

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

FEBRUARY 3, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



	<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Joseph Mallon (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
	<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	James Virga (decd) <i>req. by The Gardini Family</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	William Coles (decd) <i>req. by Clare Davis</i>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Jared Balquin (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Sylvester Zattola (decd) <i>req. by Mr. &amp; Mrs. DiBernardino</i>
	<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Allan Clancy (decd) <i>req. by Betty Madden &amp; Family</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Patrick Mulhern (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
	<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Lynn McInerney (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Maria Assunta Dalli, Maria & Michael Camilleri (decd) <i>req. by Carmen Dalli</i>
	<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Jose Castaneda (decd)
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Elsa Montero (decd) <i>req. by Anna Serrao &amp; Family</i>
	<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Angelo Martinelli (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Angeles Gemora (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>
	<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Pacifico Catane Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Sheryll Salvilla</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mastrangelo & Sbrocco Families (decd) <i>req. by Mario Mastrangelo</i>
	<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	James Virga (decd) <i>req. by George Alessi</i>

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19** The word of the Lord comes to Jeremiah.  
**Psalm 71** "I will sing of your salvation."  
**1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13** The greatest of these is love.  
**Luke 4:21-30** The people rise up to drive Jesus out of their town.

Jeremiah is called to preach God's word, but most of the First Reading describes God fortifying him against the opposition he will face. Jesus meets opposition from his hometown and needs to move on. But in between we are treated to Saint Paul's rhapsody on love. The Corinthians were alternately jealous and dismissive of others' spiritual gifts. Paul preaches that love is more important than any spiritual gift, for without love nothing else matters.

## 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 GAGE BELLITTO**  
*REQ. BY DOLORES BELLITTO*



**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**  
**BABY ELIZABETH LASKI - FOR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH**  
*REQ. BY GRANDMA & GRANDPA*

**BREAD AND WINE**  
**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE CENNERAZZO 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>January 20</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Weekly Collection.....	\$5,960	\$10,080

<u>January 27</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Weekly Collection.....	\$9,273	\$9,987

"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."

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week, we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged; victims of war, oppression and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick will be offered every second Sunday of the month at the 12 o'clock Mass. The next anointing Mass will be February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### BLESSINGS OF THE THROATS

Today is the Feast of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed at all the Masses.

### 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](mailto: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."*

### 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, George Alessi, Daniel Maloney and those recently called home to God, especially Gladys Rosario, Anthony J. Petrello, Vickie Psalidas and Eugene Martinez. 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.

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Eugene's is one of the parishes of the Cardinal Hayes Council. Any man interested in the Knights of Columbus, please join us on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Our council meeting is held in the St. John the Baptist classroom entry from – Clayton Pl. For more information – 914-457-3865.

### 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.

### SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

The St. Eugene Seniors have a trip planned for Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to see "On Your Feet" (The Gloria Estefan Story) at the Westchester Broadway Theater. The cost is \$58 which includes full lunch with dessert, 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.

Dear Parishioners:

The Little Sisters of the Poor: This weekend at all of the Masses we welcome members from the Little Sisters of the Poor. 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. Thank you for your generosity towards them.



Feast of Saint Blaise, Sunday February 3: Saint Blaise was a physician and the Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. He once saved a child who was choking on a fish bone, which led to the blessing of the throats. The ritual of blessing the throats will happen at all of the weekend masses. *Prayer to St. Blaise* O, glorious St. Blaise, who by your martyrdom left to the Church a precious witness to the faith, obtain for us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift, and to defend without concern for human respect both by word and example, the truth of the same

faith, which is so wickedly attacked and slandered in these our times. You miraculously restored a little child who was at the point of death because of an affliction of the throat. Grant us your mighty protection in similar misfortunes. And, above all obtain for us the grace of Christian mortification, together with faithful observance of the precepts of the Church, which keep us from offending almighty God. Amen.

Feast Day Celebrations: Please join us on Sunday March 10th, for our annual Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph celebrations. Please fill out the flyers which are located in the entrances of the church and return them ASAP. **Reservations are required. There will be no admittance at the door on the day of the event without a reservation!**

Boy Scout Troop 25 : The troop will be hosting a bake sale this weekend at the 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00 Masses. Please stop by and purchase a tasty treat and support our troop.

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.

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 or [www.news12.com](http://www.news12.com).

