

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 10, 2021 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

**5:00 PM** Brendan Moyna (decd)  
*req. by Les, Joan & Jaclyn DeLuca*

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

**8:00 AM** Maria, Alfred & Gabriella Burfeind (decd)  
*req. by Rosemarie & Michael Giusto*

**10:00 AM** Donald Torre (decd)  
*req. by Dolores Torre*

**12:00 PM** Betty O'Conner (decd)  
*req. by Smith Family*

**6:00 PM** Marguerite & Douglas Reeder Sr. (decd)  
*req. by Peter & Elma Reeder*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 11

**6:45 AM** Jose Castaneda (decd)

**9:00 AM** Oliver, Maura & Kevin Montgomery (decd)  
*req. by Mary Anne Montgomery*

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

**6:45 AM** Renz Gumayagay (decd)  
*req. by Cora Gumayagay*

**9:00 AM** Betty Lane, Kathleen McKeon & Michael McKeon (decd)  
*req. by John McKeon*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

**6:45 AM** Rosita Salvilla (decd)  
*req. by Lito Salvilla*

**9:00 AM** Sadie Sorentino (decd)  
*req. by Grimaldi Family*

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

**6:45 AM** Gloria Mogado (decd)  
*req. by Cora Gumayagay*

**9:00 AM** Patrick Reilly (decd)  
*req. by John McKeon*

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

**6:45 AM** Joseph Lionetti (decd)  
*req. by Grimaldi Family*

**9:00 AM** Frances Gerolamo (decd)  
*req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw*

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

**9:00 AM** Nick Sgamatto (decd)  
*req. by Gina Mastrangelo*



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7** Here is my servant.

**Psalm 29** "The Lord will bless His people with peace."

**Acts 10:34-38** God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power.

**Mark 1:7-11** The Spirit of God descends like a dove.

Last week we celebrated Epiphany, when Mary's newborn baby was revealed to the world as a king. Today, we hear God's voice revealing Jesus as the Son of God. Both Isaiah and John the Baptist prepare the world for the Lord's coming by describing who He is. But the Lord did not come just to those who recognize these two Jewish men, so when telling a group of Gentiles about Jesus, Peter tells them that God accepts everyone who believes. May God's word bring us to a deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

## 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 \$10.00 a week is requested.

### TABERNACLE CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR OUR PARISH PRIESTS



### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ST. EUGENE PARISHIONERS

### BREAD AND WINE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

## 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 1	2021	2020
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 1501	\$3679

January 3	2021	2020
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 5057	\$9099

"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."

Dear Parishioners:

The Baptism of Our Lord: Today, January 10<sup>th</sup> the Church



celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us. At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate. In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child. Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him. The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. *'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men'* (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him,

definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ. The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. *'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners'* (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18) *Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of eater and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen - from the USCCB*

*Martin Luther King Jr.* The church office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

*March for Life:* This year's March for Life in Washington DC will be on Friday, January 29, 2021 marking the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our land through the tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision. Immediately following the 9:00 Mass in ***Saint Eugene Church*** on Friday morning we will lay flowers at the memorial for the unborn which is located at the chapel entrance.

*Saint Eugene School News:* On-Line Registration for the 2021-2022 is open for all **new** students in Pre-K 3, and Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. For more information, please visit [www.steugene.education](http://www.steugene.education) and go to the admissions tab and follow the prompts. Please call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.

*May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator*