

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 14, 2018 – THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.
Psalm 40 "Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will."
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20 Your bodies are members of Christ.
John 1:35-42 They saw where He was staying and they stayed with Him.

Two of the Readings today involve a call from the Lord. Samuel awakens to a summons from God, though it takes a few attempts and some advice from Eli in order to respond appropriately. The first disciples follow Jesus after John the Baptist points Him out, "Behold the Lamb of God." These are the same words we hear before Communion. The Lord continually calls to us. How do we respond?

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 NORA KERR
 REQ. BY YETTA & RANDI PRESSMAN



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF RITA IANNI
 REQ. BY VIRGINIA SHIBROSKI

BREAD AND WINE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR BABY ELIZABETH LASKI
 REQ. BY GRANDMA & GRANDPA

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Beloved of God,
 Over the last couple of weeks, many have come forward with a knock upon the door of the offices or priest residence or a visit to the sacristy, where everyone is always welcome to speak with the Clergy or Parish Administrator, or an impromptu visit before or after Church, to present a token of thanks, appreciation and love for your Clergy, Parish Administrator and Staff during this Holy Season. On behalf of the Clergy, Parish Administrator and Staff, I thank you for remembering us first in prayers and secondly in your most generous gifts. May God bless you for your kindness and support.

God love you,
 Father Fernan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13	
5:00 PM	Stephen George Liptak (decd) req. by Kathleen Jacob
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14	
8:00 AM	Alfred F. Burfeind (decd) req. by Rosemarie Giusto
10:00 AM	Rita Ianni (decd) req. by Virginia Shibroski
12:00 PM	John Brady (decd) req. by Teresa Brady
6:00 PM	Special Intention for Lauren Brown (living) req. by her Mom and Brother
MONDAY, JANUARY 15	
6:45 AM	William & Frances Lawless (decd) req. by Eugene & Ann Fernan
9:00 AM	Mary Lou Novak (decd) req. by Colleen Dina
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16	
6:45 AM	Father Fernan (living) req. by The Catholic Daughters
9:00 AM	Bridie & Jack Griffin (decd) req. by Tom & Kathleen Ahern
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17	
6:45 AM	St. Eugene Adoration Group (living) req. by The Duffy Family
9:00 AM	Patricia Mahon (living) req. by Eileen O'Sullivan
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18	
6:45 AM	Msgr. John Scanlon (decd) req. by Fr. Fernan
9:00 AM	Bucciero Family (decd) req. by Amelia Magnotta
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19	
6:45 AM	Eugene Fernan (living) re. by Fr. Fernan
9:00 AM	Antonio Pepe (decd) req. by Barbara & William Iannuccilli
7:30 PM	For the Unborn req. by Parish Priests
SATURDAY JANUARY 20	
9:00 AM	Mary K. Carter (decd) req. by Tom, Ann Mary & Emma Farrell

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 7	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$8587	\$8613
Catholic University.....	\$1047	\$1047

"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 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.

The recipe for the chicken legs and thighs is as follows: Wash and clean chicken, season, place chicken in large tray, add ½ cup water. Bake at 375 degrees skin side down for 45 minutes, turn chicken over, season and bake skin side up for an additional 45 minutes. When the chicken is done sprinkle with paprika. Please drain all juices and transport the chicken in Ziploc bags

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."

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

SCHOOL NEWS



On-Line Registration for the 2018-2019 is open for all students in Pre-K 3, and Kindergarten to 8th Grade. For more information please visit www.steugene.education

and go to the admissions tab and follow the prompts. Registration for UPK-4 opened on January 3rd. Please call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.

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.

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, Anthony Battista, 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, Elizabeth Reid, Primo Berti George Frascione and Frank Figarella. 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.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place Yonkers, NY. New Members are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18th at 1PM. Please call 914-423-5331 for more information.

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

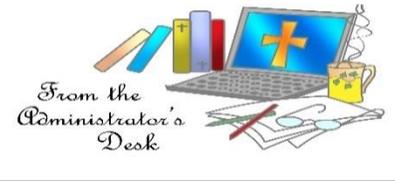
The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring An Annual Retreat Day

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:



March for Life: This year's March for Life in Washington DC will be this on **Friday, January 19, 2018**, marking the 45th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our land through the tragic *Roe vs Wade* decision. Immediately following the 9:00 mass in *Saint Eugene Church* on Friday, January 19th we will lay flowers at the memorial for the unborn which is located at the chapel entrance. Adoration will be in the church throughout the day. We will culminate the day with Mass for the unborn at 7:30 pm. This year, more than 40 buses from our Archdiocese will again take part by traveling to Washington, D.C. If you are interested in traveling, a bus from Saint



Joseph's in Yonkers is available. For more information please call Fr. Joe Francis at (914) 963-0730. The fare is \$40 per adult and \$20 per child (10-17 years old). There will be a Prayer vigil for Life January 21 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Auxiliary Bishop Peter Byrne will offer Mass at 5:30 PM to open the vigil, followed by Adoration with music by the Sisters of Life.

