

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 8, 2017 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, JANUARY 7	
5:00 PM	Michael Kenny (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8	
8:00 AM	Dante Riccoboni (decd) <i>req. by Tom & Kathleen Ahern</i>
10:00 AM	Joseph Loi & Family (Ivg)-Special Int. <i>req. by Cecelia Lee</i>
12:00 PM	Sr. Regina Rosaire (living) 70 th Jubilee Anniversary <i>req. by Marisela DeVictoria & Family</i>
6:00 PM	Dolores Diamond (decd) <i>req. by Alan Zaretsky</i>
MONDAY, JANUARY 9	
6:45 AM	Peter Frankevic (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Maria Mastrangelo (decd) <i>req. by Mario Mastrangelo</i>
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10	
6:45 AM	Decd Members of Reymondez-Ramos Family <i>req. by Reymondez-Ramos Family</i>
9:00 AM	Palma Gravnese (decd)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11	
6:45 AM	Rachael DeBenedetto (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
9:00 AM	Michael Kenny (decd) <i>req. by Brigid Kenny</i>
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12	
6:45 AM	Alfonso T. Gemora (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>
9:00 AM	Niconor Pangilan (decd) <i>req. by Lutzie Yangco</i>
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13	
6:45 AM	Jean Como (decd) <i>req. by Fr. James Smyth</i>
9:00 AM	Patrick J. Lennon (decd) <i>req. by Peggy Lou & Larry Talt</i>
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14	
9:00 AM	Intentions for the Reymondez-Ramos Family <i>req. by Reymondez-Ramos Family</i>
5:00 PM	Peter Devitt (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 The Glory of the Lord shines on all people.

Psalms 72 "Lord, every nation on earth will adore You."

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 God's secret plan is revealed.

Matthew 2:1-12 They presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The refrain for our responsorial psalm sets the tone for today's readings: "Lord, every nation on earth will adorn You." Saint Paul takes up the message: the Gentiles are co-heirs and copartners in the promise. Isaiah proclaims that "nations shall walk by your light." Did the Magi come all the way just to see a little baby? No, they came to see the salvation of the whole world. Let us allow these readings today to broaden our horizons so that we see God everywhere, and learn to show God to everyone in our lives.

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 \$15.00 a week is requested.

TABERNACLE CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF JOAN ENOCH

REQ. BY RICHARD ENOCH

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR PATRICE RACITI

REQ. BY MOM



BREAD AND WINE

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Bereavement Group	Sr. Florence Mallon	337-1660 ext.120
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	G.Mastrangelo	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Martina Parisi	400-3634
	Dolores Tenzer	262-8146
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Dino Paolo Waga	917-882-2995
Girl Scouts	Jerilin Carota	968-5526
H. S. A.	Nancy Arzola	274-0016
Holy Name	Frank Giacoio	793-5392
Legion of Mary	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
Living Rosary	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
Organist & Adult Choir	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	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 25	2016	2015
Weekly Collection.....	\$8,567	\$7,177
Christmas Collection.....	\$31,914	\$50,157

**Last year we received a one-time \$20,000.00 donation at Christmas.*

January 1	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$8,906	\$10,058
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$3,293	\$3,833

"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."

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection today is for Communications and Catholic University. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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.

"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."

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel, located in the vestibule, is open daily Mon-Fri from 7am 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Martina Parisi at (914) 400-3634 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY

We meet every Tuesday morning immediately after 9AM Mass or Tuesday evening at 7:00PM. For more information please contact Josephine Bitetti at (914) 337-1372.

THANK YOU

Dear Fr. Fernan,

As Director of LIFE OPTIONS I received beautifully wrapped presents for our Moms and their children Sunday from the Legion of Mary. What a wonderful way to share the joy of Christmas.

Thank you, Mary Turchi.

THANK YOU FROM RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Your recent donation of pull tabs weighed 25lbs, this amounts to 31,675 pull tabs! Although each tab is little, with many friends, schools and corporations joining together, every little bit adds up to make a big difference! We appreciate your efforts and hope you realize your continued collection of pull tabs will go a long way in helping our families cope with caring for their hospitalized children. Thanks for pulling for us!

