QUEEN OF PEACE

Welcome!

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.

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Tuesday:	7:00 am
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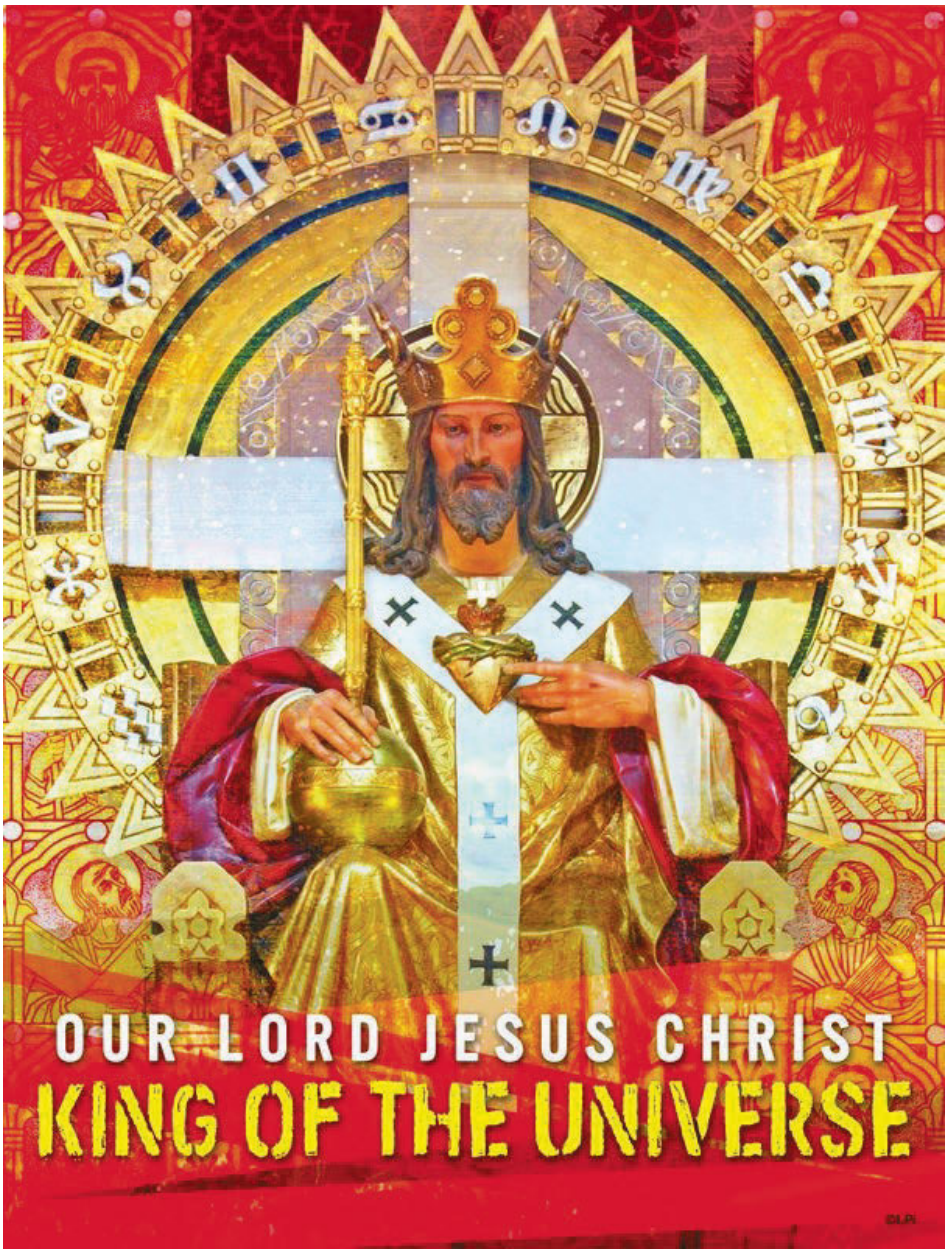
MASSES:

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



November 24, 2024



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Our first reading today is taken from the book of Daniel and was written 150 years before Christ, when the Jews were experiencing fierce persecution. The author wanted to encourage them by telling heroic stories about a person named Daniel who lived many centuries earlier. Today's reading describes Daniel's vision of heaven and is written in symbolic language --- similar to the book of Revelation. The term "Son of Man" indicated a human being chosen by God for a special purpose. Christians have applied this vision to Jesus.

The book of Revelation was not intended to predict actual people and events in later times. Rather, it was intended to be a source of hope for Christians who were suffering persecution near the end of the first century. Today's passage is from the very beginning of the book and is part of a greeting from God to the persecuted people.

