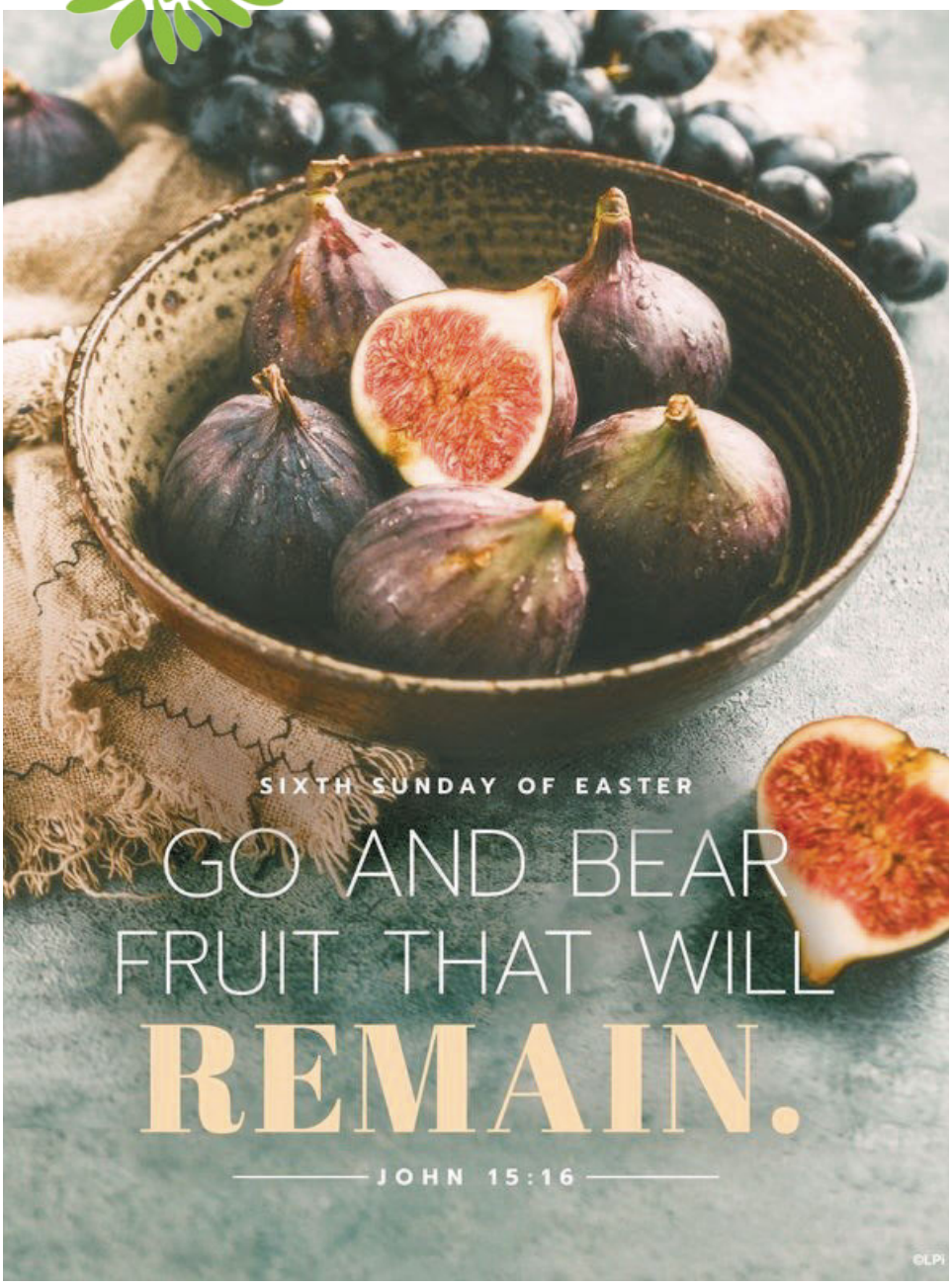
Queen of Peace Parish

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

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

MASSES:

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

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

CONFESSIONS 3:30 pm on Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

May 5th, 2024

From the desk of Fr. Rich



Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear that Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. Then one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. The result, as we shall see, is the first recorded conversion of Gentiles to Christianity.

