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 - 3:00 pm

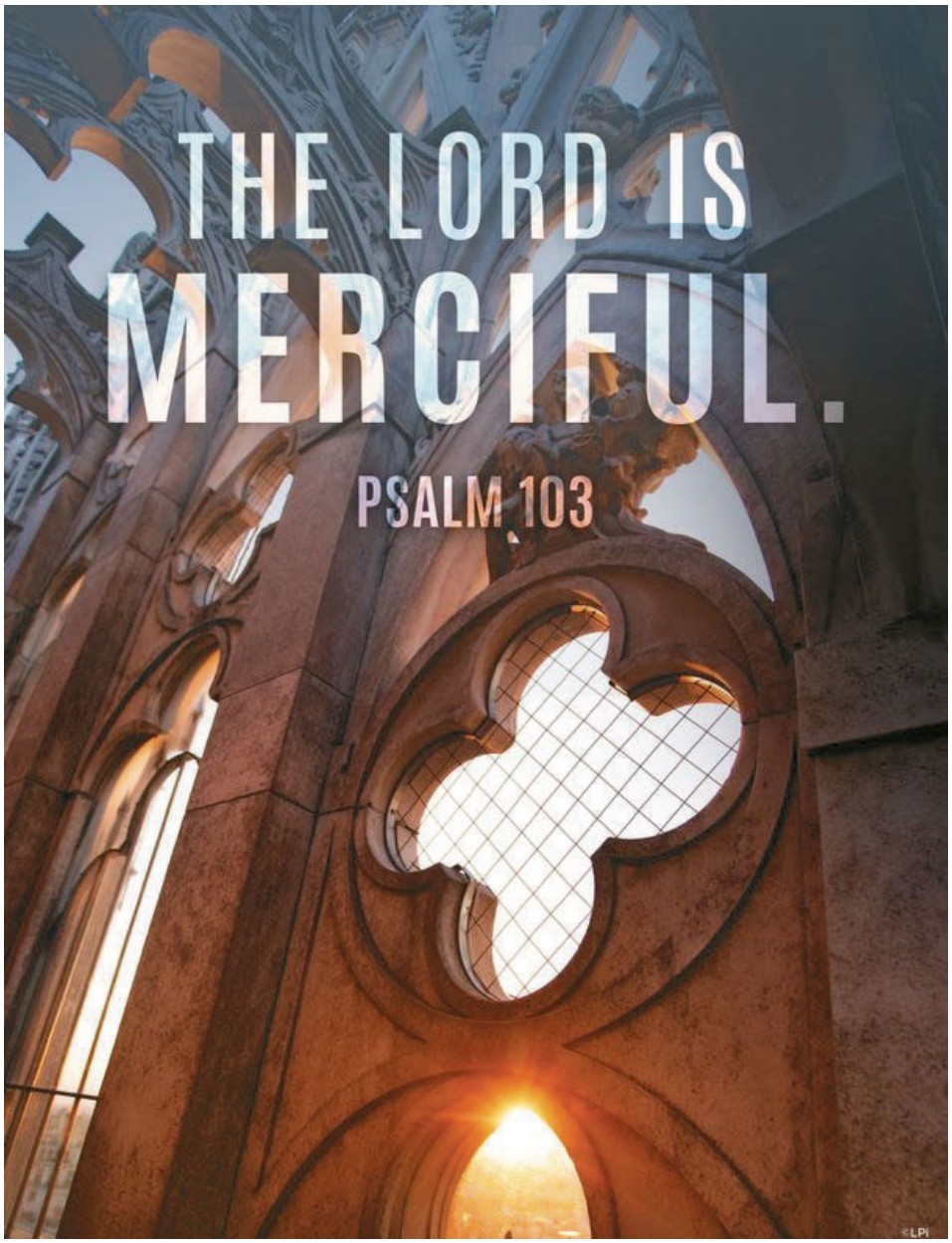
MASSES:
Tuesday: 7:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 am
Sunday: 10:00 am

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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:
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



February 23, 2025



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In our first reading from Samuel, we hear of Saul and David. Saul became the first king of Israel, about 1,000 years before Christ. David, best known for slaying Goliath, was also a talented musician and became one of the favorites at Saul's court. Eventually, the king grew jealous of the popular David who had to flee for his life.

