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**SUNDAY MASSES:**

(5:30 PM Saturday),  
9:30 AM Sunday

**WEEKDAYS:**

Monday, Wednesday, &  
Friday 9:00 AM,  
Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 AM  
First Saturday of the month  
8:30 AM

**CONFESSIONS:**

Every 4th Saturday at 4:00PM

**BAPTISMS:** 1st & 3rd

Sundays at 1:00 PM

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements

must be made 6 months in  
advance with one of the  
Priests. Weddings are cele-  
brated for registered parish-  
ioners of St. Eugene Parish.

**PARISHIONERS:** When

moving in or out of  
St. Eugene Parish, please  
notify the rectory.

**YOUR WILL:** Remember the  
church in your bequests.

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE:** The  
priest should be the last in,  
and first out of church.

*CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2020*

Alexis Acierno

Adrianna Battaglia

Amelia Biel

Angelo Boccia

Charles Buckner

Emmett Burzawa

Francesca Castelli

Alice Crimmins

Madison Dicks

Juliana Emery

Joseph Golden

Juliana Golden

Francesca Graziano

Ciera Kmiec

Cody Kmiec

Keira Lacsamania

Athena Lawas

Jay Lawas

Martin Marrinan

Sophia Nunez

Nina Parkalob

Leo Parrillo

Abigail Pezdek

Mia Rodriguez

Oscar Rodriguez

Leni Santos

Derrick SAVEDIA

Miriana Spada

Ilianna Valdes

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Cara Wallace

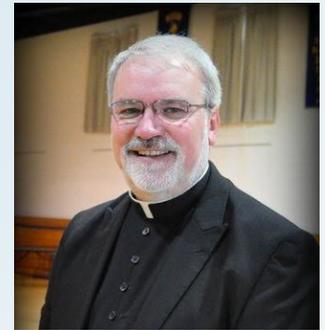
James Webb



## From the Pastor's Desk...

### *Who is a Christian Steward?*

*One who receives God's gifts gratefully,  
cherishes and tends them in a responsible and  
accountable manner,  
shares them in justice and love with others,  
and returns them with increase to the Lord.*



This is the description offered in the Bishops' Pastoral Letter and one I feel paints a beautiful picture of a Christian steward. While every man, woman and child is born a steward, the practice of embracing this special way of life is an ongoing and ever-changing experience for each of us.

**Stewardship begins with gratitude**, when we recognize that everything – family and friends, home, health, community, work, neighborhood, parish – comes from God. It is then up to us to share these blessings with others. How we spend our time, to what extent we use our special abilities and the percentage of our financial gifts that we dedicate to the common good – these reflect our commitment to the Biblical call for stewardship and discipleship.

### **TIME**

We often link time with talent, and understand it merely as volunteer efforts. But time means so much more. Time for family, neighbors, rest, fitness, friends and, most especially, prayer – these are essential in the life of a disciple. How do I allocate the time in my life and what does that say about my priorities?

### **TREASURE**

For centuries people have sensed a close, personal relationship with God and have considered the practice of thoughtful and proportionate giving as a means of expressing their gratitude for all that God has given them. The Old Testament speaks of tithing and relates the tithe to a deep devotion to God.

### **TALENT**

The interests and abilities of our parishioners are extraordinary. A stewardship commitment simply asks, "How do I use my talents and giftedness in the service of others?" We are always encouraging and inviting our parishioner's involvement in the life and ministry of our parish, but it is up to each individual to discover and discern how God is calling you to disburse your talents – within St. Eugene Catholic Church and throughout the world.

I pray that, we, the members of St Eugene will recognize stewardship as an act of faith – a spiritual response to the call of discipleship. This simple practice of identifying and sharing our gifts in an intentional and committed manner invites us to look at time, talent and treasure in wonderful new ways.

Understanding the meaning of stewardship and living as true stewards has never been more important than now; during the COVID-19 reality we are all facing. With our churches having been closed for months and only a fraction of our regular Mass attendees returning after they have been re-opened, our parish, along

with so many others, has experienced a significant loss in its weekly collections/operating revenue. Although the fear of returning to church on the part of some of our elderly and/or immune compromised parishioners is understandable, the responsibility of each of our parish members to financially support the work, ministry, staff and upkeep of our parish and facilities is not something that should be seen or understood as optional.

