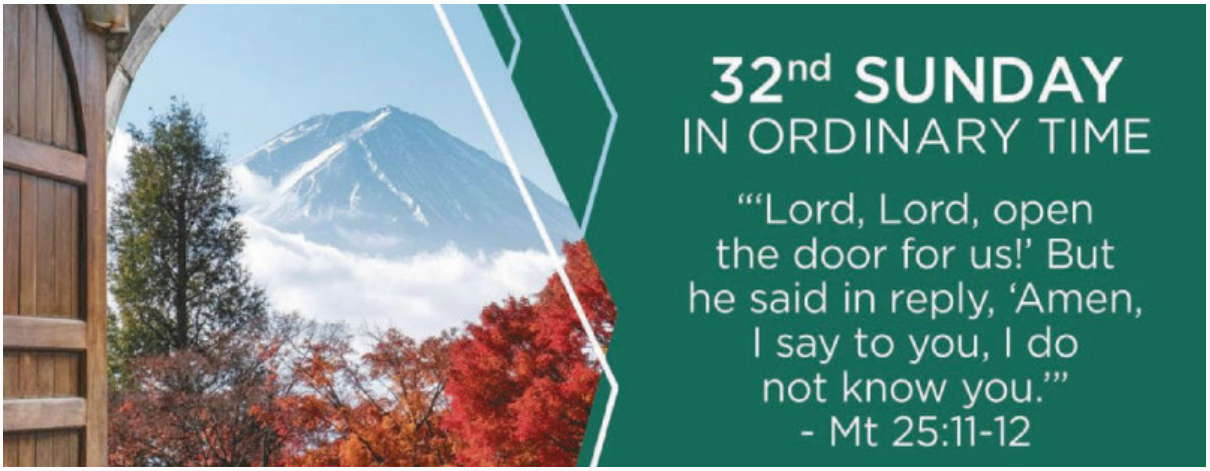
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All are invited to join us on our upcoming 12-day tour of Sweden and Norway next year, departing on August 6th thru August 17th, 2024. Whether you have ever been to Norway and Sweden before, no tour of these beautiful countries is ever the same. Sharing this experience with your family, friends and/or fellow parishioners helps to make it that much more enjoyable as we always have so much to talk about and share at the end of each of our days of sightseeing and touring.

Be sure to see the promotional information about this exciting trip in the brochures that can be found in the kiosks of our church's gathering spaces. We will be having an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall at Our Lady Mother of the Church for anyone that might be interested in signing up or hearing more about the highlights of this trip that will outline all the places we will be visiting.

This trip will probably fill up quickly. For anyone wanting to join us you can hold your spot by filling out and sending in the RSVP form contained in the trip brochure with your deposit. Brochures are available at either of our parish offices, in the vestibules of our churches or by request. Look forward to seeing some of you there.

Fr. Rich Yanos



Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish



Saturday, November 11, 2023

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

Armando Abdon, Sr., Elmer & Grace Frelka,
Wayne Greco, Hillard (Mike) Michalek,
Michael Michalek,
Bill Haj & Jorgo Stefanovski,
Nick & Jean Mazzocchi, Judith Shepherd,
Tom & Josephine Szczech.

Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish,
Robert J. Brun, Ted & Jean Fornek,
Jude & Minn Fams.,
Eugene Majewski,
Int. for Anthony Pawula,
Jozef Pawula,
Maria Raineri,
Dorothy & George Thiermann,
Janet Toton.

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

George Capps, Jr.,
Franca De Fonte,
George & Olga Gianno,
Laurel Hook, Marcia Juszynski,
Angela Lepore, Fred Nuccio- Anniversary,
Pietro Pisello,
Czeslawa Placzek,
Jozef Rebacz.

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Terry Allen, Domenico & Anna Battista,
Marge Dyson,
George & Pearl Giovannoni,
Jim & Mary Ellen Graziano,
Aleksander Hyrc,
Michael Vito Parente,
Mike Sr. & Anna Parente,
Phillip Saineghi, Phil Saineghi.

Monday, November 13, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Souls in Purgatory, Paul & Annetta Simonetti,
Anna & Mathew Dun, Boguslaw Frycz,
Rev. Kazimierz Kowalski,
Swan & Patricia Magnuson,

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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

S.I. Matthew, Nicole & Damian,
Natividad Lafue - Death Aniversary.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Poor Souls in Purgatory, The sick & dying,
Mike Cozzone, Lucille Lapaglia,
Monaco Fam., Lisa Pozzi.