In our second reading today, the tradition of the apostle John's teachings is expressed in what is called the first letter of John. There is a legend that John in his old age would simply repeat over and over to his people, "Love one another." Today's passage from that letter particularly illustrates this story.

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Many thanks to all who participated in our Parish Mission this past week. In many ways our gathering with each other on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights was like going on a mini retreat. Fr. Tom McCarthy provided us with practical ways of looking at and understanding in new and different ways the many facets of our Catholic faith.

Each night over 400 people attended at Our Lady, Mother of the Church which literally filled the church. We also shared delicious food and drink prepared by many of the members of our planning committee. It was wonderful to see our blended and newly formed community of Queen of Peace come together in this way. Many had shared with me that they would like to see us provide this opportunity on an annual basis.

I would also like to thank the members of our parish Unification Committee for all their work with the planning and organizing of our Easter season Parish Mission. Thanks for a job well done everyone!

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Our congratulations go out to all the young boys and girls of our parish who have celebrated their First Communions this weekend. What wonderful days these are as we welcome our youngest members to the Lord's Table for the first time!

Talking to many of our 1st Communicants in the weeks before they received their First Communion, it was so moving to see and hear the enthusiasm with which they were approaching their First Communion Day. We often hear how children have a unique way of influencing their parents; this is always evident at this time of year, as many of our parents are brought back to the practice of their faith because of their children's reception of the sacraments. How powerful it is to hear a parent tell me that they've come back to Mass or Reconciliation because they've realized how important it is to model their faith now for their young son or daughter. How true this is!

If only each of us realized the impact this role of modeling our faith has on our children. When your children see that on Saturday night or Sunday morning – no matter what – God comes first before any other activity, and you affirm this by giving priority to God and coming to church through your participation at Mass, there is no doubt that what you are teaching them will leave a deep impression and that they will take this example with them into their adulthood. This is truly when parents have fulfilled their promises that were made at their children's baptisms to raise them to the best of their ability in the ways of our faith. To you who are taking this commitment seriously, our deepest gratitude and support.

I would also like to express a sincere "thank you" to Margaret Kinel, our Principal and Director of Religious Education, and all our dedicated School and Religious Education teacher/catechists, especially and Mrs. Michel and, Ms. Aguada as well as the many other volunteers, who helped make this year's First Communion Mass the true celebration it was.

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Mother's Day is only a week away. Here in our country, we set aside this special day to remember and celebrate these special women in each of our lives who, with our fathers, have been instrumental in not only bringing each of us into this world, but have also helped to provide loving homes that are much needed today. We honor these women who have cared, nurtured, fed, and even sacrificed for us because of their deep maternal love for us.

Whether living or deceased, hopefully a prayer of thanksgiving will be said for your mom. If you might wish to have your mother remembered in a special way at all our Mother's Day Masses, as well as having their name on our altar throughout the year, you can do so by writing in your mother's names on the special Mother's Day envelope that was provided in your May packet of your Sunday offering envelopes including also your Mass offerings for this purpose. They can be placed in the collection basket at church, mailed to or dropped off at the rectory and their names will be added to the memorial page that will be included in our parish bulletin as well as placed on our altar for an entire year. In addition, our living and deceased mothers will be remembered at all the Masses on Mother's Day.

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Mother's Day weekend is also the traditional weekend that Catholic Charities encourages all Catholics to support its Annual Mother's Day Appeal.

The number of calls to Catholic Charities is increasing daily from people who have nowhere else to turn. People in every parish and every neighborhood are struggling to make ends meet. More families face unemployment or the loss of a home.

Please give generously to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal. Your support of this collection gets transformed into the compassion that Catholic Charities has become known for that protects the poor and gives the precious gift of a fulfilling and dignified life to those less fortunate than we. Please be generous and remember that as you mail in or drop your offering off at church or at the rectory, you become the only source of hope to those who seem to not matter in the eyes of so many in our world.

