



Pope Saint Eugene I

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT EUGENE

“WHERE PETER IS, THERE IS THE CHURCH”

TUCKAHOE ROAD AND CENTRAL PARK AVENUE
YONKERS, NEW YORK

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Rectory to arrange for the Sacrament and parental instruction. Baptisms are possible on Saturday or Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm and call the rectory anytime.

Sacraments for the Sick

Please contact the Rectory for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Communion for the homebound.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory at least 6 months in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

Adoration Chapel Mon. to Fri.

Open from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Choir Rehearsals

To be announced.

Parish Membership

Our parish invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every new parishioner is requested to register at the Parish Office. If you move to another parish, or change your address, please notify the Parish Office.

Served by

Rev. Matthew Fernan, Pastor

**Rev. Michael Morris,
Parochial & Weekend Assistant**

**Ms. Gina Mastrangelo
Parish Administrator**

Deacon John Duffy

Weekend Associates

Maryknoll & Mill Hill Missionaries

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday...9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Parish & Religious Education Offices

31 Massitoea Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710
914-961-2590

Regional School

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Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil for Sunday

5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM Family Mass,
12:00 PM Choir Mass, 6:00 PM

Weekdays

Mon-Fri... 6:45 AM & 9:00 AM
Saturday... 9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

6:45, 9:00 AM, & 12:00 noon, 7:30 PM

First Friday Devotion

Evening Mass at 7:30 PM the First Friday of Each Month, followed by Holy Hour and Confessions.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 6, 2015

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 6, 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5	
5:00 PM	John Procaccino (decd)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	
8:00 AM	Victor Miri (decd) <i>req. by George Gjelij</i>
10:00 AM	Roku Camaj (decd) <i>req. by Antoneta & John Tarazhi</i>
12:00 PM	Llesh Tarazhi (decd) <i>req. by Antoneta & John Tarazhi</i>
6:00 PM	George Gjelij - Good Health <i>req. by George Gjelij</i>
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7	
6:45 AM	Serafino Lifrieri (decd) <i>req. by Lou Lifrieri</i>
9:00 AM	Gloria C. Molina (decd) <i>req. by Shirley C Martinez</i>
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8	
6:45 AM	Carmel Finnegan (living) <i>req. by her husband, Frank</i>
9:00 AM	Mae Ulrich (decd) <i>req. by Kennedy Family</i>
12:00 PM	Cira Macias (decd) <i>req. by Eileen Angel</i>
7:30 PM	Joel Christopher Almario (decd) <i>req. by Helen Tipawan</i>
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9	
6:45 AM	Sr. Miriam Lahey <i>req. by Dina Epple</i>
9:00 AM	John Harrison Mahoney (decd) <i>req. by Pat Mahoney</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10	
6:45 AM	Clemente Perez (decd) <i>req. by Almendral Family</i>
9:00 AM	Alejandro & Irene Ponsalan (decd)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11	
6:45 AM	Francis X. Holbrook-1st Anniversary <i>req. by The Vedovino's & Libratore's</i>
9:00 AM	Joseph Prestipino (decd) <i>req. by Maria Prestipino</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12	
9:00 AM	Jack Davis - 6th Anniversary <i>req. by Liz Coles</i>
5:00 PM	Matteo & Victoria Pisacane (decd)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baruch 5:1-9 God is leading Israel in Joy.

Psalm 126 "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

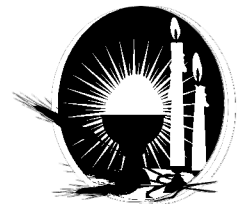
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 May your love increase ever more.

Luke 3:1-6 Prepare the way of the Lord.

Saint Paul today gives us the focus for our prayer when he says that the God who began a good work in us will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. As we hear in the other readings today of the coming of the Lord into the deserts of our lives, let us bear in mind that we too can bear the presence of the Lord into the lives of those around us, carrying on the good work that God has begun in us.

