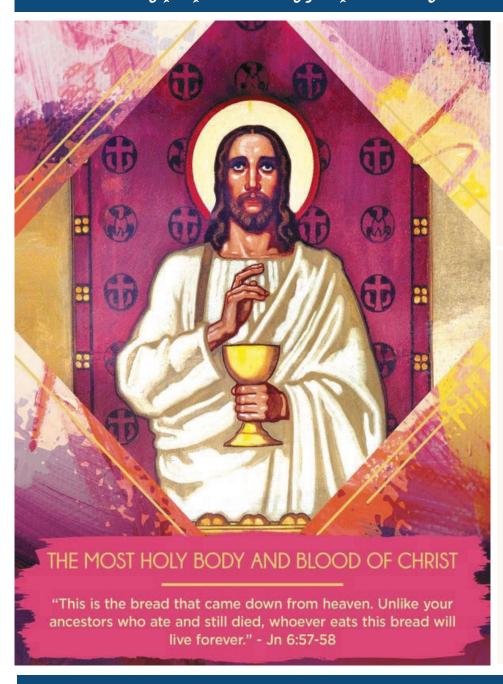
Queen of Peace

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.



OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

MASSES:

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

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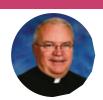
Monday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:30 am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

4:00 pm

Monday: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Benediction: 5:45 pm



From the desk of Father Rich Yanos

Today our Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi Sunday.

Deep within people of faith there is a hunger for the Eucharist. Nothing else will do. Our deepest longings and needs will be filled only in union with the Lord. As we receive the Eucharist with our "Amen" we acknowledge our belief that we are truly receiving the Body of Christ; as we meditate on His Presence, we nourish our spirits; as we become what we receive, we grow in holiness. When our hearts are set on the Eucharist, nothing else will do. Jesus Christ does indeed feed us with the gift of finest wheat.

A few years ago, I came across an article that appeared in a neighboring parish bulletin that had to do with good and practical guidelines for receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist. Because I thought many of us could all use a refresher course in this area, and because today's celebration focuses on the Eucharist, here are a few reminders in respecting these important guidelines:

- If you receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in your hand, answer with a definitive "Amen" before you extend your tongue or your hand.
- Extend your tongue far enough for the priest or minister to carefully place the Sacred Host on it. The priest or minister is to place the host on your tongue without touching it; if your tongue is touched it could create health problems for those receiving later in line.
- Make a bow of the head as a sign of reverence before receiving the Eucharist. This is best done when the priest or minister elevates the Eucharist. Genuflecting and kneeling are not necessary and can cause someone behind you to trip or fall.
- If you are going to receive the host in the hand, please DO NOT GRAB AT THE SACRED HOST. You are to make a throne for the Lord by placing one hand over the other. Then say Amen, take the host with your free hand and consume the host.
- We currently do not offer the Precious Blood at our Masses; however, we have now been given the OK to do so. We may begin by offering a couple of stations, but we will need to increase our numbers of Eucharistic Ministers. When we begin the distribution of the cup, IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO CARRY THE SACRED HOST TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AND DIP IT IN THE PRECIOUS BLOOD. This process is called intinction. It requires a different set of sacred vessels that we currently do not use. To do so with our cups most certainly would create a health risk, as no hands or fingers should be placed in the cups used to distribute Christ's Sacred Blood. Please have clean hands! There should be nothing in your hands as you prepare to receive the Eucharist. Don't carry a rosary, a crucifix or anything else in your hands when you receive the Lord or have anything written on your hands.
- After receiving Holy Communion, whether on the tongue or in the hand, it is not proper to genuflect to the tabernacle. In most parishes, the tabernacle is empty while Communion is being distributed. Most importantly, after you receive the Eucharist, you are the tabernacle!

• The proper response to: "The Body of Christ" is "Amen". Amen means "so be it." It is very important that you make that profession of faith before receiving the Lord. Amen says it all! Anything else is superfluous.

Congratulations to our St. Eugene 8th Grade Class of 2023 who recently celebrated their Graduation Mass and Ceremony on Friday, June 2nd. As you now make this transition from grammar school to high school, we wish you all the best and hope you have a productive and enjoyable summer. Congratulations as well to all those in our community who are graduating – be it Kindergarten, 8th Grade, High School, College or completing Graduate School. The best to you on a job well done!