This weekend the liturgical year also comes to a close with the Solemnity of Christ the King. The irony of this day is the connection between the kingship of Christ and the wood of the cross and His suffering on the cross. The way of God's kingdom is not the way of earthly kingdoms. The road to our eternal home involves suffering and service to one another. This is in direct conflict with the understanding and comprehension of earthly kings and kingdoms of the past. Hopefully, we have all come to better understand that God's ways are not always our ways.

Fr. Walter Ciszek, the Jesuit priest imprisoned for years in a Soviet gulag, writes in his book, *He Leadeth Me,* "There is a tremendous truth contained in the realization that when God became man, he became a working man---not a king or chieftain, not a warrior nor statesman, not a great leader of nations." Today we see Jesus as King, neither of nations nor tribes, but as King of the Cross, working to free us from sin and bring us to salvation.

Jesus leads by example, and he leads by love. He shows us first how God intends for us to live and then, out of love, suffers for us so that we might be freed from the power of sin and death. Jesus conquers sin, and in so doing, conquers our hearts. We honor him as king crucified, not king glorified, because in his suffering he most identifies with us. And in his glory, he gives us hope.

We serve Jesus and follow him. We do not call him king, though he truly is. We do not call him ruler. We call him Lord, Savior, and Son of God. But mostly, we call him Jesus, our brother. He lives, he rules, he leads and guides. But most of all, he loves us.

As we prepare for Advent, which begins next weekend, may we always remember what the gospels help us all to see and understand – that the lowly are exalted, sinners are called righteous and that the one who dies gives life. We close this and every liturgical year with the ultimate paradox: The one to whom we offer glory, honor and praise is lifted high for all to see -- seemingly powerless on the cross…and what Jesus' tormentors' thought was a mockery by inscribing over his head "INRI" – Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews – was indeed the truth.

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I'd like to continue the topic of what will hopefully be the profile of our newly formed Parish Pastoral Council in the months ahead. In my bulletin article last week, I said I would talk about the Function of a Parish Pastoral Council. With that in mind… the PPC's goal is to assist the Pastor with the following functions:

Pastoral Matters: Practical matters of parish life; parish vision and parish pastoral strategy for renewal.

Consideration: Constant revisiting of support for the parish vision and pastoral strategy with regards to any issue presented for discussion.

Practical Conclusions: Active discernment, prayer, and conversation informs practical recommendations to pastor to promote future growth.

Accountability: Dependent on trust within members, pastor and other ministry teams, holding one another accountable for their role in parish development.

Regarding relating to other parish Leadership Groups:

The vision of Renew My Church provides many opportunities for lay leadership in a model of a renewed Church. With effective collaboration, they all have their role and relate to the parish in different ways:

Finance Council: This group is separate and distinct from the PPC. A member of the Finance Council will serve on the PPC as an ex-officio, non-decision-making member.

Parish Staff: Here essential collaboration will be needed for proper implementation. The PPC should meet at least once a year with the staff to celebrate achievement, cast the long-term vision, clarify direction, and ensure alignment.

Senior Leadership Team: This group participates in the governing responsibility of the pastor in day-to-day pastoral activity. It is made up of a mix of staff and parish leaders.

You will be hearing much more in the near future as our Parish Advisory Team transitions into our new form of Parish Leadership. Stay tuned.

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This Thursday, November 28th, is Thanksgiving Day. As is our tradition, we will be having Mass at 9:00 a.m. on that day at the St. Eugene Church location (not the usual time of 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church). This will be the only Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving when we will gather as a parish family to give thanks to God for all His blessings in our lives and nation.
I truly encourage all in our parish to join us for this special Mass, even if this has not been your practice in the past. What better way to start off this national holiday than to gather around the Lord's Table before we come together later in the day to celebrate with family and friends. And if this will not be the case for you, let us be your family on Thanksgiving morning. So, pop the turkey in the oven and plan on joining us around the Lord's Table with your Queen of Peace family this Thursday here at St. Eugene Church at 9:00 a.m.

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Finally, I want to offer my heartfelt and sincerest thanks to our Knights of Columbus, Parish Advisory Committee and the St. Joseph's Table Committee for the most delicious dinner they prepared as well as for the organizing of our November 9th, Parish Appreciation gathering and dinner. This night was an opportunity to acknowledge and thank all those members of our parish that are engaged in the leading, coordinating, and/or volunteering in the many ministries and organizations that service our Queen of Peace parish community. It truly was a labor of love, and I could not be more grateful. It truly was a night that will be long remembered. Thank you so much!!

Happy Thanksgiving to all in our Queen of Peace parish community!

