

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT EUGENE

“WHERE PETER IS,  
THERE IS THE CHURCH”

TUCKAHOE ROAD AND CENTRAL PARK AVENUE  
YONKERS, NEW YORK



Pope Saint Eugene I

## **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**

Sunday at 11 AM

## **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***  
**Rev. Anthony Gyamerah,**  
***Parochial Assistant***

**Ms. Gina Mastrangelo**  
***Parish Administrator***

**Deacon John Duffy**

***Weekend Associates***  
**Mill Hill Missionaries**

## **Parish Office Hours**

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

## **Parish & Religious Education Offices**

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

## **Regional School**

707 Tuckahoe Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710  
914-779-2956

## **Email**

[fatherfernan@csey.org](mailto:fatherfernan@csey.org)  
[ginamastrangelo@csey.org](mailto:ginamastrangelo@csey.org)  
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## **Holy Mass Schedule**

### **Saturday Vigil for Sunday**

5:00 PM

### **Sunday**

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 10, 2016

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 10, 2016 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, JANUARY 9	
5:00 PM	James Jarlath Mullin (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10	
8:00 AM	John Gibson (decd) <i>req. by Sal &amp; Anna Arnone</i>
10:00 AM	Deceased members of the Ianni and Shibroski Families <i>req. by Virginia Shibroski</i>
12:00 PM	Reverend Robert Mason (decd) <i>req. by Linda &amp; Joseph Farrugia</i>
6:00 PM	Rev. Fr. Jose Garcia Gondar (Ivg) 50th Anniversary as a Priest <i>req. by Reymondez-Ramos Family</i>
MONDAY, JANUARY 11	
6:45 AM	George O'Brien (decd) <i>req. by Mrs. O'Brien</i>
9:00 AM	
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12	
6:45 AM	Philomena Tomy (decd) <i>req. by Kallanthanam Family</i>
9:00 AM	Rose Mellusi (decd) <i>req. by Linda Magdits</i>
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13	
6:45 AM	James Jarlath Mullin (decd) <i>req. by Jimmy Mulhern</i>
9:00 AM	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14	
6:45 AM	Angelo & Mary Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Matthew Nehrbauer (decd) <i>req. by Joan Mulcahy</i>
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15	
6:45 AM	Deceased members of the Byrne and Evers Families <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i>
9:00 AM	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16	
9:00 AM	Maria Mastrangelo (decd) <i>req. by Mario Mastrangelo</i>
5:00 PM	The Ferguson Family <i>req. by Maura Ferguson</i>

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11** God's glory shall be revealed.

**Psalms 104** "O bless the Lord, my soul."

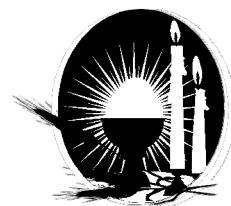
**Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7** We are saved through the bath of rebirth.

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22** "You are my beloved Son."

Today's readings are a mini-excursion through Advent and Christmas, depositing us on the threshold of Ordinary Time. The reading from Isaiah recalls the Advent message of comfort and hope. Saint Paul proclaims that the grace of God has appeared. In the Gospel we have an adult Jesus being baptized by John, ready for his mission and affirmed by the voice of God. As we listen to these words of Scripture, let us recall our own Baptism and prepare for whatever God will ask us to do next.

## 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 EDWARD IAZZETTI (LIVING)**  
*REQ. BY GINA & ERNIE DIAZ*

## BREAD AND WINE

## 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.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Rita DiPippo	793-3065
	Catherine Blanco	793-1539
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Cesar Tipwan	343-0914
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 Activities Committee	Father Fernan	961-2590
Parish Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
Respect Life Society	Jackie Barton	961-9322
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:

