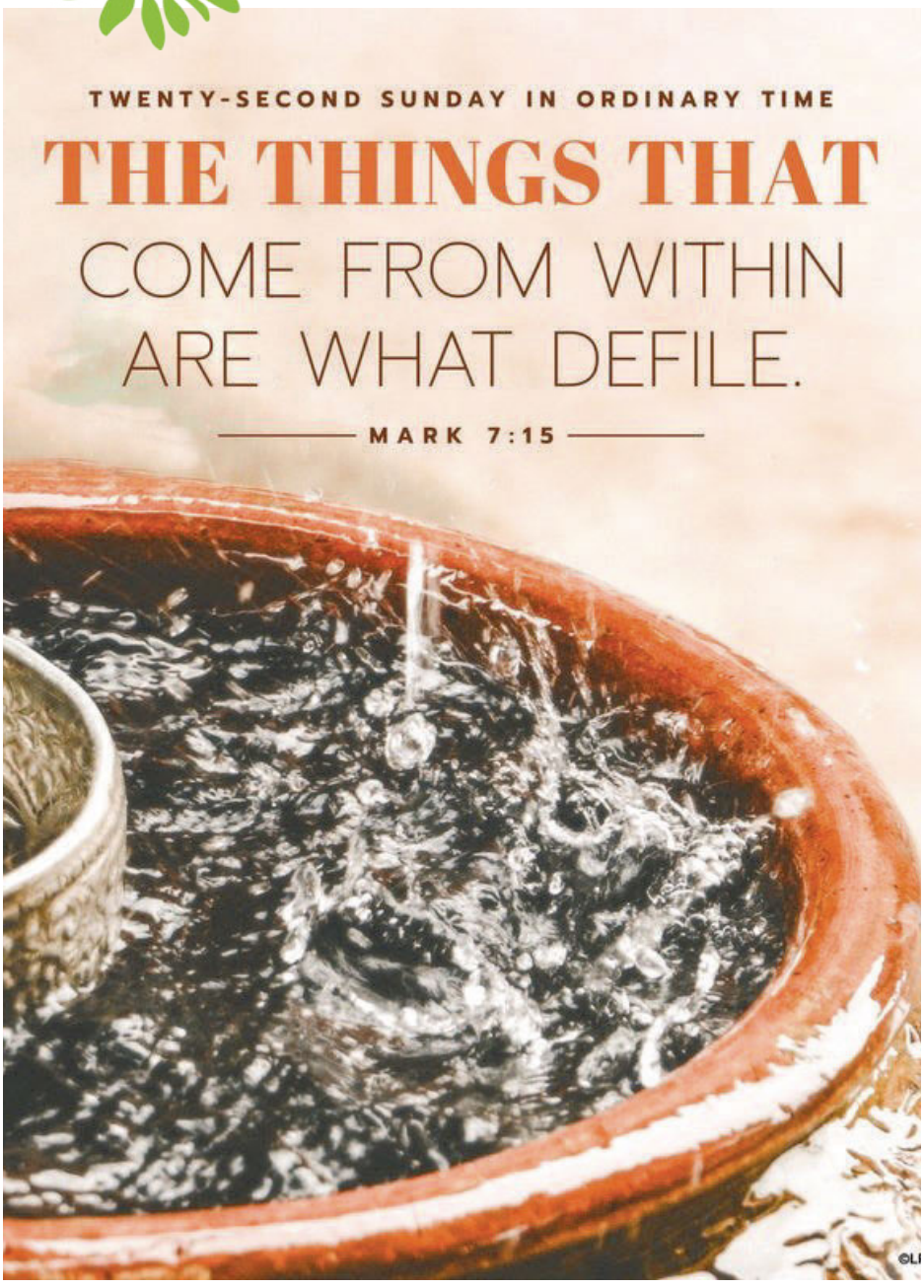
Queen of Peace Parish

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

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

MASSES:

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

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

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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:	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

From the desk of Fr. Rich



Today we celebrate the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy farewell speech of Moses as the people prepared to enter the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.

Today and for the next four Sundays, we will read passages from the letter of James. Two points will be helpful in understanding today's passage. First: In the Jewish law, the first fruits of the harvest are given to God. This expresses the truth that the whole harvest ultimately belongs to God. Second: In the Old Testament, widows and orphans were classic examples of poor and defenseless people.

