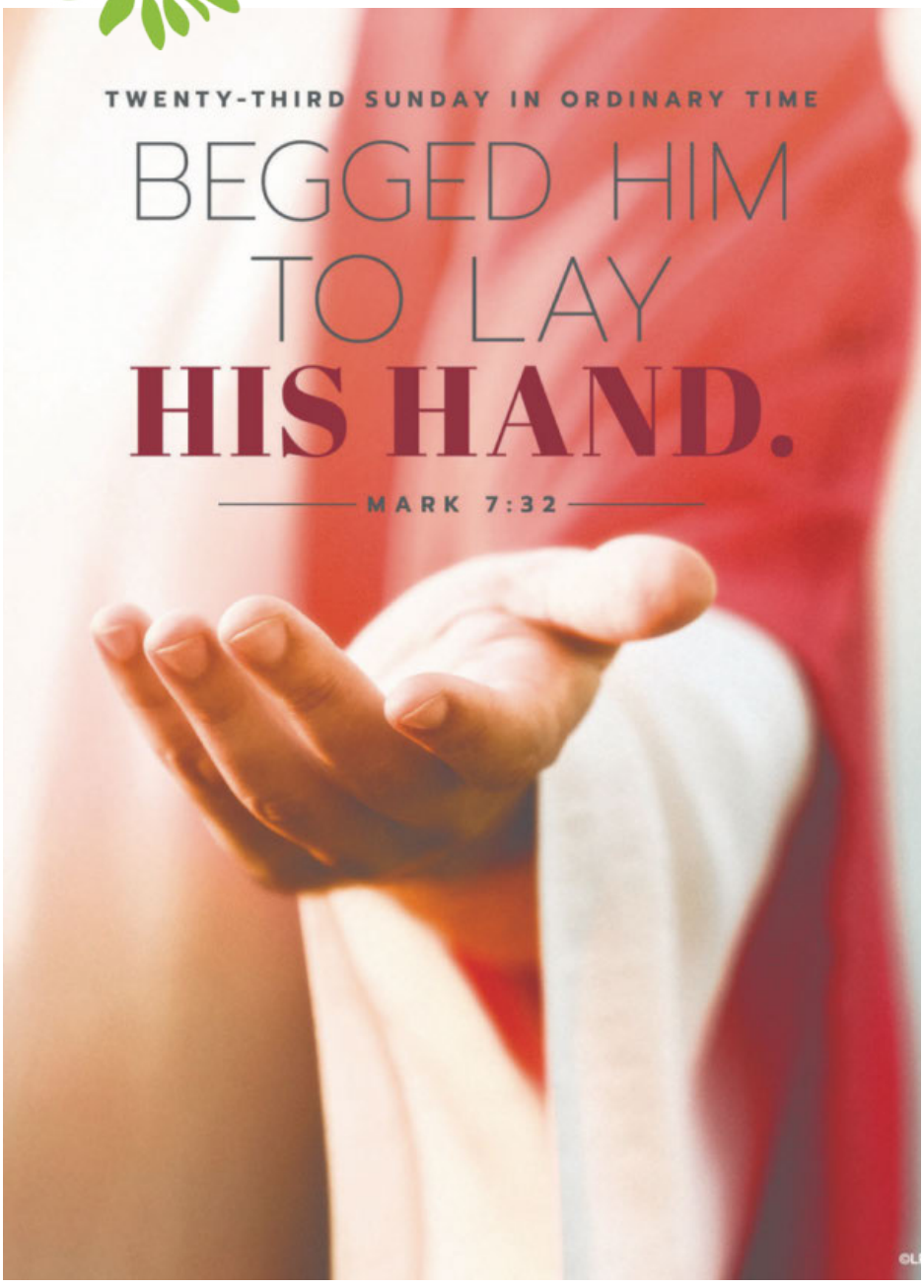
# Queen of Peace Parish

## 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
Chicago, IL 60656
**Ph.** (773) 625-3369

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

**MASSES:**

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

### ST. EUGENE CHURCH

7958 W. Foster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
**Ph.** (773) 775-6659 (773) 775-6660
(773) 775-6694

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:**

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|---|---|
| Mon.- Thur.: | 9:00 am - 7:00 pm |
| Friday | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Saturday: | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm |

**MASSES:**

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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**

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



Today, we celebrate the twenty-third Sunday in ordinary time.

Our first reading from the Book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet to god's people exiled in Babylon. He encourages them that one day they will be free to return to Jerusalem. This journey will be through the desert, but God will transform this barren wasteland in order to ease their passage home.

