

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 17, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16  |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 5:00 PM                | Frederick J. Bergmann (decd)<br><i>req. by Carolyn Bergmann</i>   |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17    |   |
| 8:00 AM                | Carmel Finnegan (decd)<br><i>req. by Frank &amp; Jackie Finnegan</i>  |
| 10:00 AM               | Nora Kerr (decd)<br><i>req. by Lucille Wagner</i>   |
| 12:00 PM               | Julia Ann Duffy (decd)<br><i>req. by John, Vilma, Trisha, Rafael &amp; The Girls</i>                          |
| 6:00 PM                | Special Intention for St. Lazarus of Bethany<br><i>req. by The Hermoza Family</i>                             |
| MONDAY, DECEMBER 18    |   |
| 6:45 AM                | Baby Elizabeth Laski (living)<br><i>req. by Friends</i>   |
| 9:00 AM                | Fr. James Smyth (decd)<br>61 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary<br><i>req. by Father Fernan &amp; Gina Mastrangelo</i> |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19   |   |
| 6:45 AM                | Michael Kerin (decd)<br><i>req. by Mary Phillips</i>  |
| 9:00 AM                | Restina Lucarelli Brown & Rosa & Gaetano Moretti (decd)<br><i>req. by Lena Lucarelli</i>                      |
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 |   |
| 6:45 AM                | Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd)<br><i>req. by their Daughters</i>   |
| 9:00 AM                | Lolita Abundo (decd)<br><i>req. by Lutzie Yangco</i>  |
| THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21  |   |
| 6:45 AM                | Fr. Brian Coffey (decd)<br><i>req. by Peggy &amp; Peter Clarke</i>  |
| 9:00 AM                | Joseph Paparella (decd)<br><i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mario Paparella</i>  |
| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22    |   |
| 6:45 AM                | Sara & John Keenan (living)<br><i>req. by Eugene &amp; Ann Fernan</i>   |
| 9:00 AM                | Souls in Purgatory  |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23  |   |
| 9:00 AM                | Teodoro Salvilla (decd)<br><i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>   |

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11** I rejoice heartily in the Lord.

**Luke 1** "My soul rejoices in my God."

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**John 1:6-8, 19-28** There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

Some very important people in the Scripture give testimony today. First, Isaiah testifies that God called him to share good news to those in need. Then Saint Paul testifies to the expectations he has of the Thessalonians as he wraps up his letter to them. Finally, John the Evangelist writes that John the Baptist was sent to testify to the greatest news of all, the coming of Jesus, so that all may believe.

## 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 FOR MARTIN D'CRUZ**



### BREAD AND WINE

**IN MEMORY OF NORA KERR**

*REQ. BY HER DAUGHTER, PATRICIA SMITH*

## 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>December 10</b>         | <b>2017</b> | <b>2016</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Weekly Collection.....     | \$9349      | \$9717      |
| Retired Religious.....     | \$1816      | \$2024      |
| Immaculate Conception..... | \$1578      | \$1545      |

"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."

### ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 18th.....4PM – 8PM

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

**There is no 6:00 PM on Christmas Day. This year New Year's Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation.**

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will close at 12 Noon on Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will reopen on Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup>. May the birth of our Savior fill your hearts with love.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF SAINT EUGENE PARISH

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."*

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Today at 4PM we will have our annual Christmas Caroling and Pageant. All are invited to attend.

### ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

### COAT DRIVE

The Holy Name Society will be coordinating the Saint Eugene's Parish Coat Drive on the feast of the Epiphany. If you have new or gently used coats, hats, scarves or winter gloves, and you would like to donate them to someone in need, we will be collecting them at the church entrances. The drop off times are after the Masses January 6th at 5PM, and after each Sunday Mass on January 7th. Thank you.

### 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.

**Adoration Chapel will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> as well as January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

### 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 especially Dolores Di Monaco and Father Andrew Apostoli. 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.*

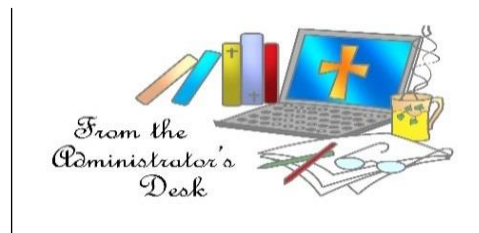
### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

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

### CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its members. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place Yonkers, NY. New members are welcome. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 1pm. Please call 914-423-5331 for more information.

Dear Parishioners:



- Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday. The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of [St. Martin](#) (12 November), whence it was often called "[St. Martin's Lent](#)"—a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, and Advent preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent. Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to [Laetare Sunday](#), and provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. The spirit of the Liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the feast of Christmas as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised Redemption. On Gaudete Sunday, rose-colored vestments may be worn instead of violet or purple (or instead of Sarum blue, in the Anglican and some Lutheran traditions), which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. In churches that have an [Advent wreath](#), the rose colored candle is lit in addition to two of the violet candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of [Advent](#), which has as a secondary theme the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming. *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.* [Philippians 4:4-6](#); [Psalm 85 \(84\)](#)
- Christmas Toy Drive: Our Christmas Toy Drive has begun. 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 statue of Saint Jude. All unwrapped toys are to be dropped off by Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas Pageant: Today 4:00 PM we will have our annual Christmas Caroling and Pageant. All are welcome.
- Holy Name Society Epiphany Coat Drive: The Holy Name Society will be coordinating the Saint Eugene's Parish Coat Drive on the feast of the Epiphany. The Holy Name Society will be collecting new or gently used coats, hats, scarves or winter gloves which will be distributed through The Sharing Community in downtown Yonkers. Please drop off all donations at any of the church entrances before or after the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> or before and after all the masses on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.
- Advent Day of Reconciliation: Tomorrow, December 18th in all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, it will be the 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.
- 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 give their letters to Father Fernan at the end of mass or to me at Religious Education class. All the letters will be presented to *Our Lord* on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 PM Mass.
- Prayers: As we enter this glorious season of Christmas, let us not forget that this is an extra difficult time for those who are sick, searching for a job, or have lost a loved one. Please let us remember all of these, our neighbors and parishioners in prayer. ***Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*** [Galatians 6:2](#)
- 2018 Calendars: The 2018 Religious Calendars are in the baskets around the church. Again we would like to thank *Flynn Memorial Funeral Home* for providing them for our Parish.

***May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, 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.*



*Happy 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of your Ordination, Fr. James Smyth. May you enjoy all the graces in heaven with Our Lord. Love and Miss you!*

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