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 RICHARD ORLANDO

REQ. BY ANTOINETTE APUZZO & FAMILY

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

ALL OUR GRANDCHILDREN

REQ. BY PEGGY & PETER CLARKE

BREAD AND WINE

FUND RAISER CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS EDWARD IADAROLA

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Bereavement Group	Carolyn Walsh	961-8689
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	Parish Office	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Rob Pechin	(646)208-6385
Catholic Daughters	Rita DiPippo	793-3065
	Catherine Blanco	793-1539
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Cesar Tipawan	343-0914
Girl Scouts	Jerilin Carota	968-5526
H. S. A.	Nancy Arzola	274-0016
Holy Name	Frank Giacoi	793-5392
Legion of Mary	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
Living Rosary	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
Organist & Adult Choir		
Parish Activities Committee	Parish Office	961-2590
Parish Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
Respect Life Society	Jackie Barton	793-9322
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:

November 22, 2015

Weekly Collection.....\$9,965
CCHD Collection.....\$2,015

November 29, 2015

Weekly Collection.....\$9,359
Thanksgiving..... \$1,395

"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

We are always looking for volunteers to cook chicken. If you are interested in helping, you can do so in many forms, by cooking, by making phone calls, by organizing, by using your computer skill etc. It only takes an hour or two of you time, once every two months. Also, We NEED MORE Packaged & Can foods to be put in our baskets. Please bring these foods with you to Mass and put them in the basket in the school corridor (boxes of pastas, cereals, rice, cans soups, assorted vegetables, etc.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, December 7th at 7:15pm in the Blessed Mother meeting room in the parish office. All women of the parish are welcome to attend if you wish to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. If you have questions, please contact Rita DiPippo at (914) 793-3065 or Catherine Blanco at (914) 793-1539.

SENIOR TRIP

The Senior Trips Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Kindergarten room in the Parish Office. The next meeting is January 6, 2016. Please call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847 during the winter months to find out if the meeting is canceled due to inclement weather.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group on every third Thursday of the month at 1:00PM in the Parish Office. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 17th. Through caring support, we hope to lessen the pain and confusion brought on by the death of a loved one.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses. Please join us.

LEGION OF MARY

AN INVITATION - The Legion of Mary would like you to join us. We meet every Tuesday morning immediately after 9AM Mass or Tuesday evening at 7:00PM. For more information please contact Josephine Bitteti at (914) 337-1372.

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.

RESPECT LIFE SOCIETY

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm in the Parish Center. New Members Welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, James Gallagher, Fr. Smyth, Carmel Finnegan, and Nicholas Gardini... and those recently called home to God...especially Fr. Robert Mason, Frederick Iemma, Joanne L. Van Bramer and Fr. Robert J. Navins...Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

It has been some time since the names on the list were updated. We have not stopped praying for the ill of the parish, but the rectory staff does not know if all the people on the list still need to be included. We ask you to please call the rectory if you wish to have yourself or a loved included on the list again.

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 and David Daliso. 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 OUR AREA

SAINT JOSEPH'S MEDICAL CENTER: The Pastoral Care Dept. at St. Joseph's Nursing Home is looking for volunteers to help transport their Nursing Home Residents to and from Sunday Mass in the chapel within the facility. If you are able to spend an hour and a half 9:15 to 10:45AM one or more Sundays each month to help, please contact Sr. Ellen O'Connor at (914) 378-7648.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS: The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its next meeting Thursday, December 17th at 1pm at St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Pl, Yonkers, NY 10704. New members welcome. For more information, please call (914) 423-5331.

Dear Parishioners:



Prayers: As we are in this glorious season of *Advent and Christmas*, let us not forget that this is an extra difficult time for those who are sick, searching for a job, or have lost a loved one. Let us remember all of these issues and pray for our neighbors and parishioners.

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



Christmas Toy Drive: We are conducting an Annual Toy Drive. We are collecting unwrapped toys for boys and girls. Please remember those who are less fortunate than us. Please place the unwrapped toys in the large Santa box located in the church.

Christmas Wreaths: Our Saint Eugene Boy Scouts, Troop 25, will be selling beautiful fresh hand decorated Christmas Wreaths this weekend before and after the 5:00 PM Mass and before and after all the masses on Sunday, except the 6:00 PM Mass. Please support our troop and bring home a beautiful wreath to adorn your home or give as a gift. The cost is \$20.00 each.