In our second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, we hear from Paul's converts at Corinth who had a lot of questions about life after death, and on the last two Sundays we've heard Paul addressing these. Today he uses a parallel. Just as we receive our human life from our ancestors – ultimately Adam – so we receive risen life from Jesus, who could be called the "new Adam".

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I invite all in our parish to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials that you should have received in the mail by now or that were inserted in last week's bulletin. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the Appeal, and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services, and to extend a worldwide hand of help through Catholic Relief Services. It is our way to affirm the theme of this year's Appeal: Together we bring hope.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. If you did not receive a pledge card and letter in the mail, I ask that you please pick up a pledge envelope that is located at all the exit doors as well as on the tables in the gathering spaces of our churches. Please take the time to prayerfully make a pledge to this worthwhile and beneficial annual appeal. Please be aware that our parish goal for this year's Appeal is $77,460 .00. Last year, through your generosity we not only met our goal but surpassed it by nearly $15,000. This money was returned to our parish and could not have been better timed to help us offset our ongoing heating and air-conditioning repairs. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

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Should Others Be Like Me?

Recently I came upon a poem that didn't use the word "stewardship" but posed some good questions that each of us could use to examine how we live our lives.

•Do we give thanks each day through prayer for the blessings we've been given?

•Are our actions, our attitudes and our responses to others a reflection of the teachings of Jesus Christ?

•How do we share our time, talent and treasure as an expression of our gratitude to God for the goodness in our lives?

But the most important question I came upon that truly gave me pause was one that I've adjusted a bit for our faith community…

What sort of Church would Queen of Peace be if every parishioner were just like me?

At times it's easy for us to sit back and let things be handled by others. There always seems to be someone who will come forward and make sure everything gets done. In fact, when we look at the people who are on our various committees and ministries (Morning Rosary Group, Food Drives, Knights of Columbus, Friendship Club, Music Ministry, etc., we frequently see the same names over and over. Thank God for those individuals! What would Queen of Peace look like if every parishioner were just like me?

Would the sick and homebound receive the Eucharist? Would there be any greeters to welcome people at the weekend Masses? Would we be able to teach our children through our Religious Education program? Would decisions be made? Would anything good happen?

We are all part of the Queen of Peace family, and, like every family, we each must take responsibility for making our home a happy, healthy and thriving place to be. If your answer ***to "What sort of Church would Queen of Peace be…"*** was a wake-up call, then now would be the perfect moment to make some changes. Begin by giving back through your time, talent, and treasure as a way to say "thank you" to the One who makes all things possible and then watch as our Church grows and flourishes in His name!

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Wishing all in our parish a peace-filled and enjoyable week ahead and to Fr. Robert Carlton a very Happy Birthday this coming Thursday, February 27th! And to Fr. Ed Pacocha, a belated 89th birthday - he celebrated his birthday last Sunday.

Fr. Rich Yanos



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 22, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Joseph Bator
- Bruzzini & Gracie Families

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Mark Hujar
- Raymond Lewand
- Stanley Mitrenga
- Tony Parisi
- Adele, Louis & Stephen Pastorino

Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- People of the Parish
- Juan Diaz
- Chester Kolakowski
- Nancy Ptak
- S.I. Konrad Sniezek

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Reba & Walter Ryder
- Josef Subsits
- Katie Szpinalski
- Gilbert Grossi

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Brunetto & Cecilia Brunetti Family
- Teofil Cabaj
- Jan Hyrc
- Hillard Mike Michalek
- Michael Michalek
- Joe Notaro
- Richard Oberheim
- Giuseppa Leo
- Renee Pinter
- Deceased Members of Piatek & Pinter Families
- Frank Solak

