

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

## DECEMBER 18, 2016 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Bernard Madden (decd) <i>req. by Phyllis Drewd</i>
	<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Wayne D'Ascoli, Anzalone & D'Ascoli Families (decd) <i>req. by Marie Coviello</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Fr. James Smyth (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Angela Dolan (decd) <i>req. by Thomas Dolan</i>
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Fr. James Smyth (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
	<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 19</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Noel Briody (decd) <i>req. by Siobhan Madden</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Rosa Gaetano & Restina Lucarelli <i>req. by Lena Lucarelli</i>
	<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Lolita Abunda (decd) <i>req. by Lutzie Yangco</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Delia & Thomas Durkin (decd) <i>req. by Helen Durkin</i>
	<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Joseph Paparella (decd)-40 <sup>th</sup> Ann. <i>req. by Mario &amp; Charlotte Paparella</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	James Paul Franggos & Catherine & William Cronin (decd) <i>req. by Nancy Franggos</i>
	<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Bernard Madden (decd) <i>req. by Madden Family</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Tamburello Family (decd) <i>req. by Donna</i>
	<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Pasquale & Giuseppina Costanzo & Semi & Michelina Gogliormella decd <i>req. by Carmela Gogliormella</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Helen Durkin (decd) <i>req. by Rita Murphy</i>
	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mario Discepola (decd)
<b>5:00 PM</b>	For Our Parishioners



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Isaiah 7:10-14** The virgin shall be with child.  
**Psalm 24** "Let the Lord enter; He is the King of Glory"  
**Romans 1:1-7** Jesus is the Son of David and the Son of God.  
**Matthew 1:18-24** Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife.

Today's readings are about signs: God's sign to Ahaz, the angel's appearance to Joseph. As we hear God's holy word proclaimed today, what signs in your life point to God about to do wonderful new things? How can you respond like Joseph?

### 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**  
**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR RICHARD ENOCH**  
*REQ. BY RICHARD ENOCH*

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**  
**IN MEMORY OF FR. JAMES SMYTH**  
*REQ. BY FR. FERNAN – GINA MASTRANGELO*



**BREAD AND WINE**  
**IN MEMORY OF JOAN & LEE ENOCH**  
*REQ. BY RICHARD ENOCH*

### SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Bereavement Group	Sr. Florence Mallon	337-1660 ext.120
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	G.Mastrangelo	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Martina Parisi	400-3634
	Dolores Tenzer	262-8146
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Dino Paolo Waga	917-882-2995
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 Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
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 11	2016	2015
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 9,717	\$9,985
Retired Religious .....	\$ 2,024	\$1,666

"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

Please let us remember all those who are in need of a meal or food on the table. There are many who are struggling in our own community. Please remember those who are in need. We are in need of non-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](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."*

## ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel, located in the vestibule, is open daily Mon-Fri from 7am to 4pm, unless noted on schedule. **The Chapel will be closed December 26... Christmas Day observed.** 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.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Martina Parisi at (914) 400-3634 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome.

## LEGION OF MARY

We meet every Tuesday morning immediately after 9AM Mass or Tuesday evening at 7:00PM. For more information please contact Josephine Bitetti at (914) 337-1372.

## ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

## BOX TOPS FOR THE SCHOOL

The school would like to thank all those who have taken the time to collect box tops. The school collects only BOX TOPS at this time. Any box tops can be put in a special box in the school hallway by the church door.

## FLIP TOPS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

There is a new receptacle for the aluminum can FLIP TOPS. It is in the school hallway near the box top for the school. These will be used to help the children and families of Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for your efforts and donations.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, Nicholas Gardini, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Joseph Kelly, Anna Lisa Miranda, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Baby Abigail Raine, Joan Pinto, Celia Torres, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion, Fr. Terence Lee, Francis Bowen, Cora Lucy Sannella, Tom Tucker, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, John Cox, Catie Rose Mitchell and Fr. Bernard J. McDonald who was recently called home to God. Eternal rest grant unto him, O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon all our beloved dead. 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

Janelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur, David Daliso, Logan Wilson, Matthew Fishwick and Kevin Jones. 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.

## 2017 CALENDARS

A special THANK YOU to Flynn Memorial Funeral Home for the beautiful calendars which were donated to the parish which available around the church. Let us pray for them all during the year.

## ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> .....4PM – 8PM

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

**There is no 6:00 PM on Christmas Day.**

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will close on Friday, December 23rd at noon and will reopen on Tuesday, December 29th. May the birth of our Savior fill your hearts with love.

Dear Parishioners:



- St. Eugene Christmas Pageant: Our Christmas pageant and caroling will be, Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 PM in St. Eugene Church. **All are welcome.**
- Advent Day of Reconciliation: Monday, December 19th in all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, there will be the fifth annual Day of Reconciliation (Penance). The schedule is from 4:00-8:00 pm in the church. Penance is a great way to prepare ourselves as we await the birth of our Lord.
- Christmas Music: Mr. Jerry Celestino, our music director accompanied by our organist Mr. James Donaldson along with many musicians will be playing the songs of season 30 minutes before each mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There will be no music at the 8:00 am Mass.
- Christmas Collection: Since Christmas Eve and Day fall on a weekend, we will be having two collections. The regular Sunday collection and the Christmas Collection. As always, thank you for your generosity.
- The Legion Of Mary: Thank you to all who donated gifts through the Legions gift giving tree. 166 gifts were distributed to Sienna House, Life Options and Sacred Heart Homeless.
- Queen's Daughters Day Care Center: We are collecting pajamas and socks for a group of children who attend this organization. We are looking for items for children ages 2 -5 years old. These are children who are in desperate need. Please remember all of God's Children in this most blessed time of year. **These gifts need to be dropped off to the church by Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- Christmas Toy Drive: We are again conducting our Christmas New Toy Drive. The Toy Box is near the Baptismal Font. The toys will be distributed to Saint Peters in Yonkers. **All toys need to be dropped off by 9:00 am Monday, morning December 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- 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 place them in the Mailbox on the table marked "Letters to God." All the letters will be presented to *Our Lord* on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 PM Mass.
- Office Hours: The rectory will close on Friday, December 23 at noon and will reopen on Tuesday December 27<sup>th</sup>. A blessed Christmas to all.
- Happy Anniversary of Ordination in Heaven Fr. Smyth: Today, December 18<sup>th</sup> *Father James Smyth* would have celebrated in 60<sup>th</sup> year as a priest. Father passed away on July 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year. He spoke of his upcoming anniversary the day before he died. This photo is one that he posed for about 10 years ago for the children of Saint Matthew parish. I would to share it with you, our parishioners today. He would have loved to know that the children's pageant that we have is celebrated on this day. We thank God for him and his priesthood that had blessed generations of people for almost 60 years. **Pray for Vocations, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's Holy service. Amen.**



May God bless you always: Gina Mastrangelo Parish Administrator



#### Blessing of the Christmas Manger

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: You sent Your only Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger, may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to Him, who is God with us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## 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 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 19, from 4:00-8:00PM in the Church.**