

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JUNE 24, 2018 - THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



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| | SATURDAY, JUNE 23 |
| 5:00 PM | Paulina Orta (decd) |
| | SUNDAY, JUNE 24 |
| 8:00 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| 10:00 AM | Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by Frank & Jackie Finnegan</i> |
| 12:00 PM | John Shanahan (decd) |
| 6:00 PM | Dedvukaj Family (Ivg) For health and peace <i>req. by Victoria Dedvukaj</i> |
| | MONDAY, JUNE 25 |
| 6:45 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| 9:00 AM | Vincenzo Tramontozzi (decd) <i>req. by Lydia Tramontozzi</i> |
| | TUESDAY, JUNE 26 |
| 6:45 AM | Margaret M. Collins (decd) <i>req. by Elizabeth Collins</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Peggy O'Connor (decd) <i>req. by Irene Moyles</i> |
| | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 |
| 6:45 AM | Angelo & Mary Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their daughters</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Eddie McCool (decd) <i>req. by The Madden Family</i> |
| | THURSDAY, JUNE 28 |
| 6:45 AM | Prena Ljuljic (decd) <i>req. by Katrina Gjelijaj</i> |
| 9:00 AM | David O'Sullivan (living) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i> |
| | FRIDAY, JUNE 29 |
| 6:45 AM | James K. Kelly (decd) <i>req. by Joe, Tom & Bill Ryan</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Pacifico Catane Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i> |
| | SATURDAY, JUNE 30 |
| 9:00 AM | Michael Miliziano (decd) 10 Year Anniversary <i>req. by Maria Miliziano</i> |



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Isaiah 49:1-6 I will make you a light to the nations.

Psalms 139 "I praise You for I am wonderfully made."

Acts 13:22-26 John heralded His coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance.

Luke 1:57-66, 80 John is his name.

While still in the womb, John the Baptist was called to prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. We hear today from Jeremiah or Isaiah, two prophets also called by the LORD before they were born. We ourselves were not called by God in such a dramatic way. Yet by virtue of our baptism, each of us also shares in Christ's prophetic and salvific mission. As we listen to the readings today, let us think about how we have been called.

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 \$10.00 a week is requested.

TABERNAACLE CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ISA PEPE

REQ. BY DOLORES BELITTO



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR HEALTH FOR WILSON JOHN MATTHEW

BREAD AND WINE

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:

| June 17 | 2018 | 2017 |
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| Weekly Collection..... | \$8405 | \$8280 |

"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

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.

The recipe for the chicken legs and thighs is as follows: Wash and clean chicken, season, place chicken in large tray, add ½ cup water. Bake at 375 degrees skin side down for 45 minutes, turn chicken over, season and bake skin side up for an additional 45 minutes. When the chicken is done sprinkle with paprika.

Please drain all juices and transport the chicken in Ziploc bags.

The chicken is needed for this **Thursday, June 28th**. You may drop off at the chapel entrance 7:30-9:50 or the side parking lot at 9:45 am.

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."

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, 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.

SUNDAY MASS AND VACATION

Take God with you on vacation. As part of your planning for the summer, go to www.masstimes.org, enter your destination, and find the local Catholic Church and Mass times. The Sunday obligation for Mass is still in effect for the summer.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Precursor – Prophet – Baptist
Feast Day – June 24th

John is the immediate precursor sent by God to prepare the way for Jesus. John preached a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus' public life began with His Baptism by John the Baptist.

O God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation. Grant us, as Saint John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, Truth and eternal life. Amen

RELAX AND PRAY



Summertime is the perfect time to relax, pray and remember all the good in our lives!

"God of the sun, thank you for the warmth and heat of summer. We imagine the sun's warmth as Your warmth, radiating out into the world and bringing everything light and life. Let us rejoice in

You, this summer and always. Amen

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses. We will pray the Rosary weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7PM through October. Please join us near the outdoor statue of Our Lady as we honor the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

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.

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, Cora Lucy Sannella, Ann McMahon, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Baby Elizabeth Laski, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Leonor Abanilla, Jerry Weber, Carmen Delia Rivera, Teagan Maria Farrah, Helene Layman, Aimee Rizzi, Martha Jane, Margaret Fleming, Charles Saumell, Lucille Layman, Vincent Scardino, Thomas Kilgannon, Jennifer Ingoglia, Louis Ingoglia, Carol Russo, George Georgiadis, Peggy Collins, Michael O'Sullivan, James J. Virga, and those recently called home to God especially, Judith Costello and Aurora Richter. 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.

Dear Parishioners:

Saint Eugene Summer Office Hours: During the summer months the church office will be open Monday – Thursday 9:30-3:30 and Friday 9:30 -12:00 noon. This will begin next Friday, June 29th.

Saint Eugene Religious Education: Registration forms for the 2018-2019 year have been mailed out. Forms are also available in the church office. Communion and Confirmation pictures of the children receiving their sacraments and the group picture are ready and available for pick-up. Please come to the church office during normal business hours.