Monday, February 24, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Ordination Class of 1945
- Juan Diaz
- Jenny Chun Li Yu
- Yolanda Minan
- Walter Navarro
- Gloria Millan
- S.I. Konrad Sniezek
- Maria Solf - B-Day Blessing

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Debbie Brewer
- S.I. for Konrad Sniezek

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Bruzzini & Gracie Families
- Francesca Panzarino
- S.I. for Konrad Sniezek
- S.I. in Thanksgiving for a new life

Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

Friday, February 28, 2025

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Nicholas Calabrese
- Dorothy & Elmer Chanski
- Ken & Juanita Havlik
- Heredia & Barr Families
- Bernice Padewski - Death Anniversary
- Beverly Wrobel

Saturday, March 1, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Aleksander Dmochowski
- Patty Gomez - In Thanksgiving
- S.I. Konrad Sniezek

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Albert Barski
- Lety Bumanglag
- Arthur Russo
- Jarek Szczepaniak

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- People of the Parish
- Stanislawa & Jan Bazula
- Antonio DiBrita
- Lenore Fang
- Joseph Sparacino

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church
- Josephine & Andrea Corollo
- John Catanese
- Salvatore & Maria Catanese
- Tony Jachym
- Laslo Pustay
- Edward Rebacz
- Lorraine Ryan
- John Stuckel
- Nicola Troiano
- Chris Hunsinger

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church
- Stanislaw & Franciszka Chabura
- Hillard Mike Michalek
- Michael Michalek
- Saree Morley
- Rodelio Ochoa 4th Anniversary
- S.I. Blessings for the Rodriguez Family
- Mirno Della Santina

THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN AUSTRIA

Including visits to Salzburg, Oberndorf, Mondsee (the Sound of Music), St. Wolfgang, Swarovski Crystal Worlds, Bolzano (Italy), Innsbruck, Seefeld and more!

9 Days – November 30 – December 8, 2025

I'm writing you at this time to invite you to join us and to experience a venue unlike we've ever done before – the Christkindl Markets of Austria, more commonly known as the Christmas Markets of Europe. If you might be looking for a totally different and immersive experience to get you in the holiday spirit this will be the trip to do it. These Christmas markets are typically held during the Advent season, the month leading up to Christmas. Each one has its own unique character and traditions. There are large ones and small ones that can be found on the mountainside or seaside. But what they all share is a next-level Christmas experience.

For years I have been asked to offer one of these trips but never did. I thought now would be the time because I have heard so many positive reviews and experiences from those who have done them. These pop-up festivals plunge visitors from all over the world into a storybook world of medieval town squares bathed in twinkling lights and festive decorations. Stalls line the square selling locally handmade crafts and unique gifts along with local food and drink specialties. People crowd the cobblestone streets to enjoy yuletide traditions and entertainment that harkens back to an earlier era.

This trip meets the desire of some of our previous travelers who requested a shorter trip and a less expensive one. For this reason, it is only 9 days rather than our usual 12-13 trip. We will be departing on November 30th (after Thanksgiving) and returning on December 8th, 2025! (getting everyone back home in plenty of time to take care of all your Christmas activities). As was mentioned earlier, these "Christmas Markets" are held during the Advent season which is why these dates have been chosen.

Brochures for this trip are available at both parish offices and in the kiosks in the gathering spaces of St. Eugene and Our Lady, Mother of the Church. Please take one to see if you might be interested. If so, or even, if not, we will be having an Informational Meeting about this "Christmas Markets in Austria" trip on Sunday, March 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church Campus located at 8747 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL 60656. The Meeting will be held in the Hayes Center. Please Park in the south parking lot, which is behind/in back of the church. There you will find the entrance door for the Hayes Center and our meeting. All are welcome to join us!

I look forward to seeing you if you might want to hear more about this exciting and different kind of trip.