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, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Joseph Kelly, Anna Lisa Miranda, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Baby Abigail Raine, Joan Pinto, Celia Torres, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion Fr. Terence Lee, Francis Bowen, Phil Smyth, Cora Lucy Sannella, John Duby, Tom Tucker, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, John Cox, Anthony McCauley, and those recently called home to God especially Irma R. Pena and Sarah Keenan. 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 and Kevin Jones. 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.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

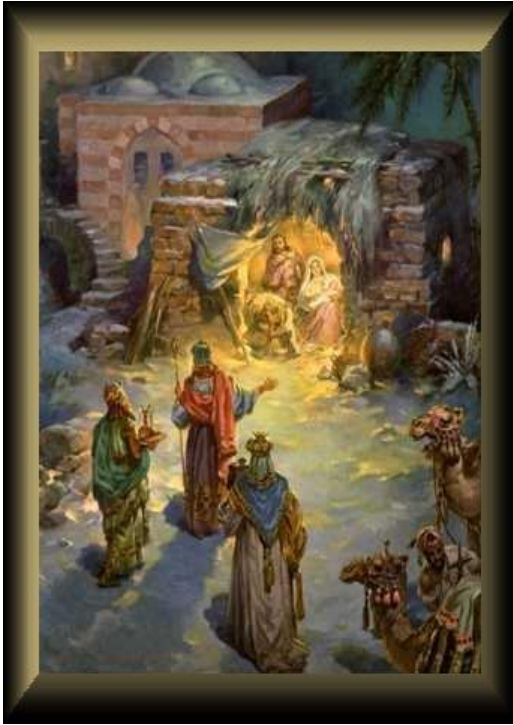
Serra Club Bronx & Westchester is having a luncheon Wednesday, January 25th. The Serra Club is an international organization whose mission is to foster and promote vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life. The luncheon meeting will be held at 12noon at Eastwood Manor, 3371 Eastchester Rd, Bronx, NY. Cost is \$25. To RSVP call (718) 671-8915 by 1/23/17.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement community that meet on the 3rd Thursday each month at 1PM in Father Anthony Hall of St. Ann's Church, 31 College Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. The next meeting is January 19th. New members welcome. For more information call (914) 423-5331.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"God's secret plan was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages; but now revealed by the Spirit to the Holy Apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: In Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now coheirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and the sharers of the promise, through the preaching of the gospel"... "They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Dear Parishioners:
This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany!



Father, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in Jesus the Christ, we who once were not your people but whom You chose to adopt as your people. As ancient Israel confessed long ago, we realize that it was not because of our own righteousness, or our own superior wisdom, or strength, or power, or numbers. It was simply because You loved us, and chose to show us that love in Jesus. As you have accepted us when we did not deserve your love, will you help us to accept those whom we find it hard to love? Forgive us, O Lord, for any attitude that we harbor that on any level sees ourselves as better as or more righteous than others. Will you help us to remove the barriers of prejudice and to tear down the walls of bigotry, religious or social? O Lord, help us realize that the walls that we erect for others only form our own prisons! Will you fill us so full of your love that there is no more room for intolerance? As You have forgiven us much, will You enable us with your strength to forgive others even more? Will you enable us through your abiding Presence among us, communally and individually, to live our lives in a manner worthy of the Name we bear? May we, through your guidance and our faithful obedience, find new avenues in ways that we have not imagined of holding the Light of your love so that it may be a Light of revelation for all people. We thank You for your love, praise You for your Gift, ask for your continued Presence with us, and bring

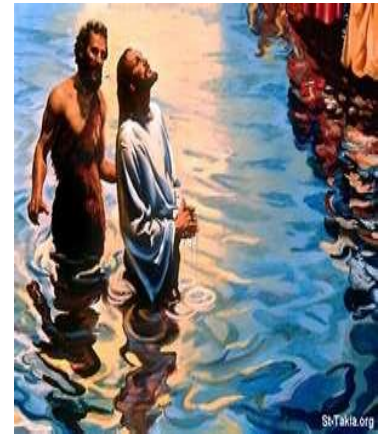
these petitions in the name of your Son, who has truly revealed your heart. Amen.