Our second reading today is taken from the Letter of James and was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed not to a particular community, but to Christians everywhere. Because of this, it is part of a group of new testament letters called catholic epistles --- meaning that the author wrote them for all Christians. One of the trademarks of the Epistle of James is the need to act on god's word, not just listen to it.

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## BEYOND MASS

Jesus was a marvelous storyteller and in one message He compares our speech, our actions and our attitudes to fruits from a tree. And He reminds us that "every tree is known by its fruit."

It is important to remember that being a Christian and doing God's work extends beyond the Sunday morning Mass. Everything we do in life reflects our faith and shows to the world our true beliefs. We should not attempt to "turn off" our religion as we walk out the church doors after Mass. What do our fruits say of each of us?

Do we help our fellow man when we see a need? Do we keep a positive outlook in the face of momentary adversity? Do we look for the face of Jesus in our neighbor and greet that person with a loving heart?

Being a Christian and being a steward isn't always about money. It's about our attitudes, our actions and how we respond to God's many blessings. By becoming a part of the wonderful Queen of Peace Church family, we have accepted responsibility for our newly forming parish and our fellow parishioners. By partaking of the sacraments, we have accepted the responsibility of discipleship.

The people of Queen of Peace Church have the ability to offer to God the most wonderful and glorious fruits – the fruits tended and sent to us by His very hand. We have the ability to watch our Parish continue to grow in His glory and be abundantly blessed by His grace. But we must do our part. We must live according to His teachings, share a portion of the gifts bestowed upon us and give thanks every day of our lives for all that He has given to us.

And, above all, we must never forget to forever sing His praises!

*Fr. Rich Yanos*

> ***Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.***
>
> – 1 Corinthians 15:58

## PRAYER ON THIS WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Lord, faithful God,
you who created us in your image,
you who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every season of life,
do not abandon us, take care of us,
and grant us, once again,
the ability to discover ourselves
and recognize that we are your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word
and do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us with your tenderness
and teach us to say,
"I will not abandon you!"
to those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
a day without loneliness, and a day abundant
with the first-fruits of your peace. Amen.




## ROSARIES FOR PEACE

This Sunday, September 8, is the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us give her the gift of praying at least one Rosary for peace this week. Monday is a day of prayer for peace in our communities, and Wednesday is Patriot Day, the 23rd anniversary of 9/11. All are invited to join Rosary Guild members in praying a Rosary for peace. Members 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.

## LIVING ROSARY

People pray a decade or more of the Rosary each day, forming an entire twenty-decade Rosary for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena. If you would like to pray one of the decades daily, please reach out to the parish office.

**Joyful Mysteries**
Annunciation - Ted M.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding in the Temple - Mary M.

**Luminous Mysteries**
Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Prodaim the Kingdom - Ted M.
Transfiguration - Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.

**Sorrowful Mysteries**
Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Ted M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

**Glorious Mysteries**
Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Holy Spirit - Camille C.
Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Coronation of Mary - Camille C.





# QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**Monday, September 9**
**9:00 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church
S.I. Zofia & Czeslaw Chmiel
Giuseppe Cozzone
S.I. Denise Herrmann
Mary A. O'Donnell

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**
**7:00 am** Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Wieslawa Karczmarczyk
Dominic Nardi

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**
**9:00 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church
Armando Abdon, Sr.
S.I. Mildred Genovise
Santucci & Mardoian Families
Schemitz & Buzza Families

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**
**7:00 am** Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
Maureen Driscoll & Family
Martha Wrobel

**Friday, September 13, 2024**
**9:00 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church
Souls in Purgatory
Anthony & Aurora, Barone
John Kula, S.I. Isabel Gomez health & recovery
Robert & Marie Nosek

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**
**8:30 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church
Jude & Minn Families
Jerome Wrobel
**2:30 pm** Wedding at St. Eugene Church
Amanda Marie Santucci & Noel Ibarra

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**
**4:30 pm** Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
Deceased Mem. of Blaszczak, Powidzki &
Skoskiewicz Families,
David Sr., Loretta & Robert Brichetto & Patricia Bulla
Francis Burzawa
S.I. Daniel John
Alma Garza, Wayne J. Greco
Sr. Cherubina Hoog
S.I. Daniel John
Charles Stermetz 1st Death Anniversary,
Maria & Salvatore Tenuta
Frederick Tomzik, Bob Schu

