



Pope Saint Eugene I

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT EUGENE

“WHERE PETER IS, THERE IS THE CHURCH”

TUCKAHOE ROAD AND CENTRAL PARK AVENUE
YONKERS, NEW YORK

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Rectory to arrange for the Sacrament and parental instruction. Baptisms are possible on Saturday or Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm and call the rectory anytime.

Sacraments for the Sick

Please contact the Rectory for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Communion for the homebound.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory at least 6 months in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

Adoration Chapel Mon. to Fri.

Open from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Choir Rehearsals

11:00 AM Sunday Morning.

Parish Membership

Our parish invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every new parishioner is requested to register at the Parish Office. If you move to another parish, or change your address, please notify the Parish Office.

Served by

Rev. Matthew Fernan, *Pastor*

**Rev. Michael Morris,
*Parochial & Weekend Assistant***

**Ms. Gina Mastrangelo
*Parish Administrator***

Deacon John Duffy

***Weekend Associates*
Mill Hill Missionaries**

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday...9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Parish & Religious Education Offices

31 Massitoea Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710
914-961-2590

Regional School

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Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil for Sunday

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM Family Mass
12:00 PM Choir Mass, 6:00 PM

Weekdays

Mon-Fri... 6:45 AM & 9:00 AM
Saturday... 9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

6:45, 9:00 AM, & 12:00 noon, 7:30 PM

First Friday Devotion

Evening Mass each month at 7:30 PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 13, 2015

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 13, 2015 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12	
5:00 PM	Matteo & Victoria Pisacane
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13	
8:00 AM	Noel McManus (decd) <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i>
10:00 AM	Natividad Deloeste (decd) <i>req. by Helen Tipawan</i>
12:00 PM	Anastasia Sivik (decd) <i>req. by Trentabue & Sadlon Families</i>
6:00 PM	Luigi Dedvukaj For Peace & Good Health <i>req. by Luigi Dedvukaj</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14	
6:45 AM	Jose Castaneda (decd) <i>req. by Yolanda Davis</i>
9:00 AM	Robert Yager
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15	
6:45 AM	Paulina Harta (decd) <i>req. by Yolanda Davis</i>
9:00 AM	Evelyn Valetutti <i>req. by Zingone family</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16	
6:45 AM	Adelita Davis - living <i>req. by Yolanda Davis</i>
9:00 AM	Mary Ellen, Martin & Harold T. Murphy <i>req. by Helen Durkin</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17	
6:45 AM	His Holiness, Pope Francis Special Intention <i>req. by Linda & Joe Farrugia</i>
9:00 AM	Delia & Thomas Durkin <i>req. by Helen Durkin</i>
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18	
6:45 AM	Lolita Pangilinan <i>req. by Lucia Yangco</i>
9:00 AM	Josephine & John Patrone <i>req. by Dolores Bellitto</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19	
9:00 AM	Anthony Dedvukaj For Peace & Good Health <i>req. by Victoria Dedvukaj</i>
5:00 PM	Michael Kerin <i>req. by Mary Phillips</i>

Reconciliation / Confession Monday...
4:00-8:00 PM in the Church.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zephaniah 3:14-18a The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.
Isaiah 12 "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."
Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.
Luke 3:10-18 They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

Every reading before the Gospel today, even the Psalm, has a form of the words rejoice or joy. Even the Gospel speaks of the people being filled with expectation. The anticipation today is palpable. Together with the crowds in the Gospel reading, let's listen to God's holy word and asked, "What should we do?"

MEMORIAL CANDLES & BREAD & WINE

Interested in memorializing the Sanctuary Candle by the Tabernacle or for the Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Lady? These candles, which burn continuously, could burn for your specific intentions. If you are interested in having a loved one remembered or a special intention placed before God, please contact the rectory. An offering of \$15.00 a week is requested.



TABERNACLE CANDLE

INTENTIONS OF ALL OUR GRANDCHILDREN
 REQ. BY PEGGY & PETER CLARKE

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

INTENTIONS OF THE BRIEN FAMILY
 REQ. BY PEGGY & PETER CLARKE

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF MARYANN PIETRANGOLARE
 REQ. BY FRANK PIETRANGOLARE

FUND RAISER CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS ELIZABETH REID

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Bereavement Group	Carolyn Walsh	961-8689
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	Parish Office	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Rita DiPippo	793-3065
	Catherine Blanco	793-1539
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Cesar Tipwan	343-0914
Girl Scouts	Jerilyn Carota	968-5526
H. S. A.	Nancy Arzola	274-0016
Holy Name	Frank Giacoio	793-5392
Legion of Mary	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
Living Rosary	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
Organist & Adult Choir		
Parish Activities Committee	Parish Office	961-2590
Parish Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
Respect Life Society	Jackie Barton	793-9322
Serra Club	George Alessi	779-8719
Senior Club	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
St. Vincent DePaul	Walter Whitmore	779-1826

PARISH SUPPORT

As evidence of their gratitude for God's generosity to them in their lives, our people returned to His Holy Church the following offerings:

December 6 2015
Weekly Collection.....\$ 10,745.00

"As stewards we are accountable to God for our time, talent and treasure. We return to the Lord, the giver of all our gifts, a truly grateful and meaningful first share of our time, talent and treasure."

