Queen of Peace Parish



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

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

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

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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

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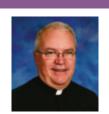
Monday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:30 am

11.50 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



Today we celebrate with Catholics and many other Christian churches throughout the world the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a three week season of preparation for Christmas. This season has always been a difficult and at the same time good one for many of us because it is constantly reminding us of the value and importance of patience and waiting. One of the biggest obstacles we face during Advent is that we do not like to wait. If we have to stand too long at the checkout counter or if our popcorn takes too long to pop in the microwave or if we're still operating from a dial-up connection as opposed to having a digital line, we get frustrated and become impatient. Deep down we all know there is a value in waiting. It teaches us patience. More importantly it helps us to realize we are not in total control of our lives. As much as we would like to think that we are. This season reminds us that there are things in life worth waiting for. When we get good at waiting, we might even realize that waiting can be half the fun. It makes the event for which we have waited even more pleasurable.

We are so programmed in our society to jump from one season to the next without ever stopping to pause and reflect upon what we've just done or even been through. The Halloween decorations are put away and without a breath the Christmas decorations are put in their place. I've even heard Christmas songs on the radio already. All this frenzy of activity short circuits our spiritual preparations for Christmas. We jump from Thanksgiving to Christmas without a pause. Somehow, we have to reclaim this holy season, and not just because this is what is expected of us. We need to do it for ourselves to give some sacred space so that our season of Advent prepares us for a season of joy.

If you might be looking for ways to use the Season of Advent to prepare for Christmas more seriously, then consider the following:

- keep the season at home with your own Advent wreath (we all need visual reminders to remain faithful to our ideals
- make all your Christmas preparation activities like shopping, baking, card writing, decorating etc.... opportunities for prayer. You've heard the words of the song, "Whistle while you work", well try the same thing by praying while you work.
- make it a point to become more active and to participate more in daily or weekly mass, come to the Advent Communal Reconciliation Service that will be held at St. Eugene Church on the evening of Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. or perhaps join us in some of the other parish Advent activities.
- take another look at your bible at home...read it! Pick up some good Catholic meditation books to help you make the most of the season.
- get more involved in our Queen of Peace charitable activities.
- finally, don't get trapped into celebrating Christmas before Christmas arrives; this way Christmas won't already be over for you before it truly arrives.



To help you and your family make the best of the Advent and Christmas Season, we have once again purchased "Little Blue Books", for you to carry with you, keep in your cars, family rooms, dinner tables, pockets, etc.... This booklet is a great way to help you keep the Advent and Christmas Seasons with a prayerful and reflective time throughout each day. It is not too difficult or overwhelming, but rather a mixture of a variety of facts about the season, scripture reflections, and other various traditions and customs.

These books have been purchased for you. There is no charge to you for them. All we ask is that you try to use them. You will find the booklet not only an aid to your prayer life but also extremely important regarding the many traditions of our Church. They will be available at the doors of the church and in the vestibule today at all the Masses until they are all taken. Enjoy!

Also, don't forget to pick up your 2024 Parish Calendars that can be found at the doors of our churches.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on Friday, December 8th. This celebration of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, being born without original sin is a holy day of obligation in our Church. For this reason, all Catholics should be attending Mass on this day. Our schedule of Masses on Thursday, December 8th is: 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church, 9:00 a.m. at St. Eugene, 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Mother of the Church, and 7:00 p.m. at St. Eugene. Please join us as we honor and celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception.



Next weekend the 2nd Collection is being taken up for one of the worthiest causes of all — the retirement care of the thousands of men and women of religious communities who, for many generations, have been our teachers, mentors and caregivers in our schools and hospitals, as well as in a host of other care-giving institutions. Each year Catholics throughout our country are asked to offer their support for these dedicated men and women who for most of their lives have worked for practically no salary and received little or no healthcare benefits. This annual Retirement Fund for Religious was begun some years ago by our bishops to help defray some of the escalating costs that were being incurred by religious communities trying to provide health care for their increasing numbers of aged members.

