

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 Fathers

Parish Office Hours

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

Parish & Religious Education Offices

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 21, 2016

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

FEBRUARY 21, 2016 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20	
5:00 PM	Lucy Dellarosa (decd) <i>req. by Gina & Ernie Diaz</i>
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21	
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by her Family</i>
10:00 AM	Candida Maio (decd) <i>req. by Monique & Camille Miraglia</i>
12:00 PM	Sarah & John Keenan - (living)
6:00 PM	Robert Dedvukaj For Health & Peace <i>req. by Mom</i>
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22	
6:45 AM	Angelo & Mary Napoli (decd) <i>req. by your Daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Michael Coughlan (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23	
6:45 AM	Maria Pace Burfeind (decd) <i>req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Giusto</i>
9:00 AM	Eileen Tory (decd)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24	
6:45 AM	Gabriella Burfeind (decd) <i>req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Giusto</i>
9:00 AM	Decd members of the Yager Family <i>req. by Ita Yager</i>
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25	
6:45 AM	Nicholas DeMatteis (decd) <i>req. by Lutzie Yangco</i>
9:00 AM	Lucy Sunshine (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
6:45 AM	Louis & John Bastone (decd) <i>req. by Theresa Bastone</i>
9:00 AM	Lynn Alessi (decd) <i>req. by George Alessi</i>
9:30 AM	Stations of the Cross if no funeral
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
9:00 AM	Cookie Dina (decd) <i>req. by her Children & Family</i>
5:00 PM	Cory Flores Racadio (decd) <i>req. by Rudy & Lolita Amor</i>

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 In a holy covenant, God promises Abram a homeland.

Psalm 27 "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

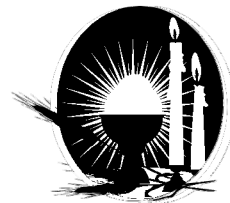
Philippians 3:27-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.

Luke 9:28b-36 His face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white.

Abraham, the "wandering Aramean" referred to in last week's first reading, makes an appearance today, seeking and receiving assurance of God's promises to him. The apostles with Jesus on the mountain also experience assurance of their destiny if they but listen to God's chosen Son. Saint Paul affirms that our citizenship is in heaven where our lowly body will conform with Christ's glorified body. Let us take in all these promises of God today with grateful hearts.

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 JAMES CUNNINGHAM

REQ. BY ROSALINDA DOMBISH

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR FRANCES COMO

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	Jerilyn 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	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:

February 14

Weekly Collection.....\$8901.
USCCB Collection.....\$1092.

"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

With the winter months upon us please let us remember all those who are cold and in need of a warm meal or food on the table. There are many who are struggling within our own community. We are in need of perishable 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 and thighs) for this Thursday, February 25th. Please drop off the chicken at the adoration chapel parking lot. Also we are requesting that if you are kind enough to cook the chicken, please place it in a zip-lock bag, it helps with transporting the food. 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."

1 Timothy 6:7-8

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Save the date. The 3rd annual Catholic Daughters court of St. Therese Little Flower Mother/Daughter Communion breakfast is Sunday, 4/24/16 following the 10am Mass. For more information call Rita DiPippo at (914) 793-3065 or Catherine Blanco at (914) 793-1539.

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. New members are welcome. Please call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847 for more information or if there is inclement weather.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group meets the 3rd Thursday each month. Our next meeting is March 17th at 1pm. Through caring support, we hope to lessen the pain and confusion brought on by the death of a loved one.

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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.

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.

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 (February 23, March 8, April 12). To RSVP or for more information call (646) 794-2885 or visit www.buildboldfutures.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, Nicholas Gardini, Andrew Moraitis, Eva Sellazzo, Richard Wikine, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Eugene Fernan, Liam Frawley, Raymond Henshaw, Deborah Mahon, James J. Virga, Angelo Bavaro and those recently called home to God especially Marie Greco Tocado, Muriel Anastasi, Emily Giangrasso and Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.....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 and Logan Wilson. 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

GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM - FEBRUARY 27TH & 28TH

Olivewood Handcrafted from the Holy Land - A Traditional Art and Livelihood for the Holy Land Christians. The Handicrafts trade evolved for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

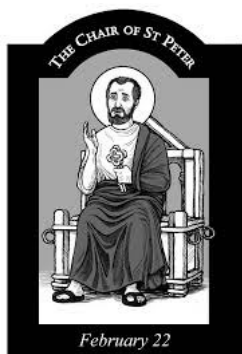
Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry. Gifts will be available to purchase after all the Masses February 27th & 28th.