I also want to reiterate my sincere thanks to all those in our parish who are doing their best to offer their weekly stewardship and financial support to our parish. As you can see in our weekly bulletin's financial update, every week we are falling short of the necessary budgeted income to sustain the operation of our parish. Temporarily we will be able to weather this loss of revenue, however, in the long term, it is going to catch up with us and serious decisions will ultimately have to be made if this trend does not improve. This revenue loss could easily be made up if all those staying at home realized how important their financial support to sustain our parish truly is. Even though we have a dispensation to not attend in-church Mass during this COVID-19 Pandemic, we are not dispensed from fulfilling our obligation to offer our financial support to sustain the operation of our parish. For this reason, I and our Finance Council ask all in our parish to do their part in dropping off or mailing in your church offerings to help keep us operational, even when you are not here for weekend Mass. Again, thanks to all those who already are. Your support is what is keeping us going.

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I'd like to offer my sincere congratulations to our First Communicants, who, received Our Lord for the very first time this weekend as they made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. May this be the beginning of a lifetime of having the opportunity to share in Jesus' gift of Himself to each of us! Congratulations to you, your families and our parish on this very happy occasion!

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October is the month of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year his feast day falls on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our annual pet blessing then, on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. on the area in front of the main entrance to the church. This blessing of our beloved pets has been a tradition for many, many years in parishes throughout the world. For this reason, all in our parish are encouraged to bring your pets (small, medium or large, fish, animal or fowl, walking, crawling or hopping) to the area in front of the entrance of church on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. All pets are welcome as well as parishioners from our neighboring parishes who would like to have their pets blessed. Please join your parish family in keeping this beautiful tradition as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi here at St. Eugene. Please try to honor safe social distancing as you gather with each other outside the entrance of church.

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Just a reminder that confessions will be heard on the last Saturday of the month (which is this coming Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>) beginning at 4:00 until all are heard. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we ask that all those coming to confession wait in the vestibule and enter through the center doorway (not inside the church) until an opening with a priest becomes available. Father will be located near the Our Lady of Fatima shrine on the north side of church. Once your confession is heard you are asked to exit the church. Your penance is to be done outside of the church. Thank you for your understanding during these unusual times.

*Fr. Rich*

## **MASS SCHEDULES, DEVOTIONAL AND SACRAMENTAL SERVICES AND RESUMING OUR PARISH MEETINGS**

We are slowly resuming our parish meetings, Mass schedules, devotional and sacramental services as well. For this reason, I am happy to let all in our parish know that we are now back to our former/regular daily Mass schedule. This means that daily Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday is celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m. This is great news for those who regularly come together each day for Mass. It has been wonderful to see you all slowly returning.

### **ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Beginning Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, we will also be restarting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with Benediction beginning at 5:45 p.m. Adoration will then continue on Mondays as it always has. Those attending will be asked if this time period works best for them and will have the opportunity to suggest an alternative time period that might be better able to be attended. I am so grateful to our Adoration Team of parishioners for getting together recently to discuss how we could resume this beautiful devotion once again. Please be assured that we will be following all the same health and safety protocols that we do for our weekend Masses.



### **FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

Also, beginning on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and every first Saturday of the month ONLY, we will be offering an 8:30 a.m. Mass for those that wish to honor the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday devotion that they were accustomed to. Again, Mass on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. will only be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month unless it conflicts with a holiday or Holy Saturday when there is no morning Mass.

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

We have been seeing a slow but definite growth in attendance. The Sunday morning Mass is getting closer to filling our socially-distanced pews, as a result we will be adding another Sunday Mass to accommodate these increasing numbers beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>. Currently, our Sunday Mass time is 9:30 a.m. and will remain until October 4<sup>th</sup>. On this day the Sunday Mass times will change to accommodate the addition of another Mass. This new schedule will need to provide the time necessary to do the cleaning and sanitizing that needs to happen between Masses. We are considering 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **OR** 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. as the new schedule beginning in October. Please call the parish office or drop a note in the collection basket or parish office to let us know which of these two options you would prefer. Know that it is very safe to return to church here in our parish. Let's not get too comfortable going to Mass from our couches at home in our pajamas where the Eucharist is not able to be received.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Parish Council's main purpose is to be advisory to the pastor and assists in keeping the Mission and Vision of our parish alive through the many ministries that make up our various Commissions.

The Parish Council should be made up of individuals that represent the rich diversity of our parish community.

### What does the Parish Pastoral Council do?

- Provides Christian leadership to help make decisions about spiritual life and worship.
- Promotes Christian development for parishioners of all ages.
- Supports ministries involved with parish life, human concerns, spiritual life and education.
- Provides administrative services and stewardship for the parish.
- Supports parish activities.