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Just a reminder that this Monday, September 2nd, is Labor Day.

There will be one community Mass that will be celebrated on Labor Day. This year Labor Day Mass will be held at St. Eugene Church at 9:00 a.m.

I wish all in our parish community a happy Labor Day. May it be a day spent enjoying the company of your family and friends as best as you can and thanking God for the many blessings that each of us has been given.

Please plan on starting your holiday with one another on Labor Day morning at 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Eugene Church.

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A couple of weeks ago our group of travelers returned from our Scandinavian adventure to Norway and Sweden. Many of our parishioners had asked how the trip went. I want to first let you know that we had a fantastic time and an even more wonderful group of almost 20 people that shared in this experience. Some were parishioners from Queen of Peace, others came from my former parishes and still others were relatives and/or friends of those that went. What I was so pleased about was how everyone not only got to know each other but also how much fun we had with each other.

As you probably all know by now, I very much enjoy travelling and seeing so much of the beauty there is to see in our vast world. I also find it very enjoyable to share in these experiences with members of the parish communities I have served. In many ways we all get to know each other in ways we would never have the opportunity to, if not for the informal nature of these trips.

On this trip we flew to Stockholm, Sweden by way of Frankfurt, Germany. Upon arrival we were met by our tour manager and bus driver who gave us a short tour of the city and then took us to our hotel to check in and enjoy a delicious Swedish Meatball dinner served with lingonberries.

Some of the highlights of our few days in Stockholm included: an extensive tour of Stockholm, sometimes called the Venice of the North, because the city is built across 14 islands at the point where Lake Malaren flows out into the Baltic Sea. We visited the City Hall where the Nobel Prize banquets are held, and we visited the Stockholm Palace which is the official residence and office of King Carl Gustaf XVI. We also went to the Vasa Museum to tour the famous salvaged warship, which sank on her maiden voyage in 1628. We visited Skansen Park, which is the world's oldest open-air museum (founded in 1891) and showcases the whole of Sweden, its history, culture and traditions, with houses, farmsteads, farm buildings and chapels from all over the country. One of my favorite sites in Stockholm was the ABBA Museum which told the entire history of the famous Swedish musical group of the 70's.

From Stockholm we headed to Oslo, Norway. Our journey took us through the most beautiful dark green forests and fertile valleys. We stopped for lunch in Karlstad, where the agreement to dissolve the union between Norway and Sweden was signed, granting Norway her independence as a separate kingdom. We passed the Royal Palace, the Storting, home of the Norwegian Parliament and the City Hall where the Nobel Peace Prize is presented each year. We also took an extensive walk through Vigeland Sculpture Park, that houses the largest collection of sculptures in the world by one artist.

We also visited the Fram Museum which tells the story of Norwegian Polar exploration, with the ship that carried Amundsen in the race to be the first to reach the South Pole. We also visited the Kon Tiki Museum and were able to see the original balsawood raft on which Thor Heyerdahl crossed the Pacific. We also got to see the papyrus boat named Ra II, which he built to cross the Atlantic.

We then continued through snow-capped mountain peaks to reach the 1994 Winter Olympic town of Lillehammer. Here we were able to visit the ancient Garmo Stave Church as well as the famous Olympic ski jumping arena. From here we passed through some of the most breath-taking scenery and landscapes to visit the medieval Borgland Stave Church. At the end of this day, we arrived at our hotel which was literally on the shores of a beautiful fjord. Here we took a 2 ½ hour cruise on the Sognefjord and Naeroyfjord from Flam to Gudvangen. We then drove through the Naerdal Canyon to Stalheim, for some of the most spectacular panoramic views in all of Norway. In the late afternoon we arrived in Bergen, Norway.

Bergen is an ancient port city that has been trading with the known world for over 1,000 years and that legacy can be seen in the colorful remains of the merchants' warehouses along the docks in the oldest part of the city at Bryggen. Here we also visited the lively Fish Market, took a funicular train up Mount Floyen, we visited Troldhaugen, the home of composer, Edvard Grieg and just enjoyed sitting in the street walk cafes. Our 12-day adventure ended here with a delicious farewell dinner. We all truly had a great time. I hope you enjoyed this little synopsis of our recent travels.

