

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 9, 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8	
5:00 PM	Michael, Helen & Anne Noone (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9	
8:00 AM	Nora Kerr (decd) <i>req. by Klett, Kerr & Smith Family</i>
10:00 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
12:00 PM	Paul Hrabsky (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
6:00 PM	Andrea Oswald (decd) <i>req. by Christine McCabe</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10	
6:45 AM	Thomas Natiello (decd) <i>req. by Legion of Mary</i>
9:00 AM	Donald & Ann Deighan (decd) <i>req. by Carol Killeen & Bridie Deighan</i>
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11	
6:45 AM	Joseph Prestipino (decd) <i>req. by Maria Prestipino</i>
9:00 AM	Fr. James Shevlin (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan & Gina Mastrangelo</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12	
6:45 AM	Families (living)
9:00 AM	Joseph Paparella (decd) <i>req. by Mom & Dad</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13	
6:45 AM	Paul Hrabsky (decd) <i>req. by Ellen & Richard Califano</i>
9:00 AM	Lucy Enrico (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan & Gina Mastrangelo</i>
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14	
6:45 AM	Robert Yager (decd) <i>req. by Ita Yager</i>
9:00 AM	Cookie Dina (decd) <i>req. by Colleen & Gene Dina</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15	
9:00 AM	Andrea Oswald (decd) <i>req. by Cavalli Family</i>



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baruch 5:1-9 God is leading Israel in joy.

Psalms 126 "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy,"

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 May your love increase ever more.

Luke 3:1-6 Prepare the way of the Lord.

Today's readings are unfailingly positive, hopeful for the future. Baruch assures Jerusalem that God is leading its exiled people back home. Saint Paul is smitten with the Philippians, confident that they will be found worthy by God. Saint Luke introduces Saint John the Baptist, who has emerged from the desert to prepare the people for Baptism and forgiveness. A new day is dawning. Truly, as the psalmist sings, we are filled with joy.

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

IN MEMORY OF NORA KERR

REQ. BY KLETT, KERR & SMITH FAMILY



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY & PALMA FIUMARA

REQ. BY BARBARA & VERNARD WOODARD

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:

December 2	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$8,995	\$12,134
Monthly Collection.....	\$1,839	\$1,660

"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."

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

The second collection today is for our retired religious. As always, thank you for your generosity especially during these difficult economic times.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick Mass is today at the 12 o'clock Mass.

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 17th4PM – 8PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

There is no 6:00 PM on Christmas Day.

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

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, 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, Al Sheehy and those recently called home to God especially Christina Daly and Carolyn Bucci. 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.

GIVING TREE – LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary will have their annual giving tree in the church. 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. They meet every Tuesday morning immediately after 9 AM Mass or Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 PM. For more information please contact Marisol Natiello at (914) 337-2147

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF SAINT EUGENE PARISH

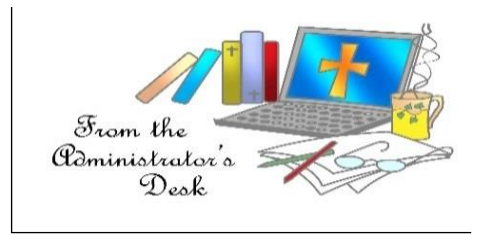
Please let us remember all those who are in need of a meal or food on the table. There are many who are struggling in our own community. Please remember those who are in need. We are in need of non-perishable food items. (Cereal,soup, pasta, etc.) Please place these items in the baskets at the entrances 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

"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."

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.

