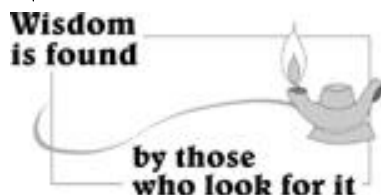


# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11	
5:00 PM	Ann Guerin (decd) <i>req. by Tom Guerin</i>
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12	
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by Frank &amp; Jackie Finnegan</i>
10:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Francesco Belmonte & Family (decd) <i>req. by their son, Aldo Belmonte &amp; Family</i>
12:00 PM	Seamus O'Neill (decd)
6:00 PM	Katherine Esposito Allan (decd) <i>req. by Father Fernan</i>
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13	
6:45 AM	John Marshall (decd) <i>req. by Eugene &amp; Ann Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw (living) Happy Anniversary <i>req. by Father Fernan</i>
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14	
6:45 AM	Nora Kirley (decd) <i>req. by Family Friend</i>
9:00 AM	Gregorio Ortiz (decd) <i>req. by Gremma Vidal</i>
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15	
6:45 AM	Jaren Fernan (living) Happy Birthday <i>req. by Father Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Joe, Leo, Mary & Anthony Drace (decd) <i>req. by Dolores Bellitto</i>
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16	
6:45 AM	Christopher Clifford (decd) <i>req. by Peggy Lou Mulligan</i>
9:00 AM	Ann & Eugene Fernan (living) Happy Anniversary <i>req. by Father Fernan</i>
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17	
6:45 AM	In Honor of Our Lady of Mercy <i>req. by Rose Camille</i>
9:00 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18	
9:00 AM	Florence Varga (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>



## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Wisdom 6:12-16** Rise before dawn and watch for wisdom's appearance and you will not be disappointed.

**Psalms 63** "My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God."

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14** We do not mourn death as those who have no hope.

**Matthew 25:1-13** The wise virgins were prepared for the coming of the bridegroom

In the Holy Scriptures that we hear proclaimed today, wisdom is presented as a central value. We hear an ode to wisdom in the first reading, and the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in the Gospel. The wisdom that we need will enable us to be ready for the coming of the Lord. Listening to these readings, what do you think you need to do to prepare for the Lord's coming today?

## 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**

**BABY ELIZABETH LASKI**

REQ. BY GRANDMA & GRANDPA



### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

#### **SPECIAL INTENTION**

REQ. BY GERALDINE GLUCK

### BREAD AND WINE

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO GINA MASTRANGELO AND PAUL HENSHAW**

REQ. BY MARGARET & JOAN

## SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	Gina Mastrangelo	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Martina Parisi	400-3634
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
H. S. A.	Toni Ann Licatesi	879-3956
Holy Name	Frank Giacoio	793-5392
Legion of Mary	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
Living Rosary	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
Music Director	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		
Of Saint Eugene Parish	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:

<b>November 5</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Weekly Collection.....	\$10435	\$10869
All Saints Day.....	\$1354	\$1232
Monthly.....	\$1823	\$1788

"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 OF SAINT EUGENE PARISH

With autumn upon us, 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 9:30am 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.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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



## ADULT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If, for whatever reasons, you have not been Baptized, nor received First Holy Communion, nor received Confirmation, or may have questions about Marriage, please call Father Fernan at (914) 961-2590, regarding Bi-Weekly classes to prepare you to receive God's grace in His Sacraments. Classes will be in the evenings. The Sacraments will be in the Spring.

## 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, Joseph Kelly, Grisha Balaj, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Joan Pinto, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion, Fr. Terence Lee, Cora Lucy Sannella, Ann McMahon, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Baby Elizabeth Laski, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Francis Bowen, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Charlie Saumell, Leonor Abanilla, Jerry Weber, Carmen Delia Rivera, Fr. Joseph Irwin, Teagan Maria Farrah, Helene Layman, Aimee Rizzi, Martha Jane, Margaret Fleming, Michael Laymon, Charles Saumell, Paul Henshaw and those recently called home to God especially, Joseph M. Angione, John Joseph Sweeney and Leonardo Rodriguez. 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, Logan Wilson, Matthew Fishwick, Kevin Jones and Joe Kelly. 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.

## THE CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF YONKERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place Yonkers, N.Y. New members are welcome. For more information please call 914-423-5331.

