

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

NOVEMBER 26, 2017 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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| SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 | |
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| 5:00 PM | Ralph Grillo (decd) <i>req. by Jeanne Grillo</i> |
| SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | |
| 8:00 AM | Living and deceased members of The Duignan Family <i>req. by Mary McCabe</i> |
| 10:00 AM | Mr. Carmine Cavaliere & Cesere Ciboso & Family (decd) <i>req. by Ida Belmonte & Family</i> |
| 12:00 PM | Winnfred O'Neill (decd) <i>req. by Catherine Shanahan</i> |
| 6:00 PM | Julia Duffy (decd) <i>req. by The Priests Of St. Eugene</i> |
| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 | |
| 6:45 AM | Primitiva Casillan (decd) <i>req. by Sonia Zabala</i> |
| 9:00 AM | John & Josephine Patrone (decd) <i>req. by Dolores Bellitto</i> |
| TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | |
| 6:45 AM | Fr. Brian Coffey (decd) <i>req. by Tom & Kathleen Ahern</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Mary J. Tierney (decd) <i>req. by Ita Yager</i> |
| WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | |
| 6:45 AM | Gina Mastrangelo (Ivg) <i>req. by Mrs. Natiello & Mrs. Bitetti</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Marie Grace Grandville (decd) <i>req. by Carolyn Walsh</i> |
| THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | |
| 6:45 AM | Fr. Robert Mason (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Robert Mason (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i> |
| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 | |
| 6:45 AM | Gianine Colarusso (decd) <i>req. by The Colarusso/Vella Family</i> |
| 9:00 AM | William Evers (decd) <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i> |
| 7:30 PM | Departed Legionaries <i>req. by Legion Of Mary</i> |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | |
| 9:00 AM | Julia Argavino Toriello & Family (decd) <i>req. by Eugene Toriello</i> |

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 The Shepherd-King seeks the lost and heals the injured.

Psalms 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Christ our King has conquered death.

Matthew 25:31-46 The Lord will come in glory to separate one from another.

Today's reading from Ezekiel is the perfect setup for the Gospel. In conclusion, the Lord God promises to judge between the sheep and the goats. That is where the Gospel story picks up. By what standard does the Son of Man judge? By whether we engaged in corporal works of mercy! The Year of Mercy ended three hundred and sixty-five days ago, but we must always remember to be merciful to our sisters and brothers.

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

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY M. DODIN

REQ. BY MARGARET BLACKWELL



BREAD AND WINE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MARTIN D'CRUZ

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

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| 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:

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the financial data was not available for publication. Thank you for your continued generosity most especially during these difficult economic times.

"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

Due to the Thanksgiving Food Drive there will be no regular cooked chicken pick up for the month of November.

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.

"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."

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Sunday, December 17th 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.

LEGION OF MARY

The legion will have their annual giving tree in the church beginning on December 3rd. 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 TOY DRIVE

Please remember those who are less fortunate than us. The Toy Box will be in the back of the church on the left near the candles beginning on the weekend of December 2-3, the first Sunday of Advent.

SAINT EUGENE SCOUTS

Our Boys Scouts will be selling beautifully decorated Christmas Wreaths before and after the masses this Sunday, November 26th, and Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd, or by emailing troop25yonkers@gmail.com. The cost is \$20.00. Please support our troop.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

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.

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 McMahan, 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. 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

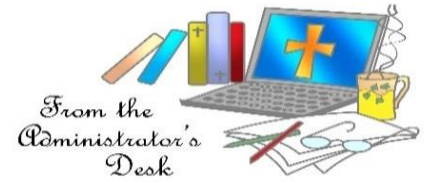
Janelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur, David Daliso, Logan Wilson, Matthew Fishwick, Kevin Jones and Joe Kelly. If you have family members or friends you would like to put on our Military Prayer list please notify the Parish Office at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

AREA EVENTS

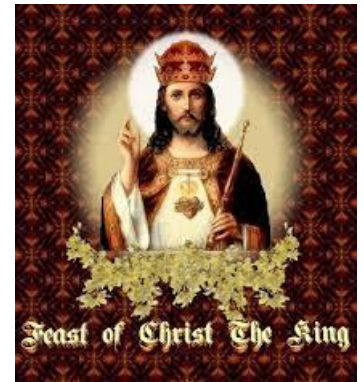
The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its Christmas luncheon Friday, December 1, 2017 at 1p.m. at Gianna's Restaurant, 1034 North Broadway Yonkers, N.Y. (Executive Park, corner of Odell Terrace and North Broadway.) The cost is \$25.00 payable at the luncheon. New and former members and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

Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima Parish, proudly presents the annual Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday December 10th at 2:30pm. Admission is free, all are welcome. Annunciation Church located at 470 Westchester Avenue, Tuckahoe, NY 10707, 914-779-7345.

