

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 7, 2018 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



	SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
5:00 PM	Gloria Fernan (decd) <i>req. by Tom, Ann Mary & Emma Farrell</i>
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by Frank & Jackie Finnegan</i>
10:00 AM	Hilda Spencer (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
12:00 PM	Hilda Spencer (decd) <i>req. by Tom, Ann Mary & Emma Farrell</i>
6:00 PM	Jose Castaneda (decd)
	MONDAY, JANUARY 8
6:45 AM	Nancy Murray (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw</i>
9:00 AM	Cathy Bonifacio (decd) <i>req. by Friends</i>
	TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) <i>req. by Their Daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Maria Mastrangelo (decd) <i>req. by Mario Mastrangelo</i>
	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
6:45 AM	Nora Kerr (decd) <i>req. by Yetta & Randi Pressman</i>
9:00 AM	Elucide Nicolas & Charles Nicolas (decd) <i>req. by Marie Julie Bernard</i>
	THURSDAY, JANUARY 11
6:45 AM	Joseph Binder (decd) <i>req. by Lisa Del Vecchio</i>
9:00 AM	Deceased members of the Ahern Family <i>req. by Tom & Kathleen Ahern</i>
	FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
6:45 AM	Rose Mellusi (decd) <i>req. by Linda Magdits</i>
9:00 AM	Brianna Dickerson Cardone (decd) <i>req. by Friends</i>
	SATURDAY JANUARY 13
9:00 AM	Marion Toal (decd) <i>req. by Paul Henshaw & Gina Mastrangelo</i>

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 The glory of the Lord shines upon you.
Psalm 72 "Lord, every nation on earth will adore You."
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.
Matthew 2:1-12 We saw His star and its rising and have come to do Him homage.

Today's readings reflect the joy of today's event-- the Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah sings of the promise of post- exilic Jerusalem, receiving people and treasures from all nations. The author of Ephesians proclaims the in Christ Jesus we are all members of the same body, that Jew and Gentile alike have received the promise of salvation. The faraway Magi in Matthew follow the star to Bethlehem and pay homage to the newborn King.

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 NORA KERR

REQ. BY HER DAUGHTER, PATRICIA SMITH



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MARTIN D'CRUZ

BREAD AND WINE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR WILSON J. MATTHEW

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

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 24	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$10904	\$8567

December 31	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$8905	\$8906

"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 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."

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.

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

CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place Yonkers, NY. New Members are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18th at 1PM. Please call 914-423-5331 for more information.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory of

Carol Silva
Wagner & Borrillo Family
Mary Bencivengo,
Helen Zwierzynski,
Mary Rahmer
and Katherine Zwierzynski
Maureen Forde
Rita & James Farrell
Robert Sorrentino
Hugh Macken
Maria Chiodi

Requested by

Vergara/Miguel Family
Tina Wagner
Mr. & Mrs. George Rahmer & Family

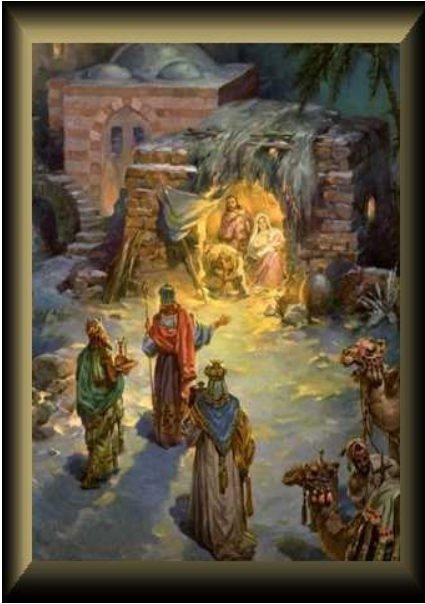
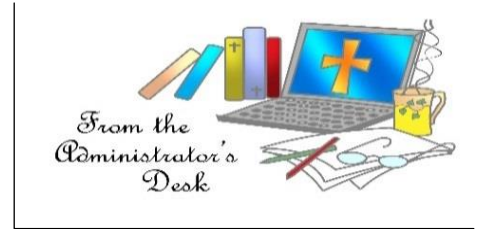
Oliver & Phyllis Forde
John & Maureen Farrell
A. Sorrentino
Eileen Barone
Mrs. & Mrs. Antonio Del Vecchio