Your donations also support programs for emergency food and shelter, affordable housing for seniors, teen parenting services, employment, and job training and so many other services that Catholic Charities provides. You can also contribute online at: www.catholiccharities.net/donate or mail your check directly to Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60454.

Have a blessed week ahead everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Mary, Joseph & Russell Biskup
Maria Rosa Concialdi
Marvin Kocar
Mary LaPietra & Leyden Families
Marion Watermann
Helen & Walter Wojtas
Jan Wozny

Sunday, May 5

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Eusebia Bermas
Robert J. Brun
Elinor Greaves
Angelo Nickele
S.I. Aniela Niemczyk - Healing & Blessing,
Scott Petit
Jan Piechowicz
Rev. Richard Simon
Barbara Stavnem
Martha & Alex Wrobel

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

Bronislawa & Stanley Baka
John Cantanese
Franca DeFante
Norbert & Wesley Feret
Angela Lapore
Josephine Miller
Pietro Pisello
Debbie Puhala
Edward Rebacz,
Jadwiga Harriet Swider
Nicola Troiano

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Daniel Anciano,
Domenico & Anna Cale
Lina & Francesco Colletto
Maria & Calogero Colletto
Vita Colletto
Lia Gerard
Zofia & Wladyslaw Liwak
Colomba Lupo
Donato Donald Parente—B-Day Remembrance
Jorgo & Zorica Stefanovski

Monday, May 6, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Calogero Abbinanti
Killmer & Ackerman Families
Drew Mariano & Families
Mark Nagel
Anthony Parisi
Roseann Salvadori

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

Souls in Purgatory
Rev. Dan Fallon
Lucille Gutowski,
S.I. For Agata Jasinska,
Irena Kwiatkowska

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Stanislaw Godlewski
John LaVelle
Mr. LaPietra's students & Rydak Families
Brian Patrick Masterson
S.I. Rita Rogers

Thursday, May 9, 2024,

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

Fr. Dan Fallon
Mary O'Regan
S.I. Nicole Tittany
Barbara & Edmund Zarzycki

Friday, May 10, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz
Jim La Pietra & Killmer Families
Christopher Masterson
Hillard (Mike) Michalek
Michael Michalek
S.I. Rita Rogers
Christine Wyszkowski

Saturday, May 11, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Wayne J. Greco
Jude & Minn Families
S.I. Rita Rogers
S.I. Kade Shipper
Rev. Richard Simon

Saturday, May 11

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

For All Living and Deceased Mothers

Sunday, May 12

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

For All Living and Deceased Mothers

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

For All Living and Deceased Mothers

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

For All Living and Deceased Mothers



Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 05/11 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	T. Swiderski - WB D. Sulimowski - B M. Pollowy - C R. Sparacino - O C. Bobka - WO T. Swiderski - Cup - B T. Crivlare - Cup - O	TBA	S. Sparacino
Sunday, 05/12 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	B. Czubek - WB R. Cantal - B M. Cozzo - C P. Draniczarek - O D. Duszynski - WO J. Cardella - Cup - B M. Egan - Cup - O	TBA	C. Mikucki
Sunday, 05/12 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom C. Virruso - TC	R. Catalano - AB G. Henderson - AC P. Peterson - TB N. Mosk - TB	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	K. Kelch - 1st C. Capps - 2nd
Sunday, 05/12 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	D. Hernandez - WB M. Villaba - B B. Berggren - C C. Giacalone - O O. Giacalone - WO M. Zurek - Cup - B H. Holder - Cup - O	TBA	L. Vasich

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Eugene Church

Mondays 4 – 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm





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
Peter Badagliacca
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
Mark Corrado
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
John Dahlquist
Sharon Dompke
Joseph Duna
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Ryszard Jablonski
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abagail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena & Jazmine Melendrez
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Miscinscinski
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
Rodney Niewinski
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Victtoria Nudo
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Kay Phelan
Rita Rogers
Bill Ruhl
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

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
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 McLenieghan
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

Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land

Weekend of May 4th & 5th, after each Mass in St. Eugene & OLMC



Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land.

Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic consequences on the Holy sites. Issam, from the "Star of Bethlehem" group came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem. Please show your generosity to our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land.



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."
— John 15:12

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:
My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

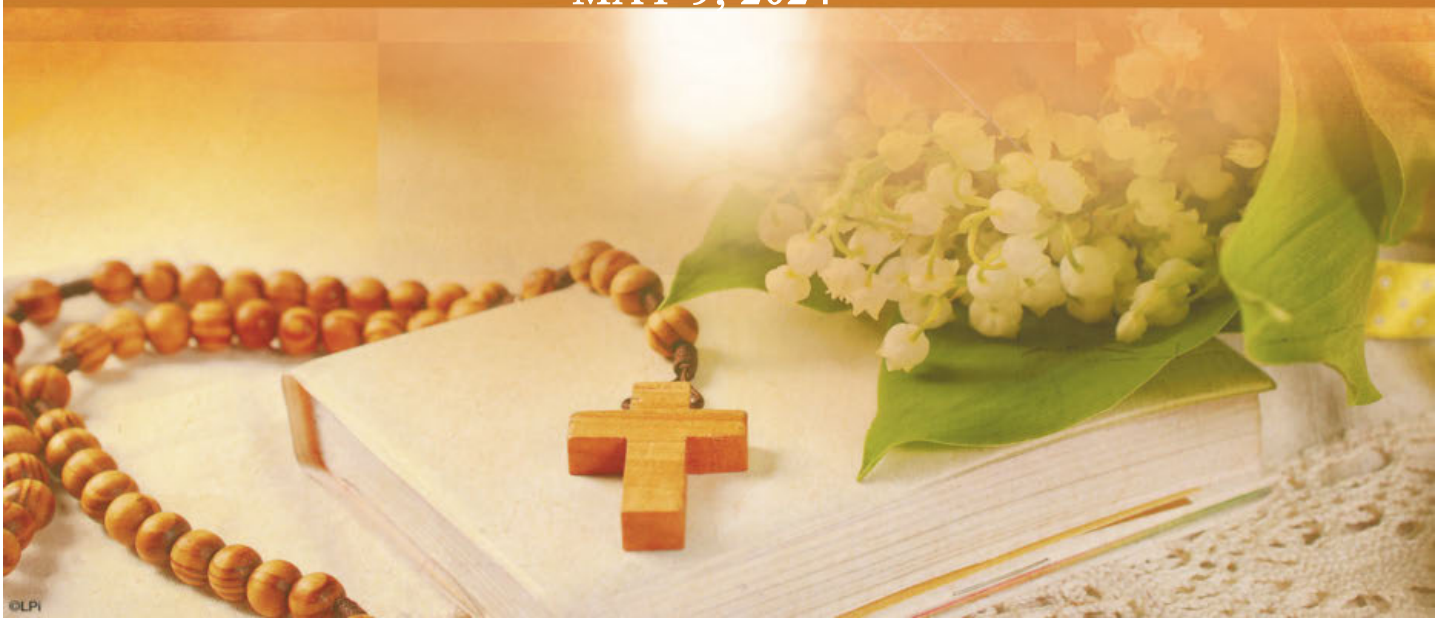
Answer:
Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!

Riana Aguilar
Neenah Alarcon-Guerra
Ciamarie Bertolli
Joseph Biondo
Carly Brown
David Broyzna
Alannah Burneo
Sofia Carvajal
Sophia Castelli
Lucia Colosimo
Noah Corcino
Sebastian Corcino
Jon Rey Donghit
Viola Egan
Nathan Elliott-Meneghetti
Liam Fabyan
Leighianne Fajardo
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Massimo Figueroa
Logan Garcia
Thomas Gibbons
Samantha Gimay
Amelia Hall
Noah Hernandez
Thomas Janus
Frances Katalbas
Alex Kenar
Susanna Kenar
Zoey Kozik
Paul Kutnyy
Frank Kuzborska
Nora Labek
Stella Lagiglio
Giuseppe Lombardo
Gianna Losacco
Elizabeth Mares
Faelan McCormick
Marissa Miller
Avery Mora
Giuliana Orlando
Elias Papaioannou
Lucas Payne
Anthony Pugliese
Simone Rabor
Kathleen Richardson
Brandon Rodriguez
Luis Rodriguez
Brandon Sabel
Sean Sevilla
Cristina Spada
Elizabet Val
Marco Valdes
Ashylyn Vallejo
Maximilian Vasquez
Anna Vivcharyk
Shae Wallace
Angelika Wnek
Ariana Wozniczka
Anthony Ziajor-Pikul