Dear Parishioners;

Cardinal's Appeal: The Cardinal Appeal has begun. The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. Your gift to the Appeal helps to support offices, ministries, and programs throughout the Archdiocese that nurture and encourage our journey in faith. To date our parish has received \$4650.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal from 5 families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always thanks you!



Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, February 22: The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter celebrates the papacy and St. Peter as the first bishop of Rome. St. Peter's original name was Simon. He was married with children and was living and working in Capernaum as a fisherman when Jesus called him to be one of the Twelve Apostles. Jesus bestowed to Peter a special place among the Apostles. He was one of the three who were with Christ on special occasions, such as the Transfiguration of Christ and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was the only Apostle to whom Christ appeared on the first day



after the Resurrection. Peter, in turn, often spoke on behalf of the Apostles. When Jesus asked the Apostles: "Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?" Simon replied: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus said: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you: That you are Peter [Cephas, a rock], and upon this rock [Cephas] I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven". (Mt 16:13-20) In saying this Jesus made St. Peter the head of the entire community of believers and placed the spiritual guidance of the faithful in St. Peter's hands. However, St. Peter was not without faults. He was rash and reproached often by Christ. He had fallen asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane instead of praying, as Jesus had asked him to do. He

also denied knowing Jesus three times after Christ's arrest. Peter delivered the first public sermon after the Pentecost and won a large number of converts. He also performed many miracles and defended the freedom of the Apostles to preach the Gospels. He preached in Jerusalem, Judaea, and as far north as Syria. He was arrested in Jerusalem under Herod Agrippa I, but miraculously escaped execution. He left Jerusalem and eventually went to Rome, where he preached during the last portion of his life. He was crucified there, head downwards, as he had desired to suffer, saying that he did not deserve to die as Christ had died. The date of St. Peter's death is not clear. Historians estimate he was executed between the years 64 and 68. His remains now rest beneath the altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Saint Vincent DePaul Society: Reminder, next Thursday, February 25th we will be collecting chicken legs and thighs. Please place the chicken in Zip-lock bags as they are easier to transport. The collection will take place outside of the adoration chapel and/or the side parking lot. *Thank you again for your generosity.*

Gifts from Bethlehem, Olive Wood Carving: Next weekend, February 27-28 we will have the representatives from the Gifts of Bethlehem selling their beautiful Olive Wood Carvings. They will be located in the hallway on the school entrance side.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, March 5th our second grade children and older children in our religious education program as well as the children from our school will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. The children with the guidance of their parents and teachers, are studying very hard as they prepare for Penance, and First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Religious Education Lenten Project: Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Spy Wednesday, lasting for 40 days. We prepare for Easter by fasting and practicing spiritual discipline during this time, to reflect on his sacrifices. Basically, Lent is a time for "Spring Cleaning" our lives while giving thanks to God and strengthening our relationship with him. We will again this year collect money through the rice Bowl donations. If you should have any questions, or would like to donate, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

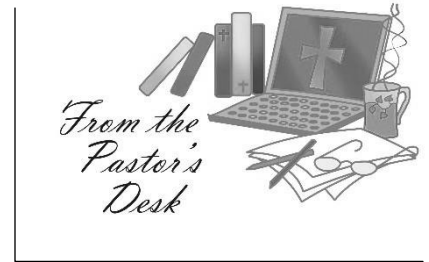
May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in Thee, to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake, Amen.