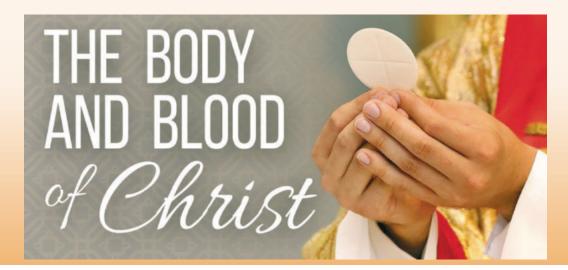
Many thanks, as well, to the St. Eugene graduation Class of 1963 who celebrated their 60th Anniversary of their graduation with us last weekend at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. It was a pleasure to have them here with us and a reminder of the impact our school has made on the thousands of men and women who were once students here.

Father's Day is next Sunday, June 18th. Here in our country, we set aside this special day to remember and celebrate these special men in each of our lives who, with our mothers, have been instrumental in not only bringing each of us into this world, but have also helped to provide a loving home and a strong male role model that is much needed today. We honor these men who have cared, nurtured, fed, and even sacrificed for us because of their deep paternal love for us.

Whether living or deceased, hopefully a prayer of thanksgiving will be said for your dad. If you might wish to have your father remembered in a special way at all our Father's Day Masses, as well as having his name on our altar throughout the year, you can do so by writing in your father's names on the special Father's Day envelope provided in your packet this month. They can be placed in the collection basket, mailed in, or dropped off at the parish office with your contribution this week or next and their names will be added to the memorial page(s) that will be included in our parish bulletin as well as placed on our altar for an entire year.

Have a wonderful week ahead, everyone and a great beginning of the summer season.

Fr. Rich Yanos



Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

In Thanksgiving St. Liberata,

David Brichetto Sr., David Brichetto Jr.,

Robert Brichetto, Maria Concialdi,

Juan Diaz, Elmer & Grace Frelka,

Pascal Gerard, Wayne Greco,

Eleanor Pastorino, James Pastorino,

Stephen Pastorino,

Halina Smagacz,

Mary & John Smolen,

Helen & Walter Wojtas,

Margie Sweeney,

Spec. Int. Kurt & Monica Wachhalder

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish, Juan Diaz,

Nicholas Calabrese, Artemio Constantino,

Sigifrido DiBartolo, Ted & Jean Fornek,

Gail McElligott, Frances Salvato,

Alex & Martha Wrobel, Louise Zittnan

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Vito & Pasqua Ferri, Neil Hauser,

Dec'd Mbrs of Kot & Feret Fams.

Jan Kowalczyk & Family

Santa Liberata, Michael J. Nardulli Anniv.,

Fred Panek, Donato Parente,

Pietro Pisello,

Jozef Rebacz, Rosina Ruffolo

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jack & Mary Rose Maggiore 60th Wedd. Anniv.,

Armando Abdon Sr.,

Anthony & Aurora Barone,

Carmela & Giovanni Castelli,

Krzysztof Dabros,

Carmela Esposita,

George & Pearl Giovannoni,

John Kula & Michael & Helena Kula,

Hillard (Mike) Michalek, Michael Michalek,

Robert Christopher Miklewicz,

Giuseppe Randazzo,

Phil Saineghi, Phillip Saineghi

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Purgatorial Society

Lawrence & Mary Csuk,

Bill Kovacic,

John & Frances Pelz

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

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

Lori Goodman,

Laurel Hook,

S.I. Matt, Nicole, Damian & Fam.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Bill Haj,

Jude & Minn Fams.,

Russell & Josephine Pantano

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023

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

Linda & Jack McMicken.

Florian Mackowski

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Frank Genovise,

Dec'd Mbrs. Reilly & Small Fams.,

Frederick Tomzik

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Phil Barnas,

Carpenter & MacArthur Fams.

12:30 pm Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Wedding: Nicholas Reyes & Melissa Di Giacomo

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

For all our living & deceased Fathers

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

For all our living & deceased Fathers

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

For all our living & deceased Fathers

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

For all our living & deceased Fathers

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
Donald Bellisario
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Kurt Feiereisel
Matthew Scott Forrest
Major Dirk Haller

Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
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
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 6 / 17 5 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	C. Bobka - WB M. Pollowy - B D. Sulimowski - C T. Swiderski - O T. Swiderski - WO		J. Magnuson
Sunday, 6 / 18 8:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Duszynski - WB B. Czubek - B P. Draniczarek - C M. Egan - O C. Hill - WO		J. Imburgia
Sunday, 6 / 18 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos	G. Henderson - C P. Peterson - T	G. Pilch J. Pilch T. Molas	N. Ringelstein 1st L. Muehlfelder - 2nd
Sunday, 6 / 18 11:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Ed Pacocha	L. Feist - WB C. Paulini - B F. Pacia - C M. Tomzik - O P. Tomzik - WO		P. Wagner

Rosaries for the National Eucharistic Revival - OLMC

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), the National Eucharistic Revival begins a year of promoting Eucharistic devotion in parishes, so this week's Rosary intention is for the National Eucharistic Revival. Please contact the rectory office to become a member of the Rosary Guild, with Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Shirley S., and Milabelle T.