### Are there any requirements?

#### A nominee must be:

- A registered member of the parish.
- A baptized, practicing Catholic.
- A participant in the worship life, especially Mass and the sacraments.
- At least 18 years old.
- Willing to serve a three-year term with meetings once a month.



Please email your name and phone number to [churchoffice@st-eugene.org](mailto:churchoffice@st-eugene.org) by Sunday, September 20th. You will receive a call to inform you about the nomination process.

Thank you for taking the time to consider being a candidate for the Parish Pastoral Council. Please pray for the Spirit's guidance in the selection of good parish leadership.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE**  
**1-800-400-4205**



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### **Our regular daily Mass schedule.**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:00 am**

**Tuesday & Thursday - 6:30 am**

**First Saturday of the month 8:30 am**



When casting a vote, it is important for Catholics to make an informed decision rooted in Catholic church teachings and natural moral law. Voting is one of the most moral actions you can make. The quotes below are taken directly from party platforms and contrasted with the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

### ABORTION

**The Catechism** (2270): Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.

**Republican Party:** The unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We call for a permanent ban on federal funding and subsidies for abortion and health care plans that include abortion coverage.

**Democratic Party:** We strongly and unequivocally support Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay, and we oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right.

### IMMIGRATION

**The Catechism** (2241): Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption.

**Republican Party:** We need an immigration system that secures our borders, upholds the law and boosts our economy.

**Democratic Party:** We know the importance of our country's history as a nation of immigrants. We honor our fundamental values by treating all people who come to the United States with dignity and respect, and we always seek to embrace — not attack — immigrants.

### EDUCATION

**The Catechism** (2223): Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well-suited for education in the virtues.

**Republican Party:** Every child should have an equal opportunity to get a great education; no parent should be forced to send their child to a failing school.

**Democratic Party:** We're dedicated to ensuring the next generation has access to a quality education and the tools to drive our economy forward.

### UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

**The Catechism** (1908): Certainly, it is the proper function of authority to arbitrate, in the name of the common good, between various particular interests; but it should make accessible to each what is needed to lead a truly human life: food, clothing, health, work, education and culture, suitable information, the right to establish a family and so on.

**Republican Party:** Government regulations have largely been responsible for the high costs associated with health care. We want to roll back regulations that have prevented market competition, allow patients to buy insurance across state lines, and shut the revolving door of lawsuits that have driven up the price of drugs.

**Democratic Party:** We have been fighting to secure universal health care for the American people for generations, and we are proud to be the party that passed Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.

### ECONOMY

**The Catechism** (2431): A task of the state is that of overseeing and directing the exercise of human rights in the economic sector. However, primary responsibility in this area belongs not to the state but to individuals and to the various groups and associations which make up society.

**Republican Party:** We need to start growing America's economy instead of Washington's economy so that hardworking Americans see better wages and more opportunity.

**Democratic Party:** We are committed to helping all Americans meet the challenges of the 21st century by spurring job creation, rebuilding our infrastructure, investing in clean-energy technologies and small businesses, and making sure corporations, the wealthy and Wall Street pay their fair share.

### TAXES

**The Catechism** (2240): Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote and to defend one's country. Pay to all of them their dues: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

**Republican Party:** We condemn attempts by activist judges at any level of government to seize the power of the purse from the people's elected representatives by ordering higher taxes. We oppose tax policies that deliberately divide Americans or promote class warfare.

**Democratic Party:** We cut taxes for working families, provided help for small businesses and homeowners and strengthened consumer protections.

### ENVIRONMENT

**The Catechism** (339): Man must therefore respect the particular goodness of every creature, to avoid any disordered use of things which would be in contempt of the Creator and would bring disastrous consequences for human beings and their environment.

**Republican Party:** Conservation is inherent in conservatism. As the pioneer of environmentalism a century ago, the Republican Party reaffirms the moral obligation to be good stewards of the God-given natural beauty and resources of our country.

**Democratic Party:** We are committed to curbing the effects of climate change, protecting America's natural resources and ensuring the quality of our air, water and land for current and future generations.



**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Mondays in church  
4:00 pm- 6:00 pm  
with Benediction at 5:45 pm

Approach the cross and you will find in it  
Christ with arms outstretched to embrace you.  
Saint Thomas of Villanova

**PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS**

**RECTORY HOURS**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
9:00 - 11:30 am & 12:30 - 8:00 pm  
(closed for lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm)  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

 To   
**Mary Anne & Lawrence Barlow**  
40 years



The Sorrowful Virgin whose  
pierced heart mourned the  
death of Jesus now grieves  
for the sufferings of the  
crucified poor and for the  
creatures of this world laid  
waste by human power.