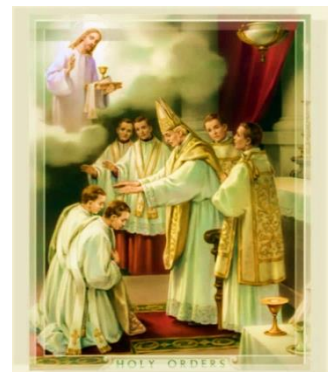
Working Boys Center: Again this summer parishioner and graduate of Saint Eugene School, *Danny Smith* a junior at Fordham Prep will travel to Quito, Ecuador with a group of classmates and teachers to serve at the Working Boys Center; that assists poor families in the local community. If you are interested in making a donation, you can make a donation online at [www.fordhamprep.org/servicetrips](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. For more information please visit [www.steugene.education](http://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.

Thank you, Thank you: We are very grateful for all of our clergy, Our Pastor, Rev. Fr. Matthew Fernan, Rev. Fr. Anthony Gyamerah, Deacon John Duffy Rev. Fr. William Cleary and Rev. Fr. Kevin O'Reilly, who serve us, anoint us, bring us the sacraments, and pray with us. In these winter months which have been very cold, let us remember all the priests who travel to bring the faithful the sacraments. Please pray for them, thank them, we are lucky to have them. God Bless our Priests!

*O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of our priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by our Church; they are needed by our souls; they are needed for the work of redemption. Amen*

May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



Dear Governor Cuomo,

Although in your recent State of the State address you cited your Catholic faith and said we should “stand with Pope Francis,” your advocacy of extreme abortion legislation is completely contrary to the teachings of our Pope and our Church. Once truth is separated from fiction and people come to realize the impact of the bill, they will be shocked to their core. By that time, however, it may be too late to save the countless lives that will be lost or spare countless women lifelong regret.

The so-called Reproductive Health Act (RHA) will expand abortion under the pretenses of choice and progress, which, in fact, it will do little to enhance. At the same time, this legislation threatens to rupture the communion between the Catholic faith and those who support the RHA even while professing to follow the Church, something that troubles me greatly as a pastor.

Contrary to what its proponents say, the RHA goes far beyond Roe vs. Wade in its aggressive extremism. Granting non-doctors permission to perform abortions does nothing to advance the security and health of women. Condoning coerced or involuntary abortions by repealing criminal sanctions even in cases where a perpetrator seeks to make his partner “un-pregnant” through an act of physical violence does not represent any kind of progress in the choice, safety or health of women. Removing protection for an infant accidentally born alive during an abortion is abject cruelty, something most people of conscience would deem inhumane for even a dog or cat. Finally, allowing late-term abortions is nothing less than a license to kill a pre-born child at will.

It is very difficult to understand how you can align yourself with Pope Francis and so vehemently advocate such profoundly destructive legislation.

I find myself wondering how it can be viewed as “progress” to have gone from a society working to make abortion “rare” to one that urges women to “shout your abortion” as some advocates of this bill boldly announce.

How is it progress to ignore the harm that this will do, not only to innocent infants, born and unborn, but to their mothers? Does the heartache of so many New York women who have been pained by their abortion decisions matter? Is anyone listening to *them*? How is it really “pro-choice” when a law, which claims to guarantee choice, moves to expand only one option for women?

If abortion is deemed a fundamental right in New York State, will the State then still be able to issue licenses to pro-life nurses or physicians? Will health facilities which do not provide abortions be certified? Will the law allow that even one dollar be given to maternity services without offering women the “choice” of abortion? These are unanswered questions, but I shudder to think of the consequences this law will wreak. You have already uttered harsh threats about the welcome you think pro-lifers are not entitled to in our state. Now you are demonstrating that you mean to write your warning into law. Will being pro-life one day be a hate crime in the State of New York?

Our young people especially, who have seen their sonograms and who follow the discoveries the sciences have made, know the lies and the despair that proponents of such dangerous and death-dealing legislation are promulgating, even if blindly or unwittingly.

Giving up on life is no excuse for us as a responsible and compassionate people. In so doing, we evade the challenge of accompanying women and the families they are trying to nurture on the long journey. They deserve our courageous and ongoing support in creating conditions under which they will be free to bear and provide for their children.

As a society, we can and must do better. The teaching and intuition of our common faith readies us to help. It is an essential part of our mission to support the lives of all, especially the voiceless, the most vulnerable and marginalized, as Pope Francis always reminds us to do.

Let’s not bequeath to our children a culture of death, but together build a more humane society for the lives of all of our fellow citizens. Mr. Cuomo, do not build this Death Star.

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger

Bishop of Albany

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**Are you Outraged? What are You going to do about it?**