

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 23, 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22	
5:00 PM	Moretti & Lucarelli Family (decd) <i>req. by Lena Lucarelli</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23	
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by Frank & Jackie Finnegan</i>
10:00 AM	Bernard Madden (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
12:00 PM	Seamus O'Neill Jr. (decd)
6:00 PM	Noemi Soto (decd) <i>req. by her daughters</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24	
6:45 AM	Tom Farrell (living) Happy Birthday <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Noemi Soto (decd) <i>req. by her daughters</i>
5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
12:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25	
8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
10:00 AM	For Our Parishioners
12:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
	NO 6:00 PM MASS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26	
6:45 AM	Rufino & Natividad Deloeste (decd) <i>req. by Helen Tipawan</i>
9:00 AM	Elsa Mendoza (living) Happy Birthday
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27	
6:45 AM	Gregory Fernan (living) Happy Birthday <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Msgr. John McKenna (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28	
6:45 AM	Hilda Spencer (decd) <i>req. by Ann & Gene Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Phil, Theresa & Dan Ottaviano (decd) <i>req. by Carmela Ottaviano</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29	
9:00 AM	Thomas O'Sullivan (living) Happy Birthday <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5:1-4a From Bethlehem shall come the ruler of Israel.

Psalm 80 "Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved."

Hebrews 10:5-10 Behold, I come to do your will.

Luke 1:39-45 Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth.

God's ways are not our ways. Today's readings point to the unlikely sources for the blessed event we are about to celebrate. Christ will be born in Bethlehem, a town unnoticed and forgotten. The Son of God will be born to Mary, a seemingly insignificant teenage girl. John the Baptist will be born to Elizabeth, a woman supposedly past childbearing age. As we listen to the Word of God, we are reminded of God's tendency to do the unexpected.

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 ANTHONY, VIRGINIA
& THOMAS DI GIROLAMO**

REQ. BY KRISTA & LILY



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF NOEMI SOTO

REQ. BY HER DAUGHTERS

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL KENNY

REQ. BY THE KENNY 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 16	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$8,392	\$11,213

"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."

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 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. New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

New Year's Eve.....	5:00 PM
New Year's Day.....	6:45 AM
	9:00 AM
	12:00 Noon

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 24th, 25th and 26th and will reopen December 27th.

The Chapel will also be closed on December 31st, January 1st and 2nd and will reopen January 3rd.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will close 3:30pm on Friday December 21st and will reopen on Thursday, December 27th at 9:30am.

May the birth of our Savior fill your hearts with love.

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.

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 Carmine DeRosa. 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

Jannelle 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.

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 drops off times are after the Masses January 5th at 5PM, and after each Sunday Mass on January 6th. Thank you.

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.

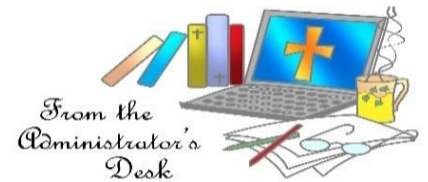
The chicken is needed for this **Thursday, December 27th**. You may drop off at the chapel entrance 7:30-9:50 or the side parking lot at 9:45 am.

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."

Dear Parishioners;

A blessed Christmas to all!



A Root shall come forth from the stock of Jesse and a Flower shall rise out of his root! And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and of godliness. The people that walked in darkness shall see a great light, For a Child is born to us and a Son is given to us. To Him all power shall be given. His Name shall be: Wonderful One, Strong God, Eternal One, and Prince of Peace. He shall sit on the throne of David; And He will found a new Covenant which will last for ever and ever. Amen.

As we rejoice in the birth of Our Lord, Jesus, I pray for a blessed Christmas Season for you and your families.

May God bless you always.

Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

There was wood, hay, a donkey, an ox and a couple of volunteers... in the middle of the forest. Oh, and one more thing... an altar of sacrifice. Returning from the Holy Land, Father Francis (eventually *saint*) was inspired to reenact the miracle at Bethlehem. He petitioned the Holy Father, Pope Honourius III, for permission to erect a Nativity Scene using real people. With permission, he with a wealthy friend constructed a living Crèche in a cave in the middle of the woods. After word got out about what Father Francis was doing, the people almost outnumbered the trees. But they did not gather just for the spectacle... remember there was something else erected that is not usually apart of any Christmas Scene... an Altar of Sacrifice.

Before the scene which depicts the Son of God taking human form, the Holy Mass was offered which is the unbloody sacrifice of Christ on the Cross revealed by the Divine Presence in Holy Eucharist. It is said that as Father Francis was preaching, he was so caught up in the moment of being in the Holy Mass and before the Scene of Christmas, that he could not say the Holy Name but referred to the Infant Savior as “the babe of Bethlehem.” So amazing was this scene and so precious to the Divine it must have been, that a vision of an infant sleeping peacefully in the manger was beheld by many... and “the blessed Father Francis embraced (an infant) with both arms, as if he would awake from sleep.” (Saint Bonaventure (d. 1274) in *his Life of St. Francis of Assisi*)

So much time is spent on trees... the perfect shape and size on which to place the Star. How much time do we spend keeping that star, that flame of faith which was enkindled at our baptisms brightly burning?

So much time is spent on wreaths. How much time do we spend acknowledging the Infinite, the always Present One, the Source of Life and Love and Eternity, which the unending circle of the wreath is supposed to signify always a part of our lives?

So much time is spent on gifts and wrapping. How much time do we spend on wrapping ourselves in the Real Presence of the greatest gift of all... the Son of God born among us to save us from our sins given to us in the Holy Mass? How much time do we spend with Christ in private prayer and public worship?

The Manger, the Christmas Scene, the Crèche, the Nativity is the one decoration that we should put out first this year... and never take down. Give a place of prominence so that you, your family and friends will remember and recall that “*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.*” (John 3:16)

A blessed Christmas to you and may God grant you peace and joy in this new year in His grace.

Father Matthew Fernan

Father Anthony Gyamerah

Ms. Gina Mastrangelo

Deacon John Duffy

Father William Cleary

Father Kevin O'Reilly