Thank you, Thank you: On behalf of the Holy Name Society, we would like to thank all those who donated coats, hats and paper goods to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal as they assist impoverished families in Yonkers at the Casa Juan Diego Community Center.

Angelica Chamber Choir: Today, December 6 at 3:30 PM, *Angelica*, women's Chamber Choir will be performing *Lessons in Carols* in our church. What a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas Season. For more information; www.angelicavoices.org

Advent Day of Reconciliation: On Monday, December 14th in all of the parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, it will be the fourth annual Day of Reconciliation (Penance). The schedule is from 4:00-8:00 pm in the church. Penance is a great way to prepare ourselves as we await the birth of our Lord.

Religious Education: Inclement Weather: Just a reminder, if there is any form of winter weather that should occur on the Wednesday afternoons or evenings which may interfere with Religious Education, please watch News 12, or News 12 Interactive on the web. *Thank you.*

Feast of Saint Nicholas: Today, December 6th is the Feast of Saint Nicholas. ***God of joy and cheer, we thank You for your servant, the good bishop Nicholas. In loving the poor, he showed kindness; in caring for your children, he revealed your love. Make us thoughtful without need of reward so that we too, may be good followers of Jesus.***



May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception, A holy day of obligation Prayer to the Immaculate Conception O Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from thy sublime height turns upon thine eyes of pity. Filled with confidence in thy goodness and knowing full well thy power, I beseech Thee to extend to me thine assistance in the journey of life, which is so full of dangers for my soul. And in order that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but may ever live with my heart humble and pure, I entrust myself wholly to thee. I consecrate my heart to thee forever, my only desire being to love thy Divine Son, Jesus. Mary, none of thy devout servants has ever perished; may I too be saved. Amen.



Beloved of God,



The Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady, the Sacrament of Baptism and Limbo

“In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to Her and said, “Greetings, You who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to Her, “Do not be afraid Mary; You have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and You are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; His kingdom will never end.” (Luke 1:26-33)

Over the centuries, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Catholic Church, we have come to believe and hold as dogma (a truth that must be believed by all Catholics), that in order for Our Blessed Lady to possibly be chosen by God as the human tabernacle of the Divine Son of God, She must be as pure and good as God is. Therefore, the Virgin Mary was prepared for the possibility of becoming the Mother of God, prepared for the moment we just read from Luke’s Gospel above. This preparation was in the form of Mary being conceived without Original Sin, the Sin of Pride and Disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, which has been passed down from one generation to the next to the present day. Being free from this sin from Her conception gave Our Blessed Lady *absolute freedom*, not the freedom that so many want these days in the form of being able to do whatever we want without consequence... but the *freedom* to always live in the Grace and Presence of Almighty God... the *freedom* to remain *free from sin* for Her entire life. What a gift given Her by God. But, what about us? Why weren’t we given this same gift? Does God love us less?

“John the Baptist went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins... The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But One who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Luke 3:3, 15-16) In the Sacrament of Baptism which we have received, we were given by God the same preparation for the rest of our lives that was given to Our Blessed Lady. The Baptism freed us from Original Sin granting us the same *absolute freedom* enjoyed by Mary... the *freedom* to always live in the Grace and Presence of Almighty God... the *freedom* to remain *free from sin* our entire lives. Whether we did or not has been our choice. God, therefore, has loved us with the same love He has for our Blessed Lady and the same love that God the Father has for the Son and the Spirit... *“Jesus prayed, “I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.” (John 17:26)*

As the love of God is continuous and complete, what about those pre-mature children who died before or in childbirth? What about those children born who died before they were baptized? What about those children whose lives were forfeited through the act of abortion? Does, could God love them any less? Could He restrict their possibility of eternal life with Him in heaven? Could He, in effect, punish them for something not of their doing? From the lesson of Our Blessed Mother, we have learned firstly of the immensity of God’s love. From the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism consecrated through the Baptism of Jesus, we have learned how God has shared His love with us all. God, therefore, will not leave any soul in limbo. All those children mentioned above will be freed, as Mary was, from Original Sin and be welcomed into their eternal reward, prepared for them from the creation of the world.

God love you... Father Fernan