### **December 20**

Weekly Collection.....\$12,239.00

### **December 25**

Christmas.....\$50,054.00

### **December 27**

Weekly Collection.....\$7,177.00

### **January 1**

Solemnity of Mary.....\$3,833.00

### **January 3**

Weekly Collection.....\$10,058.00

"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 thank all those who participated in the Christmas and New Year Food Drive; your generosity helped us feed many who were in need. As a church community let us continue to help those in need. They are many who are struggling to put food on their tables and stay warm. We are in need of nonperishable food items. (Cereal, soup, pasta, canned vegetables, 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 & thighs) on the last Thursday of the month. We serve our people as well as the *Sharing Community* in Getty Square. If you are available for cooking but cannot deliver them please contact either Walter Whitmore @ 914-779-1826 or David Fabi @ 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* 1 Timothy 6:7-8.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Rita DiPippo at (914) 793-3065 or Catherine Blanco at (914) 793-1539 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome.

## ST EUGENE SENIORS

Please join us September 15, 2016 at Westchester Broadway Theater for Saturday Night Fever. The cost (\$55.00pp) includes lunch and the show. We have great seats. We meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Kindergarten room in the Parish office. Our next meeting is February 3rd. Please call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847 for more information or if there is inclement weather.

## SECURITY CONCERNS

At the New Year's Eve Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Bronxville, a brazen thief followed the ushers into the Sacristy and stole the collection from them. The safety of our people handling the collection is paramount to us as well as the security of your donations. That is why we have asked that the collection always be assembled in the back of the church and that two people always bring the collection to the sacristy. We will, therefore, as Saint Joseph's already has in place, be installing security cameras that will constantly film all sensitive areas. We have already begun installing cameras around the property in other locations.

## SAINT EUGENE SCHOOL

### OPEN HOUSE & TOURING TUESDAY

The Catholic School Region of Central Westchester invites you to experience Saint Eugene School by visiting on a Touring Tuesday from 9:00-11:00am or by appointment (January 12, February 2 & 23, March 8, April 12). To RSVP or for more information please call (646) 794-2885 or visit [www.buildboldfutures.org](http://www.buildboldfutures.org).

## LEGION OF MARY

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.

## RESPECT LIFE SOCIETY

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

Cenacle of Life Meeting: This Sat. after the 9am Holy Mass... for the purpose of petition the Blessed Mother for the end of the Culture of Death.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, Nicholas Gardini, Gladys Armitage, Michael Tomanelli, Tom Tucker, Marie Castry & Al Caruso...and those recently called home to God...especially Carmel Finnegan....Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

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

## A "THANK YOU" LETTER

Dear Father Fernan,

On behalf of the residents of Curran Court, I thank you, the parishioners, school parents, teachers and students of St. Eugene Parish. SO MANY GIFTS - SO GENEROUS !

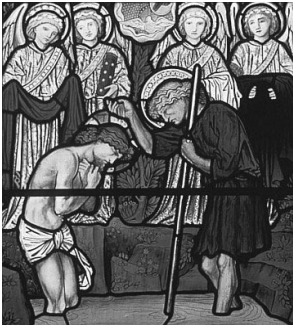
Everyone loved the gifts (especially the shut-ins) and were amazed that people really cared. It was an example of Christ's teaching - "Love one another."

God bless you all!

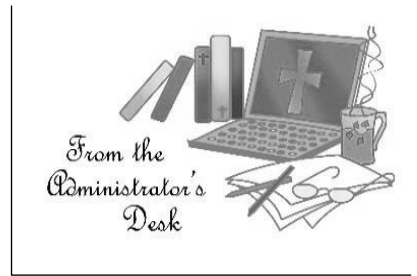
Sincerely,

Anne Prestamo, Amelia Pupchuk, Judy Nacov, Tenant Council

Dear Parishioners:



*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."



*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, please watch News 12, or News12 online.

