

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 13, 2019 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



	SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
5:00 PM	Frank Bowen (decd) <i>req. by Fintan & Catherine Traynor</i>
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
8:00 AM	Michael Mooney (decd) <i>req. by Randy Visconti</i>
10:00 AM	Jared Balquin (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
12:00 PM	Edward Bruno (decd) <i>req. by Toni & Joe Licatesi</i>
6:00 PM	Nancy Franggos (decd) <i>req. by Michael & Amanda Mueller</i>
	MONDAY, JANUARY 14
6:45 AM	Tom Hanrahan (decd) <i>req. by Patrick & Monica McInerney</i>
9:00 AM	Elizabeth Hardy (liv)
	TUESDAY, JANUARY 15
6:45 AM	Elizabeth Hoinig (decd) <i>req. by Helen & Cesar Tipawan</i>
9:00 AM	Walter Sekinski (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw</i>
	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16
6:45 AM	Angelo & Mary Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Domenick Pennolino (decd) <i>req. by Toni & Joe Licatesi</i>
	THURSDAY, JANUARY 17
6:45 AM	Patricia Mary Gilbey (liv) <i>req. by Elizabeth Collins</i>
9:00 AM	Deceased members of the Byrne & Evers Families <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i>
	FRIDAY, JANUARY 18
6:45 AM	Msgr. John Scanlon (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Bucciero Family <i>req. by Amelia Magnotta</i>
7:30 PM	Mass For The Unborn
	SATURDAY, JANUARY 19
9:00 AM	Eugene Fernan (liv) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Here is my servant.
or Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 God's glory shall be revealed.
Psalm 29 "The Lord will bless His people with peace."
or Psalm 104 "O bless the Lord, my soul."
Acts 10:34-38 God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.
or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 We are saved through the bath of rebirth.
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 "You are my beloved Son."

Today's First and Second Readings, no matter which ones are chosen, prepare us for Jesus' baptism. Isaiah prophesied the Messiah, one who would bring peace and justice to the world. The early Christian community recognized the salvation they had received through baptism, salvation available to all. Then Saint Luke describes the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Jesus as He was praying after His baptism. As we listen, let us realize the Holy Spirit descended upon us all well when we were baptized.

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

BABY ELIZABETH LASKI - FOR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH

REQ. BY GRANDMA & GRANDPA

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THOMAS O'SULLIVAN

REQ. BY A FRIEND



BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF FRANK STILO

REQ. BY 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:

<u>December 25</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Christmas Collection.....	\$27,313	\$29,843

<u>December 30</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Weekly Collection.....	\$9,227	\$8,905

<u>January 1</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$1,350	\$790

<u>January 6</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Weekly Collection.....	\$9,412	\$8,587
Communication & Catholic...	\$1,056	\$1,047
University Collection		

"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."

SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

The St. Eugene Seniors have a trip planned for Friday, June 7th to see "On Your Feet" (The Gloria Estefan Story) at the Westchester Broadway Theater. The cost is \$58 which includes tip and parking. The doors open at 10:30AM This trip is open to all St. Eugene parishioners. For more information about the St. Eugene Seniors call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847.

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.

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.

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, Luke Gallagher and those recently called home to God especially Frank Rosetti and Rita Leggiadro. 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.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Beloved of God,

Over the last couple of weeks, many have come forward with a knock upon the door of the offices or priest residence or a visit to the sacristy, where everyone is always welcome to speak with the Clergy or Parish Administrator, or an impromptu visit before or after Church, to present a token of thanks, appreciation and love for your Clergy, Parish Administrator and Staff during this Holy Season. On behalf of the Clergy, Parish Administrator and Staff, I thank you for remembering us first in prayers and secondly in your most generous gifts. May God bless you for your kindness and support.

God love you,
Father Fernan

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of

Ernesto Solis
Joseph Alongi
Joseph & Uthuppan Family
Marc Mero & Anna Tedore
Agala & Ranoco Family
Katherine Zwierzynski
Maria Chiodi
Carol Silva
Ann & Richard DeLucia &
Hugh Macken

Requested by

Melissa & Marie Solis
Gloria Alongi
Tiju Uthuppan
Sandy Colton
Mr. & Mrs. Roehl Ranoco
Virginia Rahmer & Family
Elisa DelVecchio
Vergara/Miguel Family
Eileen Barone

We gratefully acknowledge the following parishioners for their donations to the Christmas flowers:

Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Ritacco	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Albano
Mrs. Jack Virga	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nazar
Mr. & Mrs. Alexandre Mendes	Cosmo & Mary Cassetta
Mr. Henry Brucale	Marko & Leze Ljuljovic
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Finnegan	Arlene Ramirez

Dear Parishioners:



March for Life: This year's March for Life in Washington DC will be this on **Friday, January 18, 2019**, marking the 46th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our land through the tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision. Immediately following the 9:00 mass in **Saint Eugene Church** on Friday morning we will lay flowers at the memorial for the unborn which is located at the chapel entrance. Adoration will be in the church throughout the day. We will culminate the day with Mass for the unborn at 7:30 pm. This year, more than 40 buses from our Archdiocese will again take part by traveling to Washington, D.C. If you are interested in traveling, please check the Archdiocesan website for more information. **Thank you:** On behalf of the parish with the Holy Name Society we would like to thank all of our parishioners for their donations of coats, hats, scarves and gloves that were donated to the Sharing Community in Yonkers.