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

Olivia Babol Ibe	Tony Cinquina
Alicia D'Ambrosio Szoeki	Christopher J. Mulqueen
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Finnegan	Mary E. Boone
Marko & Leze Ljuljovic	Melissa & Marie Solis
Biana Tantillo/Toni Licatesi	
Charina Adamos	

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany!



Father, we thank You for revealing yourself to us in Jesus the Christ, 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

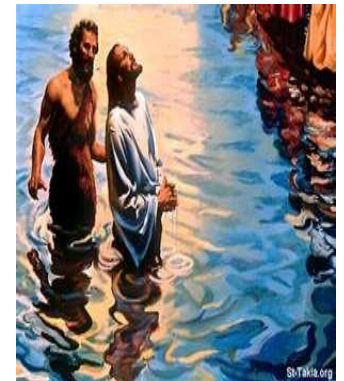
worthy of the Name we bear? May we, through your guidance and our faithful obedience, find new avenues in ways that we have not imagined of holding the Light of your love so that it may be a Light of revelation for all people. We thank You for your love, praise You for your Gift, ask for your continued Presence with us, and bring these petitions in the name of your Son, who has truly revealed your heart. Amen.

Monday, January 8, 2018 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".

Holy Name Society Epiphany Coat Drive: The Holy Name Society will be coordinating the Saint Eugene's Parish Coat Drive this weekend. 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. We will also be collecting cans of coffee. The drop off times is after the masses January 6th at 5PM, and after each Sunday mass on January 7th. Thank you.

Flu Season: During the winter season if you are not feeling well or 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.



May the newborn child strengthen our faith and love.

Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Meditations on the Epiphany of the Lord

“When the Magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy Him.” Joseph rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: “A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more.” (Matthew 2:13-18)



Dear Mother Mary,

From the Cross, Your dying Son gave you the awesome gift and terrible burden of being Mother of us all... *“When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple there whom He loved, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.”* (John 19:26-27) You, Mary were not given one son to replace your own, but symbolically given all of us. As Eve, the Mother of Humanity, betrayed herself as woman succumbing to the temptation of the Evil One by the wood of the tree in the Garden of Eden, you, Our Blessed Lady, are the New Eve, a spiritual mother of us all because you did not falter as you stood next to the wood of the cross. As your Son took upon Himself all the sins of all humanity, past, present and future, you, O Holy Mother, took upon you all the sorrows or your newly adopted children.

So, dear Mother, you feel the pain of Cain murdering Abel, you feel the sorrow of the barren Sarah, you feel the loss of wife of Uriah, you feel the horror of those lost in the flood, you feel the abandonment of Joseph as his brothers sold him into slavery, you feel the sorrow of Joseph’s father Jacob who thought he had been killed, you hear the *“sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more,”* you feel the terror of your ancestors living as slaves in Egypt, you are distressed when the newly freed Hebrews so quickly turn from the God of Moses to an image of a golden calf.

Dearest Mother, as you and Joseph heeded the entreaty of the Angel Joseph heard in his dream, *“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him,”* (Matthew 2:13) you must have been weeping, inwardly feeling that *“When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi.”* (2:16) You must be weeping now for all your children, no matter what age, who have fallen at the hands of so many. You must also be weeping during these 40 years when your children are legally killed within the wombs of their mothers.

Dearest Mother, protect all those precious souls sacrificed in abortion. Pray for their parents that they may be healed through the merciful heart of your Son. Pray for us all, that we may protect all your children no matter how young, old, ill or infirm. Amen.

God love you... Father Fernan