Many of us would not be who we are or where we are today, were it not for the care and persistence of the religious sisters, brothers and priests who were responsible for our spiritual and educational needs. This is our chance to say "thank you" for all that these dedicated men and women have given to us over the years. Please show your support and gratitude by your generosity in this year's Retirement Fund for Religious Collection being taken up next weekend. Envelopes were provided in your monthly packets or are available at the doors of church as well as in the vestibule.

Happy Advent everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos





Saturday, December 2, 2023

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

Maria Rosa Concialdi, Joseph Di Venere, Elmer & Grace Frelka, Stephaine Gonder, Albina Haluch, Lincoln & Mannheim Fams., Richard Majewski, Nich & Jean Mazzocchi, Tom & Josephine Szczech, Pietro Parente, Jerry Stephen.

Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish, Eva T. Anderson, Theresa M. Bruckhauser, Robert J. Brun, James Ewing & John, Marta Lazarczyk, Marcel Noronha, Joseph Portenlanger, Frances Remfuss, Genowefa Wawronowicz.

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

St. Anthony, Bill & Catherine Aiken, Czeslaw Niedzinski, Bogdan Niedzinski, Donato Parente, Pietro Pisello, Edward Rebacz, Maria Murphy Sanchez, Rosa Santucci, Helena Swieton.

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Don Brumann, Martin Connor, Dec'd Mbrs Heiberger Fam., Ericka Arquilla Hlavacek, Mary Lines, Bridget Mason, Hillard (Mike) Michalek, Michael Michalek, Tom Scianna, Vincenza Scianna

Monday, December 4, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Souls in Purgatory, Robert & Dorothy Liacone, Gary Serpico, Marian & Elizabeth Wiktor

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

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

Souls in Purgatory

Matthew, Damian, Michael, Nicole, Patyrycja.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Joel & Maryjane Dituri, Grow Fam. & Int. of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Robert A. Nosek, Lisa Pozzi, Robert P. Reilly, Sr., S.I. for Family.

Thursday, December 7, 2023

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

Margaret Farrell, Jean Fornek.

Friday, December 8, 2023

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

S.I. for the Family, S.I. for Nicole.

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

S. I. Jack Dahlquist, Walter D'Souza, Carmela & Frank Esposita, William Haj, Raymond Horn, S. I. for Family, Wieslawa Karczmarczyk, Liv. & Dec'd mbrs Potocki Fam.

4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Dec'd & Liv., Mbrs of the Fam.

7:00 pm Mass at St. Eugene Church

Souls in Purgatory, Grace Frisone, Sandra Kennedy S.I. for Nicole, Matthew, Damian & Michael, Anthony & Aurora Barone, William & Martha Lee Emrich,

Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jude & Minn Fams.

Saturday, December 9, 2023

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

Anna, Stanislaw & Joseph Gibas, Wayne Greco, Albina Haluch, Victoria & Franciszek Kiwior, Judith Shepherd, Eugene Spalinski, Joseph Tedesco, Laima Guobys, Kazys Guobys.

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Casimir & Florence Bobka, Robert J. Brun, Ted & Jean Fornek, Colomba Lupo, Francesca & Antonino Lupo, Jan Mika, Joseph Potenlanger, Lawrence Parada, Ron Potempa, Janet Toton.