By the way, our next adventure will be to Croatia and Slovenia – "Treasures of the Adriatic" with a visit to Medjugorje (April 21 – May 2, 2025). This trip will include visits to Dubrovnik, Medjugorje, Trogir, Split, Zadar, Plitvice Lakes, Zagreb, Kumrovec, Lake Bled and Ljubljana among many other places of interest. Know that you and your family and friends are welcome to join us on this trip especially if you've never done a group travel experience like these. More information about our Croatia and Slovenia Trip will follow shortly. Brochures will be available soon as well as the date for an informational meeting regarding this upcoming trip.



Have a great week everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos







QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 31, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Killmer & Zeala Families
S.I. Danny & Nicole O'Leary, Zlotorzycki & Joshi Fam.
S.I. for Nicole, Mike, Matt, Damian & Family

Saturday, August 31, 2024
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parish
Andrew P. Bujdasz
Angeline Komperda
Law Enforcement
Stanislawa Lech
Neen Egan Rauch
Karol & Frances Roch
Bob Schu, Lucas & Caroline Szczech

Sunday, September 1, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Brickman & Fahy Families
Robert J. Brun
S.I. Healing & Blessings Mary Byrne
Laura Mazza
Joseph Portenlanger
Gustaw & Franiszka Rempala
Jozef Wawronowicz, Sr.
10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Mirella & Vincenzo Lusacco 50th Wedding Anniversary
Dominick DiCristofano
John Dorgan
Michele Dudek
Matilda Halas
Pietro Pisello
Debbie Puhala
Edward Rebacz
Joseph Subsits
Helena Swieton
Nicola Troiano
11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Joanna Bischof
William Conrick
S.I. Mildred Genovise
George Giovannoni
Colomba Lupo
Mike Sr. & Anna Parente

Monday, September 2, 2024 - Labor Day
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Agustin & Eusebia Bermas
Norlito & Victor Bermas
Domingo & Tessie Cabal
Julia Maria Rivera Gomez
Marino Mendoza, Jude & Minn Families
Hepolita Laguesma
Landsford & Burks Families

Tuesday, September 3, 2024
7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
S.I. for Nicole, Mike, Matt, Damian & Family

Wednesday, September 4, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Clotilde Cozzone
Adela & Pablo Gomez 67th Wedding Anniversary
George Meier, Rozalia & Bartlomiej Radzik
Consiglia Rutili, Bob Schu
S.I. for Family

Thursday September 5, 2024
7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Jerry & Rose Young
Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 6, 2024
9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Joanna Bischof, Decaro & Syslo Families
S.I. Mildred Genovise
Michael Gomez B-day Remebrance
Eden Madamba, Roseann Salvadori
Traxler & Regan Families

Saturday, September 7, 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Mariano & Regina Lising, Bob Schu,
Zurba & Giangrasso Families
2:00 pm Wedding at St. Eugene Church
Christine I. Ikonomopoulos & Grzegorz Kokoszka

Saturday, Saturday September 7, 2024
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
Juan Diaz, Lia Gerard, Anna & Stanislaw Gibas
Victoria & Franciszek Kiwior, Mario Ricchio
Consiglia "Celia" Rutili, Angela Sclafani, Irma Wolfe
Joseph Wolfe, Nicholas Wolfe, Irma Wolfe

Sunday, September 8 2024
8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
Robert J. Brun, Frances B. Bruno
Giacomo & Maria Daniello, Ewing & Barr Families
Gonzalez & Venturini Families
Mariano & Regina Lising
10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
John Cantanese, Maria Balita Castor
Concetta Ciaccio, Juan Diaz,
Mary Grace & Vito Nardi, Donato Parente
Pietro Pisello, Jozef Rebacz
Jadwiga Harriet Swider, Judith E. Biala
11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
People of the Parish
Joanna Bischof, Joseph Cozzone
Chris & Tadeusz Dabos & Family
Bruce Daniel, S.I. Mildred Genovise,
Irene McGreevy, Virginia Mitrenga
Eraldo Simonetti, Nancy Simonetti