Religious Freedom Week 2018: People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feasts of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. For more information; www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek. *Religious freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it. – Pope Francis. Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom You have set us free in Christ Jesus. We praise You and bless You for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom You live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. – from the USCCB*

The Cardinal's Appeal: The Cardinal Appeal is progressing. Your gift to the Appeal helps to fund many Charities to the people in our archdiocese and throughout the world. To date our parish has received \$52,557.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal from 213 families. Our parish has 1,582 registered households with multiple families living within those homes. This appeal is extremely important to our parish and other organizations in the Archdiocese. The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal assists our aging priests in nursing homes, works of charity, and assists our catholic schools missions and evangelization, as well as needy parishes. The goal for Saint Eugene Parish is \$96,000.00. If every household that remains gave just \$100.00 per household that would net us \$142,700.00. Every dollar that we receive over our goal is given back to the parish. Please pray about giving a gift, it can be given at once or in installments. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, June 29: Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built. They are at the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the center of the Christian world whence should radiate the preaching of the Gospel. St. Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in A.D. 66 or 67. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the basilica of St. Peter's. St. Paul was beheaded in the Via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name. Down the centuries Christian people in their thousands have gone on pilgrimage to the tombs of these Apostles. In the second and third centuries the Roman Church already stood pre-eminent by reason of her apostolicity, the infallible truth of her teaching and her two great figures, Saints Peter and Paul. – USCCB

Saint Eugene School News: On-Line Registration for the 2018-2019 is open for all students. For more information please visit www.steugene.education or call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information. The school office will be open during the summer Tuesday-Thursday, 8:00am-12:00 pm. The office will be closed the week of July 2nd.

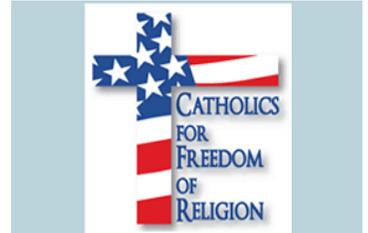
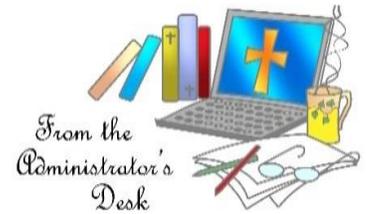
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On-Line Giving - Online giving is a big help to our parishes for those who cannot attend mass every week but would like to donate to their church. No matter how much you give, your gifts are always appreciated! If you have not yet made the switch from online giving, we invite you to consider doing so. Online giving offers our parish a stable, sustainable future. Thank you for your support. For more information please go to our church website www.csey.org. and click on Give Online.

Church Attire: As we are entering the hot, hazy days of summer, please remember that when attending Mass a proper dress code is recommended. Please no bathing suits, or beach attire.

Tag Sale June 24th: On Sunday, June 24th, there will be a tag sale from 9-2, as part of a St. Eugene Eagle Scout Project. Sebastian is raising money to finish the installation of the outdoor Stations of the Cross, which the church has already purchased. The tag sale will be held in the lower conference rooms of the church offices. Please enter through the doors in the lower parking lot.

May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

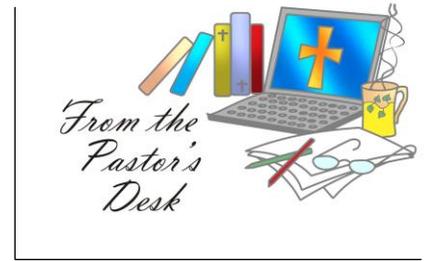


Beloved of God,

Freedom Is Not Free



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed Me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” (Luke 4:18-19)



Our Blessed Lord returned to Nazareth, where He had grown up, and went to the temple as He was accustomed to do. The townspeople must also have been accustomed to Jesus reading from the Hebrew Scriptures because Jesus was handed the scrolls with hesitation, and read the passage above to those in attendance. At first they marveled at the words He spoke but as He continued, their tenor changed... *“When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove Him out of the town, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl Him down headlong.” (Luke 4:28-29)* These were His friends and neighbors. Jesus had played with them as a child. Jesus had worked for them in His father’s shop, constructing and then delivering furniture. Jesus had prayed with them, as He had been accustomed to do. But now, *“filled with fury... they rose up, drove Him out of the town, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl Him down headlong.”*

We have come to know that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Son of God, was sent by the Father (John 6:29) so that all might be saved through Him. This sending was for the purpose we know and believe in, that Jesus would offer His life on the Cross for us. What a cost have been our sins and those of our ancestors. Our freedom, our possibility of attaining heaven has been at the forfeit of the Son of God’s own life... *“For this I was born and for this I came into the world,”* Jesus said in the trial before Pontius Pilate. (John 18:37)

Jesus also said, *“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.”* (John 20:21) As Jesus was sent to *bring tidings to the poor*, as Jesus was sent to *proclaim liberty to captives*, as Jesus was sent to *grant recovery of sight to the blind*, as Jesus was sent to *let the oppressed go free*, so to have we been sent by Jesus... *“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”* (Matthew 28:19-20a) We have been sent, commissioned by Jesus to continue the work He has begun, and sometimes at the same cost that Jesus paid... *“I gave them Your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.”* (John 17:14)

While being interrogated by Pontius Pilate, Jesus said... *“For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice.”* (John 18:37) Jesus also said, *“If you remain in My word, you will truly be My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* (John 8:31-2) Always seeking the peace of Christ in all our actions throughout our day is truly challenging. Our Lord said, *“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”* (Luke 12:49) We must never forget that it is the Lord who is to *“set the earth on fire,”* who is the source of making a choice for Freedom, for Truth... *“Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”* (Luke 12:51) Our challenge is that in spreading freedom, the freedom which is the truth of Jesus Christ and Him crucified, that we not pursue our own agenda for the destruction of the Truth, Jesus Christ, who is the only One Who will set us free.

Have a blessed, peaceful and grace-filled Summer.

God love you... Father Fernan