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

Rose Nardi Boucher, John Catanese, Franca De Fonte, Carmine DiBalsamo, Mary Ellen Graziano, Angela Lepore, Pietro Pisello, Jozef Rebacz, Maria Murphy Sanchez, Helena Swieton

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish, Mary Kate & John Brennan, Dec'd mbrs of the Betz Gam., Gina & Concetta Castellese, Giorgio & Maria Castellese, Annie & Michael Connor, Carl Gasiorek, Hillard (Mike) Michalek, Michael Michalek, Bernadett Sedlacek



ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

December 2-3, December 9-10, December 16-17, December 23-24

St. Eugene Church: Our Lady, Mother of the Church:

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

8:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Eugene Church:

Tuesday, December 19 - 7:00 pm (Eng. & Polish) Our Lady, Mother of Church: Saturdays - 4:00 pm EXCEPT Saturday, Dec. 23.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A holy day of obligation - Friday, December 8

7:00 am & 4:00 pm St. Eugene Church: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 24

St. Eugene Church:

5:00pm - Saturday, December 23

8:30 am & 11:30 am - Sunday, December 24

Our Lady, Mother of the Church:

10:00 am - Sunday, December 24

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

St. Eugene Church:

3:00 pm (Family Liturgy), 5:00 pm

9:30 pm (Christmas Carols Begin), 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

St. Eugene Church:

8:30 am & 11:30 am

Our Lady, Mother of the Church:

4:00 pm

Our Lady, Mother of the Church:

10:00 am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

St. Eugene Church:

5:00 pm - Saturday, December 30

8:30 am & 11:30 am, Sunday, December 31

Our Lady, Mother of the Church: 10:00 am - Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31

St. Eugene Church:

4:00 pm - (Mass of Anticipation)

New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God, Monday, January 1, 2024

St. Eugene Church:- 10:00 am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

St. Eugene Church:

4:30 pm - Saturday, January 6

8:30 am & 11:30 am, Sunday, January 7

Our Lady, Mother of the Church:

10:00 am, Sunday, January 7

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RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON Sun., Dec. 24 - Mon., Dec. 25 and on Sun., Dec. 31 - Mon., Jan. 1.

OPŁATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

will be available beginning December 2nd for a donation of \$3.00 at both churches and at the rectory office during regular office hours.

Rosaries for Persons with Disabilities

"We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation." This is the Pope's December prayer intention. Thank you to all who pray at least one Rosary for this intention, including Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., Shirley S., and Milabelle T.

Heavenly Father,

You have taught us that every person is fearfully and wonderfully made in your image. We come before you today with hearts full of gratitude for each of the unique and beautiful lives you have created, especially in those living with disabilities. We ask that your loving presence surround and uplift all those who face the challenges of disability.

We pray that they may know and experience your unwavering love. May they know their worth by the infinite love you have for them; may it give them strength on their journey.

Grant them and their loved ones the courage to face each day with hope, the patience to endure obstacles, and the resilience to overcome adversity. May they be guided in your grace.

Bless those who work to create accessible spaces, resources, and opportunities for people with disabilities. May their efforts be a reflection of your love for all your children, and may their work be a sign for others of the intrinsic value of human life.

Through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and all the saints, we offer these intentions to you with confidence, trusting in your divine plan.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

Amen.

Living Rosary

Each person prays a Mystery of the Rosary each day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in honor of Saint Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary. To pray daily the third Glorious Mystery, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, please reach out to the rectory office.

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. Proclaim the Kingdom – 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 Thoms – Mary M. Carrying of the Cross – Ted M. Crucifixion – Demi S.

Glorious Mysteries

Resurrection – Lita J. Ascension – Marsha G. Descent of HolySpirit Assumption of Mary Coronation of Mary

News from RCIA

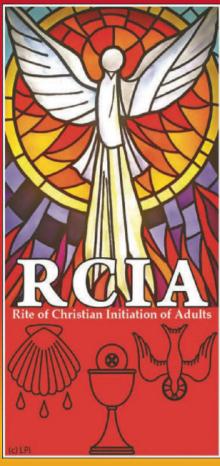
On Sunday Nov 19th, 2023, at the 8:30 A.M. Mass, we were witnesses of the Rite of Welcoming and the Rite of Acceptance for Brandon Rodriguez and Bertram Payne.

