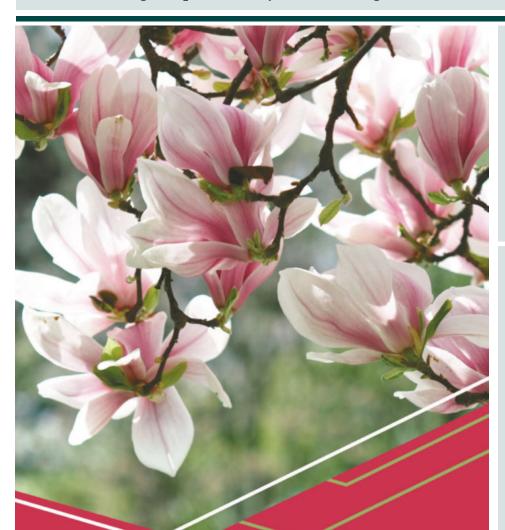
# Queen of Peace

# 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.





## 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

#### OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue Chicago, IL 60656 **Ph.** (773) 625-3369

#### **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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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: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am

11:30 am

**CONFESSIONS** 4:00 pm

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Benediction: 5:45 pm



# From the desk of Father Rich Yanos



# Don't be an anonymous Christian ----- register!

The following article appeared in the New World issue of May 23, 1999. It was written by Bishop Joseph N. Perry. I thought it was important enough to share with all in our parish.

There are several reasons why we encourage Catholics to formally register themselves and their family members in a parish:

- Registered membership in your parish is the most effective way of stepping forward to say that you wish to be a member of the band of disciples as we work together to create a world and society worthy of the Lord's return. We hope to be in the number that the Lord considers his harvest (Matt 13:39).
- Church membership offers you the wisdom and support of others whose lives are held together by an integrity that flows from living according to God's ways.
- Registered membership facilitates that personal discipline of regular giving back to God your tithes through your church with the use of parish envelopes marked for each Sunday and holy day of obligation.
- In these times of racial sensitivity and inclusion, grants from national Catholic collections passed on to parishes through the offices of the archdiocese are based on reports of African American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American census numbers.
- Registered membership reminds us of that obligation we have to leave behind to the church and recorded history accurate numbers of the faithful and the movements of the Catholic population.

Some of us are shy of crowds and the force of power of the group upon us. Some preachers turn the message into a consumer product with all the antics of sales representatives that seem to rob people of their power of choice. Suspicion abounds with regard to sheep in wolves' clothing and bad shepherds, so some folks remain on the sidelines watching clergy representatives as well as church members to see if they are authentic. We have heightened expectations of our leaders and we expect a modicum of authenticity sown forth by those who purport to be Christians.

Then, too, the concept of an anonymous Christian fits very well with our American lifestyle, especially as we all stand to be in the middle of conflicts that often surface between worldly values and the hard sayings of the scriptures. This tension produces definite stress in our lives. We struggle with certain moral choices, and we are ashamed of the mistakes we have made.

Modern life also sees us very selective with whom and what we want to be involved. Some mistakenly perceive the expectations of church community on its members to be a nuisance amidst all other pressures that bear down on us from society and government, family, and personal obligations. Privacy is the norm when community and family are indigenous to the Christian experience. Therefore, some find attractive the popular ideas that one can

be a Christian sitting at home; that one can worship at home or before the radio or TV when these ideas are very strange with no valid basis in scripture.

Our Christian faith is essentially a group experience. From the gathering of the twelve apostles (Mark 3:13), to the sending forth of the further 72 disciples (Luke 10), to the Last Supper Room (Matthew 26), to the Pentecost event (Acts 2), the Christian story is a faith of the group, not of the individual. There is no such thing as a private Christian.

If Queen of Peace is the parish you come to worship in or you engage in any of our ministries and organizations, please take the time to formally register, if you have not done so already. If our parish is important to you and your spiritual and social life so, too, is making your presence known to us, so that we can better serve you and/or your family especially at the unpredictable times of sickness, tragedy, hospitalization and even death.