**DIRECTION**

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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**YOUNG AT HEARTS CLUB**  
**Tuesday, September 22**  
**Doors open 11:30 Meeting at noon**  
**Shaunessy Center**  
There will be a short meeting at noon. After the meeting we will have refreshments and play bingo. We hope that you can join us and make new friends.

**RESPECT LIFE LITURGY**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020**  
**5:30 PM**

**Parishioner Contact Update for currently registered parishioners**

To help us keep our records current, please print the information below and drop the form in the collection basket or at the rectory. Thank you.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss  
Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

**+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +*****Saturday, September 19 Vigil:******Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

5:30 Giovanni Calefati, Joseph 'Speedy' Cozzi,  
Antonio & Carmela Ferrazzuolo, Jeff Kras,  
Betty Langosch, Lisa Majewski,  
Tom & Cindy Martin, Josephine Misiti

***Sunday, September 20 -******Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

9:30 People of the Parish  
Mary Anne & Lawrence Barlow 40th Wedd. Anniv.,  
Jeremy Edward Brunner,  
Liv. & Dec'd Mbrs. Cortese & Janisch Fams.,  
Dec'd Mbrs. Esposito & Iorio Fams.,  
Michael Fiorante, Zofia & Witold Gadomski,  
Pam Heider, Mary Karnick,  
Hillard & Michael Michalek, Gerryley Realiza,  
Int. of Rita Rogers, Raymond 'Joe' Severin,  
Maria & Salvatore Tenuta

***Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 am***

***Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30 am***

***First Saturday of the month: 8:30 am***

***Monday, September 21 - St. Matthew***

9:00 Arthur Bronski, Robert A. Nosek

***Tuesday, September 22***

6:30 Rev. William Costello, Lou Kosik

***Wednesday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina***

9:00 Purgatorial Society  
Dorothy & Elmer Chanski, Francis D'souza

***Thursday, September 24***

6:30 Louis Karzis

***Friday, September 25***

9:00 Wyatt Gentry, Charles Petti, James Trost

***Saturday, September 26 - Vigil:******Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

5:30 Andrew Bujdasz, Angela Carbonara, Paul Gauer,  
Jeff Kras, Patricia Zmijewski

***Sunday, September 27 -******Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

9:30 People of the Parish  
Amalia & Gennaro Barone, Domenico Battista,  
Angela Carbonara, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams.,  
Gian Maria Daniele, Lou Kosik, Joseph Kuzara,  
Maura & Mary Grace Lomonaco,  
Rachelle Martin, Hillard & Michael Michalek

**PLEASE PRAY**

***For the Sick:*** Antonio Garcia Alvarado, Annabella Amato, Victoria Amelio, Pat Apida, Jenny Banak, Lawrence Basili, Al Bischof, Jr., Anthony Bongiorno, Julie Bronski, Helen Bruchalski, Silvana Cecchini, Franca Chiappetta, Jim Conlon Jr., Susan Curtin, Lorraine Czerwinski, Romeo Dawis, Armenio De Filippis, Diane Divello, Mary Ellen DiVito, Marge Dyson, Danny Eder, Mary Egan, Don Feist, Van Gaetto, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Patricia Gelfond, Ava Geole, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Jeff Hlavacek, John Imburgia, Tim Heider, Florence Jassak, Karen Pavlis Karasawa, John Keating, Barbara Keiner, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Jennifer Lo Forte, Rosario Lo Forte, Ted Manczko, Rose Mary Maratto, Helen Masley, Phyllis McGarrh, Camille Miller, Eugene Michael Miller, Kathleen Minneci, Rich Moellering, Jr., Russ Moskal, Michael J. Muscarello, Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, Gregory Pizza, Leri Rigodon, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Lillian Rom, Stephen Rom, Stella Rombotis, Daniel Luciano Ruiz, Frances Salvato, Theresa Samborski, Patricia Schippers, Bernadett Sedlacek, Audris Spencer, Daniel Starzec, Emily Steckiewicz, Kevin Stenson, Edward Swieicki, and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

***Newly added to our sick list:***

***For the Deceased:*** Annalisa C. Paliferro

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WANT TO ADD A NAME TO THE SICK LIST.**

## St. Eugene Parish Religious Education Program

St. Eugene Parish offers religious education classes to the children of our parish attending public schools. Our Religious Education classes aim to communicate an ever-increasing personal knowledge of Christ through the experience of various prayer forms in the Catholic tradition as well as Eucharistic Adoration. Our program strives to also provide a solid education in the various components of the doctrine of the Catholic faith.