Thursday, November 16, 2023

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

Adela, Wincenty, Juliusz, Aleksander Dmochowski,
Theodore Marszalek,
Joachim.

Friday, November 17, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Matthew Adamczyk, Joan Caponigro,
Edmund Czerwinski, Charles Kopinski,
Richard Oberheim, Frank & Betty Wilson.

Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Sharon MacIntyre, Paul Santella,
Zepplyn & Gertrude Fams.

Saturday, November 18, 2023

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

Nancy Calace, Charles & Helena Cielak,
Elmer & Grace Frelka, Martin & Katharina Hoog,
Hillard (Mike) Michalek, Michael Michalek,
Rev. Fred Tomzik, Anthony Ungaro,
Sammy Vizzini, Helen & Walter Wojtas.

Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish,
Matthew Adamczyk, Adele Pastorino,
Angela Brichetto, David Brichetto, Jr.,
Theresa M. Bruckhauser, Alfonso & Maria DiVito,
Wayne Greco, Joe Kurtyka- B-Day Remembrance,
Mazur Fam, Dec'd mbrs of the Sparacino Fam.

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

Felice Iannotta, Mary Muglia,
Vincent A. Nardi, Pietro Pisello,
Edward Rebacz, Stefania Rebacz,
Maria Murphy Sanchez, Anthony Seminaro,
Julian Sereda, Joseph & Sophie Slofkosky & Fam.

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Coco & Skinner Fams.
Joseph Cwiklik, Wieslawa Czauderna,
Giovanni & Cristina Greco, Erika Arquilla
Hlavacek, Mary Muglia, Antoni Orlowski,
Joseph Portenlanger, Ken Schnotala,
Tom Scianna

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 11 / 18 5 PM - St. Eugene	Rev. Ed Pacocha Dcn.Chris Virruso	J. Gebhardt - WB B. Gebhardt - B Celebrant & Deacon - C A. Cisek - O D. Sulimowski - WO	A. Coleman B. Rog A. Ek	J. Sclafani
Sunday, 11 / 19 8:30 AM St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	R. Kennedy - WB C. Mikucki - B J. Kolaski - O R. Sparacino - O C. Hill - WO	B. Janus M. Sclafani L. Parillo-Hall	S. Sparacino
Sunday, 11 / 19 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos Dcn. Chris Virruso	N. Divinagracia - C M. Walsh - T	D. Flynn G. Pilch	N. Ringelstein - 1st R. Catalano - 2nd
Sunday, 11 / 19 11:30 AM St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	O. Giacalone - WB C. Paulini - B M. Marszalek - C M. Tomzik - O P. Tomzik - WO	C. Wallace D. Luna A. Tekampe L. Solis	C. Giacalone



Rosaries for Veterans, Living and Deceased

This week the Rosary intention of the Rosary Guild is for all our veterans, both living and deceased. The following prayer is on the website of the Catholic Health Association of the United States.



"God of peace,

We pray that you bless all those who have served their country through service in the armed forces. Grant healing to those veterans who have been wounded, be it in body, mind, or soul.

We pray especially for those young men and women who come home to lives of suffering and loneliness. Offer them the solace that only You can, and may we pray for them often, especially when they feel they cannot pray. Echoing John Paul II, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars, we ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace.

Lord, have mercy. Bring peace to our hearts, the hearts of all veterans and to the regions in which they fought. Grant, we pray, the creative vision to see a world that, weary with fighting, affirms the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.

Prince of Peace, hear our prayer,

Amen."