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion - OLMC

Pray with us this Tuesday, June 13, right after the 7 a.m. Mass on the Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua. Copies of the devotion are available as you enter the church.

Prayer:

Divine Heart of Jesus

I offer you through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Mother of the Church,

in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice,

my prayers, actions, joys and sufferings of this day

in reparation for sins and for the salvation of all people,

in the grace of the Holy Spirit for the glory of the Heavenly Father.

Amen.

www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/solemnity-of-the-most-sacred-heart-of-jesus.html

Living Rosary - OLMC

The Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Saturday, June 17. With the Living Rosary, you pray a decade of the Rosary each day for the triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, St. Philomena. On December 17, 1927, Our Lady said to Servant of God Sister Lucia of Fatima, "Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and these souls will be loved by God, like flowers placed by me to adorn His throne." Please reach out to the rectory office to sign up to pray a decade daily.

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.
Kingdom of God at Hand—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.

"If You Can Write a Recipe, You Can Write a Liturgy!"

It is a little more complicated than that, folks. But in line with the renewal and revitalization of our new parish, the Liturgy Committee asks you to join its team of writers.

Your chief responsibilities would include:

- ♦ Collaboration with the pastor and other committee members on a monthly basis to set the focus of upcoming liturgies.
- Composition of the words for the Penitential Act and the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions) for all Sunday and Holy Day Masses reflecting the unique perspective of the community, as you are assigned.

You will receive the necessary training to accomplish your tasks; and handbooks to assist you. You will gain insight into and appreciation of the intricacies of the Mass.

If this interests you, contact Jim Summers at (773) 693-4815.

Nurses Notes

Summer will soon be upon us, and the temperatures will rise over 90 degrees. Persons under 5 or over 65 are more vulnerable to the high temperatures because their body adjusts to the heat more slowly. If you are obese or have other health conditions that affect your heart, lungs or kidneys, you are also more prone to heat related issues. It is important to stay hydrated!!! There are many different thoughts on how much water one should drink. Many believe one should consume, in ounces, ½ their body weight, (ie: if you are 160 pounds, you should drink 80 ounces or ten glasses of water/ day) Please speak to your doctor about the amount of fluid you are allowed.

Heat exhaustion is a condition that is related to the heat index. It measures how hot someone feels when the effects of air temperature and related humidity are combined.

The signs and symptoms of this are:

- ♦ Pale, cool, moist skin often with goose bumps
- ♦ Confusion
- ♦ Dizziness or Lightheadedness
- ◆ Fatigue
- ♦ Headache
- Heavy sweating
- ♦ Muscle or stomach cramps
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- ♦ Rapid heartbeat

You may also notice that your urine is darker, which may indicate dehydration

The treatment recommendations include:

- ♦ Go to a shady place or preferably into an air-conditioned environment
- Loosen your clothing and rest
- Drink plenty of cool fluids, especially water
- Cool down with cool water compresses on your skin, soak in cool water and shower

If you are not feeling better within fifteen minutes seek emergency help, as this may lead to heat stroke. Heat stroke can be devastating and may lead to death.

A final note: Please remember your pets in this hot weather. They need cool water and a cool environment as much as we do. Also, don't forget your sunscreen.

Happy, Healthy Summer!

Peace, Terri, RN

The Friendship Club

will be meeting on Tuesday, June 13 at 11:00 SHARP.
Doors open at 10:30. Anyone "55" and over is welcome
to join us for a fun filled afternoon with a delicious lunch
and friendly conversation. This will be our Father's Day Party
and our lunch will be mostaccioli and meatballs
along with a salad and ice cream for dessert.
Our speaker will be the Salvation Army.

After lunch, Bingo will be played. Hope to see you there.
Also, Nurse Terri is collecting cereal for a food pantry.
Please help her by bringing a box of cereal to our meeting.