Beloved of God,

Sundry Items



An Ash Wednesday Misunderstanding: Ash Wednesday is not and never has been a Holy Day of Obligation. Neither is it a holy day without the obligation. It is the beginning of the Lenten Season and as such has prominence over any other church feast. But again it is not a day with any obligation. That is why, when some people were wondering to each other or asking the priests why there wasn't an evening Holy Mass for the day... since Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, there should be a noticeable difference between the regular Sunday Mass and Holy Day Mass schedules. Also, as the other days of Lent are also not holy days with an obligation, adding an extra evening Holy Mass is not a necessity and should be further considered in light of Cardinal Dolan's directive that each parish as a part of *Making All Things New* should reevaluate its Holy Mass Schedule and consider pairing down. Our parish use to have the extra evening Holy Mass. Our parish also use to have three priests – now we have two, Father Anthony and I. Father Morris, because of his assignment as Archivist for the Archdiocese, cannot take a daily, Monday through Friday, Holy Mass. I did some further investigation among our neighboring parishes, St's Bartholomew, John the Baptist, Ann, Anthony, Matthew, Our Lady of Fatima, Pompeii, Perpetual Help, Annunciation, & Sacred Heart's, Dobbs & Hartsdale, and they do not have an evening Holy Mass during Lent either. I am not saying that because they don't we shouldn't, but the essence of our faith is Sacrifice, not convenience. If you wish to make a Sacrifice, Saint Eugene has daily 6:45 and 9:00 AM Holy Masses. I look forward to praying with you.

The Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form: After much prayer and consultation, the parish schedule for Holy Masses will remain as they currently are published – Saturday 5:00PM & Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM, 12:00 & 6:00PM.

Altar Cloths: The designs are completed for the Altar Table and the back of the Tabernacle table. The Colors are White (Christmas & Easter Seasons), Red (Pentecost, Martyrs & the Holy Spirit), Green (Ordinary Time outside of Christmas, Easter, Advent & Lent), and Purple (Advent & Lent). If you would like to memorialize an Altar Covering or Tabernacle Banner, please call the rectory and speak with me or Ms Mastrangelo as soon as possible as there is much interest.

Tabernacle Coverings: A question came up regarding putting cloths of different colors over the tabernacle, and whether WHITE was the only one allowed. In the old days, the covering or veil over the tabernacle was the only outward sign that the Holy Eucharist was present, not the Sanctuary Candle. This goes back to the Old Testament when there was a curtain separating the Holy of Holies from the other courts in the Temple of Jerusalem because of the belief in the presence of God in the Ark of Covenant. When Tabernacles were built into marble altars, there was only a veil in front. When they became free standing as in our church the designed changed to cover the entire tabernacle. As the Altar Candle became prominent because of the Code of Canon Law, #940, "*A special lamp which indicates and honors the presence of Christ is to shine continually before a tabernacle in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved,*" veils have fallen into disuse. This is also true as tabernacles have become more ornate. Whether or not the tabernacle can be covered only by white, my research has found that the only color not be used is black, the color of death. Finally, the panels for our church are more like banners which will be placed on the back side of the tabernacle table, not on the tabernacle itself.

Altar Candles: In an effort to again save money, we are changing the type of candles (not candle sticks which have been and will continue to be used) that are used on the altar table, beside the tabernacle and in the Adoration Chapel. As you look at them, they are or can be inserts into other candle forms. Each "candle" has a life of approximately 11 hours and is then discarded. The cost for a 6 month supply of these "candles" is \$2,700.00, \$5,400/year. We have purchased four refillable candles for the Altar and Tabernacle for a total one time cost of \$266.00. The cost of the liquid to refill these candles for the next six months is \$78.00, \$156/year.

The Kneelers: There has been some chatter or properly categorized, *gossip*, that "Father Fernan doesn't want anybody to kneel while receiving Holy Communion." Isn't "chatter" usually either unproductive or in most cases harmful? In a number of forums, I have explained that with a bad back it is painful to hand out Holy Communion over a kneeler to one who is not kneeling. So I will push the kneeler to the side so that the priest is equally between the two columns of people who are approaching to receive Our Blessed Lord. If any person wishes to receive kneeling all they need to do is either move to the line with the kneeler or just cross to the kneeler when it is their turn. Also, liturgically, the kneeler should never be an obstruction to the Procession or Recession of the Altar Servers, Lectors or Clergy. No one should have to go around a kneeler as this gives the message that the kneeler is more important than any of the ministers, lay or ordained, during the Holy Mass.

God love you... Father Fernan