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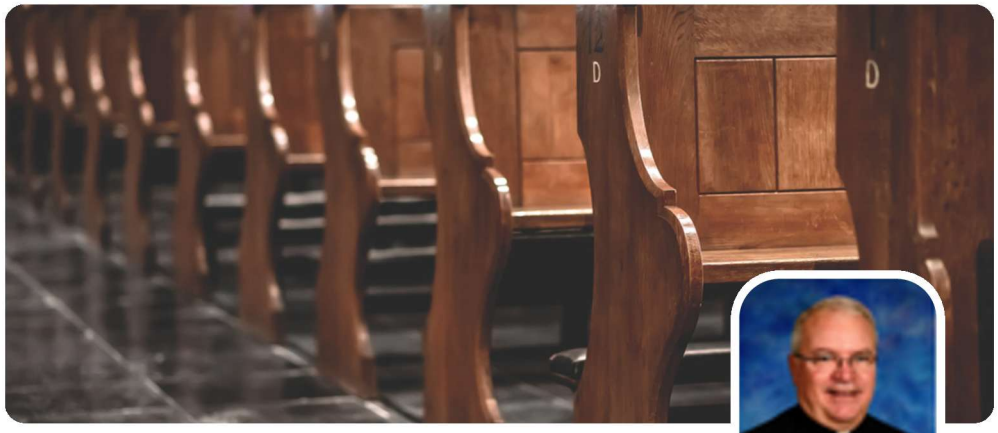
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

CHURCH ETIQUETTE
In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out. Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.

UPCOMING BULLETIN EARLY SUBMISSION DATES:

Please send all material for November 22nd Bulletin by Monday, November 16th & for November 29th Bulletin by Friday, November 20th to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate All Saint's Day.

The Book of Revelation is not intended to make predictions about actual people and events in future times. The author was concerned only about people and events in that time and was given no privileged information about the future. In today's passage, the author encourages people of that time by presenting a vision of God's people enjoying heavenly life.

In our first reading, we heard symbolic images of what heaven will be like. The author of our second reading also talks about what heaven will be like, but without attempting to give us any specific details.

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Tomorrow (Monday), November 2nd, is All Souls' Day. The day when we commemorate all our faithful departed. There will be our regular 9:00 a.m. morning Mass but there will be a special Mass at 7:00 p.m. at St. Eugene Church for all those that might wish to remember their deceased loved ones in a special way.

This year we will once again have Shrines of Remembrance of our beloved dead in the sanctuary at each of our worship sites. This Mass is truly a special time for remembering our family members and friends who have passed away either recently or long ago.







A while back I received the annual request from the Priest's Placement Board that goes out to all priests at this time of the year, asking us to let the Board know what our plans are for the future. In other words, are we planning on requesting extensions at our parishes if our time is up? Or are we looking to make a change in assignments, etc. In my case, I'll be turning 70 in August of 2027 (next year). I'm not sure if you are aware or not but priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago can't even think about or even consider retiring until they reach the age of 70. After much thought and prayer, I've decided to take this leap into the unknown. After 44 years of serving the people of God in the parishes I have ministered at, 30 of those years as a pastor, I think it is time. I sometimes wonder where those 44 years have gone because it seems like just yesterday that I began my first assignment. Given the reality of all my health issues, however, I'd like to give retirement a try. This process begins by sending a letter to the Cardinal letting him know that you'd like to retire. Well, I've sent my request to the Cardinal and have received his OK. I'm not sure if I'm doing the right thing but I suppose I'll find out soon enough. Don't get me wrong…I absolutely love being a priest and will more than likely have to continue working to survive in retirement, I just feel it's time to step down from leadership, administration, fundraising, management, 30 years of writing weekly bulletin articles, and the myriad of countless "other responsibilities" etc. that come with shepherding a parish community. I've worked hard all these years and am so proud of all the accomplishments that have been achieved working side-by-side with the parishioners of the parishes I have served at, many of whom have become good friends along the way. For this I am forever grateful.

So, what this all means is that we have eight months left together. After 44 years serving God and His Church, it looks like Queen of Peace will be my last stop on the ministerial train of my life. I anticipate celebrating and enjoying these last months with you all. I'm also looking forward to a combination "Turning 70 and Retirement Celebration" sometime in June before the official transition date of July 1st. Obviously more information will be coming your way as our parish begins this transition process in the months ahead.

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This is another reason why I am so looking forward to our parish's upcoming December 5th GALA EVENT. In the nine years that I have been pastor here; we have never really had a Parish Event quite like this. Our Parish Pastoral Council is hoping that we can all get together to celebrate who we are as a community of faith, enjoy a delicious meal of filet mignon, chicken and vegetable prepared in a beautiful environment, be entertained by Charles Pansino, a talented Chicago-area crooner and entertainer, who will be our special musical guest for this year's gala, and enjoy some dancing. There will also be a cash bar and some 50/50 Raffles to top off the evening. The ticket price is $125.00 per person, which is really not a lot when you consider it covers the cost of the meal, entertainment and support of our parish all at the same time. Tickets are now on sale after all weekend Masses in the gathering spaces of our churches and at the parish office or online at Give Central that can be accessed via our website or the QR Code found in the parish bulletin. Looking forward to spending an enjoyable evening with you all!

Fr. Rich Yanos