3rd WEDDING BANNS

Nicholas Reyes & Melissa Di Giacomo

2nd WEDDING BANNS

Max Holden Hong & Gwen Marie Lewandowski

1st WEDDING BANNS

Kevin Meier & Shannon Ernst



Congratulations St. Eugene School Class of 2023!







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With Joyful Hearts, we welcome our newly baptized.



Achilles Zarsuela Cervantes



Sienna Camila Tonge



Arianna Maria Peters



BIBLE STUDY

When was the last time that you have had a talk with our Lord? Or when was the last time that you have picked up the Bible to read? This is an invitation for all **Queen of Peace** parishioners to join us for an hour or so to pray, to read and discuss the coming Sunday readings, and any other questions about our faith that we find interesting. At different times we can find subjects that arouse our interest, such as, the Sacraments, or Beatitudes, and taking apart a prayer so we can really understand what it is that Jesus want us to know.

My name is Frank Lizak and I have been coordinating the Bible Group for the last 10 years. When Divine Savior Parish closed, our group missed a couple weeks. But it did not take long for us to find each other, and a room in the Eisenhower Public Library where we have been having our meetings. The good news is that we have acquired room 110 at St. Eugene School for Wednesday mornings from 10:00 thru 12:00 starting May third. I hope that all will take advantage of dropping in to see what we do. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to send me an email at fjlizak@comcast.net.We always leave with something new to think about.



June 4, 2023

5:00 SE	\$3,111.00
8:30 SE	\$3,548.50
10:00 OLMC	\$2,279.00
11:30 SE	\$2,214.00

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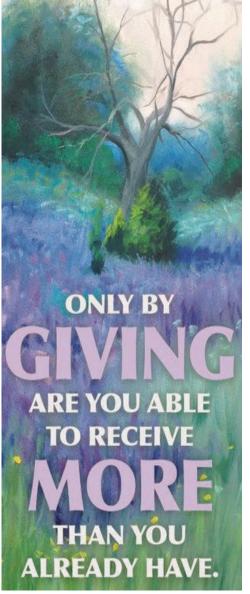
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Parish Repairs

& Maintenance \$3,035.00

Please continue your contribution in the usual way, until we finalize the merger of the databases and electronic giving accounts.

Thank you for your support!





Bulletin Submissions:

Due Friday by noon, one week prior to publication. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. Thank you.

Please Pray f or our Deceased Parishioners:

- † Anthony Addante † Robert Burkart
 - † August Delisi
- † Nancy Styczenski

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



Young Adults Ice Cream Social

Queen of Peace Parish Young Adults group will be having an Ice Cream Social On Saturday, June 24th, in the Shaunessy Center from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Come for ice cream, games, and mingling.

All are welcome!



(5220 N. Canfield Ave., Chicago) - please see the link for the address:

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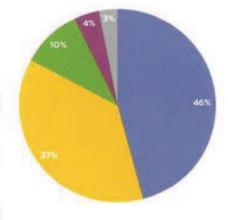
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1400 South Wolf Road | Building 3, Floor 2 | Hillside, IL 60162 | 708.449.8026 | prmaa.org

Collection on June 11 - Thank you!





Fr. Rich Yanos 40th Anniversary

of Ordination to the Priesthood Beginning with 5pm Mass and Continuing in the Shaunessy Center

Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

Available After All Masses In Rear Vestibule (Tickets are Also Available In SE Rectory Office)

Breakfast Food Drive

There will be tables in the Narthex to hold your donations.

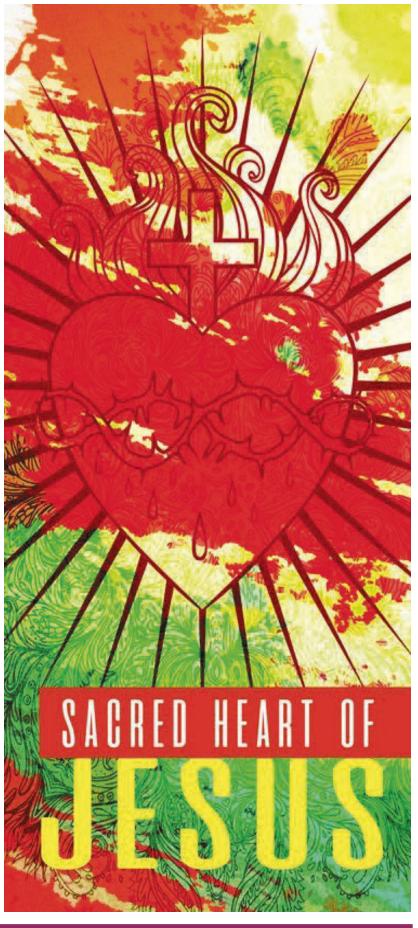
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Second Collection