Fr. Rich Yanos

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 23, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Helena Kalisz
- Rozalia & Bartlomiej Radzik
- Renzo Rizzi

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
- People of the Parish
- Harold Bader
- Ralph & Virginia Conenna
- Joseph & Bernice Cwiklik
- Stan Kaszuba - Health
- Mrs. Maria Manzella
- S.I Josephine Petrocelli
- Frederick Tomzik & Rev. Fred Tomzik

Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Damone Anna
- Angela Giovannielli
- Giacomo Giovannielli
- Elinor Greaves
- Mary LaPietra & Family & Karen
- James Stuber
- Owem Zephyr Martin - B-Day

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Celso Balita Castor
- Panfilo Balita Castor
- Dominic Di Cristofano
- John Dorgan
- Steve Karabin
- Anna Lizak
- Joseph Mandile
- Leo, Gertrude & Joseph Novak
- Angel & Florencia Ostrea
- Pietro Pisello

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Domenico & Anna Battista
- Jeremiah Kennelly - 3rd Death Anniversary
- Pacyniak Family
- Gerry Papish
- Michael Vito Parente
- Mike Sr. & Anna Parente
- Bob Schu
- Robert Seliga
- Sobieraj Family
- Kenneth Van Spankeren, Sr.

Monday, November 25, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Christopher Kalinowski
- Julian Mucek

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Ursula Kucharski - 2nd Month Death Anniversary

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Juan Diaz
- Bill Haj—Anniversary of Death

Thursday, November 28, 2024 - THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 am Mass at Mass at St. Eugene Church



- In thanksgiving for family
- John Kula
- Fred & Margaret Rogers
- Marian Wiktor - Death Anniversary

Friday, November 29, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- James Bergman
- Dorothy & Elmer Chanski
- Bob Schu

Saturday, November 30, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Jacek Chuchacz
- Dorota Stelmach

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Ronald Kopeck
- Bernice & John Pikula
- Andrew Bujdasz
- Nicholas Calabrese
- James Bergman
- Angeline Komperda
- S.I. Jeanne Goshgarian - Healing

Sunday, December 1, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- People of the Parish
- Edward Bruno
- Richard Majewski
- Frances Rehfuss
- Vittorio A. Verrecchia
- Matthias & Maria Rempala
- James Stuber

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Edward Rebacz
- Pietro Pisello
- Nicola Troiano
- Debbie Puhala
- Jena L. DiSilvestro
- Francesco D'Andrea
- Domenica D'Andrea
- Brigida D'Andrea
- Maria Murphy Sanchez
- Sandra Morelli

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Deceased Members of Heiberger Family
- Gerry Papish
- Abi Maldonado
- Michelle Sander
- Domingo Ortegon
- Antonio Ranieri
- Vincent J. Evola—2nd Anniversary of Death
- S.I. In thanksgiving for little Victoria`s Healing

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 11/30 4:30 PM – SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	B. Gebhardt - WB L. Feist - B Celebrant/S. Sparacino - C R. Sparacino - O A. Cisek - WO J. Gebhardt - Cup B M. Meo - Cup O	B. Janus L. Parrillo-Hall AJ Orlando E. Burzawa	P. Brown
Sunday, 12/01 8:30 AM – SE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	M. Lim - WB C. Lim - B Celebrant/ B. Ndiwe - C G. Fornek - O J. Fornek - WO R. Kennedy - Cup B J. Kolaski—Cup O	M. Marrinan A. Coleman A. McGovern	T. Macek
Sunday, 12/01 10:00 AM – OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom	M. D'Alessandro - AB R. Catalano - AC G. Henderson -TB R. Molas - TB P. Vega - TC	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	W. Kaczmarczyk - 1st C. Capps - 2nd
Sunday, 12/01 11:30 AM – SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	M. Villaba - WB C. Paulini - B Celebrant/A. Mroszcak - C C. Giacalone - O F. Pacia - WO B. Berggren - Cup B U. Pawlowski - Cup O	M. Clancy C. Rodriguez C. Brown	J. Mroszcak



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 we celebrate All Saints Day, and recall those "living witnesses" of the joy and peace that living the Catholic life can bring, let us ask for the saints' intercession for those who are thinking about finding out more about the Church. If someone you know wants to know more about the Church, contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660 or Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org for any questions.

Living Rosary

Pray a decade 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 St. Philomena, who is the patron of the Living Rosary. Please contact the parish office to sign up to pray a daily decade.

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.
Proclaim 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.

Rosaries for the Holy Souls in Purgatory



As we especially remember the deceased this month, let us dedicate at least one Rosary this week for those who have gone before us. Thank you to all who pray a Rosary for this week's intention, including Rosary Guild members Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S.

Shrine of Remembrance Pictures

We are grateful to everyone who brought pictures of family, friends, and parishioners to form a Shrine of Remembrance in the sanctuary. It has been a beautiful memorial to our dearly departed. Your pictures may now be picked up in the gathering space. Thank you so much for sharing your deceased loved ones with us. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.