Fr. Rich Yanos
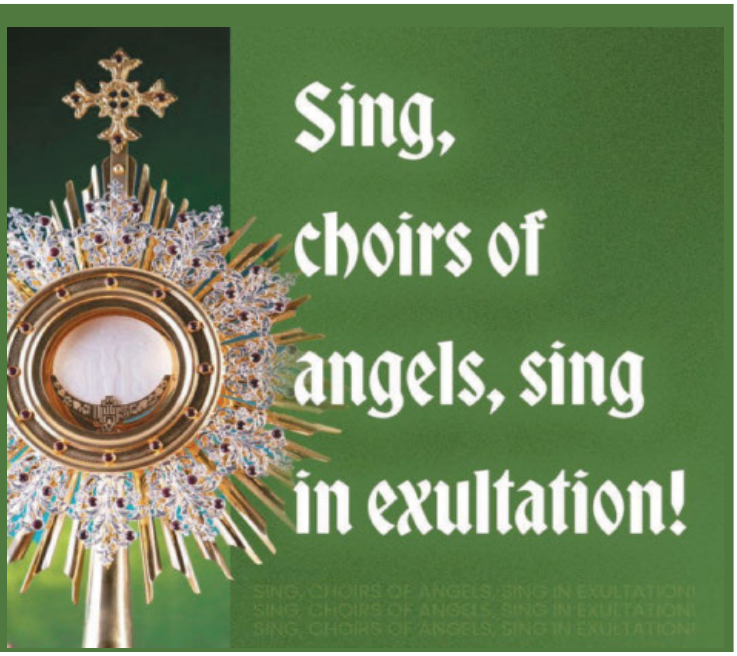






Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 03/01 4:30 pm - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	R. Cantal - WB F. Klus - B Celebrant/ M. Pollowy - C G. Bermas - O A. Cisek - WO L. Feist - Cup B T. Crivlare - Cup O		P. Brown
Sunday, 03/02 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	J. Nardi - WB B. Czubek - B Celebrant / M. Egan - C R. Sparacino - O G. Bermas - WO B. Ndiwe - Cup B J. Kolaski - Cup O		S. Sparacino
Sunday, 03/02 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Jacek Dada	J. Villanueva - AB M. Marszalek - AC R. Catalano - TB P. Vega - TB R. Molas - TC	G. Pilch J. Pilch	J. Conlon - 1st J. Molas - 2nd
Sunday, 03/02 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	T. Moore - WB B. Berggren - B Celebrant/ C. Giacalone - C F. Pacia - O M. Villaba - WO U. Pawlowski - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O		P. Wagner

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm





SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE



RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Decades ago, the bishops of the United States established a program to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and help it rebuild after decades of communist oppression. The program is funded by an annual collection taken up in dioceses across the United States. That response continues today, even as the rebuilding Church faces the new challenges of war and the mass migration of refugees.

From the beginning of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the subsequent war, the Catholic Church has vigorously responded to the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe by offering shelter, food, medicine, and necessities—as well as spiritual support and comfort—to displaced persons and other war victims. Among those leading this charitable response are the consecrated religious sisters and brothers of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Whether by providing shelter and basic necessities to internally displaced persons who have fled their homes for safety in other regions of the country, or by helping priests provide pastoral and humanitarian support in areas where the fighting is most heavy, these sisters and brothers have truly showed Christ's mercy to those most in need.

For them, the human suffering of war is compounded by the unique challenges that wartime conditions present for them as consecrated religious. Questions of how religious communities balance ministry to the needy with the sisters and brothers' needs to live their vows of prayer and community under such extraordinary circumstances require thoughtful responses.

Aided by funding from the collection, the Patriarchal Curia of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church gathered sisters, brothers, and their superiors for the spiritual renewal of a pilgrimage as well as formation sessions to address the challenges facing their communities. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is a vital way for you to make a tangible difference in the lives of Catholics in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

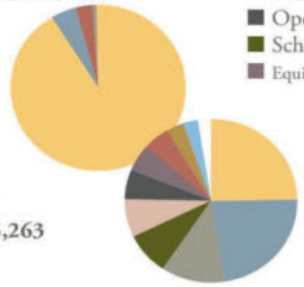
More information about the collection and the range of projects it supports can be found at *www.usccb.org/ccee*.