Monday, January 9, 2017 The Baptism of Our Lord: Saint Matthew's account of the Baptism of Our Lord from chapter three of his Gospel, "And Jesus being baptized forthwith came out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened to Him: and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him. And behold a voice from heaven, saying: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased".

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.

Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land - A Traditional Art and Livelihood for the Holy Land Christians. The Handicrafts trade evolved for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry. Gifts will be available to purchase after all the **Masses next weekend January 14th & 15th**.



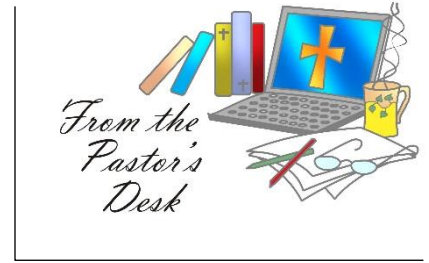
The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents: To meet the spiritual needs of Catholic parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. The Family Life Respect Life Office offers the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents. A unique, faith based program providing spiritual retreats for grieving parents offered by grieving parents, the Emmaus Ministry offers a safe place where you can find peace, comfort, and hope. Join us at one of the following retreats. One day retreats offered t Saint Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. The dates are Saturday, February 11, 2017 and Saturday, February 25, 2017. The cost is \$25.00 per person and \$40.00 per couple. Scholarships are available. To register online; www.emfgp.org/archny, or contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator, Parenting and Family Education at susan.disisto@archny.org. or 646-794-3191.

May the newborn child strengthen our faith and love.
Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Meditations on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

“Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found Him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay Him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.” (Matthew 2:7-12)



Somewhere along the way they met up. They were scientists from a variety of countries. Remember, we do not know how many there were. We assume there were three because three gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were mentioned. The scriptures refer to them as “wise men.” These men of studies, probably knew each other or knew of each other, scientists or those of similar backgrounds usually do. Having studied the skies, having seen the anomaly of this *new star*, having seen that this *new star* not only appear but seemed to be moving across the sky, they, in their different countries, were drawn to it. And somewhere along their trip of months to years, they met up with each other. Imagine those first meetings. Of course, there were introductions, there were comparisons of notes concerning *the star*, there were the wanderings of thoughts as to what *this star* might mean, there were deep intellectual conversations because they were “wise men” or men of studies about the worlds history’s, philosophy’s, biology’s and astronomy’s that each of them possessed. Yet, no matter what they were discussing, it all came back to or originated with *the star*. And so they were wandering together. More correctly, they were being led together... by *the star*.

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’ (John 8:12)

We at times limit Jesus and His life to thirty-three years... from the Incarnation (the Birth of the Divine Son of God) to His Resurrection from the dead. But, because Jesus is the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, and because of Jesus’ raising Himself from the dead, we are not dealing here with a mere mortal bound by limited years of existence. We are caught up in the mystery of the Divine One, existing before Mary and Joseph, existing before Moses and Abraham, existing before and outside of time, present with us to this day and until the end of time and beyond. This Divine One, Our Beloved God, did not just manifest Himself at the time of Mary and Joseph through the birth of the Infant Jesus. God revealed Himself through *the star* which was present for all to see and all to follow (although only a few did). God revealed Himself through the prophets of old, through the patriarchs and matriarchs of our faith, through the saints in heaven, the holy ones of these ages and the most blessed gift of Holy Mother Church. As Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world.”* Ever since the fall, ever since the sin of our first parents, God has been illuminating the darkness of our sin with the light of His grace. God has been reaching out to us to bring us back into the light of His presence and away from the evil one. After so many attempts to have us return, from Noah through Moses, we could only be saved through this most dramatic act of *the Light of World* becoming the *Light in the World*. With Jesus, now ever-present among us through His teachings, through His Holy Church, through most especially His presence which can only be found in the Eucharist of the Catholic Church, more and more people will be drawn to the truth and presence of God in the Catholic Church as the “wise men” once were so many generations ago... as long as their hearts and minds are open to the Light of World, Jesus Savior.

God love you... Father Fernan