FIRST COMMUNION

MAY 9, 2024

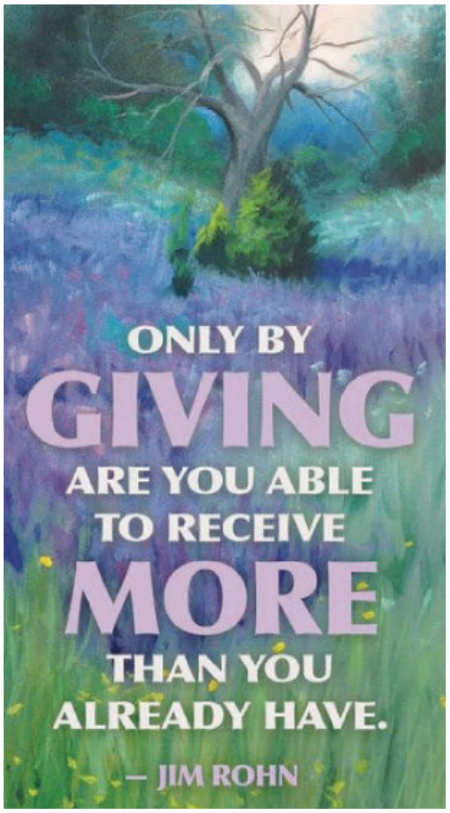




Sunday, April 28

4:30 pm SE	$3,805.00
8:30 SE	$3,597.50
10:00 OLMC	$2,474.00
11:30 SE	$2,822.00
Mail SE	$2,240.00
Total Physical	**$14,938.50**
Online Collection	$2,312.01
Grand Total	**$17,250.51**







Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

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

Second Collections

May 5
Mother 's Day Remembrance

May 9
Ascension

May 12
Catholic Charities Mother`s Day Appeal

May 19
School Support

May 26
St. Eulalia Sharing Parish





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.*

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Robert Pankow

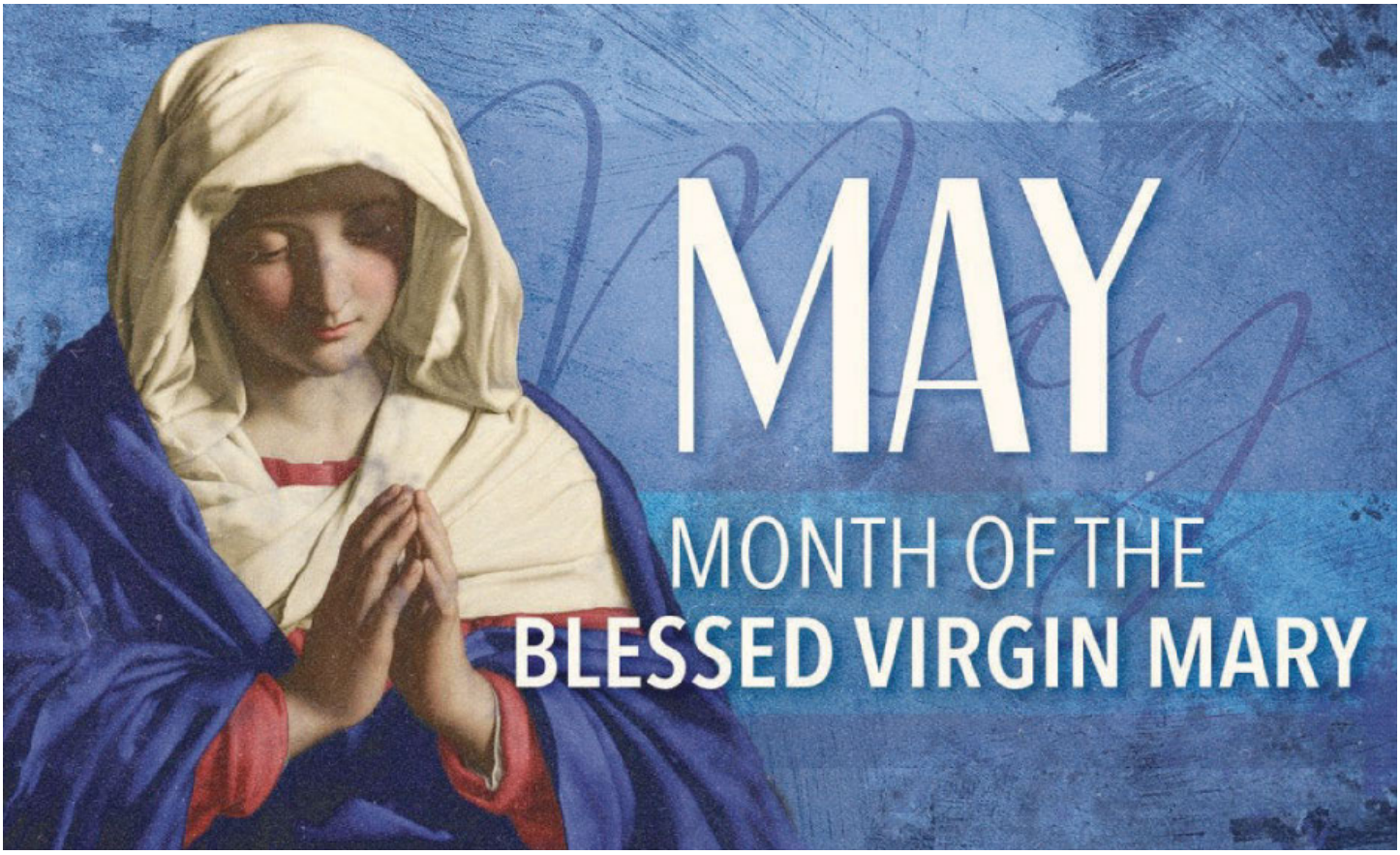
May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

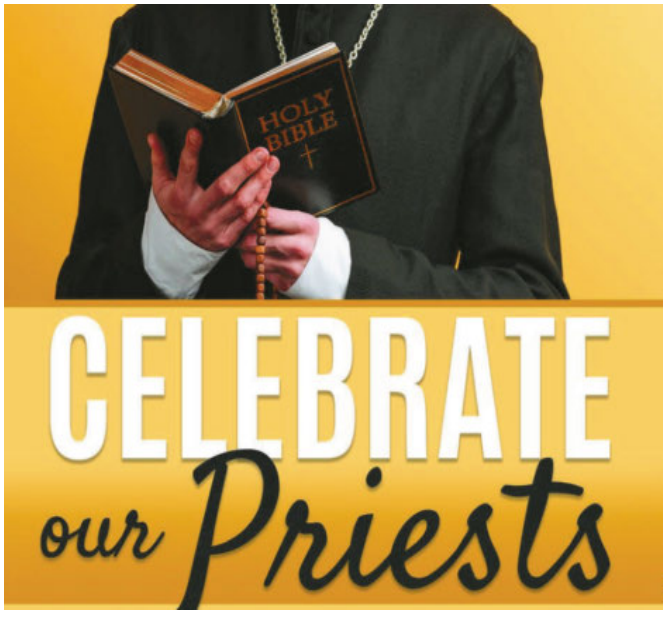


BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday in St. Eugene School room 110 from 10:00 to 12:00. Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net.
Hope to see you there!







Happy Anniversary
of your Ordination to the Priesthood
Our Pastor, Rev. Richard M. Yanos
May 7 - 40 years

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Fr. Tolton Pilgrimage

Sunday, May 19, 2024, a Pilgrimage to remember the ministry of Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton here in Chicago.