2023 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 329
Total Amount Approved: $8,755,833

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	90.60%
Program Costs	5.19%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.23%
Administrative Expenses	0.97%
Total Expenses	**$9,665,263**



PROGRAM AREA	GRANTS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Construction	60	$2,201,384	25.14%
Emergency*	7	$1,890,000	21.59%
Evangelization	82	$1,346,352	15.38%
Operational Support	31	$720,215	8.23%
Scholarships	67	$573,407	6.55%
Equipment/Accommodation Purchase	12	$473,431	5.41%
Seminary Support	17	$428,538	4.89%
Social Aid	20	$383,579	4.38%
Education	11	$282,916	3.23%
Vehicle Purchase	9	$235,889	2.69%
Multimedia	13	$220,122	2.51%

*Includes grants for urgent humanitarian and pastoral responses to the crisis in Ukraine.

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Collection Date - March 5th.

Queen of Peace Parish

St. Joseph's Table Committee

The Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph's Table Committee would like to invite you to consider joining the St. Joseph's Table Committee or helping on the day of the event. The St. Joseph's Table is a parish event that honors St. Joseph by raising funds for charity by serving traditional non-meat foods to the public and selling bakery items from the St. Joseph's display table.

Scheduled Meetings

Planning meetings are held in the Shaunessy Center Meeting Room, which is on the east end of St. Eugene campus, at 7:00PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 and Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Event The St. Joseph's Table will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, with setup on Friday, March 21st.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Full Committee member
- Help with planning and acquiring donations.
- Event Volunteers (March 21st and 22nd)
- Setting up/Take Down
- Food Line Servers.
- Kitchen Help.
- Clean up.
- Greeters.

Donations of homemade bread, desserts and your favorite dish are welcome.

For More Information Contact: Russell Sparacino – 708.557.5059 or Sal Sparacino – 630.768.8375

Friendship Club

FRIENDSHIP

The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 25, at 11:00. This will be our Mardi Gras Party so please feel free to wear your green, gold, and purple if you want.

Our lunch will be a special sandwich with a side and a delicious dessert.

Our speaker will be Jocelyn Newhall of Summit of Uptown in Park Ridge. Stacey Freund of Autumn Green will have a table of information for you to review.

After lunch, Bingo will be played. Hope to see you there.

PARISHIONER SEEKING THE WISDOM AND INSPIRATION OF COUPLES MARRIED 50 YEARS OR LONGER

My name is Ross A. Pontarelli, and I am looking for the wisdom and experience of older married couples. With your help I am writing a book that will be titled, "Love and Marriage, Love and Passion". Your participation will be instrumental in helping younger couples know that married life is not necessarily always a bed of roses and that it takes hard work and dedication for a truly happy marriage.

So, if you are 70 years or older, and desire to help young people by virtue of your many years of experience and growth in married life, please give me a call at 773-425-4296. I would very much like to speak with you.

Yours very gratefully,
Ross A. Pontarelli



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OCIA News

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Sunday, March 16th, at the 10:00 am mass, Aaron Barr, Conner McEleney and Sean Ragusa will be celebrating the Rite of Sending the Candidates for the Call of Continuing Conversion. This rite offers Queen of Peace parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress these men have made in OCIA, expresses approval of their election and recognition, and sends them forth to our cardinal with assurance of the parish's care and support. Susanna Triantafillou will also receive a blessing as she continues her journey toward the Catholic faith.

Later in the day; at Holy Name Cathedral, these men will be celebrating the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion. They will be recognized by the Cardinal for their intention to be fully initiated in the Catholic faith and will be sharing in the sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil.

It has been our pleasure to be working with this group on their journey into full communion with the Catholic faith. Please keep them in your prayers on this special day and continue to welcome and support them.