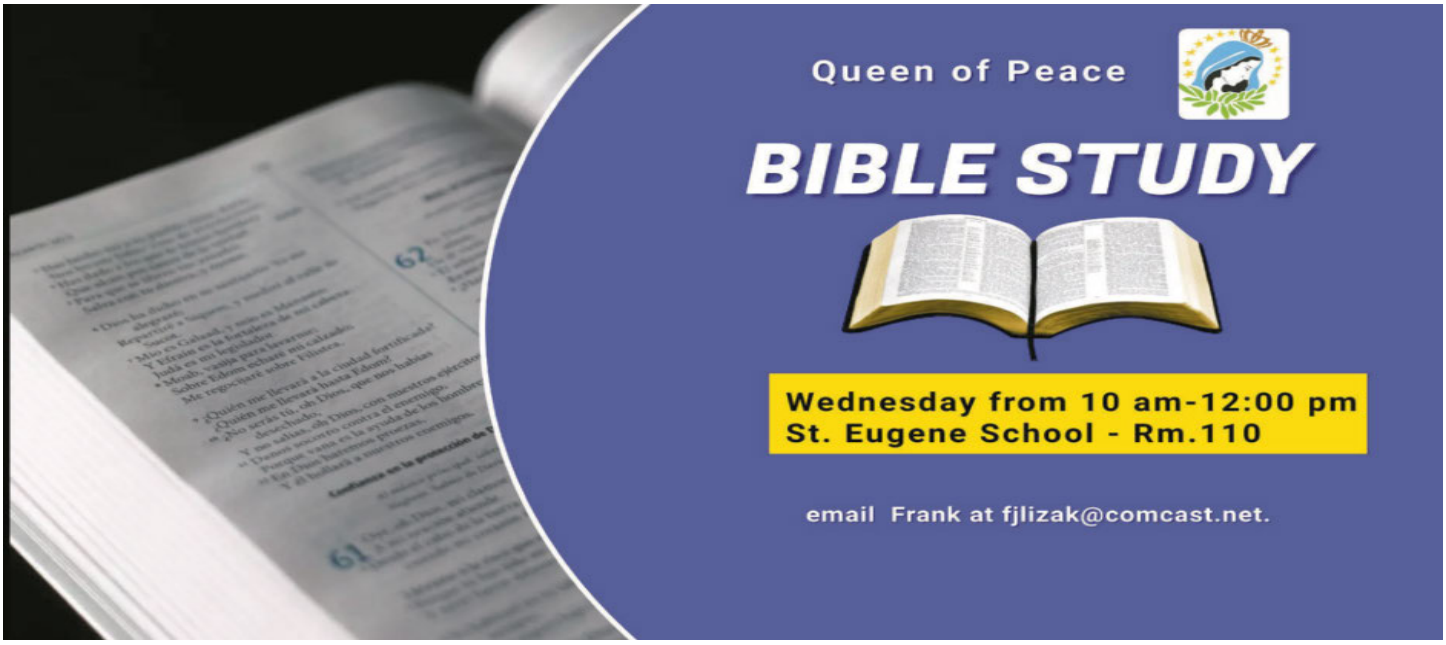
Thank you to all who will pray at least one Rosary for our living and deceased veterans, including Rosary Guild members Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., Shirley S., and Milabelle T.

Living Rosary



The Living Rosary is comprised of members who each pray one or more decades 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 each day, please contact the rectory office.

Joyful Mysteries	Luminous Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries	Glorious Mysteries
Annunciation – Ted M.	Baptism of Jesus – Barb R.	Agony in the Garden – Jean R.	Resurrection – Lita J.
Visitation – Barb R.	Wedding at Cana – Mary M.	Scourging at the Pillar – Jean R.	Ascension – Marsha G.
Nativity – Josephine N.	Proclaim the Kingdom – Ted M.	Crowning with Thorns – Mary M.	Descent of Holy Spirit
Presentation – Karen R.	Transfiguration – Emily A.	Carrying of the Cross – Ted M.	Assumption of Mary
Finding in the Temple – Mary M	Institution of Eucharist – Emily A.	Crucifixion – Demi S.	Coronation of Mary



Knights of Columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



This is a MORE THAN A PANCAKE BREAKFAST.
Menu includes:

All you can eat Pancakes, French toast,
Single servings of scrambled eggs, hash browns,
sausage, baked apples
and surprise specials of the day

Coffee, tea, milk and orange juice.

Suggested Donation is $10 for Adults,
Children 5-12 is $7, Children under 5 are free.
(Additional Donations are Appreciated)

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Membership: Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus contact:

Joe Marley – 708-702-2726
Marley-j@comcast.net

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Sunday, November 12th
7:30am - 11:00am

St. Eugene Church
Shaunessy Center

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Parish Vitality and Mission
Human Dignity and Solidarity
Cardinal Meyer Center
3525 South Lake Park Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "to bring good news to the poor...release to captives...sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18).

CCHD holds as central the belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insights into knowing how to change them. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a handout.

CCHD has a complementary mission of educating on poverty and its causes. This strategy of education for justice and helping people who are poor speak and act for themselves reflects the mandate of the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching.

CCHD provides the Catholic faithful with concrete opportunities to live out the love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation. CCHD is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through an annual parish collection.