Please register! You can do so by stopping in the parish office Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or by talking to any of our priests, or staff at Mass on the weekends. We'd love to hear from you.

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A little humor...

Three men died and went to heaven. At the Pearly Gates, St. Peter told them that the determining factor of what vehicle they will drive in heaven will be based on how faithful they were to their wives while alive on earth.

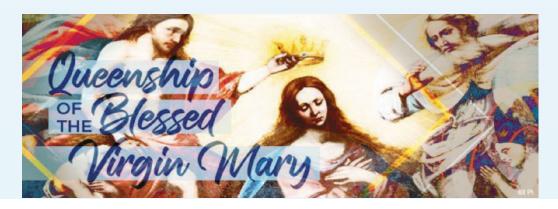
St. Peter asked the first man, "How faithful were you?" The man answered, "I was married fifteen years and unfaithful to my wife a number of times." St. Peter said, "Okay, you will drive a Volkswagen." He then asked the second man, "How about you?" The man answered, "I was married twenty years and only unfaithful once." St. Peter said, "Okay, you will drive a Taurus." He then asked the third man, "How faithful were you to your wife?" The man replied, "I was married over fifty years and was never unfaithful to my wife, even once." St. Peter said, "Okay, you will get a Rolls-Royce."

After a few days in heaven, the three men met at an intersection and the man in the Rolls-Royce was just sitting there crying. One of the other men said to him, "Why are you crying? Here you are in heaven, driving around in a Rolls-Royce. What could you possibly have to cry about?" The man in the Rolls-Royce said, "I just passed my wife going the other way, and she was on a skateboard!"

Fr. Rich Yanos

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Peace starts with a smile.



