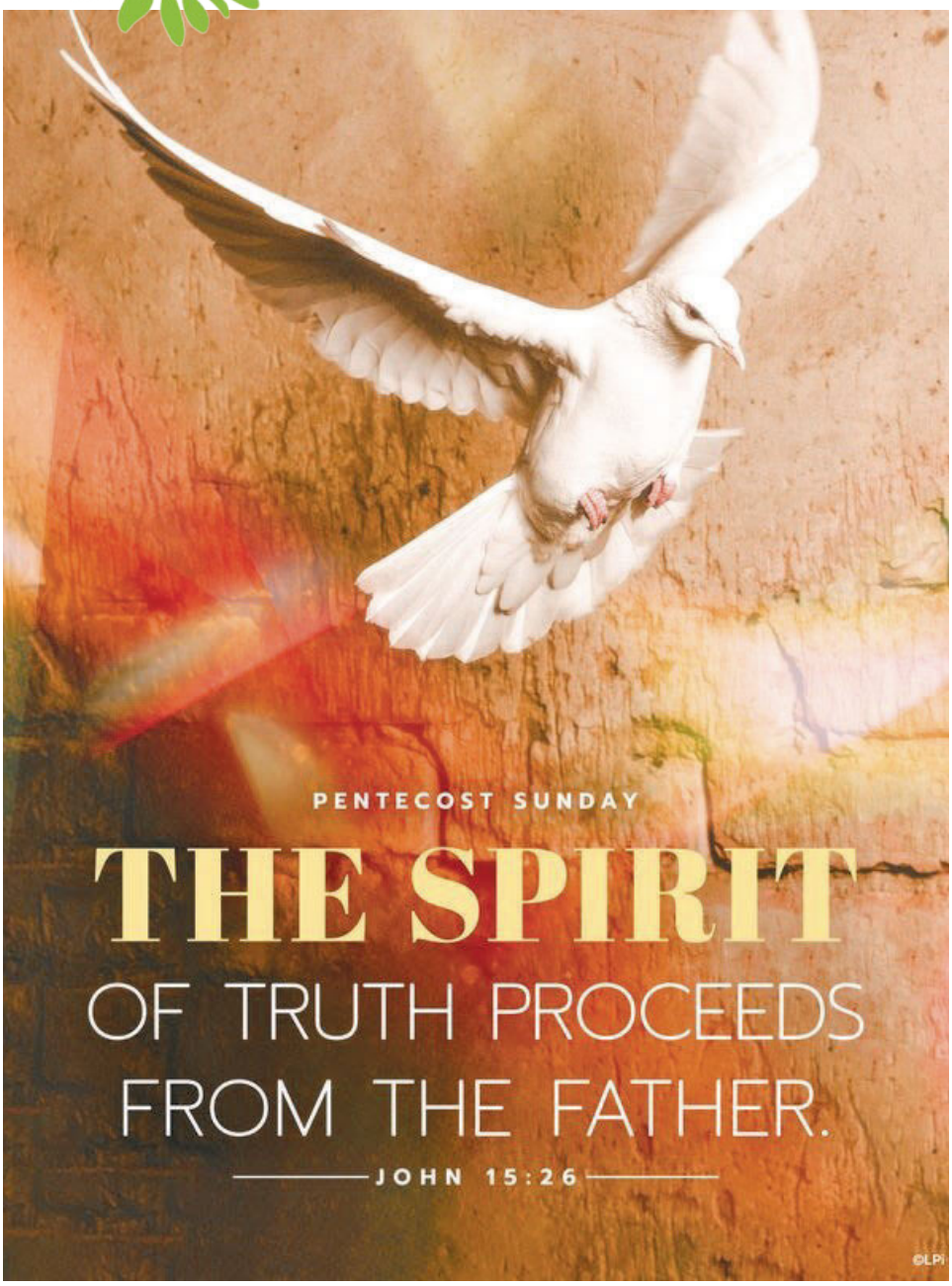
Queen of Peace Parish

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.