Dear Parishioners:



- Second Sunday of Advent: *O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of Your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need Your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from You alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of Your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of Your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.*
- 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 side of the church on the left near the statue of Saint Jude. All unwrapped toys are to be dropped off by Sunday December 16th.
- Saint Eugene Legion of Mary: 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 next Sunday, December 16th.
- Christmas Pageant: Next 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 16th at 3:00 PM for a quick rehearsal and costumes.
- Advent Day of Reconciliation: Next Monday, December 17th 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.
- Longest Married Couple Search: The Archdiocese of New York is searching for the longest sacramentally married couple that resides in New York and is married at least 65 years or longer. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The oldest couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in the Catholic New York. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, which is February 10, 2019. For further information, contact Joan Brisson at the Family Life Office at 646-794-3190 or at joan.brisson@archny.org The deadline for entries is 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 24, 2019.
- Saint Eugene Boy Scout Troop 25: Troop 25 donated \$700.00 from the bake sale that they conducted in November to VFW Post 1666 in Yonkers for its Thanksgiving Dinner for disabled veterans from both VA hospitals on November 25th. Scouts and their parents volunteered to serve dinner and dessert and then cleaned. Our scouts also participated in The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Mass and ceremony on December 2nd. *Thank you Scouts!*
- 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*
- 2019 Calendars: The 2019 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.
- Religious Education: Inclement Weather: Just a reminder, if there is any form of winter weather that should occur on the Wednesday afternoons or evenings which may interfere with Religious Education, please watch News 12, or News 12 Interactive on the web.



May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Administrator

Christmas Tree Blessing

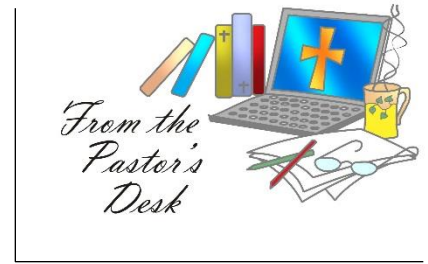
Lord Jesus, Encircle this tree with Your blessing, May its twinkling lights remind us of the hope and promise of Your coming. May we find joy in the memories we share in its tinsel and trimmings. May the presents we place beneath it give rise to an appreciation for the gift of Your presence among us. We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.



Beloved of God,

The Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady, the Sacrament of Baptism and Limbo

"In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to Her and said, "Greetings, You who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to Her, "Do not be afraid Mary; You have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and You are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end." (Luke 1:26-33)



Over the centuries, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Catholic Church, we have come to believe and hold as dogma (a truth that must be believed by all Catholics), that in order for Our Blessed Lady to possibly be chosen by God as the human tabernacle of the Divine Son of God, She must be as pure and good as God is. Therefore, the Virgin Mary was prepared for the possibility of becoming the Mother of God, prepared for the moment we just read from Luke's Gospel above. This preparation was in the form of Mary being conceived without Original Sin, the Sin of Pride and Disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, which has been passed down from one generation to the next to the present day. Being free from this sin from Her conception gave Our Blessed Lady *absolute freedom*, not the freedom that so many want these days in the form of being able to do whatever we want without consequence... but the *freedom* to always live in the Grace and Presence of Almighty God... the *freedom* to remain *free from sin* for Her entire life. What a gift given Her by God. But, what about us? Why weren't we given this same gift? Does God love us less?

"John the Baptist went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins... The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But One who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:3, 15-16) In the Sacrament of Baptism which we have received, we were given by God the same preparation for the rest of our lives that was given to Our Blessed Lady. The Baptism freed us from Original Sin granting us the same *absolute freedom* enjoyed by Mary... the *freedom* to always live in the Grace and Presence of Almighty God... the *freedom* to remain *free from sin* our entire lives. Whether we did or not has been our choice. God, therefore, has loved us with the same love He has for our Blessed Lady and the same love that God the Father has for the Son and the Spirit... *"Jesus prayed, "I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."* (John 17:26)

As the love of God is continuous and complete, what about those pre-mature children who died before or in childbirth? What about those children born who died before they were baptized? What about those children whose lives were forfeited through the act of abortion? Could God love them any less? Could He restrict their possibility of eternal life with Him in heaven? Could He, in effect, punish them for something not of their doing? From the lesson of Our Blessed Mother, we have learned firstly of the immensity of God's love. From the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism consecrated through the Baptism of Jesus, we have learned how God has shared His love with us all. God, therefore, will not leave any soul in limbo. All those children mentioned above will be freed, as Mary was, from Original Sin and be welcomed into their eternal reward, prepared for them from the creation of the world.

God love you... Father Fernan