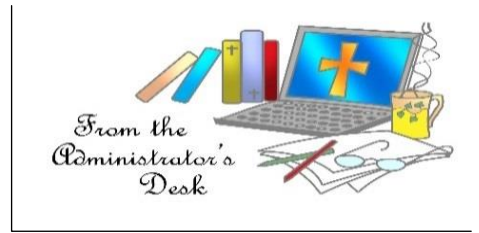
## AREA EVENTS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its Christmas luncheon Friday, December 1, 2017 at 1p.m. at Gianna's Restaurant, 1034 North Broadway Yonkers, N.Y. (Executive Park, corner of Odell Terrace and North Broadway.) The cost is \$25.00 payable at the luncheon. New and former members and guests are welcome. For more information, please call 914-423-5331.

Everyone Can Sing! Workshop is on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am-12pm at Saint Joseph's Seminary. The Presenter will be Dr. Jennifer Donelson. The workshop is intended to help adults and children who consider themselves to be "non singers" to sing well and in tune at liturgical celebrations. Registration fee is \$10. Register at [nyliturgy.org/workshops](http://nyliturgy.org/workshops).

Dear Parishioners:

- **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** As we are in the month of November and the Thanksgiving Season, let us remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The parish food drive, working with our Saint Vincent DePaul Society, will be November 1-19. We are collecting nonperishable items. They can be placed into the containers located at the church entrances. All the food collected will be distributed to Saint Joseph's Food Pantry in Yonkers. We will also be collecting frozen turkeys (10-14lbs.) and hams to be distributed to the Sharing Community. We will be collecting them on Monday morning, November 20, in the parking area near the adoration chapel from 9:30-10:30. *Give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18.*
- **Saint Eugene Choir:** Each weekend under the direction of our Music Director, *Jerry Celestino* we are given the chance to lift our voices high in the Holy Mass. What is the importance of music and singing in the Mass? Music that blends both spiritual and artistic excellence is liturgical, it is sacred. Music has the ability to cultivate, strengthen, and deepen the spiritual experience of those gathered for worship. Liturgical music never dominates, but serves. Sacred music imparts spiritual truth to one's mind, heart, and soul. Singing is an expression of joy. *In Colossians 3:16, St. Paul exhorts the faithful assembled in expectation of their Lord's return to sing together. He says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly., singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."* Our relationship with God is one of love, and whether we sing loudly or softly, on pitch or out of tune, sing. We are preparing our program for the Advent and Christmas season, so please consider joining our music ministry. Our Children's Choir sings everyweek at the 10:00 AM Family Mass. Practices are held at 9:30 each Sunday morning before Mass. We are looking for adults who are willing to lend their talent and join our Saint Eugene Adult Choir. The Choir Mass is the 12:00 Mass on Sundays. The practices are held on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM. If you are interested in joining either choir please see Mr. Celestino after one of the masses.
- **Saint Eugene Bake Sale:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be conducting a Bake Sale which will take place next Sunday before and after the masses. The tables will be set-up in the long hallway, on the school side. Please stop and buy a tasty treat. The bake sale will help defray the cost of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade trips.
- **Saint Eugene Legion of Mary:** The legion will have their annual giving tree in the church beginning on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please take an ornament off of the tree and assist them as they bring joy to those in need. The gifts will be distributed to various organizations that are in need.
- **Christmas Pageant:** On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Christmas Caroling and Pageant. We are looking for children to be angels and shepherds in our living crèche. If your child is interested please fill out the pageant forms which are located at the table in the front of the church and at the entrances.