One of the most powerful rituals - the signing ritual - includes making the Sign of the Cross on the forehead, eyes, ears, lips, shoulders, hands and feet, as an outward symbol that the Cross will "protect them by its power" and become "living proof of its saving power".

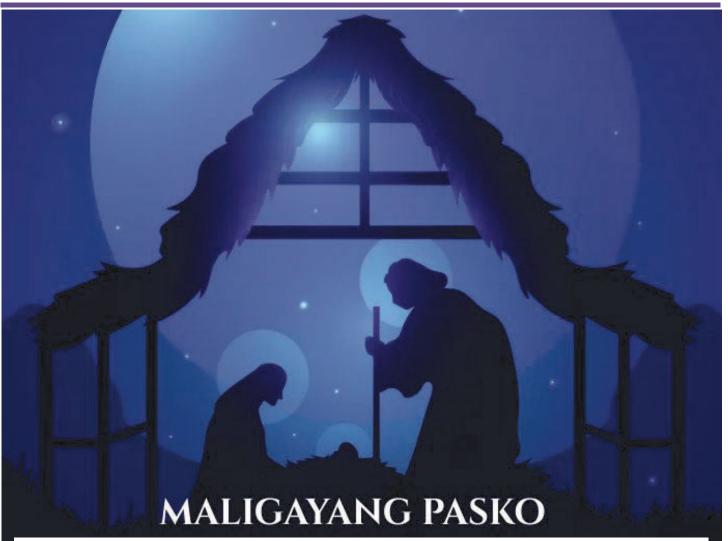
Now the catechumen, Brandon Rodriguez, and candidate, Bertram Payne, enter a new stage in their process. This will lead up to the Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent.

Please keep our catechumen and candidate in your prayers. The RCIA team:

Camile Lajewski & Bob Lajewski, and Fr. Jacek A. Dada







Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi, a Filipino tradition, is a novena mass celebrated in joyful anticipation of the coming of our Savior. This traditional evening Mass is a distinctive aspect of Filipino culture and has been celebrated for many years.

Queen of Peace Parish

welcomes all to experience the beautiful liturgy of Simbang Gabi
Friday, December 22, 2023, at 5:30 PM.
Celebrants: Fr. Noel Reyes
Fr. Rich Yanos

Maligayang Pasko! = Merry Christmas! Fellowship and dinner will follow

Our Lady, Mother of the Church worship site

8747W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, IL 60656

For information, please contact Rose Molas (773.680.0712).

Decorating for Advent/Christmas

The Liturgical Decorating Committee need some "extra hands" to help change the sanctuary from Ordinary Time to the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The Advent/Christmas schedule is as follows:

Saturday, December 9, from 1:00 until 2:30 pm. We will be putting up 2 medium and 2 large Christmas trees.

Friday, December 22, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. We will be putting up the Christmas Banners, setting up the Nativity Scene and small trees in front of the altar, decorate vestibule with Holy Family statue & trees, put up Christmas wreaths and Christmas flowers.

Friday, January 12, from 6:30 until 9:00 pm. Take down all the Christmas decorations, rearrange flowers and put-up Ordinary Time banners and altar cloths.

The more help we receive, the faster things will get done! Your help with any of these dates is greatly appreciated.

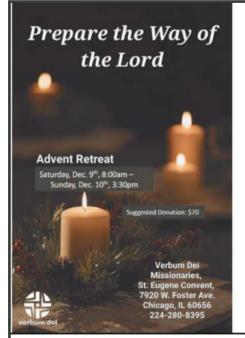
Please call the rectory to leave your name, phone number and e-mail address and we will get back to you!