November 29, 2024, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Inviting young men in the Archdiocese of Chicago, ages 13–20.

Parents and priests are also invited to this annual event hosted at Mundelein Seminary.

Come and learn more about the priesthood and your vocation.

November 29, 2024
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

University of St. Mary of the Lake
1000 East Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060

Please register at **this link** by November 28.
For further information contact Katie Hazen at **khazen@archchicago.org**.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

4:30pm SE	$ 2,774.00
8:30am SE	$ 4,738.50
10:00am OLMC	$ 2,299.00
11:30am SE	$ 2,105.00
Mail	$ 673.00
Total Physical	**$ 12,589.50**
Online Collection	$ 1,805.01
Grand Total	**$ 14,394.51**
Campaign for Human Development	$ 3,452.00

Thank you for your Support!



1st Wedding Banns

Alyssa Theresa Romeo
&
Padraic Laurie Power



SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 24
School Support

November 28
Thanksgiving Day

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday, November 26 at 11:00. This will be our Thanksgiving Party. Our lunch will be Mostaccioli with a Meatball along with a salad and for dessert you will be able to make your own Ice Cream Sundae. Our speaker will be Officer Stacey Johnson of the Chicago Police Department. Misericordia will have a table with their sweets for you to purchase. We will also have a table for someone selling soaps. After lunch, Bingo will be played. Hope to see you there. REMINDER-Anyone attending our Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 must have a paid reservation by November 26, 2024.



Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent 2 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.*

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Rectory Office will be open on Wednesday, November 27th from 9 am - 12 pm.
We will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28th & Friday, Nov. 29th.

Happy Thanksgiving

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!





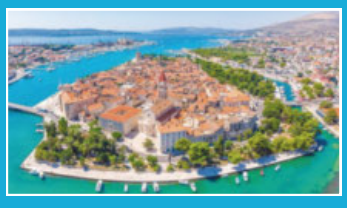


Medjugorje
and the Treasures of the Adriatic
12 days
April 21 - May 2, 2025

Please contact Fr. Rich
at 773-775-6659
for more information
or to request a brochure.









QUEEN OF PEACE GIVING TREE 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Santa needs our help! Our Giving Tree will give gifts to the children of Our Lady of Angels Catholic School. This year we will begin giving out the names of Children at **St. Eugene Church** starting:

- **Saturday, November 16th** before and after the 4:30 pm Mass
- **Sunday, November 17th** before and after the 8:30 am and 11:30 am Masses.
- **Saturday, November 23rd** before and after the 4:30 pm Mass
- **Sunday, November 24th** before and after the 8:30 am and 11:30 am Masses.

Our Lady Mother of the Church:

- **Sunday, November 17th** before and after the 10:00 am Mass
- **Sunday, November 24th** before and after the 10:00 am Mass

Volunteers are needed for the dates listed above to pass out names! Please call Lonnie at 773-895-4553.

Remember All gifts are to be brought in Unwrapped with preferably in a gift bag **by Sunday, December 1st, 2024**

All donations of gift bags, ribbon and tissue paper would be much appreciated.
Companies or Individuals who would like to donate board games and Sports equipment are welcome to do so!
Call me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity,
Lonnie Muehlfelder - 773-895-4553



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
Frank Bucaro
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela 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
Judy Mitrenga
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael J. Muscarello
John Nelson
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
Jackie Pomis
Rita Rogers
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Lorraine & Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Luis A. Sanchez
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


Happy
Thanksgiving
Queen of Peace Parishioners
This Thanksgiving,
we are reminded of
just how grateful we are
for you.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)

Psalm:
The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)

Second Reading:
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father,
to him be glory and power forever and ever. (Rv 1:5-6)

Gospel:
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth." (Jn 18:37)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

There is only one king whose subjects can choose whether or not they will serve him. We choose Christ when we choose the truth. When we serve the truth, we serve Christ the King.

Observances for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Next Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) was an avid outdoorsman and has become a global patron for youth and young adults. He had difficulties with exams and problems with his parents, but he formed his life around Jesus. St. John Paul II declared him a patron for World Youth Days.

Prayer for Christ the King

King Jesus,
Thy Kingdom Come!
May thy Kingdom where mercy and compassion reign, come in haste.
Come, Lord Jesus, Be our Lord and King.

Amen.

Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday:
Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday:
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:
Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:
Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday:
Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:
Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday:
Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That's Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatsuit. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. **"Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice,"** Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir

Queen of Peace Parish

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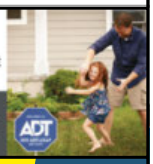
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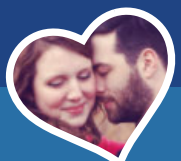


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