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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 19th, 2024

From the desk of Fr. Rich



On this weekend our Church celebrates Pentecost Sunday, a day often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Jesus says in the Gospel today: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Then he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

Jesus says these words to us, too: "As the Father has sent me, **SO I SEND YOU**." He also gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is here among us NOW, in our community of Queen of Peace, in our families, in all our thoughts, in our prayer, and in our outreach…

There was a song where we sang: "Every time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart, I will pray…" We could expand that to say: "Every time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart, I will do…" or Every time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart, I will give… or "…I will forgive…" or "…I will love…" The list goes on and on because the Spirit moves in us all the time. The Spirit breathes where and as it wills.

Jesus sends us to be loving people in all that we do or say and gives us the gift of the Spirit who nudges us into action or whispers an inspiration to our hearts. The Spirit does move in our hearts every time we call someone with a kind or comforting word, -- a congratulations or an offer of help… or perhaps when we take the time to write a note to someone just to say we're thinking about them.

Yes, the Spirit moves in our hearts when we go out of our way to give a compliment or a smile, or we volunteer to spend time with our own and other people's children in coaching, providing treats after a game, driving carpools, and teaching catechism… The Spirit is also moving when we reach out to help our neighbors as well as when we join various ministries in our parishes of Queen of Peace. We live our faith through the generosity we extend to others.

Today is the Feast of Pentecost, and we invite you to prayerfully consider whether you can help build our united parish community into an even more vital and Spirit-filled place.

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You may have heard that legislation, SB 3499, has been introduced to make assisted suicide legal in Illinois.

Polling data show many Illinoisians do not understand the consequences of legalizing assisted suicide, including Catholics. What may seem like a compassionate choice may be in fact influenced by financial considerations and the lack of support to help patients and their families. Data from other states where assisted suicide is legal reveal that it is often not chosen for the reasons stated in public arguments.

Education is needed in the months ahead on this subject, especially to clarify Church teaching on this emotional issue and to help each of us understand the consequences of making assisted suicide legal in Illinois.

On the following page, please read "A Message on Assisted Suicide from the Catholic Bishops of Illinois"

The following are some principal points to consider after you read this message from our Bishops here in the state of Illinois.

1. Know what is happening – The Catholic Conference of Illinois has a landing page on its website that includes a brief webinar and other information to help you understand this issue. www.ilcatholic.org

2. Know the Positive Catholic Position on End-of-Life Care – Genuine Catholic teaching offers real compassion for dying people, works with them to alleviate suffering, and does not impose an obligation to use extraordinary means to prolong life. Catholic teaching offers real respect for the life and dignity of people.

3. Recognize the Fallacies and Distortions – In pushing this legislation forward, its promoters will inevitably tap into people's fears (e.g. "there can be terrible pain at the end of life"), neglect better possibilities for end-of-life care (e.g. palliative care) and mischaracterize assisted suicide as "compassionate care."

4. Understand the Consequences – There are significant consequences that affect everyone, not just the person who wishes to end their life.

5. Catholics Are Not Alone in Their Opposition – Physicians, the disability community among others are also opposed. www.stopassistedsuicideillinois.

Have a blessed week ahead everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos



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A BETTER WAY FORWARD

A Message on Assisted Suicide from the Catholic Bishops of Illinois

April 2024

Legislation has been introduced to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. SB 3499 makes it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. The Catholic Bishops of Illinois oppose this legislation; there is a better way forward for our state.

As Pope Francis underscores, "We must accompany people towards death, but not provide death or facilitate assisted suicide."

Assisted suicide disregards the Hippocratic Oath, "Do No Harm," and sends the wrong message about the role of medical professionals. We cannot say it any better than the American Medical Association, "Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would provide serious societal risks."

This legislation brings a range of possible abuses. It should alarm us that in states with legalized assisted suicide there are documented cases of people being offered inexpensive lethal drugs to end their life rather than being provided more costly treatment. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy because they are the most vulnerable to abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide.

In Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal since 1997, data show that pain is not among the top five reasons why a person wants to end their life. Loss of autonomy, feelings of being a burden and being less able to engage in activities that make life enjoyable are most often cited as reasons for choosing assisted suicide. A better way forward is to expand mental health coverage and strengthen social supports such as community programs to help those dealing with depression and feelings of hopelessness.

No one wants to suffer or experience a loved one's suffering. Fortunately, there are effective ways to alleviate suffering or make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care. This relatively new specialty area of medicine cares for the whole person – physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually – to relieve symptoms and stress that often accompany serious illness or side effects of treatment. A better way forward is to expand the number of palliative care locations and services in all areas of Illinois.

Assisted suicide is not a compassionate solution for those who are suffering. There is a better way forward that truly offers compassionate care and compassionate choices. Please go to www.ilcatholic.org or call 217-528-9200 to find out how to contact your local elected official to tell them to vote NO on SB 3499.

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 18, 2024

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

Juan Diaz
Carol Foley
Wayne Greco
James & Matilda Halas
Martin & Katharina Hoog
Mary & Edward Kenevan
Francesco Salvatore Pagano
Rev. Fred Tomzik

Sunday, May 19, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Robert J. Brun
Peter Debski
Juan Diaz
Giacomo Giovannielli
Medinger & Hopkins Families
Stanislaw Misiak
Grace Pawula
Lucyna Piechowicz
Maria & Matthias Rempala

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

Antonia & Guiseppe Daniello
Giacomo & Maria Daniello
Ezio DiBartolo
Ralph Ferri
Giovanna & Vito Lieggi
Josephine Miller
Jennie & Vito Moretti
Jozef Rebacz
Pietro Pisello,
Charlene Widmaier

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Mario Bartucci
Anna Battista
Dominica & Ernesto Fiorante
Pearl & George Giovannoni
Giovanne & Cristina Greco
Barbara (Dymphna) Hayes
Hillard Michalek
Michael Michalek
Anna Parente
Deceased Members of the Parente Family

Monday, May 20, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Souls in Purgatory
Maxine Donnelly
Jude & Minn Families
Sally Simpkins
S. I. Konrad Sniezek

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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

Domenica Dammicco
Earl Harrington & Carol Ann Jones
S.I. for Matthew

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Andrzej Mac
Brian Patrick Masterson

Thursday, May 23, 2024,

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

Al & Lucille Bednarz
Regina Lising

Friday, May 24, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Deacon Jerry & Rita Kwasegroch
Webb & Lekarczyk & Families

Saturday, May 25, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

S.I. Matthew, Nicole, Damian & Michael
Wright & Connolly Families

Saturday, May 25, 2024

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

Ada Frazzini
Antoni Gumkowski
Angeline Komperda
Vincenzo & Liberata Santucci

Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Robert J. Brun
Lucrezia Giacona
Jude & Minn Families
Celia Purificacion 40th Death Anniversary
Matthias & Maria Rempala
Andrzej Styrczula

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

People of the Parish
Thomas Fahy
Walter & Marianne Feret
Wieslawa Karczmarczyk
Caterina Parente
Nancy Parente 2nd Death Anniversary
Pietro Pisello
Jean Pontarelli
Stefania Rebacz
Duane Thurber
Calogera Caterina Vivacqua

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Agnieszka Chabura Death Anniversary
Chris & Thadeusz Dabros
Juan Diaz
Louise DiCarlo
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Rosa Scaletta
Vincenza Scianna
Robert Seliga
Helena & Stanislaw Wytrawl
Zygmunt & Janina Wytrawl



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
Arol Fijalkiewivz
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
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Miscinischinski
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