Thank you,

The Liturgical Decorating Committee







Emmanuel REKOLEKCJE **ADWENTOWE** God with us (Izajasz 7, 14) KIEDY? ZACZYNAJĄ SIĘ 16 **GRUDNIA W SOBOTE** O GODINIE 5:00PM A ZAKOŃCZA SIĘ 17 GRUDNIA W NIEDZIELE O GODZ 4:00PM GDZIE? KONWENT SW. EUGENIUSZA 7920 W FOSTER AVENUE CHICAGO . IL 60656 PO INFORMACJE I ZAPISY DZWOŃ: SR. KASIA (224) 280 verbum dei **DONACJA \$55**



The Verbum Dei Missionary Sisters are offering Advent Retreats in English (Dec. 9-10), Polish (Dec. 16-17), and Spanish (Dec. 2-3). All retreat are held in the convent of St. Eugene.

For more information, contact the Sisters at 224-280-8395.



Sunday, November 19

 5:00 SE
 \$2,394.00

 8:30 SE
 \$2,857.50

 10:00 OLMC
 \$2,644.00

 11:30 SE
 \$3,086.00

Mail SE \$655.00 **Total Physical** \$11,636.50

 GC DS
 \$421.01

 GC OLMC
 \$178.67

 GC SE
 \$1,881.00

 Total Online
 \$2,480.68

Grand Total \$14,117.18

Campaign for

Human

Development \$5,536.64

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!



This Weekend

Queen Of Hearts Raffle Tickets

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

Second Collections

Dec. 3 Christmas Flowers

Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception

Dec. 10 Retirement Fund for the Religious

Dec. 17 Parish Repairs and Maintenance

Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE

1-800-400-4205



DRAWING EVERY WEDNESDAY 9:00PM BINGO BEFORE DRAWING AT 7:00PM @ MULLEN'S BAR & GRILL - 8313 W. Lawrence



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOI DFFICE, RECTORY, OR MULLEN'S BAR AND GRILL ANYTIME

54 card deck including Jokers - You pick 1-54! If the joker is picked, the raffle resets!





Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent two weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to

mgeurtsen@archchicago.org

We reserve the right to edit.
Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule.

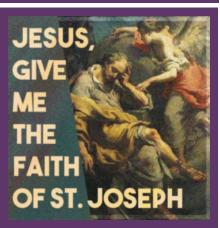
Thank you.

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

- † Virgil Ritulli
- † Enzio Di Bartolo
- † Medardo Alfano
- † Joyce Wolter

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.

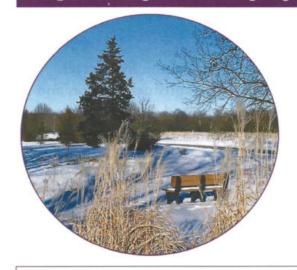




Schedule of Liturgical Ministers				
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
FRIDAY, 12 / 8 7 AM - OLMC	Rev. Jacek A. Dada	T. Kaisling - C M. Walsh - T		W. Kaczmarczyk - 1st E. Kohnke - 2nd
FRIDAY, 12/8 9 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	B. Berggren - WB L. Feist - B Celebrant & I. Rog - C G. Bermas - O J. Horn - WO		J. Bischof
FRIDAY, 12/8 4 PM OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom Dcn. Chris Virruso	N. Divinagracia - C N. Mosk - T	G. Pilch J. Pilch	R. Catalano - 1st A. Divinagracia - 2nd
FRIDAY, 12 / 8 7 PM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Rich Yanos	F. Klus - WB T. Swiderski - B M. Pollowy - C R. Sparacino - O R. Kennedy - WO		S. Sparacino
SATURDAY, 12/09 5 pm - St. Eugene	Rev. Jacek Dada	M. Lim - WB C. Lim - B T. Crivlare - C J. Horn - O M. Meo - WO		P. Brown
SUNDAY, 12/10 8:30 am ST. EUGENE	Rev. Rich Yanos	J. Kowlaski - WB S. Kumiega - B C. Hill - C G. Bermas - O J. Pomis - WO		J. Bischof
SUNDAY, 12/10 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom Dcn. Chris Virruso	G. Henderson - C M. D'Alessandro - T	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	K. Kelch - 1st P. Peterson - 2nd
SUNDAY, 12/10 11:30 AM ST. EUGENE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	B. Berggren - WB M. Holder - B P. Paetsch - C F. Pacia - O O. Giacalone - WO		C. Giacalone