# Mass Intentions for Queen of Peace Parish



#### Saturday, August 19, 2023

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

Felino Badua Jr., Priscilla Rivero Badua,

Dominica Donato, Don Feist, Elmer & Grace Frelka,

Toni Hughs, Pat Meade, Hillard (Mike) Michalek,

Michael Michalek, Helen & Walter Wojtas

#### Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish

Sean Coody, Giacomo Giovannielli,

Dec'd mbrs of the Mazur Fam.,

Sherrill Petti B-day Blessings

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

Anthony Brabee, Antoni Gumkowski, Bill & Marty

Hogan, Dec'd Mbrs of the Kot & Feret Fams.,

Nicasio Lupo, Joseph Mandile, Pietro Pisello,

Stefania Rebacz, Donald Santo,

John Stuckel B-day Remembrance

#### 11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Anthony & Aurora Barone, Nicholas Calabrese,

Krzystof Dabros, Joshua Hadary, Dolores A. Jedd,

Michael Vito Parente,

S.I. Healing & Blessings for Enrique Pena,

Kevin Rediger, Judith Shepherd,

Jozef Wawronowicz

#### Monday, August 21, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Fahy & Wright Fams., The Pacana Fam.,

Nancy & Mario Parente

#### Tuesday, August 22, 2023 -

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

Living & Deceased members of Family

#### Wednesday, August 23, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Robert Buchen, Juan Diaz,

Lincoln & Mannheim Fams., Nancy Simonetti

#### Thursday, August 24, 2023

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

**Purgatorial Society** 

S.I. Blessings and Healings for Nicole

#### Friday, August 25, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Antonio Di Cristofano,

Ted Fornek - 1st Death Anniv.,

Phillip Genovise, Sister Ester Santucci,

Frederick Tomzik, Martha & Alex Wrobel

#### Saturday, August 26, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene

Grow & John Fams, Antonia Martelli

#### Saturday, August 26, 2023

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

Andrew Bujdasz, Francesco,

Domenica & Brigida D'Andrea,

Leonardo & Domenica DiVito,

Elmer & Grace Frelka, Wayne Greco,

Angeline Komperda,

M/M John Martin & Fam.,

Hillard (Mike) Michalek,

Michael Michalek, Edward Moskal

#### Sunday, August 27, 2023

#### 8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Joe Jagiello, Faustine Noronha,

Int. for Jessica Pawula,

Maria & Matthias Rempala

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

Lydia Adriano, Larry Brabec,

Diego DiCola,

Adela Dmochowska,

Michele Dudek, Norbert & Wesley Feret,

Della Korabik, Pietro Pisello,

Anthony Seminaro,

Irene Aspi Sevilla

#### 11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish

Nicholas Calabrese, Joseph & Dorothy Cozzi,

Dec. Mbrs. Esposito & Iorio Fams.,

Don Feist, Joshua Hadary,

Jakub Ignasik,

Santo Russo B-day,

Frank Scalise, Carrie Ann Van Moffaert

## **Schedule of Liturgical Ministers**

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 08 / 26 5 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Rich Yanos	MB Glynn - WB T. Swiderski - B T. Crivlare - C J. Horn - O M. Meo - WO	A. EK M. Marrinan M. Delisandru	T. Swiderski
Sunday, 08 / 27 8:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Ed Pacocha	C. Mikucki - WB B. Czubek - B M. Cozzo - C C. Bobka - O P. Draniczarek - WO	E. Burzawa L. Parrillo-Hall A. Czubek	J. Bischof
Sunday, 08 / 27 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Jacek Dada Deacon Chris Virruso	N. Divinagracia - C M. Walsh - T	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	G. Henderson - 1st N. Mosk - 2nd
Sunday, 08 / 27 11:30 am - St. Eugene	Rev. Greg Rom	T. Moore - WB C. Paulini - B J. Mroszcak - C S. Sparacino - O R. Sparacino - WO	A. Tekampe D. Luna A. Boccoia	P. Wagner



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

#### **Rosaries for Those Suffering from Natural Disasters**

The Rosary Guild is inviting everyone to pray at least one Rosary this week for those suffering from natural disasters, such as the Maui wildfires, and for the repose of the souls of those who have died due to natural disasters. To be a member of the Rosary Guild, please contact the rectory office.

Emily A. Evelyn K. Mary M. Stefania P. Lori G. Terri K. Ted M. Jean R. James H. Gilda M. Josephine N. Shirley S. Lonnie M. Milabelle T. John I. Emilie P.

#### Living Rosary for the Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart

Pray one decade, or Mystery, of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, Saint Philomena. To pray a decade of the Rosary each day, please reach out to the rectory office.

Joyful Mysteries	Luminous Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries
Annunciation – Ted M.	Baptism of Jesus – Barb R.	Agony in the Garden – Jean R.
Visitation – Barb R.	Wedding at Cana – Mary M.	Scourging at the Pillar – Jean R.
Nativity – Josephine N.	Proclaim the Kingdom – Ted M.	Crowning with Thorns – Mary M.
Presentation – Karen R.	Transfiguration – Emily A.	Carrying of the Cross – Ted M.
Finding in the Temple – Mary M	Institution of Eucharist – Emily A.	Crucifixion – Demi S.

#### Prayer in Honor of the Queenship of Mary

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness. O Thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph.
We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart.
You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life.
In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, you who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen.

Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign! Amen.

#### Pat and David Peterson receive 40th Wedding Anniversary

Blessing from Fr. Rom.
Joined by parishioners: (L-R) Lonnie M. , Gail H., Pat and David,
Romana D., Mary M. , Jean R.





Joanna, and Gabriela P.
- Photographers.



A little less than a year from now our next adventure will be taking us to Scandinavia. We will be touring the countries of Norway and Sweden. Some of the places we will be visiting are Bergen, Stalheim, Sognefjord, Flam, Borgund, Lillehammer, Oslo, Karlstad, and Stockholm among others. This promises to be an exciting getaway. I'm letting everyone here at our parish of Queen of Peace know about this trip early in case you might want to get on the list to receive the trip brochure before I send it out to my larger mailing list. If you might want to join us simply fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office or even in the collection basket on the weekend and I'll be sure to get you a copy of the brochure as soon as they are printed. These trips are filled in the order in which people sign up. I would love to have you join us along with your family, friends and /or fellow parishioners. We will of course, be having an Informational Meeting about this trip soon.