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**
**8:30 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church
Robert J. Brun
S.I. Barbara Krukowski—Blessing
Julia & Stanislaw Novak
Tony Parisi
Sylwia & Elizabeth Wolak
**10:00 am** Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
People of the Parish
Jozefa Drwal
Rev. Daniel Fallon
Maria & John Giannini
Andrzej Lizak
Anna & Alessio Mancini
Gabriel Moretti
Pietro Pisello
Stefania Rebacz
Mike & Eleanor Tomeczko
**11:30 am** Mass at St. Eugene Church
Stanislaw & Franciszka Chabura – Death Anniversary
S.I. Mildred Genovise, Pearl & George Giovannoni
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Jude & Minn Families
Hillard Michalek, Michael Michalek
Randy Oberheim
Domenico & Rosa Parente
Joanne Studenny

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

| Date | Celebrant | Extraordinary Minister | Altar Server | Lectors |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saturday, 09/14<br>4:30 pm - SE | Rev. Ed Pacocha | C. Lim – WB<br>F. Klus - B<br>D. Sulimowski - C<br>M. Pollowy - O<br>M.B. Glynn - WO<br>M. Lim - Cup B<br>J. Horn - Cup O | TBA | J. Maguson |
| Sunday, 09/15<br>8:30 am - SE | Rev. Greg Rom | B. Czubek - WB<br>G. Fornek - B<br>M. Cozzo - C<br>D. Duszynski - O<br>P. Draniczarek - WO<br>J. Fornek - Cup - B<br>C. Hill– Cup O | TBA | J. Imburgia |
| Sunday, 09/15<br>10:00 am - OLMC | Rev. Robert Carlton<br><br>Deacon<br>Chris Virruso - TC | M. Walsh - AB<br>P. Vega - AC<br>R. Catalano - TB<br>P. Peterson - TB | D. Flynn<br>G. Pilch<br>J. Pilch | N. Mosk,- 1st<br>W. Kaczmarczyk |
| Sunday, 09/15<br>11:30 am - SE | Rev. Rich Yanos | T. Moore - WB<br>D. Hernandez - B<br>C. Giacalone - C<br>O. Giacalone - O<br>M. Zurek - WO<br>B. Berggen - Cup B<br>F. Pacia - Cup O | TBA | L. Vasich |




## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
## St. Eugene Church
### Mondays 4 – 6 pm. Benediction at 5:45 pm.

## 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!

# 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
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
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 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.**






Donation information not available.
It will be reflected
in the next available bulletin.




## 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:

† Daniel Drechney
† Helena Genowefa Czuj

*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.






**3rd Wedding Banns**
Amanda Marie Santucci &
Noel Ibarra







## 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.*

## 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, please call Valerie at 708-453-6034.

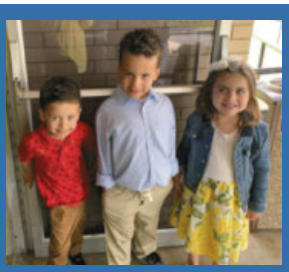
## Bible Study

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. Hope to see you there!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

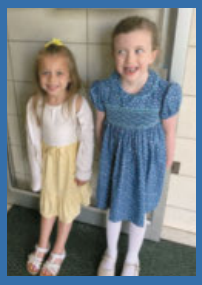









PRESCH, PREK Kindergarten May 5, 2024 Family Mass

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO




**Join more than 1,000 people for a faith-filled, discipleship-making event!**

Date: **Oct. 12, 2024**

Time: **8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** (doors open at 7:30 a.m. for check-in)

Cost: $50 per person
(continental breakfast and lunch are provided)

Location: Donald E. Stephens Convention Center*, South Ballroom, Level Two, 5555 N. River Rd., Rosemont, IL

* Public parking is available for $15 in the William St. Garage and East Parking Garage, no in & out privileges.

**Register today; space is limited.**

**Individual** registration:
renewmychurch.org/individual
or scan code

**Groups** registration:
renewmychurch.org/groups
or scan code

## Nurses 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.

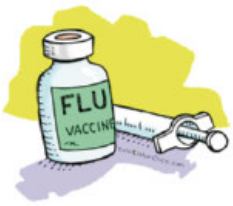
Influenza is spread to others through the air from the infected person's respiratory droplets when talking, coughing or sneezing, or by touching a surface with these droplets and then touching the nose, mouth or eyes.

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

Please RSVP by completing the below form and place in the collection basket or call the office 773-775-6659.
Reception will follow in the Narthex.

| ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 | 10:30AM AT OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH |
|---|---|
| FIRST & LAST NAME | PHONE NUMBER |
| | |

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Be Opened

There are several moments throughout the calendar year when we are tricked into thinking we can reinvent ourselves.