The OCIA Team



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

4:30pm SE	$ 3,130.00
8:30am SE	$ 2,947.50
10:00am OLMC	$ 2,226.00
11:30am SE	$ 2,288.00
Mail	$ 1,011.00
Total Physical	**$ 11,602.50**
Online Collection	$ 2,140.01
Grand Total	**$ 13,742.51**
Parish Repairs & Maintenance	$ 3,541.00







SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 23
School Support
Commitment Weekend for Annual Catholic Appeal
March 2
Follow –up weekend for Annual Catholic Appeal
March 5
Ash Wednesday
Central & Eastern Europe
March 9
Sacred Heart/St. Eulala Sharing
March 16
School Support
March 23
Easter Flowers

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Giuliano Caruso
(former usher)
at St. Eugene
† Salvatore Ciaccio
† Flora Baxter
† Thoman J. Eul, Sr.

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.



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.

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!

Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net

Friendship Club

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 11am at OLMC. For more information about upcoming meetings or with any other questions, please contact Debra at dltimmreck@gmail.com or by calling 773-398-4472

Save the Date

Parish Mission - May 4-6, 2025
Location: OLMC
Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

OCIA

Becoming Catholic—order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

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.

For information about the RCIA, contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660 or Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org for any questions.



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
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
Dcn. Ted Marszalek
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
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Catherine O'Keefe
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
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
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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There is a meeting this Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Eugene Church for all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in Queen of Peace Parish.