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 09/07 4:30 pm - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	B. Gebhardt - WB L. Feist - B M. Pollowy - C T. Crivlare - O M. Meo - WO J. Gebhardt - Cup B D. Sulimowski - Cup O	TBA	C. Bobka
Sunday, 09/08 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	B. Czubek - WB R. Cantal - B J. Cardella - C G. Bermas - O M. Egan - WO M. Cozzo - Cup B M. Unger Cup - O	TBA	J. Imburgia
Sunday, 09/08 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos Deacon Chris Virruso - TC	R. Molas - AB M. D'Alessandro - AC E. Aspi - TB G. Henderson - TB	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	J. Mosk - 1st C. Capps - 2 nd
Sunday, 09/08 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	S. Pinner - WB C. Paulini – T. T. Moore - C P. Paetsch - O B. Berrgren - Cup B R. Sparacino - Cup O	TBA	St. Eugene School



No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament On Monday, September 2nd.

Please join us for a Holy Mass at 9am at St. Eugene Church. Happy Labor Day!

ROSARIES FOR THE POPE AND HIS PRAYER INTENTION; THE CRY OF THE EARTH

Sunday, September 1, is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and the beginning of the Season of Creation. The Holy Father's prayer intention this month is, "We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live." The Rosary Guild (members listed below) invites everyone to pray a Rosary for the Pope and his intention.

Emily A.	Lita J.	Lonnie M.	Emilie P.	Shirley S.
Lori G.	Evelyn K.	Mary M.	Stefania P.	Milabelle T.
James H.	Terri K.	Ted M.	Jean R.	
John I.	Gilda M.	Josephine N.	Demi S.	

LIVING ROSARY

People pray a decade or more of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of Saint Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary. To sign up to pray a decade of the Rosary each day, please contact the parish 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH
2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
PROVIDED AT ST. EUGENE SCHOOL

Regular Program Classes - Grades 1-7: Classes take place in a classroom setting with the overall work covered in class with the exception of the seventh grade students who complete additional papers and service hours in preparation for making their Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of their eighth grade year. Classes are held on Tuesdays beginning October 1st and are held from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Independent Study Program - Grades 1 – 7: This class is for parents who want their children to complete their grade-level chapter work at home and want to use their church attendance as their participation in religious education.
This program requires your child to attend at least fifteen of their weekly masses at Queen of Peace Parish at either St. Eugene Church or Our Lady, Mother of the Church from date enrolled to April.

PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE AT (773)763-2235.

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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
Don Bellisario
Jim Bergman
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
A. & V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
John Dahlquist
Joseph Duna
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
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 Misciniscinski
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
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
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Lorraine & Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Paul Tscherwenka
Ernesto Vergara
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 McLenighan
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

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."

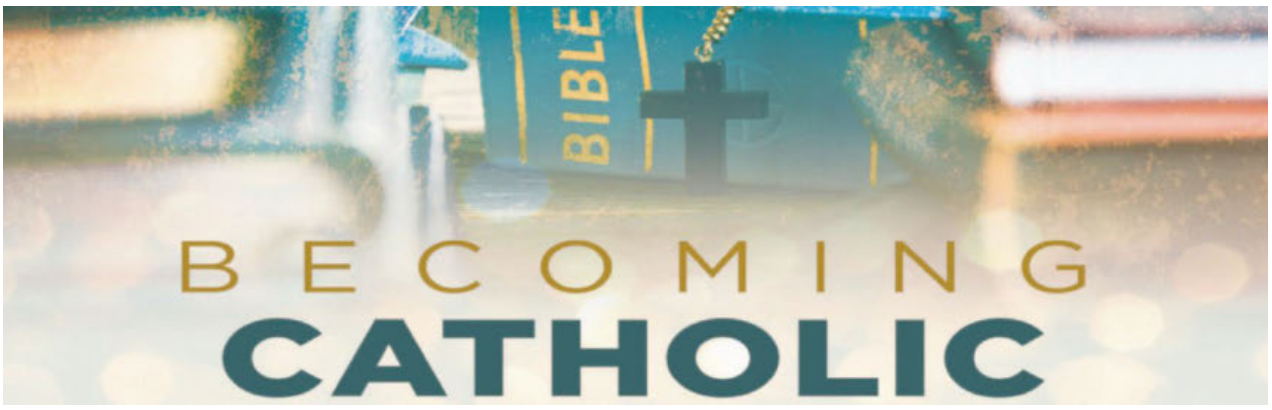
WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- 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.

