

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 30, 2018 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29	
5:00 PM	Joseph Mangieri (decd) <i>req. by Adrienn Saitta</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30	
8:00 AM	Grace Marx & Lillian Liebman (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
10:00 AM	Juliette Fernan (living) Happy Birthday <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
12:00 PM	Anna Woska Jacobelli & Mario Zanfardino (decd) <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>
6:00 PM	Fr. Anthony (living) <i>req. by Annith Chenheu & Family</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31	
6:45 AM	Fr. Louis Jerome - Special Intention <i>req. by Mulcahy Family</i>
9:00 AM	George Frascione (decd) <i>req. by Nancy & Mario Troia</i>
5:00 PM	For Our Parishioners
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1	
6:45 AM	Bernie O'Sullivan (decd) <i>req. by Patrick & Monica McInerney</i>
9:00 AM	Lila Trask (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
12:00 PM	David & Linda Dombish & Family (living)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2	
6:45 AM	James Virga (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Anthony</i>
9:00 AM	Maria, Alfred & Gabriella Burfeind (decd) <i>req. by Rosemarie Giusto</i>
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3	
6:45 AM	Alex Fernan (living) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Isabella Cilento (decd) <i>req. by Toni & Joe Licatesi</i>
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4	
6:45 AM	William & Joseph Lawless (decd) <i>req. by Eugene & Ann Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Augustine Gyamerah (decd) <i>req. by Dee Sekinski</i>
7:30 PM	Sara Keating (decd) <i>req. by Grace Geiger</i>
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5	
9:00 AM	Donald J. Torre (decd) <i>req. by Dolores Torre</i>

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Sirah 3:2-6, 12-14 Revere your father, comfort your mother.
or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Samuel is dedicated to the Lord.
Psalm 128 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways."
or Psalm 84 "Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, O Lord."
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy.
or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 We are God's children now.
Luke 2:41-52 Mary and Joseph find Jesus teaching in the temple.

Luke narrates the episode of the adolescent Jesus staying behind in the temple, causing His parents terrible anxiety when they realize He's missing. Parents can certainly appreciate their distress, and then their relief. One of the possible first readings features another incident in the temple. Hannah, thankful to the Lord for the birth of her son, Samuel, after years of childlessness, dedicated him to the Lord's service. Samuel and Jesus both feel at home in the Lord's house. May we as well.

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

FOR CARMINE & JEAN RICCIARDI
 REQ. BY DAUGHTER, BARBARA STILO



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR KATIE LOPEZ
 REQ. BY GINA DIAZ

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF FRANK STILO
 REQ. BY HIS 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:

Due to the bulletin deadline, financial data was not available for publication. However, thank you for your continued generosity most especially during these difficult economic times.

"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."

The Church office will be closed for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day and will reopen Wednesday January 2.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass Schedule is:
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 31st, January 1st and January 2nd and will reopen January 3rd.

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.

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.

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. 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 Greal, 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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with Your faith and Your love. Keep us close to Your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with You. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND THE NEED FOR PEACE

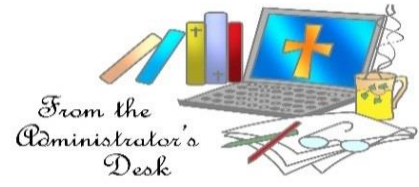
Every January 1 we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and at the same time, celebrate the World Day of Peace. The Blessed Mother remains at the heart of our peace, for She alone was the instrument chosen to bring the Son of God into this world. She alone is the one who best teaches us how to draw closer to Christ, the Prince of Peace.

A famous quote from St. Augustine reminds us: "Peace is not the absence of war, but the tranquility of order." This "tranquility of order" is not simply nation to nation but the "tranquility of order" within myself: my heart, my mind, my body, my soul. Mary helps each one of us to be ordered to Christ, who alone is our lasting peace, even in times of great warfare, whether it be international or internal.