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.

Divorce Support Group: St Augustine Parish will have a Monthly Divorce Support Group beginning Tuesday, January 15th. The group will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:15 pm in the Back Stage Room of Kenny Hall. Topics will include: dealing with anger, family challenges, annulment process, loneliness etc. as well as topics suggested by the group. All who are divorced and or separated are invited to come. Please call 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org to register or for questions.

Flu Season: During the winter season if you are not feeling well please make the right decision about attending Mass. If your illness continues and you would like to have a visit by a priest or our deacon, please call the church office. In Church if you see that someone is ill next to you, please wave or nod during the sign of peace. Not transferring germs is the nicest thing we can do for each other.

The Little Sisters of the Poor: The Little Sisters of the Poor will be at our Parish on Saturday February 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd to take up a collection for their Home for the Aged Poor in the Bronx. The Little Sisters welcome the needy aged into their homes where they find security, friendship, and the assurance of loving care. They are grateful for all of our support for their work.

Religious Education / Inclement Weather: Just a reminder, if there is any form of winter precipitation that should occur on Wednesday afternoons or evenings, which may interfere with Religious Education, or safety on the roads, please watch news 12 for cancellations.

Working Boys Center: Again this summer parishioner and graduate of Saint Eugene School, *Danny Smith* a junior at Fordham Prep will travel to Quito Ecuador with a group of classmates and teachers to serve at the Working Boys Center; that assists poor families in the local community. If you are interested in making a donation, you can make a donation online at www.fordhamprep.org/servicetrips and please mark it on behalf of *Danny Smith*, or send the check to the rectory made payable to Fordham Prep, and send it to my attention, and I will forward them to Fordham. Thank you, and may God bless all those who are participating in this wonderful service project.

Saint Eugene School News: On-Line Registration for the 2019-2020 is open for all students in Pre-K 3, and Kindergarten to 8th Grade. For more information please visit www.steugene.education and go to the admissions tab and follow the prompts. Please call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.

Martin Luther King Jr. The church office will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 22nd at 9:30 AM.

May God bless you always;

Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

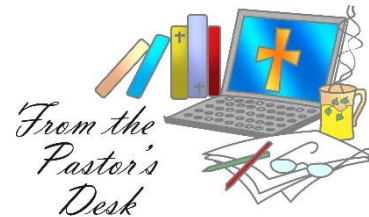
Baptism of Our Lord, January 13, 2019 Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who sanctified and blessed the water of Baptism for all Christians through his own Baptism by John, continue your work of cleansing the penitent from sin by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who honor Jesus as your beloved Son might live in the holiness of perfect love, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.



Beloved of God,

Meditations on the Baptism of Our Blessed Lord

“Jesus prayed, “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.” (John 17:20-23)



All the moments of the Sacred Scriptures are connected because they are meant to reveal something new about God. That is why we find ourselves with the quote above at the *Last Supper*. In the Gospel of John, there is no meal or *Institution Narrative* where we have seen Jesus taking the water and wine and changing it into His Body and Blood. This does not mean that it didn't happen, but because the Gospel of John was written years after the other three Gospels, and since that part of the *Last Supper* was well documented in those Gospels, the Sacred author of the Gospel of John wished to give us further insights into the depths of meaning hidden within the *Last Supper*, hidden within the words of God... of Jesus the Son.

No one likes to be *talked down to*. No one likes to have a message *dumbed down* to them. No one likes to feel that someone has *lowered* themselves to their level. So then, what does it mean when Jesus responds to Saint John the Baptist's protestation... *“I need to be baptized by You and yet You are coming to me?”* by saying the following... *“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”* We must again remember the plan of God. Since we chose in the Garden of Eden to separate ourselves from God through our freewill choice to sin, God, as a father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, has been reaching out for us through the years, thought the centuries, to lead us back into the sheepfold we chose to leave. In other words, *“that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us.”* This reunion is both *Spiritual* and *Physical*. The *Physical* we have celebrated in the Incarnation, where they Divine and the Human have become one in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The *Spiritual* we celebrate in the Baptism of Our Lord.

Please note that our spiritual union with God is centered on what has become the Sacrament of Baptism. I say “what has become” because before Jesus was baptized, what John was doing was purely symbolic. It had no lasting or spiritual effects on the person... they were still with sin. With Jesus being baptized He elevated an action from a symbol to a sacrament. Jesus turned the washing of the body into the cleansing of a soul. Therefore, when The Son of God humbled Himself to take upon our Humanity and when He further humbled Himself to be baptized by His own cousin, Jesus has elevated us. Picture again that parent who is constantly reaching out. With arms spread wide open, with love beaming from the face, the forgiving father figuratively reaches down to lift up in a loving embracing their child. This is the action of the Divine. This has been the plan of the Almighty. This is the *“fulfillment of all righteousness.”*

Let us, therefore, not be shy about returning to the Lord. Let us, therefore, return to God firstly in the Sacrament of Confession. Let us not thwart the fulfillment of the plan intended by God that... *“that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one.”*

God love you... Father Fernan