Tentatively, we will drive by the Cardinal Meyer Center, participate in a Sunday Mass at St. Benedict the African Parish, and visit the grave of Fr. Tolton's mother, Martha Jane Tolton, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

If you are interested in joining us, please e-mail youngadults@st-eugene.org.

Living Rosary

May is the month of Mary, a wonderful time to pray a decade of the Rosary each day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of the Living Rosary's patron, Saint Philomena. To be a part of the Living Rosary, please reach out to the parish 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 - Camille C.
Presentation - Karen R.	Transfiguration - Emily A.	Carrying of the Cross - Ted M.	Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Finding in the Temple - Mary M	Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.	Crucifixion - Demi S.	Coronation of Mary - Camille C.

Rosaries for the Church in Europe

This Sunday, May 5 is the feast of Our Lady of Europe. When Pope Francis was visiting Hungary last year, on April 30, he prayed to Mary, "…We pray to you for the Church in Europe, that she may find strength in prayer, renewed humility and obedience, and be an example of convincing witness and joyful proclamation…." The Rosary intention of the Rosary Guild this week is for the Church in Europe. If you are able to pray one Rosary for this intention, please consider becoming a Rosary Guild member, along with 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. To join the Rosary Guild, please contact the parish rectory office.





First grade
Family Mass
April 14, 2024





We continue to meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month thru June.

Our cabinets are slowly getting filled again and we have a couple places to donate too.

If you like to crochet, you need to join us.

We have tons of great yarn to choose from and we are a great group of ladies who would welcome you with open arms.

Any questions please feel free to reach out to Pam at 773-685-7586.



OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

BECOMING CATHOLIC — OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)
ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments. The manual used in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults states that the rite is designed for adults "who after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God." The manual also states when speaking about those in the process "By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time receive the sacraments fruitfully."

WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

As our Blessed Mother brings us to her Son Jesus, it is our task also to bring others to the Lord. Is there someone you can invite to explore the Catholic faith - someone unbaptized, or baptized in non - Catholic Christian tradition? Perhaps you know a Catholic adult interested in being confirmed. Please contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Spring 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May is a month to remember and celebrate the mothers and mother figures in our lives. These women—on whom all generations depend—are essential to the fullness of God's plan for human life.

May is also the month when we celebrate the important work of our Catholic Charities. Helping mothers in need is core to our Catholic faith and a cornerstone mission for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Whether they be single mothers, mothers of children with special needs, foster mothers, or mothers who are migrants, we help them and their children.

Your generous donation to the Mother's Day Collection for Catholic Charities enables this urgent work. Catholic Charities was founded more than a century ago by the Archdiocese to help those in need in Cook and Lake counties. As the largest provider of human services in our region, Catholic Charities serves nearly 400,000 people annually. This tremendous reach of services is only possible through your generous support.

Each year I call on our parishes to support Catholic Charities, and so I encourage you to be generous by contributing, either:

- In-person during the second collection on Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12
- Online at catholiccharities.net/donate
- By mail to Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 8275, Carol Stream, IL 60197-8275.

Thank you for your on-going support and partnership. May Mary, our Mother whom we honor in May, continue to inspire us to take up the mission of her Son with joyful enthusiasm.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Nurses Notes:

May is Stroke awareness month. Therefore, I'd like to share some information to make you more aware of what this term means. An **ischemic stroke** occurs when the blood supply to part of the brain is blocked or reduced. This prevents brain tissue from getting oxygen and nutrients. Brain cells begin to die in minutes. Another type of stroke is a **hemorrhagic stroke**. It occurs when a blood vessel in the brain leaks or bursts and causes bleeding in the brain. The blood increases pressure on brain cells and damages them. A transient ischemic attack (**TIA**) is a short period of symptoms similar to those of a stroke. It's caused by a brief blockage of blood flow to the brain. A TIA usually lasts only a few minutes and doesn't cause long-term damage. However, a TIA may be a warning. About 1 in 3 people who have a TIA will eventually have a stroke, with about half occurring within a year after the TIA. Often called a ministroke, a TIA can serve as both a warning of a future stroke and a chance to prevent it.

