

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 31, 2017 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30	
5:00 PM	Anna Woska Jacobelli & Mario Zanfardino (decd) <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31	
8:00 AM	Special Intentions for The Fernan Children <i>req. by Eugene & Ann Fernan</i>
10:00 AM	Guido Ricci (decd) <i>req. by his wife, Dora and Family</i>
12:00 PM	Michelina & Semi Gogliormella (decd) <i>req. by Carmela Gogliormella</i>
6:00 PM	Special Intention for St. Gerard <i>req. by The Hermoza Family</i>
MONDAY, JANUARY 1	
6:45 AM	Special Intention for Elise Gelpi <i>req. by her husband, William Gelpi</i>
9:00 AM	Decd Members of the Casey Family <i>req. by Tom & Kathleen Ahearn</i>
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2	
6:45 AM	For the souls of Vincenzo, Vita & Tony
9:00 AM	Katherine Esposito Allan (decd) <i>req. by Carolyn Walsh</i>
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3	
6:45 AM	Special Intention for Alex Fernan <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Vincent & Vincenza Zingone (decd) <i>req. by Maria Prestipino</i>
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4	
6:45 AM	Sara S. Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Tom, Ann Mary & Emma Farrell</i>
9:00 AM	Sara S. Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5	
6:45 AM	Phil Brady (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
9:00 AM	Anthony Ciparella (decd) <i>req. by Eugene Toriello</i>
7:30 PM	Donald Torre (decd) <i>req. Dolores Torre</i>
SATURDAY JANUARY 6	
9:00 AM	Gloria Fernan (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.
or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 The Lord's promise to Abram and Sarah is fulfilled.

Psalms 128 "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways."

or Psalm 105 "The Lord remembers His covenant for ever."

Colossians 3: 12-21 or 3:12-17 Family life in the Lord.

or Hebrews 11:8, 1-12,17-19 The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.

Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

The feast of the Holy Family has a choice of readings. Sirach and Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians concentrate on the family and our calling to treat each other as believers in the Lord and as Christians. The alternative readings about Sarah and Abraham tell of God fulfilling the promise to Abraham that he would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. The Gospel then portrays the devotion of Mary and Joseph, traveling to Jerusalem to present Jesus to God.

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

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR WILSON J. MATTHEW



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF NORA KERR

REQ. BY HER DAUGHTER, PATRICIA SMITH

BREAD AND WINE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR BABY ELIZABETH LASKI

REQ. BY GRANDMA & GRANDPA

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	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
Legion of Mary	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
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."

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

"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 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

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 6th at 5PM, and after each Sunday mass on January 7th. 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, Fr. Terence Lee, Cora Lucy Sannella, Ann McMahon, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Baby Elizabeth Laski, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Francis Bowen, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Charlie Saumell, Leonor Abanilla, Jerry Weber, Carmen Delia Rivera, Fr. Joseph Irwin, Teagan Maria Farrah, Helene Layman, Aimee Rizzi, Martha Jane, Margaret Fleming, Michael Laymon, Charles Saumell, and those recently called home to God especially, Joseph D. Geiss and Liberto Iociafano. 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 and Joe Kelly. 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.

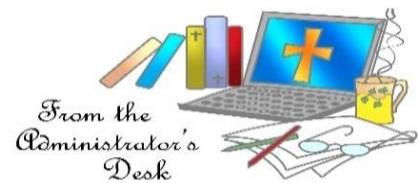
MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND THE NEED FOR PEACE

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.

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.

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,

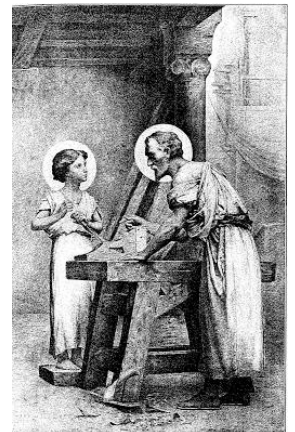
Meditations on the Feast of the Holy Family

“Each year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when He was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. Thinking that He was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple... His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety.” And He said to them, “Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father’s house?” But they did not understand what He said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.” (Luke 2:41-46, 49-52)



Why within the family? Why did God choose that the revelation of His Son, this salvific gift, to occur through the family? Could not have the Messiah just assumed human form and gone through the process of Crucifixion for the salvation of our souls? Through the Incarnation and all the moments to follow in Jesus’ life, God has validated and consecrated every moment of our lives in His presence.

But what did Jesus, the infant, the toddler, the child, and the young man learn from Mary and Joseph?



It is believed that Mary, just a few years after being born to Saints Joachim and Ann, entered the service of Temple. She was believed to have consecrated herself, much like Religious Sister or Nun, to Almighty God. That is why she questioned the Angel Gabriel, *“How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?”* (Luke 1:34) During those years of service to the Temple, she was schooled in the Hebrew Scriptures, centered her daily about the priestly prayers, and had God’s will foremost in her mind. Mary’s life was lived for God. Mary’s task, beyond offering herself physically as the Human Tabernacle and flesh of the Son of God, was to teach the growing boy all about God, especially through the Hebrew Scriptures. She was to teach Him His prayers. She was to teach Him to love His God and His neighbor. That is why the Rosary is such and important mode of prayer because we, as we pray, are placing ourselves in the position of Jesus, at the side and in the arms of Mary, learning from her as she taught her Son.

Saint Joseph, as a carpenter was a creator, and yet knew his position in all of creation. Since Joseph did not make the wood he used in his craft, he grew to know that he was a part of a greater plan of the Creator. Recall Joseph’s dream, *“The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”* (Matthew 1:20-21) Joseph taught Jesus, through his craft, the same lessons as Mary did... the importance of the will of God and the importance of our role in bringing God’s will to completion.

Thus, within our families, all of them being imperfect, can we still learn the most valuable lessons that God has ordained to be taught.

God love you... Father Fernan