

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

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 28, 2016

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

FEBRUARY 28, 2016 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
5:00 PM	Cory Flores Racadio (decd) <i>req. by Rudy & Lolita Amor</i>
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
8:00 AM	Sr. Regina Rosaire (living) <i>req. by Wayne & Maureen Modrovsky</i>
10:00 AM	Peter Piscitelli (decd) <i>req. by Michael Jacob</i>
12:00 PM	Eugene Martinez (living) <i>req. by Carmen Martinez</i>
6:00 PM	Robert Dedvukaj-for Health & Peace <i>req. by Mom</i>
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29	
6:45 AM	Justo Aurellano (decd) <i>req. by Rosalinda Dombish</i>
9:00 AM	Florence Varga (decd) <i>req. by Julius Varga</i>
TUESDAY, MARCH 1	
6:45 AM	Mary Regan (decd) <i>req. by Deirdre Keller</i>
9:00 AM	John Guerin (decd) <i>req. by Rita Mallon</i>
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	
6:45 AM	Nancy Edgely (decd) <i>req. by Betty Madden</i>
9:00 AM	Robert Dedvukaj (living) For Health & Peace <i>req. by Mom</i>
THURSDAY, MARCH 3	
6:45 AM	Cornelia Gemora and Pilar Samiana (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>
9:00 AM	Jean & William Mahoney (decd) <i>req. by Patricia Mahoney</i>
FRIDAY, MARCH 4	
6:45 AM	To Liong (decd) <i>req. by Cora Giacoio</i>
9:00 AM	Jerry Palladino, Marianna & Salvatore Vitello (decd) <i>req. by Antoinette Palladino</i>
9:30 AM	Stations of the Cross if no funeral
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM	Bob Willey (decd) <i>req. by Frank Finnegan</i>
SATURDAY, MARCH 5	
9:00 AM	Vincenzo & Aniello Esposito (decd) <i>req. by Ida Mareschi</i>
5:00 PM	Frank Chema (decd) <i>req. by Carol Chema</i>

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 17:3-7 Water flowed from rock to quench the people's thirst.

Psalm 95 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 God's love is poured into our hearts in the gift of the Spirit.

John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 Lord Jesus said to the woman, "Give me a drink."

Today's gospel is the first of a series of long Gospel proclamations over the next three weeks. The story is compelling but involved. As we listen to the Samaritan woman grow in self-knowledge and in faith, let us put ourselves into the story and examine our own lives. Then may we be inspired by her example of eager evangelization as she comes to acknowledge the movement of god in her life.

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

EDWARD CARDINAL EGAN -1ST ANNIVERSARY

REQ. BY GINA MASTRANGELO

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

BREAD AND WINE

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 21

Weekly Collection.....\$11,757

"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 in our own community. We are in need of perishable food items. (Cereal, soup, pasta, 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.

"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."

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Save the date. The 3rd annual Catholic Daughters court of St. Therese Flower Mother/Daughter Communion breakfast is Sunday, 4/24/16 following the 10am Mass. For more information call Rita DiPippo at (914) 793-3065 or Catherine Blanco at (914) 793-1539.

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. We meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Kindergarten room in the Parish office. Our next meeting is March 2nd. New members are welcome. Please call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847 for more information or if there is inclement weather.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group meets the 3rd Thursday each month. Our next meeting is March 17th at 1pm. Through caring support, we hope to lessen the pain and confusion brought on by the death of a loved one.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses. Please join us.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel, located in the vestibule, is open daily Mon-Fri from 7am to 4pm, unless noted on schedule. We are asking specifically for prayers for Vocations. Please come and make a visit with the Lord. For more information call George Alessi, 779-8719.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary would like you to join us. We meet every Tuesday morning immediately after 9AM Mass or Tuesday evening at 7:00PM. For more information please contact Josephine Bitteti at (914) 337-1372.

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 (March 8, April 12). To RSVP or for more information call (646) 794-2885 or visit 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, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi and those recently called home to God....especially Raymond Henshaw.....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

EVENTS IN THE AREA

The Serra Club of Bronx & Westchester Day of Reflection: Saturday, April 9th at St. Joseph Seminary from 9AM-3PM. The day will include breakfast, reflection, confession, Mass, lunch & holy hour. The cost is \$30 per person. If you would like to attend please send a check payable to "Serra Club" and mail to Mr. Mel Ficara, 1593 Allerton Ave, Bronx, NY 10469. Please include your name and phone number with you payment. Deadline is March 19th.

Saint Joseph's Medical Center: The Pastoral Care Dept. at St. Joseph's Nursing Home is looking for volunteers to help transport their Nursing Home Residents to and from Sunday Mass in the chapel within the facility. If you are able to spend an hour and a half 9:15 to 10:45AM one or more Sundays each month to help, please contact Sr. Ellen O'Connor at (914) 378-7648.

