

Baptism of the Lord

Roman Catholic Church of Saint Eugene
YONKERS, NEW YORK

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 9, 2022 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD



SATURDAY, JANUARY 8	
5:00 PM	Joseph Nunno (decd) <i>req. by Joan DeLuca</i>
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9	
8:00 AM	Maria Mastrangelo (decd) <i>req. by Mario & Mary Ann Mastrangelo</i>
10:00 AM	Mary & Hugh Tully (decd) <i>req. by Clare Davis</i>
12:00 PM	Oliver, Maura & Kevin Montgomery (decd) <i>req. by Mary Anne Montgomery</i>
6:00 PM	Teodora Lisbon (decd) <i>req. by Marisol & Anthony Natiello</i>
MONDAY, JANUARY 10	
6:45 AM	Samsona Getubig (decd) <i>req. by Leticia Getubig</i>
9:00 AM	Special Intention for Frances Salvatore & Laura Giusto <i>req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Giusto</i>
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11	
6:45 AM	Dec'd Priests of the Archdiocese
9:00 AM	Maria & Michael Camilleri (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12	
6:45 AM	Philomina Thomas (decd) <i>req. by Mercy George</i>
9:00 AM	Fr. Con Cronin (decd) <i>req. by Camille Parente</i>
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13	
6:45 AM	Joan Liva (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Sal Galasso (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14	
6:45 AM	Margaret McGoey (decd) <i>req. by Betty Madden</i>
9:00 AM	Patrick Whalen (decd) <i>req. by John Phelan</i>
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15	
9:00 AM	Rosalita Salvilla (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>

All 6:45AM Masses are offered privately in the Office Chapel by the pastor.

THE 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.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 "You are my beloved Son."

In the First Reading we hear Isaiah proclaim that the Chosen One, imbued with God's spirit, will bring justice, establish a covenant, and free those who dwell in darkness. Listening to His words, we marvel at how Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecies, but we also realize how far we still need to go. Let us listen to God's word and consider how Jesus and the Holy Spirit can work through us to bring light, blessing and justice to all.

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

IN MEMORY OF MATHEW GEORGE

REQ. BY GRACE GEORGE

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION

REQ. BY ANNE BARBANO



BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF FRAN LIMA

REQ. BY ST. EUGENE 7TH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

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 26	2021	* 2020	2019
Weekly Collection.....	\$6406	\$6580	\$8057

January 1	2022	2021	2020
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$943	\$1501	\$3679

January 2	2022	* 2021	2020
Weekly Collection.....	\$5372	\$5057	\$9099

*2019/2021 numbers reflect the collections during the pandemic

"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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially, Helen Sheedy, Johnna Civitano, Francine S., Baby Jake Joseph Alongi, Yolanda Davis, Charlotte Paparella, John P. Calvelli, Bergsten Family, Frank Silandro, Jennifer & Louis Ingolia, Laura Torres, Josie, Marc Crisafulli, Jason Grasso, Stephen Scultety, Mary DeMicco, and those recently called home to God, especially Rita Labar, Francine Lima, Joseph Young, Elizabeth Maccio, Robert McCarron, Angelina Cardillo, Jeanette Berman, Carmela Acocella and Anthony Corretti. Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

If you would like to have a loved one added to the list above, please call the rectory secretary (914) 961-2590. Please note we will keep them on the list for one month or call and let us know to add them again.



PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Jannelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur, David Daliso, Logan Wilson, Kevin Jones, Brian Grealy Joe Kelly, Jason Engeldrum and Jimmy Sullivan. 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.



2022 CALENDARS

The 2022 Religious Calendars are in the baskets around the church. Again, we would like to thank Flynn Memorial Funeral Home for providing them for our Parish.

ADORATION

Adoration will be held on Monday's & Saturdays for one hour immediately following the 9am Mass in the church (not chapel), unless a funeral is scheduled.

CONFESSION

If you would like to receive confession, you may do so on Saturdays from 3-4pm in the church or following the Thursday Morning 9:00am Mass, if there aren't any funerals, and by calling the office at 914-961-2590, for an appointment.

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Today is my birthday, Lord
And I offer this day to You.
You breathed life into my soul,
and You chose me to live!
On this journey called life,
You are always there with me.
I feel Your presence in joy and laughter,
during difficult days, even sorrow.

Of all the gifts I've received
I hold the gift of Your Love
closest to my heart.
Of all the friends I've known,
I cherish, above all, Your companionship.
I ask only that You walk with me,
and guide me to follow Your faithful way.
Forgive me when I fail You, Lord,
and help me to forgive others.

Grant me strength in mind, body and spirit.
And when it's time, lead me home
to the everlasting life prepared by You.
Today is my birthday, Lord,
and I thank You for every blessing.
Amen

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF

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We gratefully acknowledge the following parishioners for their donations to the Christmas flowers:

Oscar & Elma Dumo
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CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization that helps to meet the needs of its membership. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, at 1:00pm. Our next meeting will be held on January 20th. For more information, please call 914.423.5331 or email: CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com. New members are welcome.

THANKS, AND APPRECIATION

Beloved of God, many have come forward with a knock upon the door of the church office 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

Dear Parishioners:

The Baptism of Our Lord: Today, January 9th the church celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord and the end of the Christmas Season. In Mark's Gospel the Evangelist describes the dialogue between Jesus who asks to be baptized and John the Baptist who wants to prevent him and observes: *"I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"* This decision by Jesus surprises John the Baptist: in fact the Messiah does not need to be purified; indeed he is the one who purifies. But God is Holy. His ways are not ours and Jesus is God's path, an unpredictable path. Let us remember that God is the God of surprises. John had stated that there was an abyssal, unbridgeable difference between him and Jesus.