Life has many storms — distressful relationships, jobs, poor health; situations where we feel our powerlessness. If you know someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is searching for strength and understanding to weather such squalls, invite them to seek the perspective the Catholic Church offers. Please contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660.

Searching for a spiritual home?
Our "no strings" O.C.I.A. program begins the week of September 16.
Ideal for learning about Catholicism and for Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Contact Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org for any questions and to register. The deadline to register is MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.





SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

4:30pm SE	$ 2,611.00
8:30am SE	$ 2,159.50
10:00am OLMC	$ 2,278.00
11:30am SE	$ 2,037.00
Mail	$ 2,019.00
Total Physical	**$ 11,104.50**
Online Collection	$ 2,900.01
Grand Total	**$ 14,004.51**

The Friendship Club Is Back!

The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 11:00. Our doors will be open at 10:00 to Welcome all our members and any men and women 55 years and older who would like to join us for a delicious $10.00 lunch, a raffle drawing of 3 tickets for $1.00, and Bingo Cards for $1.00each. Membership is $15.00 for September, 2024 to June, 2025 and we meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Hayes Center of Our Lady, Mother of the Church located at 8747 West Lawrence Avenue. Parking is available in the back of the church in the south parking lot. Our lunch will be pizza, salad, and ice cream for dessert. After lunch, Bingo will be played. We look forward to seeing you there.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 8
St. Eulalia Sharing Parish

September 15
Social Concerns/Food Pantry

September 22
Seminary Educational Fund

September 29
School Support

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Colette Lasinski
† Rose Mary Walker

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.



Queen of Peace Magnets

Please support our fundraiser by purchasing the beautiful magnet at minimum donation of $5. Magnets are available at our Rectory office during regular office hours.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We're Back.....Wednesday September 4th, Noon to 3:00 pm - Hayes Center of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives, We crochet shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, crosses and even scarves and hats when there is a need. If interested we meet the first and third Wednesday of every month. Any questions please reach out to Pam at 773-685-7586 or 773-848-4586.



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.*

Garden Ministry

Thank you to all who participated in donating fresh produce from your gardens or local grocery store to St. Eulalia-Quinn Center for their hunger ministry on August 17/18.Two cars were filled with bags and delivered on Sunday August 18th. Items were distributed and were greatly appreciated by all who received them.

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will be having a trip to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. The cost of the trip will be $36.00. The bus will leave the south parking lot of Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 9:00 SHARP and return about 5:00. Any questions, call Valerie at 708-453-6034.

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.



2nd Wedding Banns
Amanda Marie Santucci & Noel Ibarra

3rd Wedding Banns
Christine I. Ikonomopoulos & Grzegorz Kokoszka

150 Bags Filled Again – But They Didn't Last Long!

On Sunday, August 11 our team of volunteers equaled an April record for the most bags of groceries packed in one session – 150 bags! But on Tuesday, August 13, Quinn Center volunteers distributed 156 bags of groceries! That was all the bags we packed on Sunday PLUS six left over from last month. Groceries went to 691 people in those 156 families. There are now three bags left for emergency aid or distribution in September.

We were blessed with a large crew of Queen of Peace volunteers that made the whole process move quickly. Ironically, it's not the packing of the bags that takes the longest. We packed those 150 bags in 20 minutes – that's what enough volunteers lets you do. No, *what takes the most time* is unloading the vehicles, unpacking, and shelving (plus on-going tidying up!). And the whole process still only takes about an hour and a half. The pictures below show what unpacking looks like – and what 150 bags look like!





Our next bagging session will be on **Sunday, September 8** (the Sunday after Labor Day) at 1:45 pm in the Quinn Center Parking Lot at St. Eulalia. And it looks like it's going to be another record setting session! All volunteers gratefully welcome – and it counts for service hours, too! If you're planning on joining us, please let Jan Magnuson know at 312-806-7210 or jan7744@comcast.net.

We look forward to seeing you!