Whether you have been to Norway and Sweden before or not, no tour of these beautiful countries is ever the same. Sharing this experience with your family, friends and/or fellow parishioners helps to make it that much more enjoyable as we always have so much to talk about and share at the end of each of our days of sightseeing and touring. This trip is likely to draw a lot of interest and is sure to fill up quickly, so if you would like a brochure or even think you might be interested in joining us next July be sure to get your reservation in early.

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BROCHURE REQUEST FORM - RETURN TO: FR. RICH YANOS, 7958 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, I	L 60656
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The Bible Group has less than two months of meetings under our belt.

One of our earliest things that we did was to discuss the Our Father.

The only prayer that we received from Jesus himself.

Did you know that there are seven petitions, the first three petitions are about God and the other four are about us.

#### "PRAY IN ORDER TO BELIEVE, BELIEVE IN ORDER TO PRAY"

This would take too much time and space from the bulletin to explain it here. However, we are always searching, praying and talking about what God wants us to learn. We are always happy to see new faces.

I hope that all will take advantage of dropping in to see what the group is about.

We meet every Wednesday in St. Eugene School room 110 from 10:00 to 12:00.

If anybody has any questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at <a href="mailto:filizak@comcast.net">filizak@comcast.net</a>.

# Thirsting for God?

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to be Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too!



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and discussion.

More info: Fr. Jacek at jdada@st-eugene.org or please call 773.775.6659 ext. 108



## **Help Needed for Liturgical Ministers**

Have you ever considered serving the Church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

This role is extremely important for the celebration of the Eucharist.

This ministry puts you at the center of the Church's life.

Currently, we need 5 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at every Sunday Mass except for the third Sunday of every month at the 5PM Mass when there is a Celebrant and a Deacon. Anytime there are multiple Priests and/or Deacons, they take precedence over any Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Our greatest need for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday. This means that our current Ministers at 11:30 Mass must get scheduled more frequently.

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please fill out the information below and drop in the Sunday collection basket or return to the parish office. I will call you to give you additional information and answer any questions you may have to make your decision.

lame	Phone #
ddress:	
	(City) (Zip Code)
mail address:	



#### Sunday, August 13

5:00 SE \$3,071.50 8:30 SE \$3,201.00 10:00 OLMC \$4,282.00 11:30 SE \$2,111.00

Mail SE \$6,754.00 **Total Physical** \$19,419.50

GC DS \$321.00 GC OLMC \$187.40 GC SE \$3,044.00 Total Online \$3,552.40

Grand Total \$22,971.90

Sharing Parish \$2,284.00

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!





# Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets & Footballmania Tickets

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

#### **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

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Boxes are in the Narthex This weekend & next

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Second Collection 08/20

Parish Repairs & Maintenance

Second Collection 08/27

Social Concerns

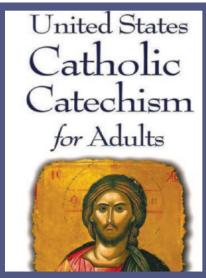




#### **Bulletin Submissions:**

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





Available for \$20.00 (not \$29.95) In the Rectory Office Questions? Contact Fr. Greg

#### 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.

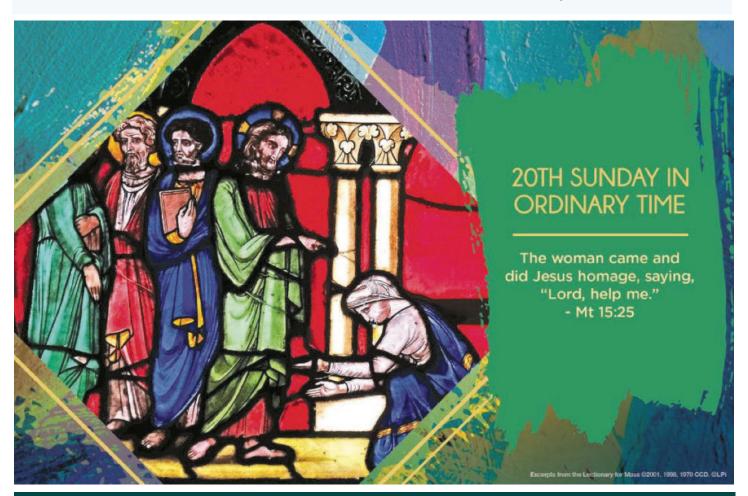
Protect them as they protect us.