CCHD is an essential part of the Church in the United States' social mission, and a unique part of the Catholic community's broad commitment to assist low-income people, families and communities.

To view our website or to donate online, please visit **CCHDchicago.org**.

For more information, contact us at **ohds@archchicago.org**.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE

This second collection will take place on the weekend of November 18th and 19th.
Thank you for supporting CCHD Mission.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT

Catholic Campaign for Human Development 2023 Annual Report





Sunday, November 5

5:00 SE	$3,252.00
8:30 SE	$2,978.00
10:00 OLMC	$2,113.00
11:30 SE	$2,877.00
Mail SE	$6,952.00
Total Physical	**$18,172.00**
GC DS	$351.01
GC OLMC	$571.92
GC SE	$1,981.00
Total Online	**$2,903.93**
Total	**$21,075.93**
All Saint's Day	$3,787.00
All Soul's Day	$3,714.00

Please continue your contribution in the usual way, until we finalize the merger of the databases and electronic giving accounts.
Thank you for your support!

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Eric Nelson
† Theresa Di Simone
† Rosemary Gerardi

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.





Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

Available After All Masses
In Rear Vestibule
(Tickets are Also Available
In SE Rectory Office)

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Pancake Breakfast

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Second Collections

11/12	Parish Sharing
11/19	Campaign for Human Development
11/23	Human Concerns
11/26	School Support

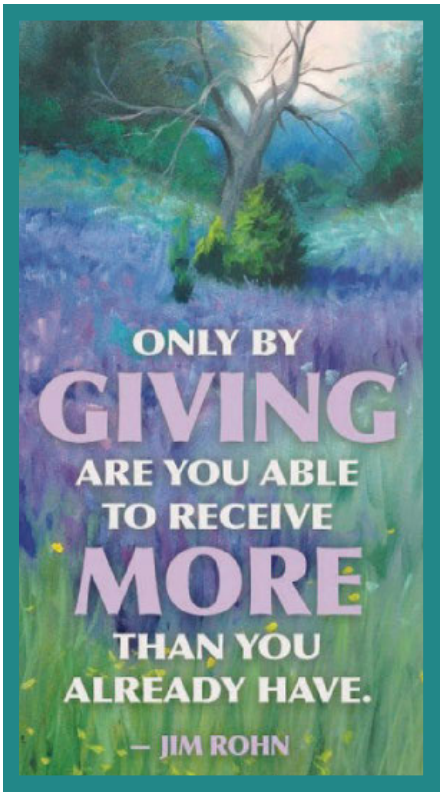




Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent two weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org
We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the **holiday schedule.**
Thank you.

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205





Indulgences Prayer Service Saturday, November 18, 3:00 PM St. Eugene Church

On Saturday, November 18, join the Young Adults Group at 3:00 PM for a meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Confession and Mass. Attend all three to receive a plenary indulgence. As we remember our beloved dead through the month of November, consider obtaining a plenary indulgence for your loved ones.

Plenary indulgences are a powerful way to obtain the remission of punishment. Don't miss the opportunity to help a soul in Purgatory be reunited with God, and gain an intercessor in Heaven. All parishioners are welcome to attend.





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.

Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio
Victoria Amelio
Patricia & Lawrence Basili
Judy Bauer
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
A. & V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Alice Cornwell
Mark Corrado
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Frank Lizak
Terry Katz
Mary T. Keating
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
Abagail Lim
Allie Lim
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena Melendrez
Jazmine Melendrez
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Misciniscinski
Linda Morton
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
Rodney Niewinski
Joe Notaro
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Victtoria Nudo
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Blanca Pacia
Robert Pankow
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Anthony Parisi
Kay Phelan
Rita Rogers
Diane Rizzuto
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Bob Schu
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Ernesto Vergara
Genowefa Wawronowicz
Dolores Wilk
Joyce Wolter

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
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.
Major Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Lt. Radoslaw Korzeniak
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
Tony Strzalka



WE NEED YOU!

We want to continue our tradition of building new choir members
Do you love to sing?
Are you looking for a way to meet new people with similar interests?
Would you like to share your talents and serve the church?
It's now time to join the St. Eugene Church Adult Choir

The Choir sings on Sundays at the 11:30 a.m. liturgy.
Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in St. Eugene Church (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. the 2 weeks before Christmas & Easter).