As Mother Theresa said, "Never be so busy as to not think of others" and "If you can't feed one hundred people, then feed just one." This is a chance to feed well over one hundred people; and it is you, our volunteers, who make it happen!

Nurse's Notes:

I'd like to share some information about the influenza virus and why it is important to get the flu vaccine.

It is recommended that persons ages 6 months and older should get the flu vaccine yearly to reduce the risk of influenza related illness, missed work or school, hospitalization or death.

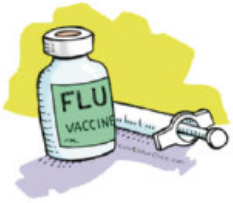
Influenza is spread to others through the air from the infected person's respiratory droplets when talking, coughing or sneezing, or by touching a surface with these droplets and then touching the nose, mouth or eyes.

Anyone can get complications from influenza. The groups that are especially vulnerable include the older adults, those with health issues, pregnant women and their babies, and children under the age of 5 years.

Protection from the vaccine can vary depending on how well the vaccine matches the circulating flu virus, but it is still important to reduce your risk of flu and flu complications by getting vaccinated. The best time to get the vaccine is in late September or October as flu season lasts through the following April.

There are different types of flu vaccines available. The high dose vaccine is offered to individuals over the age of 65 years and for those whose immune system is compromised. Please talk to your health care provider if you have questions about what type of influenza vaccine you should receive or if you have concerns about the vaccine, Including having a severe allergic reaction or having a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

I have referenced www.immunize.org and the CDC sites for this article. For more information check out: www.vaccineinforamtion.org.



Save The Date:

When: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:30am - 11:30am

Where: Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Hayes Center- entering from the South parking lot

We will be offering both the standard and high dose vaccine. There will not be a cost to all those who carry (straight) Medicare insurance (Part B) and I ask that you bring your card with you. If you are under 65 years of age and wish to receive the vaccine, there may be a charge for the vaccine and supplies. Please note: If you are homebound I can bring the Vaccine to you. Please complete the below form and place in the collection basket or call the office 773-775-6659.

Peace and Blessings,

Terri, RN

Name:	Homebound Yes	
Address:	Standard dose Yes	
Phone #:	High dose Yes	



Anointing of the Sick Mass

When: Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Our Lady, Mother of the Church, 8747 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60656

Jesus came to heal the whole person, body and soul. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops writes:

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

WHO MAY RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

- The elderly who are weakened or in a state of decline
- Those who are facing surgery due to a serious illness
- Those who are suffering from serious mental illness
- Sick children who have enough use of reason to be strengthened by the sacrament
- The faithful in a coma who implicitly requested it when they were in control of their faculties

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The Word

On November 28, 1981, Alphonsine Mumureke was in the dining room at her high school in Kibeho, a small village in southwestern Rwanda. She heard a voice. It was a woman, veiled and beautiful. Alphonsine asked her who she was. "I am the Mother of the Word," answered the woman.

It was the first appearance of Our Lady of Kibeho, who would return to visit Alphonsine and two of her schoolmates over the course of the next eight years. She left with them an urgent call for repentance, along with a prophecy of the Rwandan genocide that would come to fruition in the next decade.

I have always found it compelling that Our Lady chose to identify herself in this way at Kibeho. *The Mother of the Word.* A title so simple and so concise, but so heavy with meaning.

"In the beginning was the Word..." says the Gospel of John in its opening lines.

But what is the Word? Is it spoken, or is it felt? Is it seen, written, heard? Is it shouted or whispered? Is it scribbled across pages that will one day dry and disappear? Is it carved into stone tablets, or on the nameplate above a cross? Is it poured over our foreheads? Is it set ablaze in a bush? Is it etched into our hearts?

It is all of these things, yes, but it is more, still. The Word is not something that is merely spoken. It is not merely written. The Word is something that is done. It is something that we must choose to do.

Our Lady of Kibeho lamented that this world "has neither love nor peace." "If you do not convert and heal your hearts, you will all fall into an abyss," she warned.

But how do we convert our hearts? What snatches us back from the brink?

It is the Word, spoken. It is the Word, carried out. Not just one, and not just the other, but both.

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." — James 1:21

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."
- Mk 7:14-15

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Moses urged Israel to follow God's commandments, in order to become a "great nation," filled with "wise and intelligent people." Where do you see our nation following God's commandments?