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.

Working Boys Center: 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.

Bereavement Support Group: The Group will meet every Monday from January 22-March 19 from 1-2:30 at St. Augustine Church Rectory, 18 Cherry Avenue, Larchmont NY. If you are interested or need more information, please call Sr. Muriel at 914 834-1220 ext 23 or email@ srmuriel@staugustineny.org.

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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.*

Martin Luther King Jr. The church office will be closed this Monday, January 15th on observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th at 9:30 AM.

May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

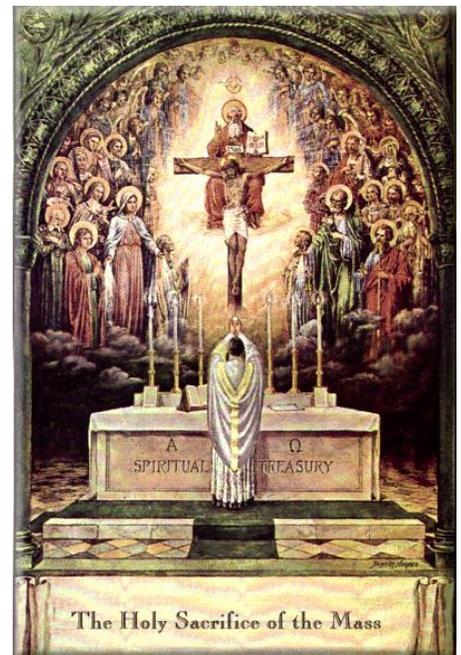
Beloved of God,

The readings today offer some insight into the Call to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ... *"When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the Lord came and revealed His presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant is listening..." (1Samuel 3:9b-10) and "They said to Jesus, "Rabbi... where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see..." and "Jesus looked at Peter and said, "You are Simon the son of John; You will be called Cephas" – which is translated Peter." (John 1:38b-39a, 42b)*



In trying to understand the priests call to holiness in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, or the process of becoming holy, perhaps Archbishop Fulton Sheen could offer some insight. In his book *The Priest Is Not His Own*, he wrote *"God is holy; that holiness comes to earth in Christ. Christ bestows it on His priests with their cooperation; they, in the measure in which they accept, contribute to making the people holy."* (p.73) Holiness, much like rain and over the past few weeks, snow, comes from down from up above. The process explained by Fulton Sheen establishes that no matter what... *God is holy*, implying as well the Son of God is holy. The miracle of the Incarnation, the Son of God being born of Mary, is how *holiness comes to earth*. Christ being truly Divine and truly Human reestablishes holiness in humanity... and yet at the same time limited to Himself. By instituting the Sacred Priesthood on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper, *Christ bestows it on His priests*. The priests, though, are not forced to be holy or poof, like magic, are suddenly holy. They have to *cooperate* with the gift of the Sacred Priesthood, they have to *cooperate* with the Giver of His Sacred Priesthood... the priests have to assume the mission of Christ in bringing *holiness to the earth*. As Saint Matthew has said in Chapter 10 verses 8b and following, *"The gift you have been given, give as a gift."* The Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ does not belong to the priest. The Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ is given to the priest so that the priest can continue to fulfill the mission of the Son of God in contributing to the process of *holiness coming to the earth in Christ*.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen also said, *"as the shepherd, so the sheep; as the priest, so the people."* And again, *"every worldly priest hinders the growth of the Church, every saintly priest promotes it."* (p.7-67) All the priests given to you at Saint Eugene parish over the years have had the privilege of being incorporated into the One Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ and the commission by the One True Priest, Jesus Christ, to be holy himself and with the grace of the Son of God in living his priesthood *cooperating* with the holiness given him by Jesus Christ, helping the people to grow in holiness... *"as the shepherd, so the sheep; as the priest, so the people."* We are not perfect. We have all made mistakes. We, like you, are trying each and every day to be perfected... to grow in holiness. Where any of us have failed, where I have failed, may I express my sorrow and ask for your mercy and forgiveness. So that we priests may *accept, cooperate* and *imitate* Christ as Priest and Victim (suffering and dying for His people), please pray for us. Just as there is the descent of holiness from above *"there is simultaneously an ascending movement of holiness from the Christian Community to the All-Holy God."* (p.79) Although, so much does depend upon us priests, Saint Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians, *"to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, (to you who have been) called to be holy."* We all have the calling to be holy.



Let us pray for each other. May we grow in holiness together.
God love you... Father Fernan