*May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator*

*Prayer for peace and protection from violence and from terrorism*

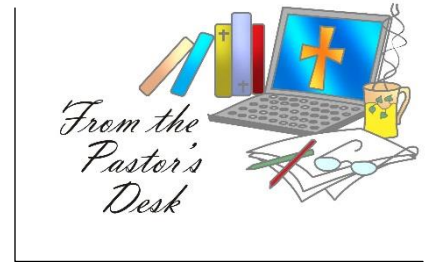
O almighty and merciful God, Lord of the universe and of history. All that You have created is good and your compassion for the mistakes of mankind knows no limits. We come to You today to ask You to keep in peace the world and its people, to keep far away from it the devastating wave of terrorism, to restore friendship and instill in the hearts of your creatures the gift of trust and of readiness to forgive. O Giver of life, we pray to You also for all those who have died as victims of brutal terrorist attacks. Grant them their eternal reward. May they intercede for the world that is torn apart by conflicts and disagreements. O Jesus, Prince of Peace, we pray to You for the ones who have been wounded in these acts of inhuman violence: children and young people, old people and innocent people accidentally involved in evil. Heal their bodies and hearts; console them with Your strength and, at the same time, take away any hatred and a desire for revenge. Holy Spirit Consoler, visit the families of the victims of terrorism, families that suffer through no fault of their own. Wrap them in the mantle of Your divine mercy. Make them find again in You and in themselves, the strength and courage to continue to be brothers and sisters for others, above all for immigrants, giving witness to Your love by their lives. Touch the hearts of terrorists so that they may recognize the evil of their actions and may turn to the way of peace and goodness, of respect for the life and for the dignity of every human being, regardless of religion, origin, wealth or poverty. O God, Eternal Father, in Your mercy hear our prayer which we raise up to You amidst the deafening noise and desperation of the world. We turn to You with great hope, full of trust in Your infinite Mercy. Made strong by the examples of the blessed martyrs of Perú, Zbigniew and Michael, who have rendered courageous testimony to the Gospel, to the point of offering their blood, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of Your Most Holy Mother. We ask for the gift of peace and of the elimination from our midst of the sore of terrorism. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Holy Father, Pope Francis, prayed in the Basilica of St. Francis, Cracow, July 30, 2016*

Beloved of God,

**Texas church shooting: suspect named as at least 26 confirmed dead**

*“At least 26 people are dead and 20 are injured after a gunman opened fire on a congregation in a small town in Texas on Sunday. The number of dead at the First Baptist church in the small town 30 miles south-east of San Antonio made the killing the worst mass shooting in modern Texas history and one of the worst gun rampages in recent years. The lone shooter was found dead after he was chased by locals and police across county lines. “There are so many families who have lost family members, and it occurred in a church, in a place of worship,” the Texas governor, Greg Abbott, in a Sunday evening press conference. “That’s where these people were mown down. We mourn their loss.” Twenty-three worshippers died inside the church, two outside and one after being taken to hospital. Many more injured were still being treated. The ages of the dead ranged from five to 72.” (From the Internet)*



You are reading about this in church, in pews similar to those on which those 46 souls were sitting on or standing next to while praising the Almighty God Father, Son and Spirit. They may have had in their minds and hearts similar if not the same prayers and concerns that you have brought this evening or morning before the same God. They have parents who are ill. They have loved ones who recently died. They may have just lost their job. They are wondering if this paycheck will make it through the week. They are wondering if the in-laws are going to be coming for Thanksgiving. They were saying, “I told junior to leave his Gameboy in the car.” Sitting next to them were their loved ones... parents, grandparents, children, relatives and friends. It was a chore getting everybody there on time, but this week it finally happened. One of their pastors had prepared for this worship event, praying to God and working with the musicians to choose the songs that would fit the scriptures and lift up all those who were going to gather. The musicians had practiced Thursday night from 7:00 -8:30 pm. The pastor had visited them and joined in on one of the songs. He was really looking forward to Sunday. After worship there was going to be soccer practices, fall baseball games, lunch at Denny’s and play dates with friends. Then came screaming, yelling, shooting, crying, death, pain and suffering.

When you first heard of this horror... what was your first thought? Be honest. Was it, “I’m glad they killed the shooter!” Was it, “If I had my gun I know what I would have done to that guy!” “Just give me ten minutes alone with him!” What was your first thought, your gut reaction? Was it, *“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.”* Was it, *“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death, Amen.”* Did you offer one of the many forms of the Act of Contrition? Did you plead with God to have mercy on their souls? If prayer wasn’t your first reaction, have you prayed since?

In the Gospel of Luke (18:1-6), Jesus addressed a parable to the holy people of God... *Then Jesus told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, “There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, ‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’ For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, ‘While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.’”*

We are supposed to be people of prayer. Our first reactions should be prayer. When a fire truck goes by your car, do you pray? When a police vehicle speeds past you, do you pray? When someone honks because you are “driving to slowly,” do you pray? When someone cuts in line ahead of you, do you pray? When someone trips and falls scattering packages, do you pray? When someone takes your pew in church, do you pray? We are supposed to be, we should be, we must be people of prayer.

God love you... Father Fernan