

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 16, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15	
5:00 PM	Rachel Sabino (decd) <i>req. by James & Patricia Domini</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16	
8:00 AM	Delia Torres (decd) <i>req. by daughter, Lillian Lugo</i>
10:00 AM	Eugene Fernan Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
12:00 PM	Frank Mastrangelo Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw</i>
6:00 PM	Sr. Patricia Egan (decd) <i>req. by Marie Ross</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17	
6:45 AM	Silvana Bonanno (decd) <i>req. by Marisa, John Vairo & Family</i>
9:00 AM	Michael, Helen & Anne Noone (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18	
6:45 AM	Pennamma John (decd) <i>req. by Rojy Joy</i>
9:00 AM	Fr. James Smyth (decd)- 62th Ann. <i>req. by Fr. Fernan & Gina Mastrangelo</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19	
6:45 AM	Fr. Fernan (living) <i>req. by his Parents</i>
9:00 AM	Andrea Oswald (decd) <i>req. by Joanne Fusco</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20	
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Vinoj Varghese (decd) <i>req. by Annie Wilson</i>
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21	
6:45 AM	Ann Mary Farrell (living) <i>req. by her Parents</i>
9:00 AM	Joseph Paparella (decd) <i>req. by Mom & Dad</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22	
9:00 AM	Joseph Angione (decd) <i>req. by Parents</i>

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Zephaniah 3:14-18a The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.
Isaiah 12 "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."
Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.
Luke 3:10-18 They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

John the Baptist challenges the crowds in today's Gospel. Eager to follow him, they ask what they should do. John responds with practical guidance: share your food and clothing, act honorably, be honest. We are not told what they do, but we are told they were filled with expectation. As we listen to God's word, filled with expectation with a week and a half until Christmas, let us take John's guidance to heart.

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 DELIA TORRES
 REQ. BY DAUGHTER, LILLIAN LUGO



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF NORA KERR
 REQ. BY HER FAMILY

BREAD AND WINE
IN MEMORY OF FRANK STILO
 REQ. BY THE FAMILY

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 9	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$8332	\$9349
Retired Religious Collection....	\$1650	\$1816
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1514	\$1578

"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 17..... 4PM – 8PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

There is no 6:00 PM on Christmas Day.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will close on Friday December 21st and will reopen on Thursday, December 27th. May the birth of our Savior fill your hearts with love.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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

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.

LEGION OF MARY

We 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.

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. Adoration Chapel will be closed December 24th and 25th for Christmas.

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 McMahan, 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, Carolyn Bucci, Margaret McPartland and John Peter Corsello Sr. 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.

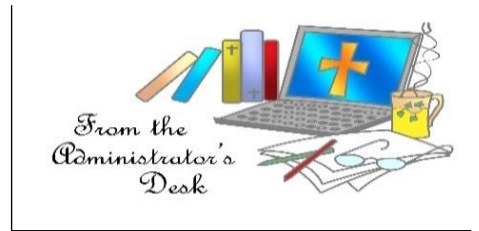
SCHOOL NEWS

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.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF YONKERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place in Yonkers at 1PM in the afternoon. Their next meeting will be, Thursday, December 20th.

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 side of the church on the left near the statue of Saint Jude. All unwrapped toys are to be dropped off by today.
- **Christmas Pageant**: Today 4:00 PM we will have our annual Christmas Caroling and Pageant. All are welcome.
- **Advent Day of Reconciliation**: Tomorrow, December 17th in all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, 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.
- **Holy Name Society Epiphany Coat Drive**: The Holy Name Society will be coordinating the Saint Eugene's Parish Coat Drive on the weekend of January 5th & 6th. 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 is after the masses January 5th at 5PM, and after each Sunday Mass on January 6th. Thank you
- **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.
- **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.

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.



Father James Smyth, December 18th would have been your Happy 62nd Anniversary of Ordination. May you enjoy all the graces in Heaven with Our Lord. Love and Miss you, Ad Multos Annos

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 17, from 4:00-8:00PM in the Church.