One of them is New Year's Day. The barista at my coffee shop told me that they sell more decaf coffee in January than in the entirety of the remaining year, because everyone is swearing off caffeine. By February, she said, the trend subsides: folks have realized they're not actually superheroes just because the last digit of the year has increased by one.

The beginning of a new school year is another of those moments. Every pencil is freshly sharpened, and every lesson plan is painstakingly plotted. Our heads are full of what we plan to do this year, how we plan to do it, who we plan to become.

But by May, the wind is out of our sails. We've learned the concepts, we've used up the pencils, yes — but we've remembered that underneath it all we're basically the same people, with the same shortcomings and the same obstacles as we always were. The only difference in September was we had new planners.

The truth is that we cannot reinvent ourselves. We can't change ourselves at all, not on New Year's Day or the first day of school or on our 40th birthday or after quitting a bad habit. We are what we are: blind in some ways, deaf in others, crippled in still more, moving through life with uncertainty, stumbling in the dark.

People don't change. Not without miracles.

But being a Christian means believing in miracles and being ready for them at any moment — in January or in September, in the middle of a hopeless week or at the end of a bad day, when you feel strong and when you don't, when you want to be better and when you feel too tired to try.

No, we can't change ourselves, but we can be changed. There is one who can change us if we will let him. He is waiting — now, tomorrow, yesterday, next week. The time is always right for a miracle.

*"He put his finger into the man's ears ... and said to him, 'Ephphatha!'—that is, 'Be opened!' —And immediately the man's ears were opened ..." Mark 7:34-35*

*- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

## Why do we do that?

**Catholic Life Explained**

**Question:**

What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

**Answer:**

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

# Liturgical Life

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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## Questions of the Week

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah encouraged the Israelites to be strong in their conviction that God was coming to heal them and renew creation itself. Who could you encourage to be firm in their faith this week?

### Second Reading:

James taught believers to make no distinctions between the rich and the poor in their community gatherings. How do you think showing no partiality helps a community grow in faith?

### Gospel:

We hear today how the people of the Decapolis were astonished at Jesus's healing of the deaf and mute. What parts of your life need healing?




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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:**

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

**Psalm:**

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

**Second Reading:**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

**Gospel:**

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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## Live The Liturgy
### Inspiration of the Week

"Be opened!" said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. "Be opened!" he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.

## Observances for the week of September 8, 2024

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| **Sunday:** | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grandparent's Day |
| **Monday:** | St. Peter Claver, Priest |
| **Wednesday:** | Patriot Day |
| **Thursday:** | The Most Holy Name of Mary |
| **Friday:** | St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| **Saturday:** | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| **Next Sunday:** | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday |




## Saint of the week

St. Caterina Volpicelli (1839-1894) left a life of elegant Neapolitan society to serve the Lord. She adhered to the Apostleship of Prayer, dedicating each day to the Sacred Heart. Her order, the Servants of the Sacred Heart, opened an orphanage, a lending library, and nursed cholera victims.

## Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages.
Bless our grandparents, today and always.
Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight.
Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.
Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations
Amen.

## Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

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

**Monday:**
1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:**
1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:**
1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/
Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:**
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:**
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/
Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:**
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Next Sunday:**
Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "**Ephphata!**" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

*— Father John Muir*

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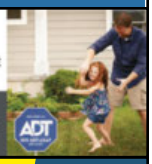



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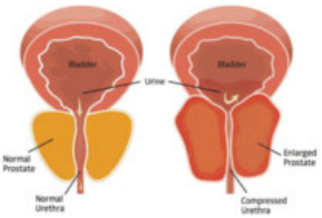
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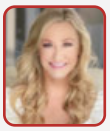


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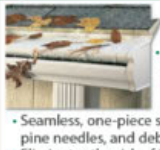
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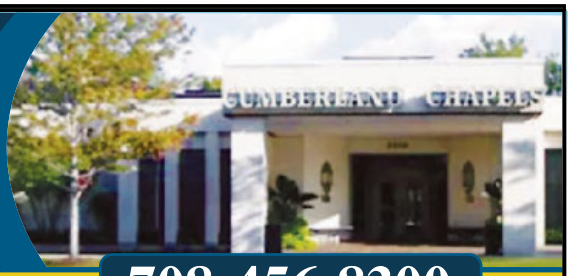


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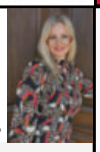
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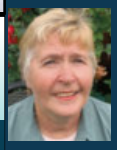
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