The Facts:
Stroke can happen to anyone at any age. 80% of all strokes are preventable.
Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S. and a leading cause of severe disability.
On average, one person dies from a stroke every 4 minutes. More than 795,000 people have a stroke each year in the U.S.
Stroke kills almost 130,000 of the 800,000 Americans who die of cardiovascular disease each year—that's 1 out of every 19 deaths from all causes.

Should you notice these symptoms, call emergency services (911) immediately:
BEFAST
B = Balance - Loss of balance headache, dizziness
E = Eye - Blurred vision
F = Facial drooping on one side
A = Arm drifting when held up or weakness
S = Speech difficulty, especially if slurred
T = Time is of the essence



Prevent stroke by following the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Life's Simple 7 tips:

- Manage blood pressure
- Control cholesterol
- Reduce blood sugar
- Get active
- Eat better
- Lose weight
- Stop smoking

Peace,
Terri, RN

PLEASE JOIN ME FOR THE NEXT B/P SCREENING WHICH WILL BE MAY 18TH AND 19TH BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES. I WILL NOT HAVE A SCREENING IN THE SUMMER MONTHS, RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ME AT QUEEN OF PEACE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET ME TO ASSESS YOUR B/P OR DISCUSS ANY HEALTH CHALLENGES.

TOMATOES, PEPPERS, BEANS, CUCUMBERS!!

Are you thinking what is this about? Of course, you are!

Many parishioners have small gardens in the summer in the neighborhood. We all enjoy fresh vegetables. So we thought of starting a new ministry for our sharing parish, St. Eulalia's Food Pantry at their Quinn Center-A Garden Ministry.

Once or twice a month in the summer, we will collect fresh produce from our gardens and deliver them to our sharing parish. Dates to be determined.

So start thinking about what you are going to plant and share. It will be fun to share and give to our sharing parish friends.
Further information to follow at a later date.
Any questions-contact lizakfam@aol.com



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

Psalm:
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

Gospel:
"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Christ's love for us is radical — it changed the whole world. It will not be easy to love as Christ loved, but this is the mission for which we have been chosen by God. So let us love one another. Let us change the world.

Observances for the week of May 05, 2024

Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter
Thursday:	The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses)
Friday:	St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day



Saint of the week

St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop in the fourth century. His teachings on the Eucharist, among other topics, secured his place as a Doctor of the Church. Though his ministry was marked by estrangement, exile, and ultimately, reconciliation, he never lost his faith!

Prayer of Love

God the Father,
You created me in love.
Jesus, your love for me compelled you to come to earth to die for me.
Holy Spirit, love between God and Jesus, now you surround me with the love of the Father and the Son.
Help me to live out this reality, today and always.
Amen.

Readings for the week of May 05, 2024

Sunday:
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday:
Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday:
Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:
Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20
Ascension:
Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday:
Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:
Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/ Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter:
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/ 1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of *suffering* with *friendship* sound exactly like JPII? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, **"You are my friends if you do what I command you"** (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

— Father John Muir

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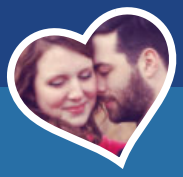
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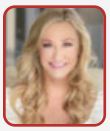
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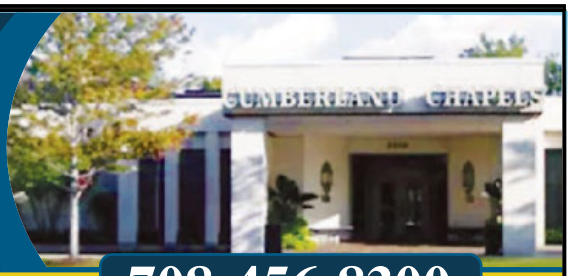
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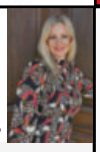
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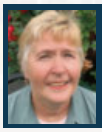
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