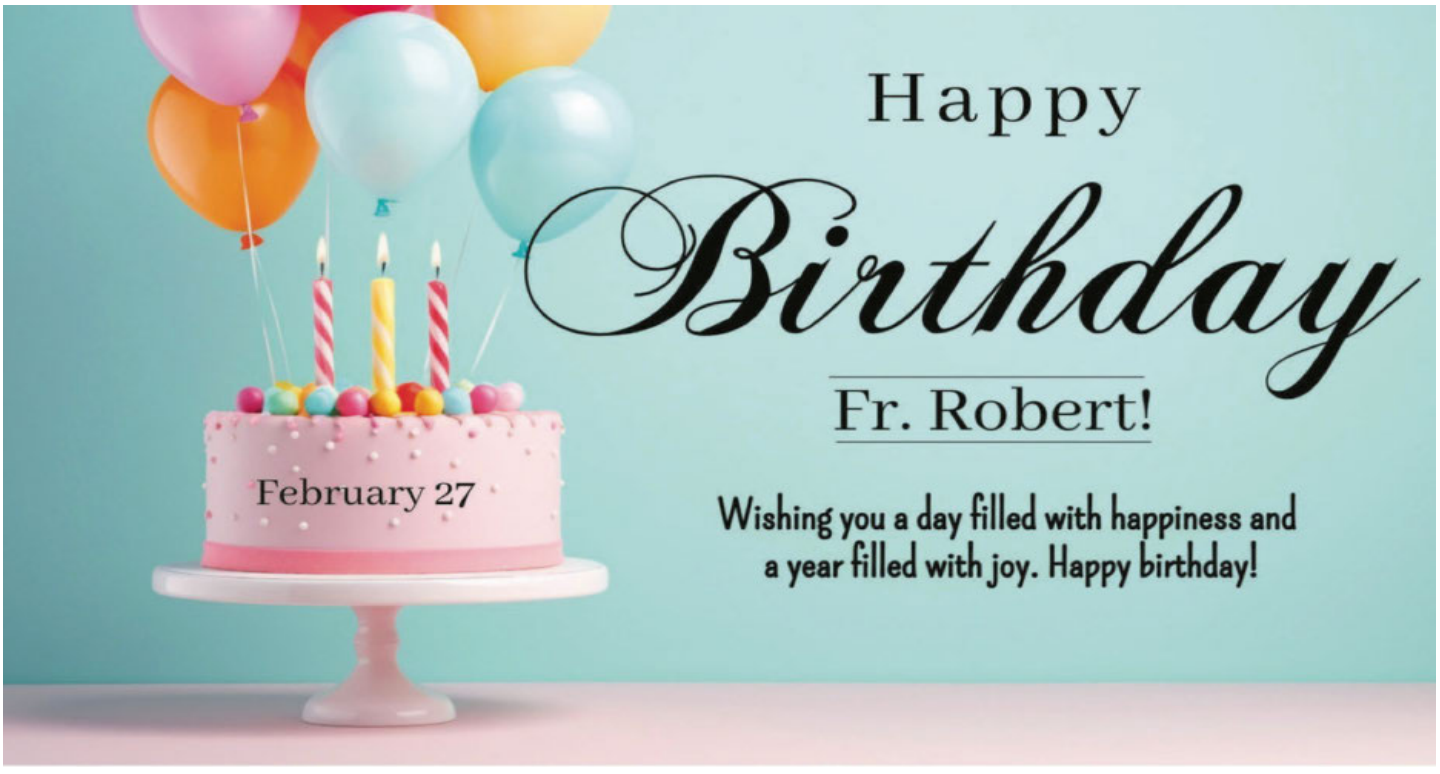
Marian Devotions

The Living Rosary is where you pray a decade or more of the Rosary daily. The intention is for the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of Saint Philomena, who is the patron of the Living Rosary.

Joyful Mysteries	Luminous Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries	Glorious Mysteries
Annunciation - Ted M.	Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.	Agony in the Garden - Jean R.	Resurrection - Lita J.
Visitation - Barb R.	Wedding at Cana - Mary M.	Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.	Ascension - Marsha G.
Nativity - Josephine N.	Proclaim the Kingdom - Ted M.	Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.	Descent of Holy Spirit - Camille C.
Presentation - Karen R.	Transfiguration - Emily A.	Carrying of the Cross - Ted M.	Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Finding in the Temple - Mary M.	Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.	Crucifixion - Demi S.	Coronation of Mary - Camille C.

The Rosary intention of the Rosary Guild this week is for Pope Francis and his February prayer intention, vocations to the priesthood and religious life. "Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life." Rosary Guild 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., and Shirley S. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed before Mass Monday through Saturday. After Mass on Tuesday is the Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion. After Mass on Saturday, March 1 is the First Saturday Devotion.





Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

Sunday:
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday:
Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday:
Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday:
Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174,
175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday:
Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

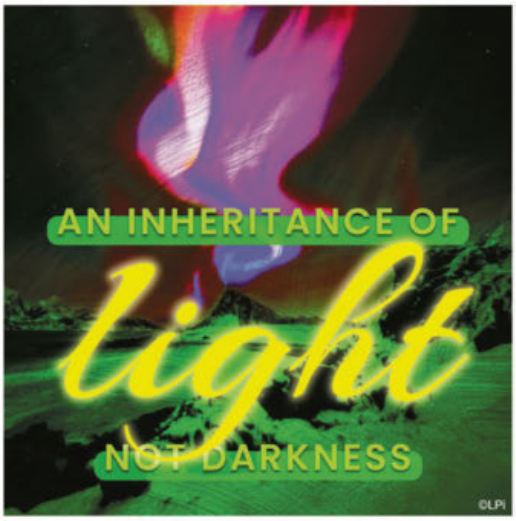
Friday:
Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday:
Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/
Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday:
Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, **"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful"** (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— Father John Muir

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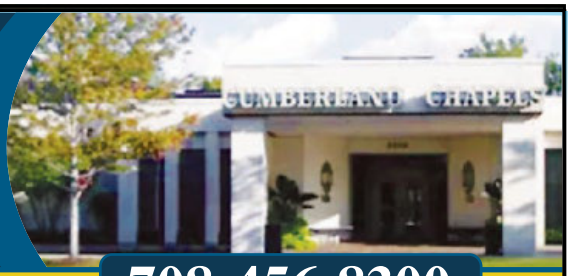
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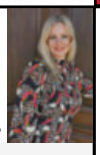
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