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 05/25 4:30 pm - SE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	T. Swiderski - WB F. Klus - B T. Crivlare - C A. Cisek - O J. Horn - WO L. Feist - Cup - B C. Bobka Cup - O	M. Delisandru S. Kerr E. Hesnan AJ Orlando E. Burzawa	T. Swiderski
Sunday, 05/26 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	B. Czubek - WB M. Cozzo - B J. Cardella - C P. Draniczarek - O D. Duszynski - WO R. Cantal - Cup - B G. Bermas - Cup - O	A. Czubek A. McGovern O. Loboda I. Francis	J. Bischof
Sunday, 05/26 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Jacek Dada	R. Catalano - AB P. Peterson - AC N. Mosk - TB C. - TB	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	L. Muehlfelder - 1st G. Henderson - 2nd
Sunday, 05/26 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos C. Virruso - TC	M. Villaba - WB M. Zurek - B C. Giacalone - C O. Giacalone - O D. Hernandea - WO B. Berggren - Cup - B M. Holder Cup - O	M. Sclafani C. Rodriguez L. Parrillo-Hall D. Olson H. Wyszkowski	C. Bobka



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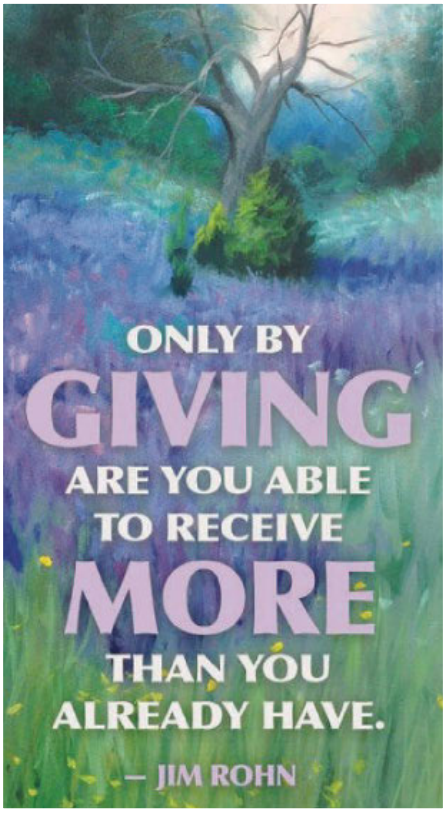
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Sunday, May 12

4:30 pm SE	$3,331.00
8:30 SE	$3,262.50
10:00 OLMC	$2,289.00
11:30 SE	$2,414.00
Mail SE	$2,186.00
Total Physical	**$13,482.50**
Online Collection	**$4,130.01**
Grand Total	**$17,612.51**
Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal	$4,082.50







Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

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

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Blood Pressure Screening
Before & after all Masses
this weekend

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Second Collections

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:

† Jerome P. O'Hara

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!



Kids Corner

Prayer

Holy Spirit, guide me to the kingdom of heaven.

Mission for the Week

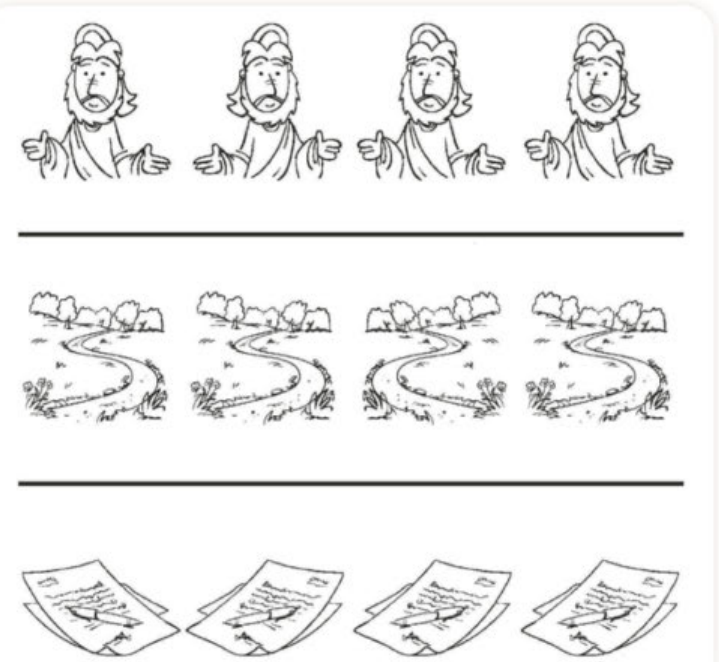
I will ask the Holy Spirit to give me love, peace, forgiveness, and joy.