Can't make Wednesdays? We run through the music at 11:00 a.m. in church before mass.
Please enter through the westernmost door of the church by the music area.

If you have any questions please email Lydia at LHILADO@ST-EUGENE.ORG.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

COME AND HEAR ABOUT OUR UPCOMING NORWAY and SWEDEN TRIP
12 Days… August 6 – August 17,2024

INFORMATIONAL MEETING NEWS BELOW….

The Brochures for this exciting trip are now available and can be found in the brochure racks and parish office at St. Eugene's campus and in the bulletin kiosks and racks at Our Lady, Mother of the Church. If you are not able to pick one up, you can fill out the form below and get it back to me and I'll be glad to send you one.

If you would like to hear first-hand about all the places that we will be visiting on this trip or to get your questions answered we will be having an Informational Meeting on Tuesday evening, November 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady Mother of the Church's parish hall. The address for Our Lady Mother of the Church is: 8747 W. Lawrence Avenue and the entrance for this meeting will be on the back side of the church (south side) of the building.

This trip is likely to draw a lot of interest and is sure to fill up quickly, so if you think you might be interested in joining us next August be sure to get your reservation in early.

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Request for Fr. Rich's Norway and Sweden Adventure Brochure

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE #: _____ EMAIL: _____

RETURN TO: Fr. Rich Yanos, 7958 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL 60656

Queen of Peace Giving Tree 2023



Dear Parishioners,
Every year at this time we begin passing out names for the Giving Tree!
Tables will be set up in the entrances of the Church.
This year we will pass out names of Students from:

Our Lady of Angels Catholic School,
Pre K to 8th Grade on the following dates:

ST EUGENES CHURCH:

Saturday, November 18th 5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, November 19th 8:30 am Mass and 11:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, November 25th. 5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, November 26st. 8:30 am Mass and 11:30 a.m. Mass

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 19th 10:00 am Mass
Sunday, November 26th. 10:00 am Mass

Volunteers are needed for the dates above to pass out names

Remember All gifts are to be returned to the Church Unwrapped
Preferably with a Gift bag and ribbon !
All Gifts must be returned by **Sunday, December 3rd, 2023**

Donations of gift bags, curling ribbon, tape and tissue paper are appreciated.

Companies or Organizations who would like to donate board games and sporting goods please do so!

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity,

Lonnie Muehlfelder - 1- 773-895-4553

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:
"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday:	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Friday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Saturday:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Next Sunday:	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne was a French Roman Catholic religious sister and missionary who served France during the French Revolution before immigrating to the USA. She established the First Sacred Heart convent in North America and dedicated her life in service to the poor.

Prayer

Lord, You alone are the Center in which I find rest. Give me Your arm to support me, Your shoulders to carry me, Your breast to lean upon, Your Cross to uphold me, Your Body to nourish me. In You, Lord, I sleep and rest in peace.

Amen.

-Saint Rose-Philippine Duchesne

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday:
Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday:
Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:
Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:
Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:
Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

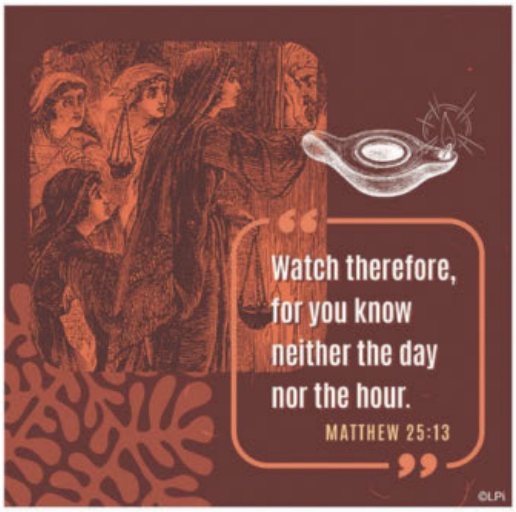
Friday:
Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday:
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: **"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."** Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark. — *Father John Muir*

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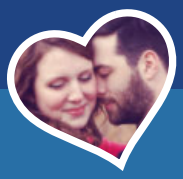
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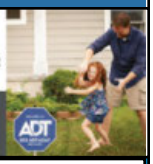
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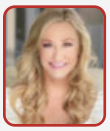
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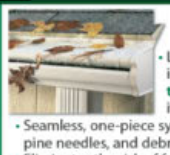
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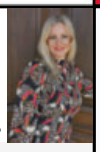
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