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

The second collection today is for our retired religious. As always, thank you for your generosity.

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

On December 14th in all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, there will be the fourth annual Day of Reconciliation (Penance). The schedule will be 4PM to 8PM at our Church. Penance is a great way to prepare ourselves as we await the birth of our Lord.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Please note the correct times. The mailing was incorrect. Please tell family, friends & neighbors.

Christmas Eve..... 5:00 PM
Midnight Mass..... 12:00 AM
Christmas Day..... 8:00 AM
 10:00 AM
 12:00 Noon

There is no 6:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

As we are in the spirit of giving let us remember how fortunate we are and to pray and remember those who are struggling just to put food on their table. *The Sharing Community of Yonkers needs our help.* We are in need of volunteers to cook chicken (legs and thighs). We collect them on the last Thursday of each month. If you are available for cooking but cannot deliver them to us on designated Thursday, please contact either Walter Whitmore @ 914-779-1826 or email David Fabi @ hotfabi@optonline.net. Also we are continuing to collect canned food, pasta, rice_and cereals, please place them in the bins located at the entrances of the Church.

" Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do." Galatians 2:10

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Rita DiPippo at (914) 793-3065 or Catherine Blanco at (914) 793-1539 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome.

ST. EUGENE SENIORS

Please join us September 15, 2016 at Westchester Broadway Theater for Saturday Night Fever. The cost (\$55.00pp) includes lunch and the show. We have great seats. The next meeting is January 6, 2016. Please call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847 for more information.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group on every third Thursday of the month at 1:00PM in the Parish Office. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 17th. Through caring support, we hope to lessen the pain and confusion brought on by the death of a loved one.

RESPECT LIFE SOCIETY

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm in the Parish Center. New Members Welcome.

Cenacle of Life Meeting: This Sat. after the 9am Holy Mass... for the purpose of petition the Blessed Mother for the end of the Culture of Death.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, James Gallagher, Fr.Smyth, Carmel Finnegan, Nicholas Gardini and Gladys Armitage... and those recently called home to God.....Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

It has been some time since the names on the list where updated. We have not stopped praying for the ill of the parish, but the rectory staff does not know if all the people on the list still need to be included. We ask you to please call the rectory if you wish to have yourself or a loved included on the list again.

If you know of parishioners who are ill and would like to be visited by a priest, please contact the rectory at 961-2590.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Jannelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur and David Daliso. If you have family members or friends you would like to put on our Military Prayer list please notify the Parish Office at 961-2590.

FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Friends in the Lord:

The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection benefits some 33,000 senior sisters and brothers, and religious order priests, women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God & the Church.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis calls on the faithful to recognize the special witness that consecrated women and men offer our Church and world. In a letter marking the inauguration of this special year, he says, "I ask the whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women." He goes on to note the spiritual influence that religious, such as Saint Benedict and Saint Teresa of Avila, continue to have on our Church and faith today.

As we reflect on the saints of the past, many of us may also recall women and men religious whom we would consider saints in our day. With gratitude, we remember the sister who patiently helped us learn our multiplication tables or the brother who coached our high school team, teaching us that faith must be lived out even on the basketball court.

Today, many of these sisters, brothers, and religious order priests-these saints in our midst-are elderly. While some continue in volunteer ministry, others are frail and need care. Most worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate savings to meet growing retirement and eldercare needs.

So, I ask you to join with Pop Francis and me in acknowledging the gift of consecrated life. Please pray for God's blessing on all our religious, and give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

With prayerful best wishes,
I am Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Dear Parishioners:



Christmas Toy Drive: Our Annual Toy Drive has begun. We are collecting unwrapped toys for boys and girls of all ages. Please remember those who are less fortunate than us. Please place the unwrapped toys in the large Santa box located in the church by Sunday December 20th.

Advent Day of Reconciliation: This Monday, December 14th in all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, it will be the fourth annual Day of Reconciliation (Penance). The schedule is from 4:00-8:00 pm in our church. Penance is a great way to prepare ourselves as we await the birth of our Lord.

