

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 2, 2018 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1	
5:00 PM	Walter Cain (decd) <i>req. by Wayne & Maureen Modrovsky</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2	
8:00 AM	Willie Evers (decd) <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i>
10:00 AM	Jack Davis & Trudy Hunt (decd) <i>req. by Clare Davis</i>
12:00 PM	Father Fernan (living) <i>req. by Catholic Daughters</i>
6:00 PM	Carol Vicino (decd) <i>req. by Amanda & Michael Mueller & Roberta Twomey</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3	
6:45 AM	Betty Connelly (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
9:00 AM	Nora Moore (decd) <i>req. by Carolyn Walsh</i>
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4	
6:45 AM	Asuncion, Juan & Johnathan Bunoan - Happy Birthday (decd) <i>req. by Maria Teresa Bunoan</i>
9:00 AM	Ann & Richard DeLucia (decd) <i>req. by Marie Portulano</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5	
6:45 AM	Eddie Lawless (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Andrea Oswald (decd) <i>req. by Joanne Calvi</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6	
6:45 AM	Augustine Gyamerah (decd) <i>req. by Margaret & Joan</i>
9:00 AM	Gloria Molina & Shirley Martinez (decd) <i>req. by Lourdes Caliboso</i>
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7	
6:45 AM	Angelo Napoli (decd) 50 Year Anniversary <i>req. by His Daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Andrea Oswald (decd) <i>req. by Josephine DeMeo</i>
7:30 PM	Augustine Gyamerah (decd) <i>req. by Legion of Mary</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8	
9:00 AM	James Cantwell (decd) <i>req. by John Cantwell</i>
12:00 PM	Milagros Tamayo (decd) <i>req. by Joseph Tomayo & Family</i>

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16 I will raise up for David a just shoot.

Psalms 25 "To You, O Lord, I lift my soul."

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 May the Lord make you abound in love.

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 Be vigilant at all times.

The Gospel on the First Sunday of Advent always concerns the end of the world, when Jesus will return to call us home. How should we prepare for this day that Luke calls an "assault"? Saint Paul's words to the Thessalonians are no less apt today than they were then: "Conduct yourselves to please God." May this season concentrate our attention on how we treat each other, for we know that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for the Lord.

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.

TABERNACLE CANDLE

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR WILSON JOHN MATTHEW

BREAD AND WINE



SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	713-4831
	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
Knights of Columbus	John Fuoco	774-0527
Legion of Mary	Marisol Natiello	337-2147
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:

November 18	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$.7873	\$9592
Campaign for Charity & Justice	\$1147	\$1134

November 25	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$8208	\$9527
Thanksgiving Collection.....	\$1219	\$1594

"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."

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is 9AM and 12 Noon.

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 17.....4PM – 8PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

There is no 6:00 PM on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Sunday, December 16th at 4PM 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.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

We will conduct our Christmas Toy Drive again this year. 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 this weekend.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick will be offered every second Sunday of the month at the 12 o'clock Mass. The next anointing Mass will be December 9th.

RETIRED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

There will be a collection at next week's Masses for the Retired Brothers and Sisters. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

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, Charles Saumell, Lucille Layman, Thomas Kilgannon, Jennifer Ingoglia, Louis Ingoglia, Carol Russo, George Georgiadis, Peggy Collins, Michael O'Sullivan, Baby Sean, Sadie Turner, Liz Pitre, Fr. Richard Pereira, Lucia Langworth, Gloria Saccone, Christina Suarez, Joseph Grippo, Sophia Sperry, Judy Felipe, Josephine Maggio and those recently called home to God especially Thomas P. Smyth. 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, Joe Kelly and Jimmy Sullivan. 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.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Martina Parisi at (914) 400-3634 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome. Catholic Daughters meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:15pm.

SCHOOL NEWS

Applicants entering PreK 3 or returning for Kindergarten through Grade 8 may register for next year. All PreK 4 students must do an online application for Kindergarten. Please go to <https://steugene.education/apply-online> and register today! UPK paper based applications will be available at a later date – we will keep you updated as to when that registration begins. Please call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.

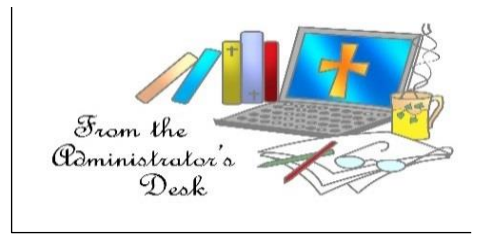
ADORATION CHAPEL

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Any man interested in the Knights of Columbus please join us on December 4th at 7:30 PM. Our council meeting is held in the St. John the Baptist classroom entry from Clayton Place. For more information please call 914-457-3865.

