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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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon six centuries before Christ. In today's first reading, he takes up a question we have probably asked ourselves: Is God fair or unfair in his dealings with people? Paul wrote from prison to his Christian converts in Philippi, a city in what is today northeastern Greece. While he was in prison, the Philippians had sent someone to bring money for his support and to stay with him. Paul thanks them by quoting an early Christian hymn which he felt described Christ as a model for the way all Christians should live.

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Next weekend at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 4th, Fr. Dan Brandt, who is the chaplain of the Chicago Police Department, will be here to celebrate the Blue Mass. For those who may not be familiar with the meaning of the "Blue" Mass let me explain. The Blue Mass acknowledges first responders: law enforcement, firefighters, EMS personnel, 911 operators, and correctional officers, including those who have given their lives to save someone else. The color blue is adopted from the uniform worn by police. Blue Masses began in the United States in 1934, and the first was held to remember police who had sacrificed themselves in the line of duty. The first Mass turned into an annual tradition, and today Blue Masses are held throughout the nation.

Initially, only police were acknowledged in the Mass, but now Blue Masses include all first responders. These are the folks who enter into harm's way for others, even rushing into burning buildings to save those inside; their first inclination when confronted with danger is to go toward the tragedy, not away. The Church applauds these courageous individuals, including the 911 operator who calmly deals with and answers calls concerning life and death situations and the correctional officer who works at rehabilitation, bringing the incarcerated person to Christ.

During the Blue Mass, the Church praises and blesses this group of professionals, whom we all count on, and assure them of our continued support. By the way, St. Michael the Archangel is the patron saint of this group.

Please plan on joining us next weekend at the 11:30 a.m. Mass and feel free to invite anyone who you know that serves in any of the above mentioned professions as we honor them and their life-saving work.

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October is also the month of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year his feast day falls on Sunday, October 4th, next Sunday. We will be having our annual pet blessing then, on Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 p.m. on the area in front of the main entrance to St. Eugene Church. This blessing of our beloved pets has been a tradition for many, many years in parishes throughout the world. For this reason, all in our parish are encouraged to bring your pets (small, medium or large, fish, animal or fowl, walking, crawling or hopping) to the area in front of the entrance of church on Sunday, October 4th. All pets are welcome as well as parishioners from our neighboring parishes who would like to have their pets blessed. Please join your parish family in keeping this beautiful tradition as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi here at Queen of Peace.

Looking forward to seeing you and your beloved pets next weekend!

Fr. Rich Yanos