Sharing the Gospel

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have guides to lead them on hikes. The Holy Spirit is your guide on your way to heaven. The Holy Spirit will help you know about Jesus Christ and his love for you. The Spirit will lead you to peace with others and teach you new things. The Holy Spirit will help you when you are in trouble. The Holy Spirit will guide you to everlasting love and joy.

Now color the picture!

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way.





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Living Rosary

Wednesday, May 22 is the second anniversary of the beatification of Pauline Jaricot, founder of the Living Rosary. In the jubilee year 1825, Pope Leo XII asked Catholics to pray the Rosary to protect the Church and the world. In response, Blessed Pauline founded the Living Rosary. People pray a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart, and in honor of Saint Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary.

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 Care of Our Planet

This is Laudato Si' Week, marking the ninth anniversary of the Encyclical written by Pope Francis on care for our common home. Pope Francis said on May 8, "I urge everyone to value praying the Holy Rosary this May." The Rosary intention of the Rosary Guild this week is for the protection of planet Earth. Rosary Guild members pray at least one Rosary for this intention, and include 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.

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



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.

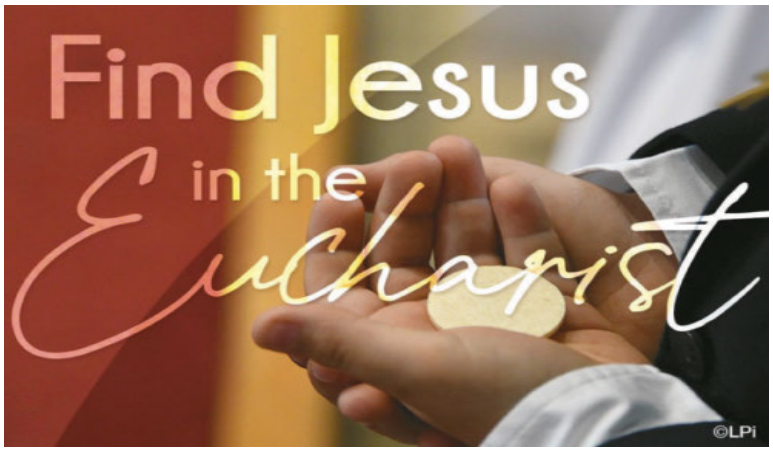
THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will be having a trip to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

The cost of the trip will be $35.00 plus $1.00 for the tip for a total due of $36.00.

The bus will leave the south parking lot of Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 9:00am SHARP and return about 5:00pm.

Any questions, please call Valerie at 708-453-6034.





(PRACTICING)
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Spirit to Spirit

Talk to any couple who are devoted to one another. Ask them when they realized they were in love — call-me-in-a-crisis love, face-the-day-to-day-with-me love — and the answer will probably not be "When I realized he was only dating me to win a bet with his boss."

If you know what movie that references, you and 12-year-old me would have been great friends.

Like any other self-respecting American tween of the early 2000s, I used to watch a lot of romantic comedies. I forget how old I was when I realized that romantic comedies are actually ... really boring. Not because they're about love — true love is *fascinating.* I could watch real-life people talk about who they love for *hours.*

Because when we say we love someone — truly love them — what we mean is we love their spirit. We love what they are. We love the qualities that escape description, the attributes we have to talk around or reduce to cliche in order to define. We cannot love a body alone. We cannot love a name or a reputation. We cannot love a story that we've built around a relationship.

To be in love with someone you need to know their spirit. Intimately. And that knowledge cannot help but change everything about you. It changes your goals, your understanding of the world. It changes the amount of courage you have to face the life ahead of you. It changes your ability to be who God wants you to be.