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
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.

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
Blanca Pacia
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



## Finding Our Deepest Joy at St. Eulalia

In the first reading for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we heard about the challenges faced by the prophet Elijah. Chased out of Jerusalem and threatened with death, he was deeply depressed. But in the end, he was freed from his depression and returned to serve the people of Israel.

What does this have to do with the Quinn Center at St. Eulalia? Service. For Elijah, it was continuing in his prophetic mission in service to the people of God. For us, it is, as we've said before, the opportunity to have fun while doing good, the opportunity to serve the people of our Sharing Parish through our work for their Food Pantry. Working together with fellow parishioners and other friends of the Quinn Center, really is fun. We're busy, we're moving, and, most importantly, we know we are helping others while we work.

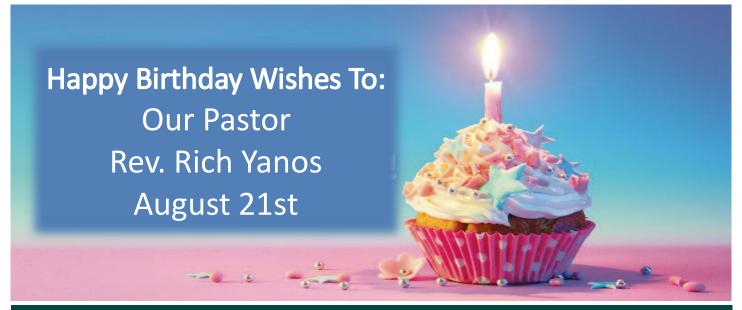
On Tuesday, August 8, an energetic group of local moms -- and kids – got together at Norridge's Sieb Center to once again make sandwiches and assemble bagged meals. Later that afternoon, those bagged meals and bags of groceries were given to 89 families (370 people) at the Quinn Center. While we've noticed that the numbers have been slowly falling over the Summer, experience tells us that they will probably rise again when the children are back in school. The need just isn't going away.

A very wise priest, Fr. Ed Salmon, formerly of St. Giles, said in one of his homilies, "It is often in the service of others that we find our deepest joy and fulfillment. Feeling down, really depressed? Go out and serve someone with a need greater than yours. And as with Elijah, God's joyful presence will make all the difference."

If you're interested in participating in the grocery bagging or in volunteering at a Tuesday evening distribution, please contact Jan Magnuson at <u>jan7744@comcast.net</u> or at 312-806-7210. Starting in September, packing days will once again be on Sundays. Our next packing session will be on **Sunday, September 10 at 1:45**.

Whether your support is financial or helping bag groceries, you are needed and appreciated. So c'mon, get happy! Serve.







# 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 Mark Corrado Sharon Crowley

Susan Curtin

Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro

Joseph Duna 1Barbara Fandrey Tony Fiore

Bob & Carol Gasiorek Patricia Gelfond Jeff Herden Renee Holm

Terry Katz Mary T. Keating

Arthur Kopeck
Thomas Landeck

Abagail Lim Allie Lim

Jim Lusco

Rose Mary Maratto

Pam & Mickey Margelewski

Stanisław Mazek Azucena Melendrez Dolores Michalek Patrick Misciniscinski Linda Morton Jean Muglia

Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello

Michael J. Muscarello Rodney Niewinski Joe Notaro Joey Notaro

Anthony Notaro Victtoria Nudo Donie Odulio Catherine O'Hara

Blanca Pacia

Karen Pavlis - Karasawa

**Anthony Parisi** Kay Phelan Joe Portenlanger Rita Rogers Diane Rizzuto Pat Schippers Shirley Schindler Peter Schroeder **Robert Shelton Dolores Scorza** Maria Slomski **Daniel Staniec Emily Steckiewicz** Rachael Stowe Mae Stryker Lavergne Suchor

Bob Schu Tom Szczech Dave Tudron Dolores Wilk



# Queen of Peace Marian Devotions

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Every First Saturday there is a devotion to Mary after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Eugene Church.