Dear Parishioners:



- **Advent:** This Sunday, December 2nd is the First Sunday of Advent. With the beginning of the season of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming.” Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God’s incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus [Matthew 2:1](#), His baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist [John 1:29](#), and His first miracle at Cana [John 2:1](#). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas. By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the “coming” they had in mind was not Christ’s first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but His second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ’s first coming at Christmas. Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.) Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these “last days” [Acts 2:17](#), [Hebrews 1:2](#), as God’s people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate His eternal kingdom. The Church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the Church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ’s coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when He returns for His people. In this light, the Advent hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” perfectly represents the Church’s cry during the Advent season: O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ’s first coming, the church now sings the song in commemoration of that first coming and in expectation of the second coming in the future. – *Catholic online*
- **Thank you:** On behalf of all of the recipients of the turkeys, hams and non-perishable goods that were donated for the Thanksgiving Food Drive we say Thank you. It is with your generosity that many celebrated this Thanksgiving with a warm meal.
- **Feast of Saint Nicholas:** Thursday, December 6th is the Feast of Saint Nicholas. *God of joy and cheer, we thank You for your servant, the good bishop Nicholas. In loving the poor, he showed kindness; in caring for your children, he revealed your love. Make us thoughtful without need of reward so that we too, may be good followers of Jesus.*
- **Immaculate Conception:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Saturday, December 8th. Please see the bulletin for mass times. *O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, didst prepare a worthy dwelling place for thy Son, we beseech thee that, as by the foreseen death of this, thy Son, thou didst preserve Her from all stain, so too thou wouldst permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto thee. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.*
- **Christmas Toy Drive:** We will again this year conduct our Christmas Toy Drive. Please remember those who are less fortunate than us. The Toy Box will be on the side of the church on the left near the statue of Saint Jude beginning this weekend, the first Sunday of Advent.
- **Saint Eugene Legion of Mary:** The Legion is conducting their annual giving tree. 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. All the gifts need to be back under the tree by December 16th.
- **Saint Eugene Boy Scout Troop 25:** Our Boys Scouts will be selling beautifully decorated Christmas Wreaths before and after the masses this weekend. Please support our troop.
- **Christmas Pageant:** On Sunday, December 16th 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 come to the church on Sunday, December at 16th at 3:00 PM for a quick rehearsal and costumes.



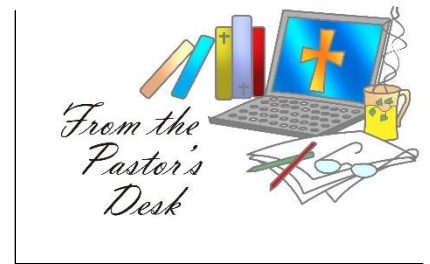
May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Administrator

Prayer for the Advent Wreath O God, by whose word all things are sanctified pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, and may receive from You abundant graces, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Beloved of God,

Are you *ready*? Matthew 22:4, 22:8, 25:10, Mark 14:15, Luke 12:36, Luke 14:17. In the entirety of the Four Holy Gospels, Matthew Mark, Luke and John, the word *ready* is used only seven times. One time is when Jesus is healing so many that so many others were attracted to Him. While He did not wish to cut short the overflowing mercy of the Son of God, He asked to have a boat ready so He could continue healing. The other six times are all related to a *feast... a Wedding Feast or the Last Supper*. As we are beginning the Blessed and Holy Season of Advent we are looking forward to the return of the Our Blessed Lord at the end of time. Are you ready?



The Roman Catholic Church has been preparing and is making a great stride forward in preparing us for this glorious event with the continued renewal of the Holy Mass by making sure *“the liturgy has dimensions both local and universal, time-bound and eternal, horizontal and vertical, subjective and objective.”* The Church has had *“to realize that not all changes have always and everywhere been accompanied by the necessary explanation and catechesis; as a result, in some cases there has been a misunderstanding of the very nature of the liturgy, leading to abuses, polarization, and sometimes even grave scandal.”* Therefore, *“the challenge now is to move beyond whatever misunderstandings there have been and to reach the proper point of balance, especially by entering more deeply into the contemplative dimension of worship, which includes the sense of awe, reverence and adoration which are fundamental attitudes in our relationship with God.”* (Pope John Paul II, 1998 Address to the Bishops of the Church in Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Alaska)



As a new Advent begins, we should ask ourselves the question, with regards to new translation of the Holy Mass, have we found this new translation helpful in moving us forward towards sainthood... our own entry into our heavenly reward? A saint is anybody who is in heaven. Some are celebrated, by the grace of God their interaction with us yet is revealed in our daily lives, and most saints are not yet known to us... the *“invisible (unknown saints) and the visible (known saints)”* communicating. Saint Eugene Church has been blessed with numerous statues or images

of Saints to aid on us on finding our way to Heaven. The images that have recently adorned the Cry Room/Adoration Chapel, are magnificent. They were originally in the bedrooms of the good and Holy Sisters of Saint Francis of Saint John Neumann, who served Saint Eugene School so faithfully for so many years.

Let us open our hearts to the renewal of the Holy Mass and the guidance offered us by the Saints of Heaven. Let us realize that it is in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, whether in the Sunday Holy Mass, or the Daily Holy Mass, or before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, that we are renewed by the grace of God. Let us spend some time this Advent doing some research into the life and writings of our favorite saint. Let us listen to their lives and how they answered God’s call to holiness. Are you being called in the same or similar way... to the same life style?

So when we ask... are you ready? Are you, are you ready spiritually to open your hearts for the Infant Jesus to find and home and bring His peace? Are you ready to meet your Saviour?

God love you... Father Fernan