*March for Life:* This year's March for Life in Washington DC will be Friday, January 22, 2016. Many pilgrims will travel to Washington DC and gather with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. Buses will be traveling to DC from all over the diocese. The bus from Yonkers is leaving from Saint Joseph Church, (914) 963-0730. For a complete listing please go to [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)

*Collection for Birthright:* In conjunction with the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Roe vs Wade, we will be collecting baby items to send to Birthright of Peekskill NY. Items needed are new blankets, onesies, bibs, t-shirts and diapers. All these items should be for newborn babies only. We will start the collection next week and will continue through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please place donated items in the baby bassinet located in the church next to the baptismal font.

*Birthright Mission Statement:* *At Birthright, we understand the challenges related to unplanned pregnancies. We know that it can be an overwhelming and often scary situation. However, we also know that there is hope for the mother and her child. Birthright believes that "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born." Birthright is here to nurture and befriend the mother as she navigates an unplanned pregnancy. Birthright is available to women for as long as they need us. We offer love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birthright services are always free, non-judgmental and confidential. Birthright's focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring that she is not alone.*

*Feeding Our Neighbors:* This initiative is an Archdiocesan Wide Drive to replenish Food Pantries in our local areas. The Food Drive will be held from Sunday, January 24 through Sunday January 31. Please deposit all food items in the box marked Feed Our Neighbors. We will be distributing all the food that we collect to our own local people in need. Please be generous as we remember those who are in need of a warm meal. For more information on this please go to [www.catholiccharities.org/feedingourneighbors](http://www.catholiccharities.org/feedingourneighbors).

*World Marriage Day:* The Archdiocese is looking for the longest married couples in the archdiocese. If you have been married for more than sixty-five years, and would like to enter, please send your entries to the Family Life Respect Office, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022, or call Izabella Nagle at 646-794-3190. The deadline is January 22, 2016.

*Appalachia Habitat for Humanity:* This summer parishioner and graduate of Saint Eugene School, *Michael Smith*, a sophomore at Fordham Prep will travel to Scott County, Tennessee to participate in Appalachia Habitat for Humanity. The students will be assisting in the construction of three new homes. Fordham Prep is looking for donations to assist in this endeavor. If you are interested in making a donation, you can make a donation online at <https://fordhamprep.org/servicestrips> and please mark it on behalf of *Michael 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

*May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator*

Beloved of God,

## Meditations on the Baptism of Our Blessed Lord



*“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,*

*heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:21-22)*

Prayer and Meditation on the Holy Scriptures is so very important in the development of our spiritual lives. In a conversation with a priest friend, he related how for the first time in his twenty-five years he had noticed something remarkable about the star in the Infancy Narrative. (You might want to check it out yourself.) This reading and re-reading and prayerfully meditating upon the Divinely Inspired Word of God can constantly teach us about the Almighty and ever deepen our relationship with and love of God....

So why did Jesus get baptized? Did He need it? Remember baptism is necessary to wash away Original Sin. So, Jesus did not need to get baptized because He had no sin, Original or otherwise. So why did He get baptized? To teach as He said in another place... *“Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be.” (John 12:26)* In other words, do as I do. But, again, why?

At Holy Mass, it is a joy after the Consecration of the bread and wine to become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Blessed Lord, as a community of faith we all stand and praise the Almighty in the prayer taught us by His Beloved Son... *The Our Father.*

So again, why did Jesus submit to be baptized? So that the first word of this divine prayer would be true... *“Our.”* As we have come to know, the birth of Our Blessed Lord, not only consecrated human existence from conception to death, but also unified us to God as Jesus’ Humanity was one with His Divinity in the person of Our Savior. The only dividing mark still between us was what cast us from the Garden of Eden... Sin. Through Jesus’ baptism He consecrated, He made holy, the flowing waters of the river Jordan and transformed them into a cleansing sacrament washing away Original Sin. We then have the opportunity to fulfill the priestly prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper... *“I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, so that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.” (John 17:20-21)* The *Our* of this glorious prayer, *the Our Father*, is an invitation by God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit to be one with Them. How could we refuse? Let us pray the prayer daily for our personal unity with the Divine and for each other that we may be one as They are One.

God love you... Father Fernan