The Mother of Perpetual Help devotion is prayed on Tuesday after the 7 a.m. Mass at OLMC.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass Monday through Saturday.

People also pray on their own at least one Rosary for a weekly intention, forming the Rosary Guild.

# St. Eugene School

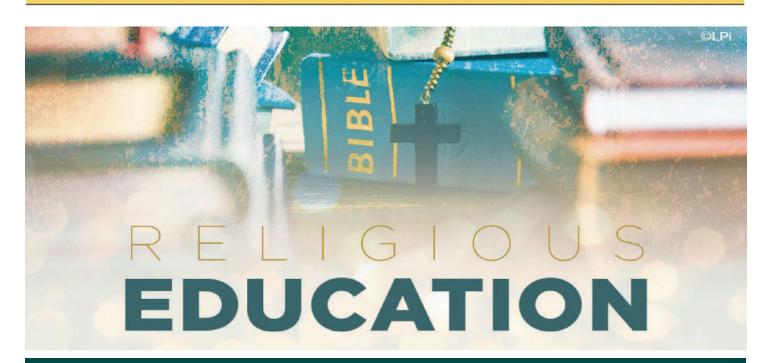
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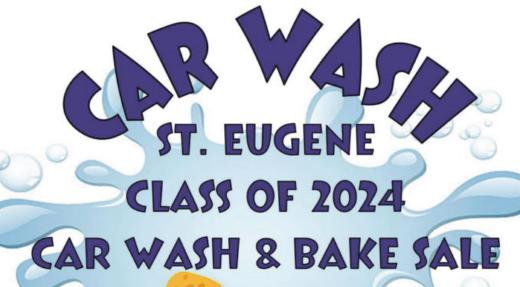
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Queen of Peace Parish 2023-2024 Religious Education Program is provided at St. Eugene School

Please call the main office at (773)763-2235

if you have any questions.





\$ATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM CARS - \$5.00

SUV'S/VANS/TRUCKS - \$7.00 ST. EUGENE CANFIELD PARKING LOT 7930 W. FOSTER AVENUE



# COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2024



# Weekly Prayer

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant,

them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer (Is 56:6-7)

#### Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

#### Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

#### Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"O woman, great is your faith!" The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered.

# Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius X, Pope

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Celestina Bottego was born in Ohio. She went on to be the foundress of the Xavier Missionaries Sisters of Mary in Italy. The Sisters rejected the traditional habit commonly worn by religious women in favor of wearing the same clothing styles as those they served.

### Prayer

Almighty and merciful Father, You placed in the heart of Mother Celestina Bottego the ardent desire that Your Kingdom spread throughout the world and made her capable of giving all of herself for the creation of a missionary Family. We humbly ask You to allow us to imitate her holiness of life and, through her intercession, to grant us the grace that we confidently ask of You.

(Prayer Source: https://www.fondazionesantiac.org/venerabile/celestina-bottego/bottego-celestina/)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023 | 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

# Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

#### Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

#### Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

#### Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

#### Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

#### Thursday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

#### Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

#### Saturday:

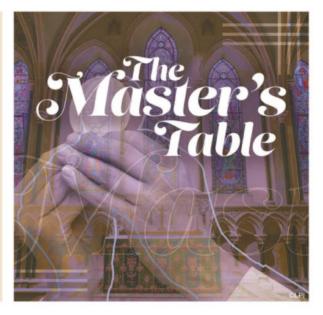
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Mt 23:1-12

#### **Next Sunday:**

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

- Father John Muir

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