In-person classes will be offered on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 pm for students in grades 1-4, and on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 for students in grades 5-7. Classes begin Monday, October 5th.

### New Students/Registration

If you are registering for the first time, you must register at the school office. Please have ready a copy of your child's baptismal certificate when registering. Proof of attendance at another religious education program is also required for students who will be entering after year 1.

### Returning Students Registration

An email has gone out to all families whose child(ren) attended last year with the Google registration form; tuition can be paid the first day of class. Returning families do not need to come into the school office to register, unless they have another child (year 1) that would be new to the program.

### Tuition & Instructional Fee

Payments are due in full at time of registration and are non-refundable.  
Sacramental Fees are billed separately.

### PARISHIONER

- ONE STUDENT \$275.00
- TWO STUDENTS \$375.00
- THREE STUDENTS \$425.00

### NON-PARISHIONER

- EACH STUDENT \$375.00

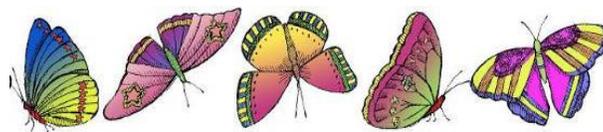
### Catechists/Volunteers

Have you felt God calling you to become a catechist in our parish's Religious Education Program? If you are a person who is rooted in our Catholic faith and traditions, enjoys teaching and sharing the splendor of the Catholic faith with children, and are able to commit to one year of teaching, then we would like to talk to you about becoming a catechist. Please call Margaret Kinel, the Religious Education Director, at (773) 763-2235 with any questions.

### Offertory Collection

<u>Weekend of September 12/13</u>		<u>September 2020 Running Total</u>	
<b>Physical Contributions:</b>	\$ 8,974.50	<b>Cash received in envelopes:</b>	\$ 17,175.00
5:30 Mass:	\$1,495.00	<b>Electronic giving:</b>	\$ 4,350.00
9:30 Mass:	\$2,144.50	<b>Total:</b>	\$ 21,525.00
Mailed In:	\$5,335.00	<b>Budgeted amount:</b>	\$ 26,800.00
<b>Electronic giving:</b>	\$ 1,487.00	<b>Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 5,275.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,461.50</b>	<u>Fiscal Year-To-Date Running Total</u>	
<b>Operating budget requirement:</b>	\$13,400.00	<b>Cash received in envelopes:</b>	\$ 93,729.50
In order to meet our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year, we need to receive \$13,400 a week in our offertory collections.		<b>Electronic giving:</b>	\$ 21,097.00
<b>Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 2,938.50</b>	<b>Total:</b>	\$114,826.50
		<b>Budgeted amount:</b>	\$147,400.00
		<b>Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 32,573.50</b>

As you can see, your continued support during this very challenging and unprecedented time is both critical and essential to maintain and operate all we do here at St. Eugene Parish. Please consider dropping off or mailing your contribution to the rectory, or sign up for electronic giving at Give Central (more information can be found in this week's bulletin). **We are extremely grateful for those of you already generously doing your part to support your Church, and truly we could not be here without you.**



### SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968)

#### September 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually “bilocate” in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or “read hearts” before penitents spoke? What of the stigmata, Christ’s wounds imprinted on Padre Pio’s hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of “trials accepted with love,” referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio’s faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio’s offering his sufferings in union with Jesus’ passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio’s prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today’s holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint’s most frequent advice: “Pray, hope, and don’t worry!”

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## [St. Eugene Parish Give Central Sign Up Instructions](#)

The following is a list of step-by-step instructions to sign up for Give Central to support St. Eugene Parish. If you have any questions or need some help, feel free to call Business Manager Anthony Woldeit at the rectory 773-775-6659 or email at [awoldeit@st-eugene.org](mailto:awoldeit@st-eugene.org).

1. Go to our website [www.st-eugene.org](http://www.st-eugene.org) and click on the Give Central picture located in the middle of the welcome page. Clicking this link will take you directly to St. Eugene's Give Central page.



2. You will be brought to the page titled "Ways to Support St. Eugene Parish". Select one of the featured collections including Sunday, Social Concerns, and others. If you do not see the collection you want, click "View More" and make your selection(s)

[Ways to Support St Eugene Parish](#)



[View More](#)

3. After selecting a collection, enter the amount you wish to contribute, the first payment date, the frequency, and whether you would like to have ongoing giving or select an end date. Then select "Add to my Gift Basket".

[Add to my Gift Basket](#)

4. You can then decide to "Add More" collections and follow steps 2 and 3 above or select "Checkout".

[Checkout](#)

5. You will be brought to a screen to review the selections you have made in your gift basket, and if all looks good, you are ready to "Continue"

[Continue](#)

6. We encourage you to sign up by selecting "Complete Profile". You will be brought to a screen to enter your personal information including address, phone number, email addresses, and your preferred payment method.

[Complete Profile](#)

7. After filling in the pertinent information, be sure to check the box  [I accept the user policy](#) and select "Register and Confirm Gift"

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## Parish Ministries & Opportunities

The information on this page is intended to assist those in our parish in knowing the variety of ministries and activities at St. Eugene. The names and phone numbers of the heads of each ministry are here for your information.

### Education Commission

Alumni Association	Suzy McGovern	773/631-9313
Baptismal Preparation		773/775-6659
RCIA	Angie Cisek	708/456-1375
Religious Education	Margaret Kinel	773/763-2237
School Board		

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Cathy Taylor	773/763-2235
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### Parish Life Commission

Altar & Rosary Society	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Athletic Board	Patty Samborski	773/763-2235
Church Support Tabulators	Don Feist	773/774-1511
Girl Scouts	Robyn Rog	773/919-6019
Finance Council	Anthony Woldeit	773/775-6659
Italian Catholic Federation	Anna Rubino	708/878-9562
Knights of Columbus		
Parish Pastoral Council	Sal Sparacino	630/768-8375
Simbang Gabi		
St. Joseph Table	Sal Sparacino	630/768-8375
Young at Hearts Club	Roberta Gols	773/774-0471

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Stephanie Romeo	773/484-6057
James Schmitt	847/287-2446
Steve Tomzik	708/453-0690



### Human Concerns Commission

Alcoholics Anonymous	Tom G.	773/456-5326
Annulment Support	Fr. Rich	773/775-6659
Ministry of Care	Joanna Bischof	773/775-6659
Respect Life Committee	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Social Concerns Ministry	Chris Jassak	773/775-6659
	Joe Kilian	773/631-0054

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Mike Czubek	312/388-2686
Rita Kopf	773/625-1928
Betty Urbaszewski/Gebhardt	708/457-0787

### Spiritual Life Commission

Altar Servers		
Bereavement	Parish Office	773/775-6659
Eucharistic Adoration	Joanne/Joe Portenlanger	773/594-9397
Eucharistic Ministers	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Greeters	Michael/Bridget Brennan	773/763-6952
Lectors	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Liturgical Decorating	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Liturgy Committee	Angie Cisek	708/456-1375
Music Ministry:		
Choir	Lydia Hilado	773/793-8460
Children's Choir	Lydia Hilado	773/793-8460
Ministry of Prayer	Terri Swiderski	708/867-9097
Sacristans	Lois Feist	773/774-1511
Ushers	Joe Portenlanger	773/594-9397

#### Parish Pastoral Council Liasons

Sal Sparacino	708/457-1583
Mary Unger	708/456-4849

We ask all of our parishioners, if you have a loved one serving in the military, to please contact the rectory office to give us the name of the soldier, so the whole parish can pray for your loved one.

A book in the church vestibule is available for inscribing the names of all military personnel. This book will be part of the offertory procession from now until the war is over.

#### **A PRAYER**

**LORD, HOLD OUR TROOPS IN YOUR LOVING HANDS.  
PROTECT THEM AS THEY PROTECT US.**

**BLESS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**FOR THE SELFLESS ACTS THEY PERFORM**

**FOR US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.**

**WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF**

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**We pray for our loved ones**

**who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.**



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**If you would like to add a name to the list, please call the rectory.  
Also, please call the rectory when your loved one returns home.**

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission as Catholics united in faith at St. Eugene Parish is to help bring God to people and people to God. Through evangelization, education and being of service to each other, we strive to make our parish community a holistic community in body, mind and spirit. It is our goal to develop, support, encourage and empower one another in our parish ministries, so that each person can reach their human and Christian potential. We are enthused about the future of St. Eugene and the whole Catholic Church and we pledge our participation in that future. We seek dialogue and open communication with all parishioners in fulfilling the needs of our parish. While recognizing the cultural diversities in our community, we will strive to bring all people together in Christ under a common bond of faith, hope and love.

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