

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT EUGENE

“WHERE PETER IS,  
THERE IS THE CHURCH”

TUCKAHOE ROAD AND CENTRAL PARK AVENUE  
YONKERS, NEW YORK



Pope Saint Eugene I

## 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

Sunday at 11 AM

## 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***  
**Rev. Anthony Gyamerah,**  
***Parochial Assistant***

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

**Deacon John Duffy**

***Weekend Associates***  
**Mill Hill Fathers**

## Parish Office Hours

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

## Parish & Religious Education Offices

31 Massitola Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710  
(914) 961-2590, (914) 961-2779  
Fax – (914) 961-2881

## Regional School

707 Tuckahoe Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710  
914-779-2956

## Email

[fatherfernan@csey.org](mailto:fatherfernan@csey.org)  
[ginamastrangelo@csey.org](mailto:ginamastrangelo@csey.org)  
[secretary@csey.org](mailto:secretary@csey.org)  
[www.csey.org](http://www.csey.org)



## Holy Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil for Sunday

5:00 PM

### Sunday

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

12:00 PM Choir Mass, 6 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 at 7:30 PM the first Friday of each month, followed by Holy Hour and Confessions

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 14, 2016

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

FEBRUARY 14, 2016 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13	
5:00 PM	Ernest Diaz Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina &amp; Ernie Diaz</i>
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14	
8:00 AM	Gregory Brucale (decd) <i>req. by Enrico Brucale</i>
10:00 AM	Rita Ianni (decd) <i>req. by Virginia Shibroski</i>
12:00 PM	Santo Alessi (decd) <i>req. by Leonora Khan</i>
6:00 PM	Candida Maio (decd) <i>req. by Frank Miraglia Jr.</i>
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15	
6:45 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
9:00 AM	John Fleming (decd) <i>req. by Margaret Fleming</i>
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16	
6:45 AM	George Matthew (living) <i>req. by Marcy George</i>
9:00 AM	Vincent & Jennie Mazzei (decd) <i>req. by Laura Mazzei</i>
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17	
6:45 AM	Nicholas Gagliardi (decd) <i>req. by Maria A. Troiano</i>
9:00 AM	Ann Fernan (lvg) - Special Intention <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18	
6:45 AM	Mark Garrison (decd) <i>req. by Charles Caruso</i>
9:00 AM	Fr. Smyth (lvg) - Special Intention <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19	
6:45 AM	Esther Naplitano (decd) <i>req. by M/M Charles Caruso &amp; Fam.</i>
9:00 AM	Aida Crussel (decd) <i>req. by Bill Modesto</i>
9:30 AM	<b>Stations of the Cross-if no funeral</b>
7:00 PM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13	
9:00 AM	Michael Mangone (decd) <i>req. by Marie &amp; Tony Mangone</i>
5:00 PM	Lucy Dellarosa (decd) <i>req. by Gina &amp; Ernie Diaz</i>

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10** The Lenten fast, like the Exodus, leads to a land flowing with milk and honey.

**Psalm 91** "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble."

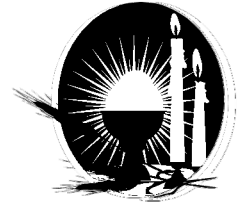
**Romans 10:8-13** The journey of faith is open to all.

**Luke 4:1-13** The fast can be a sign that we live on more than bread.

In today's first reading we will hear Moses admonishing the Israelites to recall all that God has done for them when they bring their offering to the Lord. Saint Paul adds that "no one who believes in Him will be put to shame." And Jesus, at the end of his desert experience, is ready to encounter the devil and his temptations. Let us now listen and allow these scriptures to prepare us for our Lenten encounter with God this year.

## 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

**IN MEMORY OF JAMES CUNNINGHAM**

*REQ. BY ROSALINDA DOMBISH*

### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

**FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

### BREAD AND WINE

**IN MEMORY OF DONALD J. TORRE**

*REQ. BY DOLORES TORRE*

## 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	Jerilin 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	Jerry Celestino	961-2590
Parish Activities Committee	Father Fernan	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:

### February 7

Weekly Collection.....\$12,006  
Peter's Pence .....\$ 1,722

"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."

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

With the winter months upon us please let us remember all those who are cold and in need of a warm meal or food on the table. There are many who are struggling within our own community. We are in need of perishable food items. (Cereal, soup, pasta, canned vegetables, etc.) Please place these items in the baskets at the entrances of the church.

