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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.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today, we celebrate the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's first reading begins with Isaiah singing a song to the people. He uses this song as a parable so that he can then speak to them about God's disappointment. God had lavished his loving care upon them…and their response was sin.

We continue our series of readings from Paul's letter to the Christian community of Philippi in northeastern Greece. Of all the communities founded by Paul, Philippi was his favorite. While he was in prison, he wrote them a letter of gratitude and encouragement. In today's passage, we will hear Paul present a list of classical Greek virtues and remind the people that he not only taught these virtues, but he lived them.

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We have now entered the month of October. This month has long been recognized as the Month of the Rosary. The practice of using this devotional prayer has been steeped in rich tradition and historical significance for hundreds of years.

A popular legend tells us that the Rosary, or "garland of roses", was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother when she appeared to him. Historians believe that the rosary evolved from religious traditions practiced between the 12th and 15th centuries. In those early days of the church, monks were known to recite 150 psalms of David in repetitious prayer. Lay men and women adopted the monks' practice by saying 150 repetitions of the Our Father. To keep count, they would carry strings of knots or beads. What eventually evolved was the Rosary as we know it today.

The Rosary was also believed to be a powerful agent of miraculous intervention. Don Juan of Austria, after his 16th century defeat of the Mohammedan Turks, proclaimed that it was "neither generals nor battalions nor arms that brought us to victory…but Our Lady of the Rosary."

However, the Rosary came to be, it is perhaps one of the most popular forms of devotional prayer used by many today. During this month of October perhaps you might make a greater effort to call upon the intercession of the Blessed Mother through your praying of the Rosary.

If anyone is unsure of how to pray the Rosary, stop by after any Mass and see me and I'd be happy to provide you with an easy-to-read step-by-step instructional guide to assist you.

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Don't forget that even though today, October 4th, is the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time it is usually the feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the day we bless our beloved pets. This blessing will take place today, Sunday, at 3:00 p.m. in front of the main entrance to St. Eugene Church. Please join us with your pets for this special blessing. I look forward to seeing you later.

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For the past couple of months our parish pastoral council members have been working diligently behind the scenes preparing for our upcoming Parish Gala Event entitled, "ALL IS BRIGHT" that will be held on Saturday night, December 5th, at the Fountain Blue on Mannheim Road in Des Plaines beginning at 6:30 p.m. We're planning on starting the evening with our 4:30 p.m. Mass that evening.

There is so much that we as a parish have to give thanks for and it has been so long since we have celebrated who we are in this way. I know it seems a bit early, but I just want to get the word out and encourage all in our parish to consider supporting this event by your presence and celebrating with your fellow parishioners by getting your tickets early. I believe we are limited to only 200 guests for this event. With the size of our parish I'm hoping we will have a full house. Tickets are $125.00. The committee felt this was a reasonable contribution for an unforgettable evening of faith, fellowship, and fine dining as well as supporting the mission of our parish. With all the improvements that have been going on in the school and parish over the past few years, the Council felt we should not just have a needed fundraiser but also make it an enjoyable evening for everyone. So, let's all get together and make this an evening where "ALL IS BRIGHT". Tickets for tables of 10 can be purchased and are already being reserved. Purchasing a table of 10 enables you to choose who will be sitting at your table. Tickets can be purchased online using the QR Code found on the page in the bulletin, at the parish office, and soon after all the masses in the vestibules. Remember…all are welcome! So, invite your family and friends as well. Looking forward to spending a fun and enjoyable evening with you all!

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There are also pictures of all the seminarians that are studying for the Archdiocese of Chicago located on the tables in the gathering space of our worship sites. Please take a seminarian picture home with you and pray for them and their vocational journey throughout the year.

Have a great week everyone.

Fr. Rich Yanos



ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4, at 3 p.m.,
in front of the main entrance at St. Eugene Church

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the blessing of animals shows that all of God's creatures are cherished and beloved.

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

