

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 21, 2018 – THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JANUARY 20	
5:00 PM	Mari Fiorenza (decd) <i>req. by Giovanni Vairo</i>
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21	
8:00 AM	Michelena S. Maddalo (decd) <i>req. by Margaret Blackwell</i>
10:00 AM	Deceased members of the Byrne & Evers Family <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i>
12:00 PM	Robert, Anna & Katrina (living) For Health & Peace
6:00 PM	Felicia Moschetta (decd) <i>req. by Giovanni Vairo</i>
MONDAY, JANUARY 22	
6:45 AM	John Marshall (decd) <i>req. by Eugene & Ann Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Patrick & Teresa Mulhern (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
7:30 PM	Mass for the Unborn <i>req. by Parish Priests</i>
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23	
6:45 AM	Elisha Silva (decd) <i>req. by Phil & Susie Gentile</i>
9:00 AM	Sean & Joanne Casey (decd) <i>req. by Tom & Kathleen Ahern</i>
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24	
6:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM	Joseph Argiento (decd) <i>req. by Carolyn Walsh</i>
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25	
6:45 AM	Fred Sears (decd) <i>req. by Phyliss Gigante</i>
9:00 AM	Beatriz Salvilla (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26	
6:45 AM	Hilda Spencer (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Richard Zuccaro (decd) <i>req. by Coughlin & Lepidi Families</i>
SATURDAY JANUARY 27	
9:00 AM	Nancy Marino (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw</i>

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Jonah 3:1-5, 10 The Ninevites turned from their evil way.

Psalm 25 "Teach me Your ways, O Lord."

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 The world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20 Repent and believe in the Gospel.

There is an urgency in today's Readings. Nineveh will be destroyed if the people do not repent within forty days. Saint Paul tells the Christian community in Corinth that "time is running out." Jesus proclaims, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." Deadlines can inspire us to action. As we listen to the readings today, imagine how the folks addressed by Jonah, Paul and Jesus responded to this urgency.

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 BABY ELIZABETH LASKI

REQ. BY GRANDMA & GRANDPA

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JOANN PITCHER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

REQ. BY HER SISTER, MARGARET BLACKWELL



BREAD AND WINE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR WILSON JOHN MATTHEW

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:

January 14	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$9888	\$9611
Monthly Collection.....	\$1861	\$1745

"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."

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, Monday, January 22nd shall be observed as a Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.

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 are still in need of volunteers to cook chicken (legs and thighs) for Thursday, January 25th. Please drop off the chicken at the Adoration Chapel parking lot.

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."

SCHOOL NEWS



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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

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.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary at the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses.

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 McMahan, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Baby Elizabeth Laski, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Francis Bowen, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Leonor Abanilla, Jerry Weber, Carmen Delia Rivera, Teagan Maria Farrah, Helene Layman, Aimee Rizzi, Martha Jane, Margaret Fleming, Michael Laymon, Charles Saumell, and those recently called home to God especially Robert O'Connell and Rosemarie Bevilacqua. 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 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

AREA EVENTS

Eucharistic Adoration Seminar to be held Friday, February 16th from 7pm-8:30pm at Saint Joseph's Seminary. The Presenter, James Monti, will discuss the ways in which Eucharistic adoration arises from the Mass and ultimately leads the worshiper back to the Eucharistic celebration. Registration fee is \$10. To register visit nyliturgy.org/workshops or send an email to liturgy@archny.org

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring An Annual Retreat Day Catholic Teachers in Public Schools

The Annual Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2018 9:00 to 1:30 PM at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Please join our Catholic Teachers in Public Schools both active and now retired from across the Archdiocese of New York. Deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues and pray and reflect upon Jesus' connection with each of us.

A suggested donation of \$25 is requested to help defray the cost. For more information: contact Regional Office at Zelide.Ceccagno@archny.org or 914-965-0490

Dear Parishioners:

January 22 Unites States Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you who are the protectress of unborn children and ask that you intercede for us, so that we may more firmly resolve to join you in protecting all human life. Let our prayers be united to your perpetual motherly intercession on behalf of those whose lives are threatened, be they in the womb of their mother, on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years of their life. May our prayers also be coupled with peaceful action which witnesses to the goodness and dignity of all human life, so that our firmness of purpose may give courage to those who are fearful and bring light to those who are blinded by sin. Encourage those who are involved in the March for Life; help them to walk closely with God and to give voice to the cry of the oppressed, in order to remind our nation of its commitment to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all people. O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions to your Son and ask Him to bless us with abundant life. Amen.

World Marriage Day: The search is on for the longest married couple in our archdiocese. Couples must be sacramentally married at least 65 years and reside in the archdiocese to enter. The longest married couple will be featured in an article in Catholic New York. The contest is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter in conjunction with World Marriage Day which will take place on Sunday, February 11th. For information please call; The Family Life Office at (646) 794-3188 or FLRLE@nyfamilylife.org. The deadline is February 1st.

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.

