

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

DECEMBER 3, 2017 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 | |
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| 5:00 PM | Rose Capra (decd) <i>req. by Charles Capra</i> |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 | |
| 8:00 AM | Vincent Minieri (decd) <i>req. by Justin Minieri</i> |
| 10:00 AM | Jack Davis & Trudy Hunt (decd) <i>req. by Clare Davis</i> |
| 12:00 PM | Ann Bizinkiewicz (decd) <i>req. by John & Vilma Duffy</i> |
| 6:00 PM | Antoinette Manzo Fontana (decd) <i>req. by Dora & Family</i> |
| MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 | |
| 6:45 AM | In Thanksgiving <i>req. by Rita DiPaolo & Rosilane Cavalcanti</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Jean Como (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw</i> |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 | |
| 6:45 AM | Eddie Lawless (decd) <i>req. by Father Fernan</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Richard Zuccaro (decd) <i>req. by Yvette Lawrie</i> |
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 | |
| 6:45 AM | Michael & Anne McCabe (decd) <i>req. by Mary McCabe</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Gloria Molina & Shirley Martinez (decd) <i>req. by The Caliboso Family</i> |
| THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 | |
| 6:45 AM | Cecilia Perreira (decd) <i>req. by Denise Flanagan</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Richard Zuccaro (decd) <i>req. by Francine Stone</i> |
| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 | |
| 6:45 AM | In Honor of The Immaculate Conception <i>req. by Rose Camille</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Janet & George O'Brien (decd) <i>req. by their sister, Jean Delaney</i> |
| 12:00 PM | Jean Como (decd) <i>req. by Father Fernan</i> |
| 7:30 PM | Franco DiGiacomo (decd) <i>req. by his sister, brother & the DiGiacomo Family</i> |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 | |
| 9:00 AM | Alberto & Rosa DeVivo and Luigi & Gianna Dolgetta (decd) <i>req. by Silvia Dolgetta</i> |

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7 Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down!

Psalm 80 "Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved."

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 We wait for the revelation of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 13:33-37 Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.

We hear a lot about waiting today. With the Chosen People in exile, Isaiah humbly prays for God's saving presence. Feeling abandoned, the psalmist sings, "Let us see Your face and we shall be saved." Saint Paul assures the Christians in Corinth that they have what they need from God as they wait for Christ's coming in glory. Finally, in Mark's Gospel, Jesus advises his disciples to be on the watch, like servants waiting for their master to return.

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 MARIA TERRASI

REQ. BY THE PETRIELLA FAMILY

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF ANTONETTE DI LELLO

REQ. BY JOANNE FUSCO



SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

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| 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:

| November 19 | 2017 | 2016 |
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| Weekly Collection..... | \$ 9592 | \$10190 |
| Campaign for Charity & Justice | \$1134 | \$1684 |

| November 26 | 2017 | 2016 |
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| Weekly Collection..... | \$9527 | \$8682 |
| Monthly Collection..... | \$1660 | \$1521 |
| Thanksgiving Collection..... | \$1594 | \$1032 |

"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."

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is 6:45AM, 9AM, 12 Noon and 7:30PM.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel will be closed Friday, December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF SAINT EUGENE PARISH

With winter upon us, 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.)

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."

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.

SAINT EUGENE SCOUTS

Our Boys Scouts will be selling beautifully decorated Christmas Wreaths on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd before and after masses, or by emailing troop25yonkers@gmail.com. The cost is \$20.00. Please support our troop.

LEGION OF MARY

The legion will have their annual giving tree in the church beginning this weekend. Please take an ornament off of the tree and assist them as they bring joy to those in need. The gifts will be distributed to various organizations that are in need.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

We will conduct our Christmas Toy Drive again this year. Please remember those who are less fortunate than us. The Toy Box will be in the back of the church on the left, near the candles beginning this weekend.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Sunday, December 17th we will have our annual Christmas Caroling and Pageant. We are looking for children to be angels and shepherds in our living crèche. If your child is interested please fill out the pageant forms which are located at the table in the front of the church and at the entrances.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary at the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

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, 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, Paul Henshaw 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.

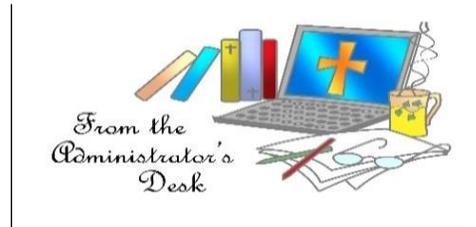
PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Jannelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur, David Daliso, Logan Wilson, Matthew Fishwick, Kevin Jones 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.

CHURCH RECTORY CLOSED

The Church Rectory will be closed in observance of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 8th.