We serve our people as well as the *Sharing Community* in Getty Square. If you are able to cook but not deliver, please contact either Walter Whitmore (914) 779-1826 or David Fabi at [hotfabi@optonline.net](mailto:hotfabi@optonline.net).

*"For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."*

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group meets the 3rd Thursday each month. Our next meeting is February 18th at 1pm. Through caring support, we hope to lessen the pain and confusion brought on by the death of a loved one.

## GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM FEBRUARY 27TH & 28TH

**Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land - A Traditional Art and Livelihood for the Holy Land Christians.** The Handicrafts trade evolved for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry. Gifts will be available to purchase after all the Masses February 27th & 28th.

## A LETTER FROM THE VATICAN



SECRETARIAT OF STATE  
FIRST SECTION - GENERAL AFFAIRS

No. 86.300

From the Vatican, Christmas 2015

Children of the Church of Saint Eugene  
c/o Ms Gina Mastrangelo, Administrator  
31 Massitola Road  
Yonkers, NY 10710-5908

His Holiness Pope Francis is pleased to acknowledge the thoughtful message sent to him for Christmas and the New Year. He very much appreciates the sentiments expressed.

Upon all who have greeted him during this holy season His Holiness invokes an abundance of joy in Christ the Prince of Peace, and he cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing.

Monsignor Peter B. Wells  
Assessor

## SAINT EUGENE SCHOOL

**OPEN HOUSE & TOURING TUESDAY...** The Catholic School Region of Central Westchester invites you to experience Saint Eugene School by visiting on a Touring Tuesday from 9:00-11:00am or by appointment (February 23, March 8, April 12). To RSVP or for more information call (646) 794-2885 or visit [www.buildboldfutures.org](http://www.buildboldfutures.org).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, Nicholas Gardini, Andrew Moraitis, Eva Sellazzo, Richard Wikine, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Eugene Fernan, Liam Frawley, Raymond Henshaw, Deborah Mahon, James J. Virga, Angelo Bavaro and those recently called home to God...especially Leon T. Theis, Gladys C. Armitage, Thomas I. Galanti, Thomas Kastsardidis and Oscar Benvenuto.....Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen  
*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, David Daliso and Logan Wilson. 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

## A NOTE FROM FR. MORROW

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your many prayers, cards, and kindnesses during this sad time.  
Love, Fr. Mike, Russ and Hiroko

## FLOWERS AND LENT

As is explained in the ORDO... *Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2016*, "During the Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers." On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, a day of Rejoicing, they are permitted. Therefore, except for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, during this Season of Penance and Penitence, there will not be any flowers in church.

Dear Parishioners;

Lent: As we are now in the Lenten Season, let us all remember what it is, and why as Catholics it is such an important time in the Liturgical year. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. It is the desire to renew the liturgical practices of the Church. The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent, the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance, should be given greater emphasis.

Cardinal's Appeal: The Cardinal Appeal has begun. The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. Your gift to the Appeal helps to educate our future clergy and prepare them for a life of service. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always thanks you!

USCCB Collection: This weekend our second collection will be for the people in the Midwest that are suffering due to severe weather over the past few months. Thank you for your generosity.

Inclement Weather: Just a reminder, if there is any form of winter precipitation that should occur on Wednesday afternoons or evenings, which may interfere with Religious Education, or safety on the roads, please watch news 12 for cancellations.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, March 5th our second grade children and older children in our religious education program as well as the children from our school will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. The children with the guidance of their parents and teachers, are studying very hard as they prepare for Penance, and First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Bear Scout Project: Bear Scout, *Christopher Butler* will be collecting toiletries for a nonprofit organization called *My Brother Vinny*. Please assist Christopher with this very important collection as he is trying to earn his Duty to God Badge.