Experiencing God through Ignatian Contemplation and Prayer



January 26-28, 2024

Ignatian, Silent Weekend Retreat for Men

This guided retreat will make use of Ignatian contemplation, imaginative prayer, and the senses to engage in conversation with God. The focus will be on understanding our interiority using the Internal Family Systems method (IFS) as a means to intimate prayer with God/Jesus/Spirit.



Retreat Leader: Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ

- · National speaker on trauma-informed care, youth formation, Ignatian spirituality and leadership
- · Previous high school teacher and associate pastor





BELLARMINE Jesuit Retreat House To register for this retreat, scan the QR Code with your camera or visit

jesuitretreat.org/retreats/january-26-28-2024



420 W County Line Rd | Barrington, IL 60010 | 847-381-1261 | JesuitRetreat.org

Men's Silent Retreat

All men are invited to attend our annual retreat at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL. Arrive Friday, Jan. 26th between 3:30pm and 6:00 pm and depart Sunday, Jan. 28th around 1:00 pm.

Delicious meals and clean up-dated private rooms are provided as the Jesuits strive to make your brief stay comfortable and restful.

Please contact Ralph Cantal at 708-362-0631 for more information.

There is also a semi-silent retreat Feb. 9-10 for both men and woman that is recommended.

More info will be forth coming.



Knights of Columbus

PANCAKE Breakfast with Santa"

Santa will be there with a gift for all the kids.

This is a MORE THAN A PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Menu includes:

All you can eat Pancakes, French toast, Single servings of scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, baked apples and surprise specials of the day

Coffee, tea, milk and orange juice.

Suggested Donation is \$10 for Adults, Children 5-12 is \$7, Children under 5 are free. (Additional Donations are Appreciated)

Membership: Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus contact:



Joe Marley – 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net



Sunday, December 10 th 7:30am - 11:00am

> St. Eugene Church Shaunessy Center

Good Samaritans Still Exist – And They Include You!

We have not one, but two Good Samaritan stories from the Food Pantry at St. Eulalia's Quinn Center. The first one occurred even before our team got to the Quinn Center for the November 12 bagging session.

Two of our four shoppers, Jen Adams and Kacie Bratko, were in line at Aldi with their usual four carts full of groceries. As you can imagine, that always generates some interesting looks and questions. One gentleman in line asked them what all the food was for; they told him it was for a food pantry. "All of it goes to a food pantry?" he asked. "Yes," they told him. This modern-day Good Samaritan thought for a minute, took out his wallet – and gave them a \$100 bill, saying he hoped it helped someone who needed it.

It certainly did! In fact, in conjunction with your donations, it helped 124 families on Tuesday, November 14. We've had some large distributions in the last few months, but this one tops them all. It's probably the second highest since the food pantry started distributing groceries this way. Those 124 bags of groceries meant 514 people had a little more to eat. And that's our second Good Samaritan story.

Ironically, on Sunday, November 12, our team, with the help of some additional Queen of Peace volunteers, had packed 120 bags of groceries. When crunch time came, that was four short of what was needed; so on Tuesday, the Quinn Center staff had to quickly assemble an extra four bags to make sure everyone was fed. And we now have zero bags in inventory for the December 10 bagging session. Looks like another big shopping day coming up!

We encourage you to become involved with this ministry for our Sharing Parish. What can you do? Financial support is, as always, imperative. You can drop off a check at the Rectory marked for the food pantry or just drop a contribution in a plain envelope <u>marked Quinn Center Food Pantry</u> in with your weekly offering. (Remember, our monthly Sharing Parish offerings are sent to St. Eulalia/Sacred Heart Parish. Contributions for the Food Pantry must be specifically marked for that purpose.) Next year there will be a special bi-monthly Social Concerns envelope.