Dear Parishioners:



- **Advent:** This Sunday, December 3rd is the First Sunday of Advent. With the beginning of the season of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming.” Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God’s incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus Matthew 2:1, His baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist John 1:29, and His first miracle at Cana John 2:1. During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas. By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the “coming” they had in mind was not Christ’s first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but His second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ’s first coming at Christmas. Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.) Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these “last days” Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2, as God’s people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate His eternal kingdom. The Church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the Church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ’s coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when He returns for His people. In this light, the Advent hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” perfectly represents the Church’s cry during the Advent season: O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ’s first coming, the church now sings the song in commemoration of that first coming and in expectation of the second coming in the future. – *Catholic online*
- **Thank you:** On behalf of all of the recipients of the turkeys, hams and non-perishable goods that were donated for the Thanksgiving Food Drive we say Thank you. It is with your generosity that many celebrated this Thanksgiving with a warm meal.
- **Feast of Saint Nicholas:** Wednesday, December 6th is the Feast of Saint Nicholas. *God of joy and cheer, we thank You for your servant, the good bishop Nicholas. In loving the poor, he showed kindness; in caring for your children, he revealed your love. Make us thoughtful without need of reward so that we too, may be good followers of Jesus.*
- **Immaculate Conception:** The Church Office will be closed on Friday, December 8th in observance of the Holyday. Please see the bulletin for Mass schedule. The office will reopen on Monday, December 11th at 9:30 am.
- **Christmas Toy Drive:** We will again this year conduct our Christmas Toy Drive. Please remember those who are less fortunate than us. The Toy Box will be in the back of the church on the left near the statue of Saint Jude beginning this weekend, the first Sunday of Advent.
- **Saint Eugene Legion of Mary:** The legion will have their annual giving tree in the church starting today. Please take an ornament off of the tree and assist them as they bring joy to those in need. The gifts will be distributed to various organizations that are in need. All the gifts need to be back under the tree by December 17th.
- **Saint Eugene Boy Scout Troop 25:** Our Boys Scouts will be selling beautifully decorated Christmas Wreaths before and after the masses this weekend, or by emailing troop25yonkers@gmail.com. The cost is \$20.00. Please support our troop.
- **Christmas Pageant:** On Sunday, December 17th we will have our annual Christmas Caroling and Pageant. We are looking for children to be angels and shepherds in our living crèche. If your child is interested please come to the church on Sunday, December at 17th at 3:00 PM for a quick rehearsal and costumes.



May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Administrator

Prayer for the Advent Wreath O God, by whose word all things are sanctified pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, and may receive from You abundant graces, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Beloved of God,

First Sunday of Advent

“On the first of each month you shall offer as a holocaust to the LORD two bullocks, one ram, and seven unblemished yearling lambs, with three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as the cereal offering for each bullock, two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as the cereal offering for the ram, and one tenth of an

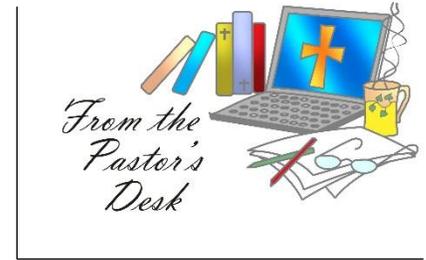
ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as the cereal offering for each lamb, that the holocaust may be a sweet-smelling oblation to the LORD. Their libations shall be half a hin of wine for each bullock, a third of a hin for the ram, and a fourth of a hin for each lamb. This is the new moon holocaust for every new moon of the year. Moreover, one goat shall be sacrificed as a sin offering to the LORD. These are to be offered in addition to the established holocaust and its libation.” (Numbers 28:11-15)

In all the Scriptures, Old or New Testament, there is only one verse that contains the words “new” and “year.” It is within the Book of Numbers, chapter 28, verse 14. Chapter 28 reveals a conversation between God and Moses where God is telling Moses how the people are to dedicate various days and weeks during the year to worship the Almighty who has freed them from slavery. The Oblations (you may recognize this word from our own recent translation of the Roman Missal. It means “the offering of a gift or sacrifice to a deity and the offering of bread and wine to God during the Christian service of Communion.”) are to be offered each Morning and Evening, on the Sabbath, at the New Moon, at Passover and at Pentecost. The Day is supposed to begin and end in showing reverence to God. The year is supposed to begin the same way with various days during the year (Passover and Pentecost) also being dedicated to the Almighty. The Jewish people did this by taking the very best fruits of their crops, labor or herds and sacrificing them to God. Giving the best of what you have, not leftovers or from your surplus, is what should be offered to God... your greatest gift... *“(Jesus said) for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.”* (Luke 21:4)

This Advent Season is a new beginning offered to us each year by our Holy Mother, the Church. She, by listening to God’s revealed word in the Holy Scriptures and the teaching of Her Bride, Jesus the Christ, continues to echo through Her practices the intentions of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit... that is, having the people of God grow to see the importance of God’s presence pervading their lives.

We too easily and too quickly compartmentalize God, restricting Him to an hour on Sunday, a Morning or Evening offering, Night prayers, or when we want something (how many of us prayed to God to win the lottery and of course we would donate some to the church). Some of us even might say, “How much more does God want from me?” May I offer a comparison... How many hours do you dedicate to God during the week? – verses – How many hours do you *work*, do you *sleep*, do you *watch television*, do you *drink*, do you *eat*, do you *talk* with others, do you *read* the papers or books, how many hours are you on the *internet*?

As we enter this most holy Season of Advent, where we are first preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in all His glory and then recalling Our Lord’s First Coming as the Infant Who was born to die for us, let us make an effort to truly make God a greater part of our day and hopefully, the most important part of our lives on a daily basis.



God love you... Father Fernan