The disciples lived and ate and walked with Jesus for three whole years before they really knew his spirit. They didn't know it on Good Friday when they scattered and hid and wept. They didn't know it on Easter Sunday, when they couldn't believe what they saw. They thought they loved him, but when push came to shove their love failed.

But by the end of their lives, the disciples knew the kind of love that sustained them even in the face of martyrdom.

What was it that changed? It was the Spirit. They finally knew the Spirit.

"No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."
— 1 Corinthians 12:3

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:
How do we know when we receive the Holy Spirit?

Answer:
My brothers and I discovered something as we got older. There's a little bit of dad in us. Each time we catch ourselves using one of his gestures, expressions, or comments about a meal, we say, "I'm getting more like Dad!" Many laughs and good-natured kidding have come out of it. Mom loves it, and so does Dad, although I doubt he'd admit it!

When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no radical change in us that makes us seem suddenly different. Over a period of time, we come to see that there is a little bit of the Spirit in us. We catch ourselves using the gifts, and often end up wondering where a bit of wisdom came from, or why we were so patient, or we feel an intensity in our prayer. Perhaps we felt drawn to deepen our spiritual life or found courage in witnessing to our faith. That's when we know we have received the Holy Spirit. We take on his image. Yes, we grow in age, grace and wisdom, but we also grow in our awareness and understanding of the working of God in our life. We become more godlike, realizing we're getting more and more like God. Our thoughts, words and actions carry that quality and others too, see it in us. You might call it holiness. But be confident! There's a little bit of him in all of us.

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.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in different tongues,
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm:
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
(Ps 104)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:
In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel:
"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 16:13)

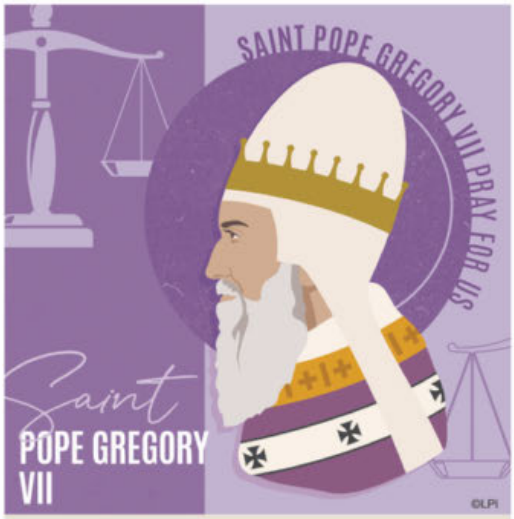
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Saturday:	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity



Saint of the week

St. Pope Gregory VII was the initiator and namesake of the Gregorian Reforms of the 11th century. He worked to free the Church from the intrusion of civil leaders into the appointment of clergy. He recommitted the Church to unity in Christ and the Eucharist.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit!
Enlighten us!
Embolden us!
Inflame us!
Stir our hearts anew!
You have called us to live and minister in this time, in these spaces, to these souls. Set us on FIRE with fresh inspiration and sacred direction!
Amen.

Readings for the week of May 19, 2024

Sunday:
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday:
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/
Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:
Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday:
Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday:
Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday:
Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday:
Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/
Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday:
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

— Father John Muir

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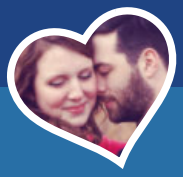
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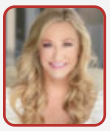
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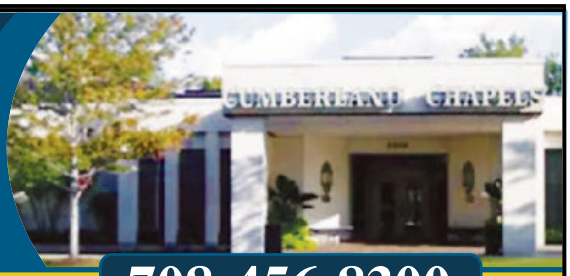
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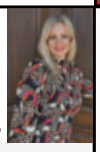
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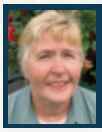
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