Priest's Health & Retirement

Second Collection Next Weekend

Father's Day Remembrance





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

Patricia & Lawrence Basili

A. & V. Bischof

Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence

Anthony Bongiorno Johnmar Castillo Gracie Carey Karen Cazolas Mary Ciliak Joseph F. Coglianese

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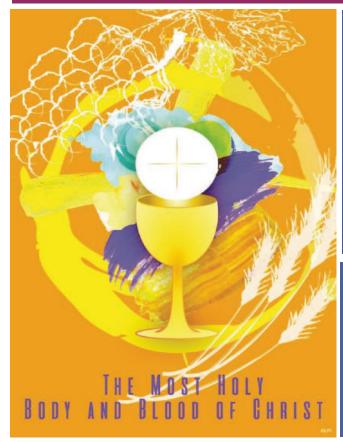
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Dolores Wilk





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

Divine Savior's Marian Shrine, Now known as the Queen of Peace Statue, Will be coming to a new location!

The Unification Committee has approved the relocation of the beautiful Marian Shrine, from the campus of Divine Savior, to Saint Eugene's Church. The shrine was erected by the parishioners in 1987, and was ironically named the Queen of Peace, the name of our new parish. It is fitting that she is moved to the new location.

The Queen of Peace is an 8' stainless steel sculpture weighing 1,200 pounds. The brick base that she sits on cannot be moved and will need to be reconstructed. 3G Construction has been hired to move the statue and replicate the base. The owners of 3G Construction are long-time active parishioners. The statue will be placed in a prominent place along Foster Ave.

We are asking for your financial support for the success of this project. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 which will cover the relocation cost, build a new base, beautify the landscape around the statue, and include lighting and benches.

Will you be able to donate to this project?

Here are ways to contribute:

- Complete the tear offsheet below and Place in an envelope with the Sunday collection.
- ♦ Donate online thru Give Central Click on the Relocation of Statue link;
- Mail the form below in or drop off a check to the parish office.

As we move into the future, we are certain that the Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace, will reign in our hearts and in her new location as we unite under her mantle.

Questions?

Contact Ralph Cantal at 708-453-5303,

Domenica Duszynski 773-213-3629

Lonnie Muehlfelder 773-895-4553



Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

The Priesthood and the Eucharist

"These two Sacraments were born together," wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, "and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world."

The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible.

We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins — sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist.

Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. On this, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let's give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones — manna from Heaven in our wandering exile.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." — John 6:54

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer:

The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting!
They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the guestions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable. so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3).

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers." (Dt 8:3)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (Ps 147) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:17)

Gospel:

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:55-56)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Eucharist is the most sacred thing in the world, and yet in his mercy, God has made it accessible. In the Eucharist, God bends to meet us. Appearing under the appearance of our daily nourishment, he makes it not just possible but simple — blessedly simple — to fulfill his commandment.

Observances for the week of June 11, 2023

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Tuesday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

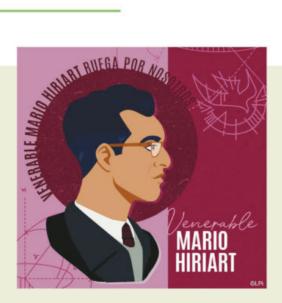
Wednesday: Flag Day

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day



Saint of the week

Venerable Mario Hiriart helped develop the Schoenstatt Apostolic Movement in South America. As a civil engineer and devout Catholic, he wanted to help shape the world, stating in a letter that, "I want to be a personified encounter between heaven and earth!"

Prayer

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we praise you because you desired to remain close to us in the sacrament of the Eucharist. We praise you for giving Mario Hiriart the vocation to be a living chalice, your bearer to all people according to Mary's example.

He followed you as your disciple in the midst of the world, heroically faithful to his Covenant of Love with the Mother Thrice Admirable of Schoenstatt. Confident that you hear his prayers we entrust ourselves to his intercession.

(mention the intention being praying for) Lord, with gratitude we ask you

to grant that Mario be recognized by the Church. May he be beatified to the benefit of all God's People,

for your name's glory,

and that of the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://sites.google.com/site/ hiriartfoundation/beatificationprayer)

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 11, 2023

Sunday:

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday:

2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday:

2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:

2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday:

Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday:

2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday:

Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, "Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love." That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, "Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, "we, though many, are one body." Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love.

- Father John Muir

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