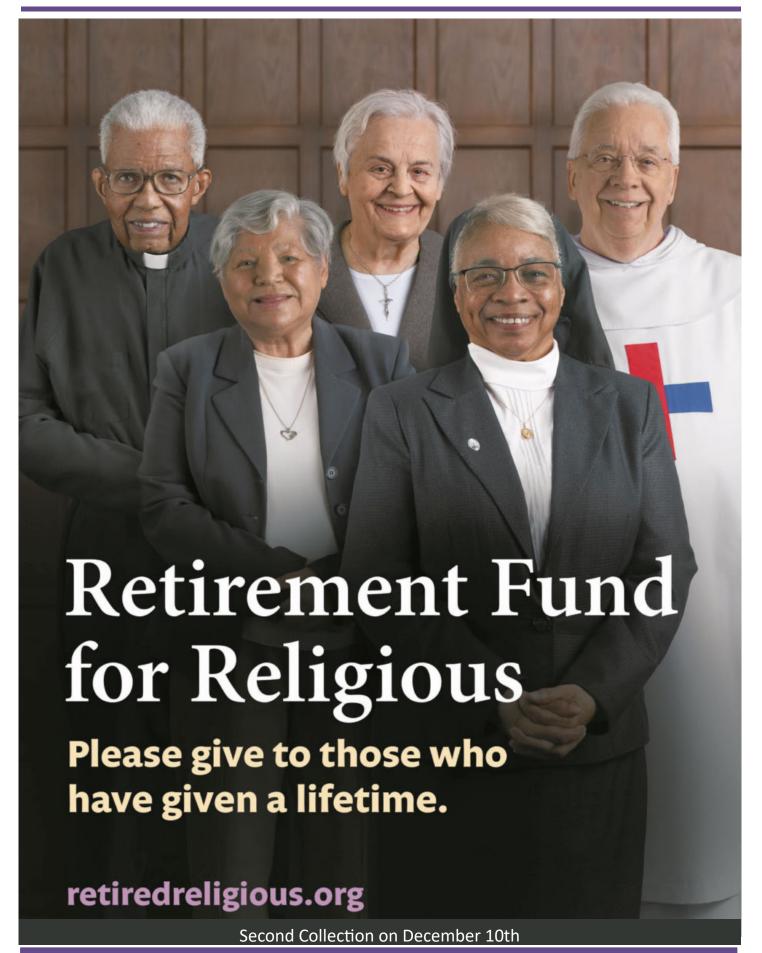
If you're interested in joining our monthly efforts, please contact Jan Magnuson at 312-806-7210 or email her at jan7744@comcast.net. We can always find work for willing hands. Come join us and have some fun while helping others!

Our next packing session will be Sunday, December 10 at 1:45 pm.

Here's what 125 bags of groceries look like – and what the shelves looked like when we were done!







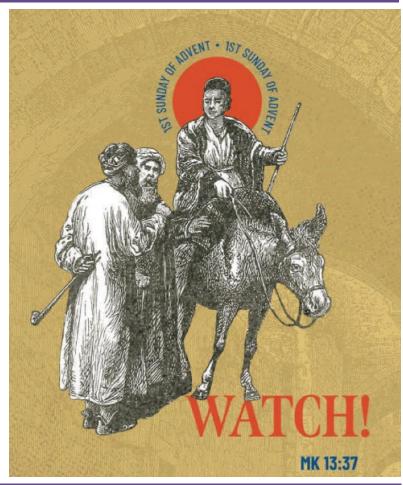


"PRAY IN ORDER TO BELIEVE, BELIEVE IN ORDER TO PRAY"

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 filizak@comcast.net.

All are welcome co come. Hope to see you there!







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

Judy Bauer Ludwika Bialo **Bronislaw Bialo** A. & V. Bischof Gabriella Bongiorno

Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence

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