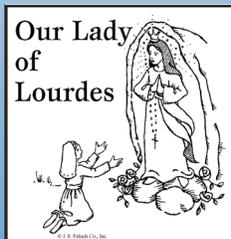




The term **shrine** signifies a church or other sacred place to which the faithful make pilgrimages for a particular pious reason with the approval of the local ordinary. At shrines, more abundant means of salvation are to be provided for the faithful; the Word of God is to be carefully proclaimed; liturgical life is to be appropriately fostered especially through the celebration of the Eucharist and penance; and approved forms of popular piety are to be cultivated.

*Code of Canon Law, 1230 and 1234*

**Le Decine del Rosario** is the Italian phrase for decades of the rosary, representing the twenty decades of the rosary, for which our weekly bulletin is named.



**TODAY**  
*Feeding God's  
Children*

Please bring nonperishable  
foods to Mass!

# LE DECINE DEL ROSARIO

## THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII

The Oldest Continuing Italian-American Catholic Church  
in the City of Chicago, located in the heart of historic "Little Italy."

A Gift of Italian-American Hospitality, Embracing All Pilgrims of Faith  
Founded in 1911 ✕ Established as a Shrine in 1994

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.  
~ *Psalm 147:4*

### May They Rest in Peace...

Dear Friends of Our Lady,

If you have ever celebrated the Eucharist with us on the first Sunday of the month, you will have heard our prayer leader, at the General Intercessions, pray for all the dead who are enrolled in the Perpetual Light Society.

And, you may be wondering what is it, the PLS?

The PLS was established about 15 years ago as one way to keep the memory of our deceased relatives and friends alive. On each first Sunday of the month, our Shrine bulletin lists all the names of the dead, whom we remember at both Sunday Eucharistic celebrations, as well as at all the masses we celebrate during the week. These names are part of the PLS and are placed there by the families and friends of the deceased. Remembering the dear dead has been a long-standing tradition among Christians, and certainly, among the Italians who founded this community of faith in 1911.

The name of this memory-record, Perpetual Light Society, comes from the traditional prayer that is used by the Church at funerals and other moments of praying for the deceased: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And, may the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. And, may their souls and the souls of all of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

The perpetual light that the prayer speaks of is, of course, Christ, who is the light of both the living and the dead. It is in the light of Christ that we find solace and peace. It is in the light of Christ that the living and the dead share a communion, the Communion of Saints. It is in the perpetual light of Christ, that the veil between the living and the dead is very thin... we can see across the veil into the faces of the dead... in the love and promise of Christ, our light.

If you are interested in enrolling the names of your deceased into the register of the PLS, please call our Shrine office, 312.421.3757, and they would be glad to assist you with information.

May the perpetual light shine upon all our ancestors, who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Blessings,

Fr. Richard, Rector