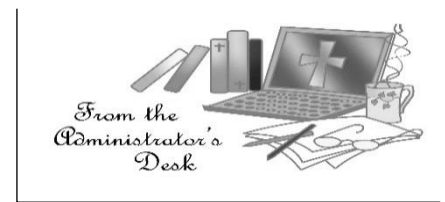
Habitat for Humanity: This summer parishioner and graduate of Saint Eugene School, *Danny Smith* a sophomore at Fordham Prep will travel to Appalachia Mountain Region in Tennessee with a group of classmates and teachers from Fordham Prep. We will look to continue Fordham's work in the region and build an additional 3 homes for families who would otherwise not be able to afford a home. If you are interested in making a donation, you can make a donation online at <https://www.fordhamprep.org> 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.

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle- January 25 : Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience - his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a). Paul's life became tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like Him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new. So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

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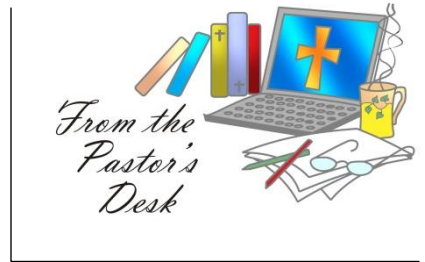
Catholic School Week: National Catholic School week begins on Sunday, January 28th and continues through February 3rd. The children of our school will be attending mass on Sunday, January 28th at 10:00 am. *The theme of this year's Catholic School Week is... Learn. Serve. Lead Succeed.*

May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



Beloved of God,

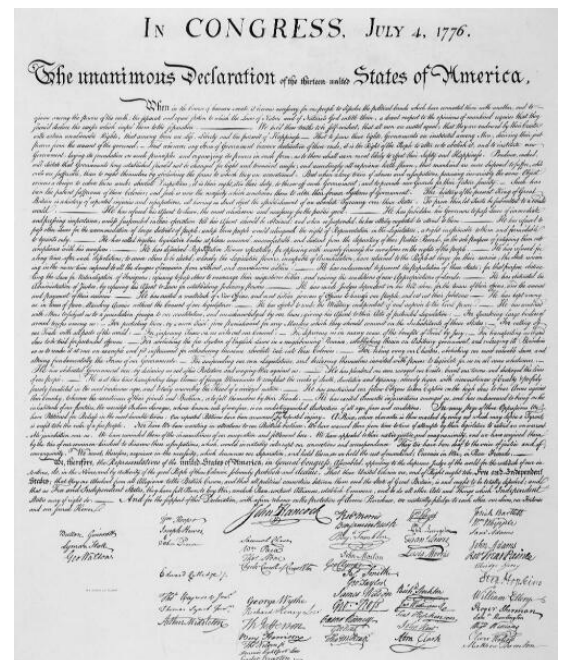
Our Founding Fathers got it right.



The *Declaration of Independence*, the document stating the reasons for the foundation of the “United States of America,” has an introductory paragraph but the second paragraph is the one we are most familiar with: “*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.*” This Declaration was adopted “*In Congress, July 4, 1776...*” by “*The Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America,*” and signed by their representatives. There were two other drafts of the *Declaration of Independence*. The copy first given to the Congress, known as the Reported Draft taken from Thomas Jefferson’s draft, has this most familiar phrase recorded as “*We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with inherent & inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;*” There are numerous differences; words not being capitalized to being transferred to the upper case, the phrase *with inherent & inalienable rights* changed to *with certain unalienable rights*. The original version, in the hand of John Adams, offers the phrase this way... “*We hold these Truths to be self evident; that all Men are created equal and independent; that from that equal Creation they derive Rights inherent and unalienable; among which are the Preservation of Life, and Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness;*” The notable differences from Adam’s first draft to the signed declaration are (1) *that all Men are created equal and independent...* to... *that all men are created equal*, and (2) *that from that equal Creation...* to... *that they are endowed by their Creator*, and (3) *they derive Rights inherent and unalienable...* to... *with certain unalienable rights*, and (4) *among which are the Preservation of Life, and Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness...* to... *that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.*

In comparing the entire text, <http://www.ushistory.org/Declaration/document/compare.htm>, it is quite evident that from one draft to another, most passages changed were ultimately made more succinct. So once again, our Founding Fathers got it right. They knew that “*God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness... God created mankind in His image; in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.*” (Genesis 1:26a, 27) Our Founding Fathers recognized that there is One Creator, the Almighty One, and as God is Creator then our lives belong to Him. John Adams wrote that one of the *inherent and unalienable* rights given to us through *equal Creation* is the *Preservation of Life*. It appears that since Our Founding Fathers decided to just say *Life* and not *the preservation of Life* that *Life’s Preservation* would automatically be assumed by those who came after them. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Those who have followed them have removed God from the equation of *Life* and therefore, have made the courts, the States, and fundamentally each person self-determinant. “If this life is inconvenient... I will terminate it by abortion.”

No matter how we have presently reinterpreted the Declaration of Independence, no matter how we redefine who the author of life is... our Founding Fathers were correct because... “*God said: Let us make human beings in Our image, after Our likeness... God created mankind in His image; in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.*” (Genesis 1:26a, 27)



Let us, then, work as one nation under God to hold all life sacred, from the moment of conception till natural death. God Love you... Father Fernan