Dear Parishioners:



- Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King): On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas Primas (“In the first”) to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. Today reminds us that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and in many parts of Europe, atheistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Pope Pius XI said that Christ “reign[s] ‘in the hearts of men,’ both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind.” Quas Primas continues to ring true. In recent years, aggressive secularist campaigns have sought to marginalize the Church and other religious institutions. In response to alienation and loss of solidarity – which tend to accompany these secularist assaults – nationalistic movements have sprung up across the western world. Now, as always, we must turn and gaze on the face of Christ, our merciful Lord.



O lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy peace, justice and all things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One. Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgement. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Judgement. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray: May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.

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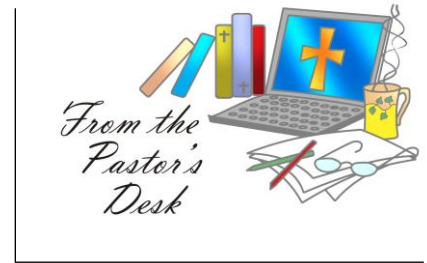
Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, (mention your request) through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of his blessed Mother, Amen. *Pray 15 times a day from November 30, (the Feast of Saint Andrew) until December 24th.*

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Administrator

Beloved of God,

Meditations on Thanksgiving and Advent



The following chapters and verses are the only times that the words “thank” or “thanks” are used in the four gospels... *Matthew 15:36, 26:27, & Mark 8:6,14:23, Luke 2:38,17:16,17:18,18:11,22:17, & John 6:11,11:41.*

Of these 12 verses, 2 are from the story of Jesus healing the 10 Lepers, one is from the event of Baby Jesus being presented in the Temple, another is from the final prayers of the Savior at the Last Supper, and eight are related to the miracles of the Loaves or having to do with the Institution Narrative (Jesus changing the bread and wine into His Body and Blood at the Last Supper). Of the 12 verses, 9 say either “give thanks” or “gave thanks.” One verse, from the healing of the Lepers is “*and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him.*” (Luke 17:16)

The final 2 verses say almost the same thing but mean polar opposites... (Luke 18:11) “*The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity--greedy, dishonest, adulterous--or even like this tax collector’... & (JN 11:41) “ So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me.”* The Pharisee from Luke’s Gospel, speaking with feigned humility offers a prayer of thanksgiving which ends up being a personal revelation of superiority, pride and condescension. Jesus’ prayer, on the other hand, publicly proclaimed at the time of the Death of Lazarus, His friend, reveals to the people the oneness of the Almighty Father and the Son, Jesus Christ. The difference between the prayers divulges the true nature of prayer... (1) offered to God and (2) purity of intention.

#1... To whom else should we pray? What would be the purpose or even the good? Any prayer offered except to the Almighty is a waste because it does nothing but fill the air with useless jabbering... Jesus said, “*In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words.*” (Matthew 6:7) Only a prayer offered to the One True God is efficacious.

#2... Seeking the Oneness of the Father, Son and Spirit. Prayers offered for any intention must always carry with them the codicil spoken by the Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane when He was facing the stark and painful reality of the Crucifixion... “*Withdrawing a second time, He (Jesus) prayed again, “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without My drinking it, **Your will be done!**”* (Matthew 26:42) By offering the words that we pray from the Our Father, Thy will be done, we are unifying our will to God’s and at the same time trusting that God, whose love is boundless, will always take care of us (Luke 12:7).

Finally, with the remaining 9 verses being from the Last Supper or part of the prophecies pre-figuring the Last Supper, we must heed the overwhelming evidence then that the one moment of and the most effective form of thanksgiving is caught up in the mystery of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. “*Then Jesus took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body, which will be given for you; **do this in memory of Me.**”* (Luke 22:19) This command by the Lord of “Do this in memory of Me” entreats us get caught up in the nature of giving thanks, in the habit of the Holy Mass, in the most perfect prayer of the Last Supper. We are not only to mimic the Lord in the way He lived His life, in the sacrifice He made, but we should learn and incorporate into our daily routine His conversations or prayers with the Father by giving thanks. Saint Paul wrote... 1THES 5:18 “*In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus...*” and... COL 3:17 “*And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him...*” and... EPH 1:16 “*(I) do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers...*” and... 1COR 1:4 “*I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus.*”

As we are beginning the Season of Advent, please consider during these four weeks of attending an extra daily Mass and giving thanks to God as the greatest preparation for the coming of Christ.

God love you... Father Fernan