Fr. James Sullivan O.P. Magnificat - January 2017 Pg. 18

Dear Parishioners;

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer! You came to enlighten the world with Your teaching and example, and to live the greater part of Your life with Mary and Joseph in their home at Nazareth. Thus You sanctified the family that was to be an example to all Christian families. Graciously receive our family, which is dedicated and consecrated to You this day. Protect it; guard it and establish it in holy fear, in peace, and in the harmony of Christian charity. By conforming ourselves to the model of Your family, may we all without exception attain to eternal happiness. Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother! By your intercession make this, our humble offering, acceptable to Jesus and obtain for us His grace and blessings .O St. Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary! Assist us by your prayers in all our spiritual and temporal needs, so that we may be able to praise our Divine Saviour, Jesus, together with Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.

January 1st Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worth to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

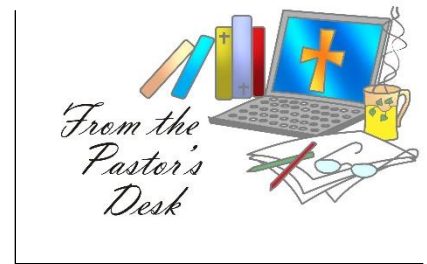
I would like to wish you all the graces of love, health and happiness in the coming year. May God bless you always.

Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Christmas falling on a Tuesday this year radically changes our spiritual schedule and forces us to celebrate, perhaps without the proper solemnity, some extraordinary feasts in a rather cursory fashion.

- Saturday/Sunday, December 22/23... The 4th Sunday of Advent
- Monday/Tuesday, December 22/25... The Solemnity of Christmas
- Saturday/Sunday, December 29/30... The Feast of the Holy Family
- Monday/Tuesday, December 31/January 1... The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God



The Feast of the Holy Family... The babe was not born at home. The expectant parents were forced to travel to their ancestral lands to register for the government census. The parents were not able to find comfort in a private room but were relegated to a stable. There was no epidural, midwife, nurse or doctor. They stayed in their ancestral territory for almost two years waiting for the proper time to return to their home. Yet, before they were able to, murderous threats against the life of their boy child forced them to flee even further from their home, beyond their lands to a country which was foreign to them and yet at the same time familiar to their ancestors. Prophecies were spoken to them by sainted souls that brought grief to the hearts of the child's parents... which the mother pondered till her death. The child was conceived while the parents were betrothed (the first stage of marriage at that time while the couple was officially promised to each other)

but not ceremoniously wed (the final week-long event). The father died while the child was but a teenager. The mother never remarried after the loss of her husband. The mother saw her husband die. The mother saw her son die... a torturous death. And yet, through all this and probably so much more that was not recorded, they were a Holy Family. Their lives were not perfect, insomuch as, without trial, tribulation, challenges, anxiety, worries and fears. No family's life is perfect. With the grace of God, we can be perfected through the challenges we face as long as we face them Through Him, With Him and In Him. Then, we too can have Holy Families.

The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God... It is true that we do not know the exact day of the year Our Blessed Lord was born. There were no birth certificates at that time. It is also true that the Holy Catholic Church set the 25th of December as the yearly anniversary to supplant the pagan celebration of worshipping the sun god. So, the Holy Church, again in Her wisdom, has given this grand feast of Mary, the Mother of God, to elevate the hearts and minds of the People of God away from the ordinary turning of the year celebration of New Year's Eve to thoughts of the Salvific and Sacrificial Mother of God. How blessed we are that God chose to become one of us. We could not have been saved unless the Divine became Human. The only way in which the sin of all humanity caused by the pride of our first parents was to be conquered was for humans to be made perfectly humble before God. Thus, the Son of God's humility in consenting to become one of the creatures He participated in creating and Mary's perfectly pride-less and humble decision to be the Mother of God has made the salvific moment of the Sacrificial Cross and subsequent death of Our Divine Lord and Her Son possible. The humanity of Jesus was taken completely from Mary. When we look upon Her we see Her Son. Jesus is the human image of Our Blessed Lady. And Mary is the divine image of Her Son. As the Angel Gabriel said to Mary, "the Lord is with You." In perfect humility, Mary, the Holy Mother of God, has given that Lord to us.



God love you... Father Fernan