I am not worthy to carry his sandals (cf. Mt 3:11), he had said. But the Son of God came precisely to fill this gap between man and God. If Jesus is completely on God's side, he is also completely on the side of mankind and he reunites what was divided. This is why he answers John: *"Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness"* (v. 15). The Messiah asks to be baptized so that all righteousness be fulfilled, that God's design which passes through filial obedience and solidarity with fragile and sinful mankind, be fulfilled. It is the path of humility and of God's complete closeness to his children.

The prophet Isaiah also announces the righteousness of the Servant of God who fulfills his mission in the world with a style that is opposed to the worldly spirit. *"He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard on the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench"* (42:2-3). It is the attitude of meekness, the attitude of simplicity, of respect, of moderation that is still asked today of the Lord's disciples. How many it is sad to say how many of the Lord's disciples boast that they are disciples of the Lord. Those who boast are not good disciples of the Lord. The good disciple is humble, meek, one who does good unobtrusively. In missionary work, the Christian community is called to approach others always offering and not imposing, bearing witness, sharing the concrete life of the people. As soon as Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit alighted on him like a dove, as a voice from heaven said: *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"* (Mt 3:17). We rediscover our own Baptism in the Feast of the Baptism. Just as Jesus is the Beloved Son of the Father, we too, reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, know we are loved children — the Father loves us all! —, the object of God's satisfaction, brothers and sisters of many brothers and sisters, assigned with a great mission to bear witness and proclaim the Father's boundless love to all mankind. This Feast of the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own Baptism. We too were reborn in Baptism. In Baptism the Holy Spirit came down to remain within us. This is why it is important to know the date of our Baptism. We know our date of birth, but we do not always know the date of our Baptism. Certainly, some of you do not know it.... Homework to do: when you return [home] ask: when was I baptized? When was I baptized? And celebrate the date of your Baptism in your heart, every year. Do it. This also does justice to the Lord who was so kind to us. May Mary Most Holy help us to increasingly understand the gift of Baptism and to live it consistently in everyday situations. Portions from the USCCB

Francine Lima: On Monday, December 27th the members of our Saint Eugene Religious Education lost someone from our family. Ms. Fran Lima, our seventh-grade teacher passed away suddenly. Please keep her and the children in her class in your prayers. May the Angels lead thee into Paradise at thy coming, may the martyrs receive thee, and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. May the Choir of Angels receive thee and with Lazarus once poor, may thou have eternal rest. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

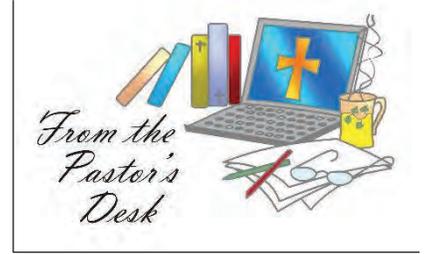
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18th at 9:30 AM.

March for Life: This year's March for Life in Washington DC will be on Friday, January 21, 2022 marking the 49th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our land through the tragic Roe vs Wade decision. Immediately following the 9:00 am 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.

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

**Meditations of The Imitation of Christ (IV)
by Thomas a Kempis**



“Calm that excessive desire for knowledge; it can be the source of much distraction and deceit... There are many things that are of little or no use to know. And it is very unwise to pay attention to certain things that are harmful to one’s salvation. Many words do not satisfy the soul, but a good life gives the mind rest, and a pure conscience gives great confidence in God.” (Chapter 2, paragraph 2B)

A stand-up comedian named Sinbad, that should be respected because he NEVER uses any form of vulgarity in his routines, was addressing why we appear to be more tired now than 50 years ago. Remember when we were growing up and there was one TV that was in the living room. TV was free then. Of course, the only channels were 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, and public broadcasting. But it was free. Remember, as well, what happened at midnight... the National Anthem was played with the announcement that the broadcast day was over and then there was just static. We went to sleep. Now, since there are 900 channels, 24/7, and we are paying for it... the TV stays on and we are exhausted. With all those channels, what is the one phrase we have all uttered in frustration... “All these stations and there is nothing on?” And since we longer have “dumb” phones – the internet, email, news services, instantaneous weather alerts, FB, Twitter, movies, TV and pornography – are at our fingertips, in our back pockets, next to our pillows.

From the quote above, “There are many things that are of little or no use to know.” Has the availability of information enhanced our well-being? Has the immediate accessibility of news helped us to grow as a person? Has our health increased on a whole because of the broad knowledge which is readily available? Has our spirit been elevated? Has our mental health been enhanced? What has all this knowledge done?

Please understand that we must recognize the lightyear of strides made especially in the field of medicine and similar disciplines. However, where is the quiet? In the movie “Bruce Almighty,” Bruce, a mere mortal who constantly complained about and to God was given the powers of the Almighty for a limited period of time, at one point was hearing all the prayers of all the peoples of the world all at the same time. In his attempt to simplify and modernize the process by computers, he made even more of a mess by answering all the prayers “Yes.” Where is the quiet? Do you have any quiet in your day?

Because “*people were coming and going in great numbers, and they (the Apostles) had no opportunity even to eat...*” Jesus “*said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”* (Mark 6:31) Jesus also said, “*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.*” (Matthew 11:28) Finally, “*He (Jesus) got into a boat and His disciples followed Him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but He was asleep.*” (Matthew 8:23-4) Some have misinterpreted Jesus’ being asleep as He not doing anything. His Divine Nature in union with the Father and the Spirit was/is always at work. The true lesson is that our human natures are weak and need rest. Not just rest from the busyness of the day as in the time of Jesus, but rest from all those things that distract us from what is most important... our faith and our families.

Let us listen to the words of Our Divine Lord one more time... “*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.*”

God love you... Father Fernan

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