Religious Education Lenten Project: Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Spy Wednesday, lasting for 40 days. We prepare for Easter by fasting and practicing spiritual discipline during this time, to reflect on his sacrifices. Basically, Lent is a time for "Spring Cleaning" our lives while giving thanks to God and strengthening our relationship with him. We will again this year collect money through the Rice Bowl donations. If you should have any questions, or would like to donate, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Appalachia Habitat for Humanity: This summer parishioner and graduate of Saint Eugene School, *Michael Smith*, a sophomore at Fordham Prep will travel to Scott County, Tennessee to participate in Appalachia Habitat for Humanity. The students will be assisting in the construction of three new homes. Fordham Prep is looking for donations to assist in this endeavor. If you are interested in making a donation, you can make a donation online at <https://fordhamprep.org/servicestrips> and please mark it on behalf of *Michael Smith*, or send the check to the rectory made payable to Fordham Prep, and send it to my attention, and I will forward them to Fordham. Thank you, and may God bless all those who are participating in this wonderful service project

We are very grateful for all of our priests, Father Fernan, Father Anthony, Father Morris and our Mill Hill Associates who serve us, bring us the sacraments, and pray with us. In these tough winter months let us remember all priests who travel to bring the faithful the sacraments. Please pray for them, thank them, we are lucky to have them. God Bless our Priests!

*O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of our priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by our Church; they are needed by our souls; they are needed for the work of redemption. Amen*

*May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator*

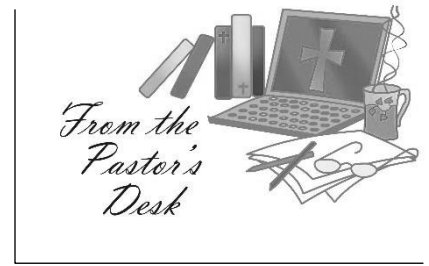
*Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of Your Son's death and resurrection, and teach us to reflect it in our lives. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*



Beloved of God,

### The Washing of the Feet at the Last Supper

*“Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that His hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved His own in the world and He loved them to the end... So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into His power and that He had come from God and was returning to God, He rose from supper and took off His outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and dry them with the towel around His waist... So when He had washed their feet and put His garments back on and reclined at table again, He said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.” (John 13:1, 3-5, 12-16)*



Our Blessed Lord was prophetic when He spoke to His Apostles, *“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing... Do you think that I have to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”* (Luke 12:49, 51) Our Savior’s vision of what He intended was so radical... the Master washing the feet of the servants... Jesus washing the Apostles feet. Recall in another place the parable Jesus offered in Luke’s Gospel 17:7-8, *“Who among you would say to your servant who had just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here immediately and take your place at table’? Would he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished’?”* This was the established order. Master being tended to by the Servant. Servant living at the whim of the Master. But the Divine One said, *“You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.”*

In 1955, *“the decree Maxima Redemptionis nostrae mysteria... granted the faculty for the washing of feet of twelve men during the Mass of the Lord’s Supper after the reading of the Gospel according to John, where a pastoral reason recommended it, in order to demonstrate in an almost representative way the humility and charity of Christ towards his disciples... In performing this rite Bishops and priests are invited to intimately conform themselves to Christ who «came not to be served but to serve» (Mt 20:28) and, compelled by charity «to the end» (Jhn 13:1), to give his life for the salvation of the whole human race.”* In a decree issued by the Congregatio de Cultu Divino et Disciplina Sacramentorum, January 21, 2016, the Supreme Pontiff introduces an innovation into the liturgical books of the Roman Rite. *“In order that the full meaning of this rite might be expressed to those who participate it seemed good to the Supreme Pontiff Pope Francis to vary the norm which is found in the rubrics of the Missale Romanum (p. 300 n. 11): «The men who have been chosen are led by the ministers...», which therefore must be changed as follows: «Those who are chosen from amongst the people of God are led by the ministers...» (and consequently in the Caeremoniali Episcoporum n. 301 and n. 299b: «seats for those chosen»), so that pastors may select a small group of the faithful to represent the variety and the unity of each part of the people of God. Such small groups can be made up of men and women, and it is appropriate that they consist of people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women and laity.”*

It is important to note, however, even though the rubric of only men chosen has been changed to “those chosen from amongst the people of God,” the Washing of the Feet as a part of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper remains optional. From the Roman Missal, Rubric 10 states “after the Homily, where a pastoral reason suggests it, the Washing of the Feet follows.” And the aforementioned decree on the change says “that pastors may select.” Therefore, those parishes which do not have a Washing of the Feet are within their right.

The Parish of Saint Eugene, then, will have the Washing of the Feet this Holy Thursday. I will be personally inviting *“men and women... people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women and laity.”* And in this spirit fostered by Pope Francis, we will also be looking forward to welcoming and training ALTAR SERVERS, boys and girls (which was Rome Approved since 1994), to the ranks of those ministering about Our Blessed Lord’s altar.

God love you... Father Fernan