

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 24, 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23	
5:00 PM	Richard, Ethel & Richard Jr. Furgivele (decd) <i>req. by Richard Doyle</i>
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24	
8:00 AM	Tom Farrell (living) Happy Birthday <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
10:00 AM	Mario Discepolo (decd) <i>req. by Angela Discepolo</i>
12:00 PM	Seamus O'Neill Jr. (decd)
5:00 PM	For Parishioners
12:00 AM	For Parishioners
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25	
8:00 AM	For Parishioners
10:00 AM	For Parishioners
12:00 PM	For Parishioners
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26	
6:45 AM	Bernard Madden (decd) <i>req. by Betty Madden</i>
9:00 AM	Elsa Mendoza (living)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27	
6:45 AM	Gregory Fernan (living) Happy Birthday <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Msgr. John McKenna (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28	
6:45 AM	Margaret E. Kelly (decd) <i>req. by The Youssef Family</i>
9:00 AM	Phil. Theresa & Dan Ottaviano (decd) <i>req. by Carmela Ottaviano</i>
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29	
6:45 AM	Pasquale & Giuseppina Costanza (decd) <i>req. by Carmela Gagliormella</i>
9:00 AM	Tom O'Sullivan (living) <i>req. by Eileen Sullivan</i>
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30	
9:00 AM	Juliette Fernan (living) Happy Birthday <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord.

Psalm 89 "For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Romans 16:25-27 The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested.

Luke 1:26-38 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

Today we hear the familiar story of the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that She will conceive and bear the Son of God. What an unbelievable message this must have been! She was seemingly just an ordinary young woman, not even married, not even having relations with a man. As a Jew, She would have been praying for the coming of the Messiah; now She is told She would be giving birth to Him. But like David in the Old Testament, She accepts the role God has for her. "May it be done to me according to Your word" (Luke 1:38).

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

IN MEMORY OF NORA KERR

REQ. BY HER DAUGHTER, PATRICIA SMITH

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL KENNY

REQ. BY THE KENNY FAMILY

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:

December 17	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$11,213	\$8804
Monthly.....	\$2132	\$1539

"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."

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve.....	5PM
	12 AM Midnight Mass
Christmas Day.....	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM
	12:00 Noon

There is no 6:00 PM on Christmas Day. This year New Year's Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

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."

Volunteers Needed to Cook

Please drop off your donation of (drained) baked chicken in a zip-lock bag with your name on it to the Adoration Chapel entrance between 7:30am-9:50am on December 28th. If you need a pick up, please contact Walter Whitmore at 779-1826.

ADULT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If, for whatever reasons, you have not been Baptized, nor received First Holy Communion, nor received Confirmation, or may have questions about Marriage, please call Father Fernan at (914) 961-2590, regarding Bi-Weekly classes to prepare you to receive God's grace in His Sacraments. Classes will be in the evenings. The Sacraments will be in the Spring.

COAT DRIVE

The Holy Name Society will be coordinating the Saint Eugene's Parish Coat Drive on the feast of the Epiphany. 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. The drops off times are after the masses January 6th at 5PM, and after each Sunday mass on January 7th. Thank you.

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.

Adoration Chapel will be closed on December 25th for Christmas and January 1st for New Year.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed December 25th and 26th and will reopen on Wednesday December 27th at 9:30. May the birth of our Savior fill your hearts with love.

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. Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

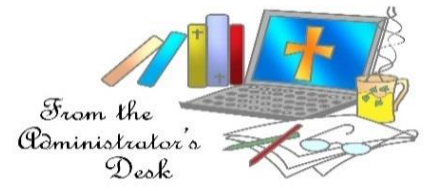
If you know of parishioners who are ill and would like to be visited by a priest, please contact the rectory at 961-2590.

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.

Dear Parishioners;

A blessed Christmas to all!



*Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.*

*Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

*As we rejoice in the birth of Our Lord, Jesus, I pray for a blessed
Christmas Season for you and your families. May God bless you always.*

Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing;
They rejoice before You as people rejoice at harvest, as they exult when dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder,
The rod of their taskmaster, You have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for fire.
For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us; upon His shoulder dominion rests.
They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:1-5)*

There is a great darkness over the land, and it is not limited to this country. The Evil One and his forces are attacking peace everywhere. There are wars. There are threats of wars. There is killing. There is abortion. There is rampant infidelity within marriage. The family is not only broken but is being shattered by legal forces to redefine the God-given creation of Marriage (Genesis 1 & 2). A woman was allowed to “marry” a tree. Two men within the same family, brothers, were allowed to “marry” each other. Truly, the *people are walking in darkness*. They are *living in lands of gloom*. Hunger, starvation, genocide exist in every country. The Evil One seems to be winning. But...

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone... For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us; upon His shoulder dominion rests. They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah was inspired by God to prophecy those words 735 years before the Angel Gabriel, sent by the Father, appeared to the Virgin Mary and spoke the following... *“Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”* But Mary said to the angel, *“How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?”* And the angel said to her in reply, *“The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.”* (Luke 1:30-35)

Jesus Christ is the light to the world. As the Psalmist wrote, *“For You, Lord, give light to my lamp; my God brightens my darkness.”* (18:29) The Pure Light of Jesus Christ is the only source of true healing for the world that will not only expose the darkness but will also conquer it and bring about *abundant joy and great rejoicing*.

Whether you may illuminate the exterior of your house or apartment, may I suggest that this year, you place one solitary light or electric candle in your windows to remind everyone that Christmas celebrates the One True Light given to all people... Jesus Christ... the Light and Savior of the World.

A Blessed Christmas to you and yours.

Father Matthew Fernan

Father Anthony Gyamerah

Ms. Gina Mastrangelo

Deacon John Duffy

Father William Cleary

Father Kevin O'Reilly