Religious Education: Inclement Weather: Just a reminder, if there is any form of winter weather that should occur on the Wednesday afternoons or evenings which may interfere with Religious Education, please watch News 12, or News 12 Interactive on the web.

Letters to God: If any child would like to write a letter to God for Christmas please have them write the letters and put them into an envelope marked "Letters for God" and give their letters to either Father Fernan at the end of mass or to me at Religious Education class. All the letters will be presented to *Our Lord* on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 PM Mass.

Christmas Mass Schedule: The mass schedule for Christmas Eve will be 5:00 PM, and 12:00 AM. Christmas Day will be 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM. (No 6:00 PM on Christmas Day). We are sorry for the mistake which was printed in the Christmas pamphlet that was mailed.

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (12 November), whence it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"—a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, and Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday, and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies



the nearness of the Lord's coming. The spirit of the Liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption. On Gaudete Sunday, rose-colored vestments may be worn instead of violet or purple (or instead of Sarum blue, in the Anglican and some Lutheran traditions), which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. In churches that have an *Advent wreath*, the rose colored candle is lit in addition to two of the violet candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob. Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84)

May God bless you always: Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE -- HOW IS MY DAILY STRUGGLE?

1. Did I fail to love God... to pray? Omitted morning or evening prayers? Have I seriously doubted or ever denied my Faith? Was I careless in saying my prayers? Read books contrary to or against the Catholic Faith which would lead me to renounce my Faith? Do I ever engage in superstitious practices (call psychics, fortune tellers, consult Ouiji boards, horoscopes, etc.)?
 2. Did I curse or swear? Did I use God's Name in vain, lightly, carelessly or in blasphemy? Did I use profane or vulgar language? Have I ridiculed holy things or people who live good lives? Have I ever taken an oath to God to tell the truth and then lied (perjury)?
 3. Have I missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation through my own fault or carelessness? Have I allowed my children to miss Mass? Did I omit my Easter Duty or my yearly Confession duty? Have I neglected my children's religious education... failed to lead them to Mass... to frequent confession? Am I habitually late for Mass? Do I leave Mass early without giving thanks to God for the gift of receiving Him in the Eucharist, or do I habitually leave early disregarding the blessing of God and His Church which is given by the priest? Was I easily distracted at Mass? Do I treat Sunday as special to God or is simply it business as usual?
 4. Did I honor and obey my parents? Others with lawful authority? Have I talked back or been disrespectful them or my teachers? Failed to help at home? Been disagreeable or sour toward them? Failed to spend time with my family? Have I fasted from food for one hour prior to receiving the Holy Eucharist? Have I obeyed the Church laws concerning fasting and abstaining from eating meat?
 5. Did I act out of anger or hold resentment or hatred in my heart toward someone? Did I call people names? Did I ever injure someone because of my own reckless or angry actions? Was the injury serious? Did the injury cause death? Did I abuse drugs (legal or illegal) or purposely get drunk? Did I fight... giving bad example or scandal? Did I fail to correct in charity? Permitted or encouraged an abortion? Did I consent to or encourage surgical sterilization (vasectomy, etc.) to avoid children?
 6. Did I consent to impure glances, sinful touches, or in any way incite lustful thoughts? Was I immodest in dress or behavior? Did I read pornographic (impure) books, magazines or attended/watched immodest or pornographic shows, concerts or movies? Am I guilty of impurity with self (masturbation), fornication (pre-marital sex), adultery (sex with married person), or homosexual behavior? Did I use artificial birth control (by pills, devices or withdrawal)? Did I seek the blessing of the Catholic Church prior to marriage? Do I avoid laziness, gluttony, idleness, and the occasions of impurity?
 7. Did I steal? What or how much? Did I return it or make equal restitution? Did I waste time at work, in school, at home? Am I stingy? Do I gamble excessively? Neglect to pay my debts promptly? Did I sell drugs illegally? Do I live with poverty of spirit and detachment? Have I regularly supported God's Church and its missionary activity, its educational programs?
 8. Have I lied or gossiped? Talked about another person behind his/her back? Do I always tell the truth? Am I sincere? Did I lie to harm someone's reputation? Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential? Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my talk?
 9. Have I ever consented to impure thoughts? Have I caused them by stares, bad or inappropriate reading, curiosity or impure conversations? Do I neglect to control my imagination? Do I pray at once to banish such bad thoughts and temptations?
 10. Is my heart greedy? Am I jealous of what another has? Am I envious of him/her because I don't have it? Am I moody? Gloomy? Do I work, study, and keep busy to counter idle thoughts? Is my heart set on earthly possessions or on the true treasures in heaven?
- Have I received Holy Communion after committing a serious sin without going to Confession first?

If yes to the questions above... Confession is on Monday, December 14, from 4:00-8:00PM in the Church.