Second Reading:

James sees religion at its best when it cares for those on the margins of society and resists the false trappings of the world. How might you help someone less fortunate than you this week?

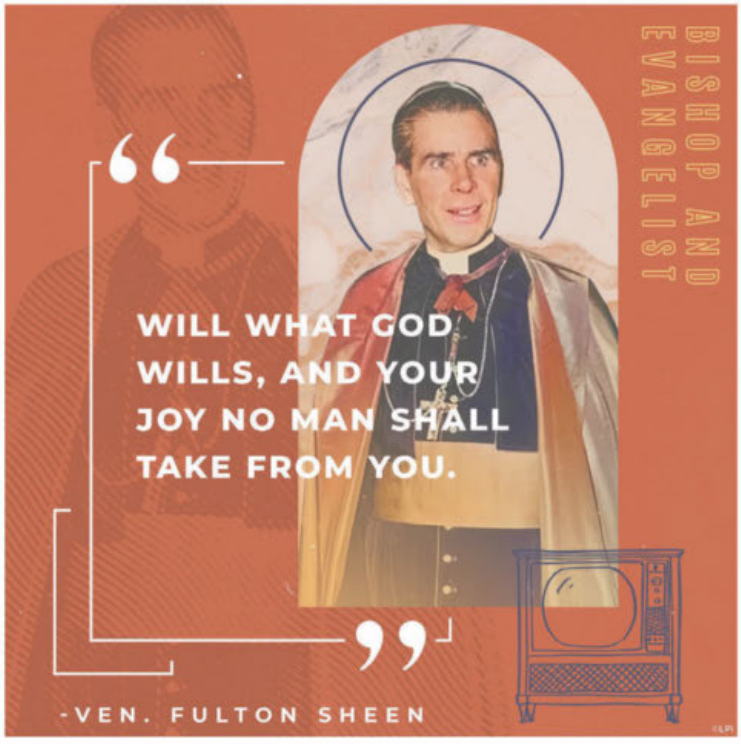
Gospel:

Jesus challenged the Pharisees and scribes of Jerusalem on how they interpreted traditional Jewish purity laws. What do you think helps someone have a "clean heart?"



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"You shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it." (Dt 4:2)

Psalm:
The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:
Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

Gospel:
"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees did not understand that the law is more than an action to be carried out. We are called to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Let the law take root in your heart, and it will bear fruit in your works.

Observances for the week of September 1, 2024

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grandparent's Day



Saint of the week

St. Basil the Great (329–379) shares his feast day with his friend St. Gregory of Nazianzen. These accomplished men fought against heresies that threatened the foundations of the early Church, shaping doctrines around Christ's divinity and the nature of the Holy Trinity.

Prayer for Labor Day

Dear Lord,
Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter to them and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

Sunday:
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/
Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday:
1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:
1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:
1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:
1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:
1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:
1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:
Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, **"Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"** (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, **"There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person"** (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

— Father John Muir

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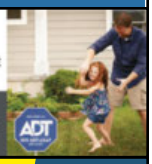


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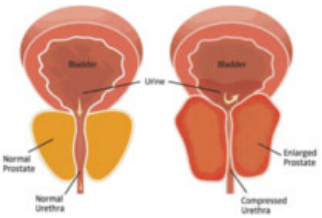
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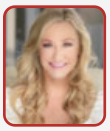


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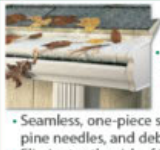
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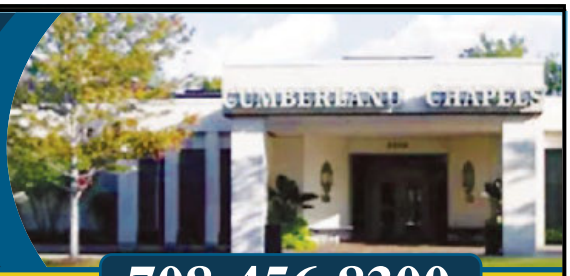


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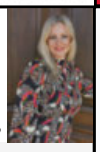
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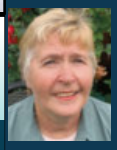
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