Dear Parishioners;

Cardinal's Appeal: The Cardinal Appeal has begun. The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. Your gift to the Appeal helps to fund Catholic Charities, which provides loving care to millions of people in our archdiocese and throughout the world. To date our parish has received \$12,502.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal from 39 families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always, thank you!



Lenten Fast and Abstinence: During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all Faithful to reflect a spirit in penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating a meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline to the extent that they are able.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are **days of fast and abstinence**. **Fridays** in Lent are days of **abstinence**.

Lenten Novena: Father, all powerful and ever-living God, during this Holy Season of Lent You call us to a closer union with Yourself. Help us to prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed. Give us a spirit of loving service to our neighbors. As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, bring the image of Your Son to perfection within our souls. This great season of grace is Your gift to Your family to renew us in spirit. Give us the strength to purify our hearts, to control our desires, and so to serve You in freedom. Teach us how to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end.... We ask for the grace to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We want to show to those in need Your goodness to us by being kind to all. Through our observances of Lent help us to correct our faults and raise our minds to You, and thus grow in holiness that we may deserve the reward of everlasting life. In Your mercy grant us this special favor. (**Mention your request**) The days of the life-giving Death and glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Your Son, is approaching. This is the hour when he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time when we celebrate the great event of our Redemption, the Suffering and Death of Your Son brought to life to the whole world, moving our hearts to praise Your glory. The power of the Cross reveals Your judgement on this world and the kingship of Christ crucified. Father through His love for us and through His sufferings, Death and Resurrection, may we gain eternal life with You in heaven.

Gifts from Bethlehem, Olive Wood Carving: This weekend, February 27-28 we have the representatives from the Gifts of Bethlehem selling their beautiful Olive Wood Carvings. They have many beautiful pieces that can be given as gifts or just to adorn your home or office. They will be located in the hallway on the school entrance side.

Feast Day Celebrations: Please join us on Sunday March 13, for our annual Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph celebrations. Please fill out the flyers which are located in the back of the church and return them ASAP. Reservations are required. There will be no admittance at the door on the day of the event.

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: Next, 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.

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.

May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Hanging as a vine upon the Wood, O Christ our Saviour, Thou hast made the ends of the earth to drink from the wine of incorruption. Therefore do I cry aloud: I am darkened always by the hateful drunkenness of sin; Give me to drink from the sweet wine of true compunction, and grant me now the strength, O Saviour, to fast from pleasures, for Thou art good to all mankind. Amen.



Beloved of God,

Saint Paul wrote...*“Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called to be holy**, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”* (1Corinthians 1:1-3)



In trying to understand our call to holiness, or the process of becoming holy, perhaps Archbishop Fulton Sheen could offer some insight. In his book *The Priest Is Not His Own*, he wrote *“God is holy; that holiness comes to earth in Christ. Christ bestows it on His priests with their cooperation; they, in the measure in which they accept, contribute to making the people holy.”* (p.73) Holiness, much like the rain and snow over the past few weeks, comes down from up above. The process explained by Fulton Sheen establishes that no matter what... *God is holy*, implying as well the Son of God is holy. The miracle of the Incarnation, the Son of God being born of Mary, is how *holiness comes to earth*. Christ being truly Divine and truly Human reestablishes holiness in humanity... and yet at the same time limited to Himself. By instituting the Sacred Priesthood on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper, *Christ bestows it on His priests*. The priests, though, are not forced to be holy or poof, like magic, are suddenly holy. They have to *cooperate* with the gift of the Sacred Priesthood, they have to *cooperate* with the Giver of Jesus’ Sacred Priesthood. The priests have to assume the mission of Christ in *bringing holiness to the earth*. As Saint Matthew has said in Chapter 10 verses 8b and following, *“The gift you have been given, give as a gift.”* The Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ does not belong to the priest. The Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ is given to the priest so that the priest can continue to fulfill the mission of the Son of God in contributing to the process of *holiness coming to the earth in Christ*.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen also said, *“as the shepherd, so the sheep; as the priest, so the people.”* And again, *“every worldly priest hinders the growth of the Church, every saintly priest promotes it.”* (p.7-67) All the priests given to you at Saint Eugene parish have had the privilege of being incorporated into the One Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ with the commission by the One True Priest, Jesus Christ, to be holy himself and with the grace of the Son of God in living his priesthood *cooperating* with the holiness given him by Jesus Christ, helping the people to grow in holiness... *“as the shepherd, so the sheep; as the priest, so the people.”* We, like all of you, are imperfect beings who are trying to *“be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.”* (Matthew 5:48) So that we priests may *accept, cooperate* and imitate Christ as Priest and Victim (suffering and dying for His people), please pray for us. Just as there is the descent of holiness from above *“there is simultaneously an ascending movement of holiness from the Christian Community to the All-Holy God.”* (p.79) Although, so much does depend upon us priests, Saint Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians, *“to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, (to you who have been) called to be holy.”* We all have the calling to be holy. Let us pray for each other. May we grow in holiness together.



God love you... Father Fernan