St. Eugene Parish
Chicago, IL 60656

THE VOICE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph **December 31, 2017**

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SUNDAY MASSES: (5:30 PM Saturday), 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM

WEEKDAYS: 6:30, 9:00 AM (8:30 AM Saturday)

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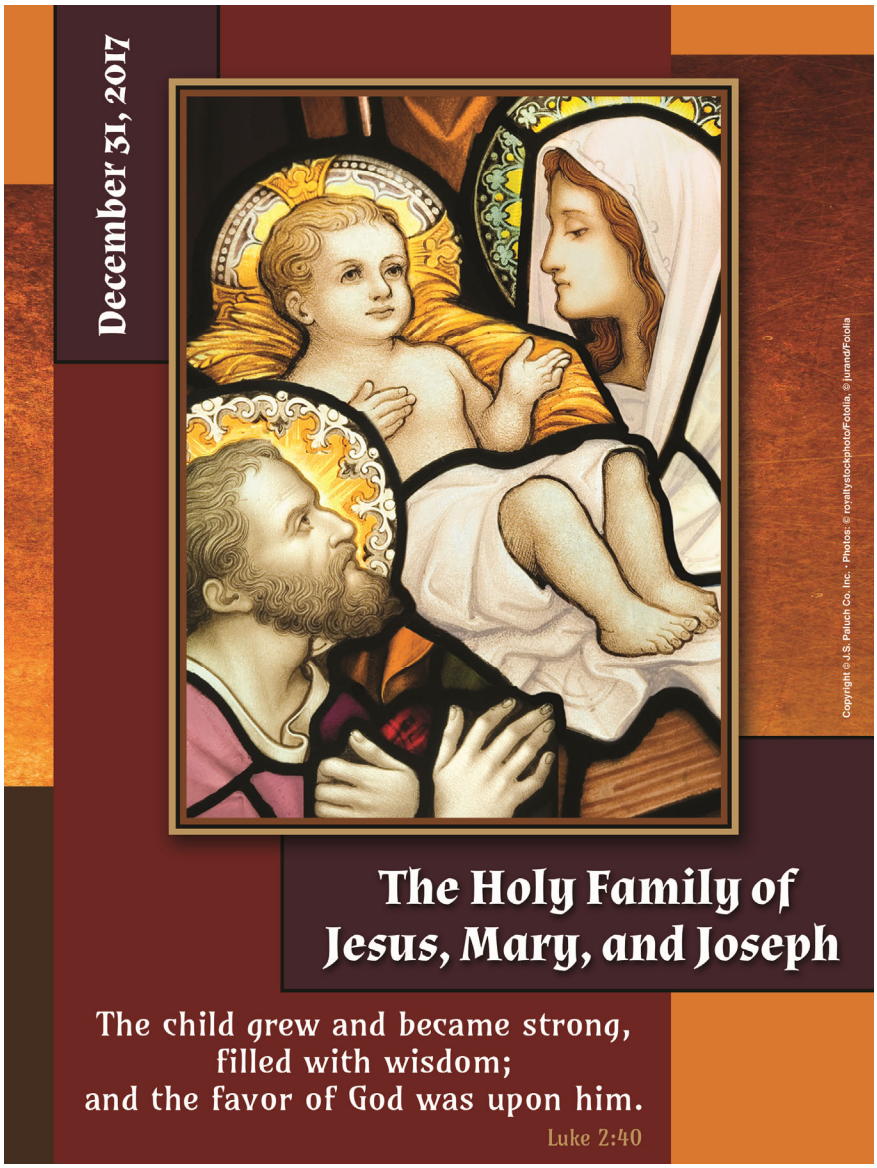
BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1:00 PM. Baptismal Preparation Class the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory. Please telephone the rectory to register.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with one of the Priests. Weddings are celebrated for registered parishioners 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.



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There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

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

Welcome, visitors and guests, to St. Eugene Church and Parish. Please sign our guest register in the rear vestibule and let our ushers know if you need a taxi or need to use a phone.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Mary, The Mother of God



This coming Monday is the first day of 2018. The Church, in her wisdom, has put aside this first day of the year as a day to honor Mary as the Mother of God. Why is Mary so important to our Church? I think the answer to that question is rooted in Mary's total dedication to doing the will of God. Mary is a witness for all of us that God had allowed human beings to share in the plan of redemption. God is the source of all grace, but in the person of Mary (and the Saints of our Church), we see that God has allowed us to partake in the Divine Plan. Mary is important for all of us because she gives us the best image and model of a true follower of Jesus. In Mary, all of humanity gets a glimpse of the astounding spiritual heights that can be achieved when we say yes to God. We honor Mary because she has honored all of humanity by her openness to doing the will of God.

In this New Year, many of us, including myself have made resolutions. We make resolutions because deep down all of us feel that there is room for improvement in our lives. However, a newspaper poll has stated that 85% of all resolutions made are broken in the first month. This is a high percentage. Perhaps we fail because we rely too much on ourselves and are not turning to others for help. Maybe in this New Year, on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we can turn to Our Holy Mother and ask for assistance.

Mary is the greatest intercessor we have in our Church. As we honor Mary, we should ask her to intercede on our behalf before the throne of God. For by her maternal charity, Mary cares for us who still journey on earth and can assist us in times of difficulties. As our New Year begins, perhaps we should resolve to be more open to the guidance of Mary. She will never lead us astray. Mary will guide us to her Son, and in Christ, all our resolutions can be kept and we can find fulfillment.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. George

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THIS WEEKEND

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY
FOOD DRIVE
Today, we will begin loading the truck with our food collection at 11:15 am (15 minutes prior to the 11:30 am Mass).



The **5th SUNDAY ROSARY** service will be conducted today **immediately following the 11:30 am mass.**

Please join us to pray for peace and guidance.

The Feast of the Holy Family is set in the Christmas Season as an encouragement for all families. When Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary 2000 years ago, He was born into the reality of the family. Since then, the Holy Family, formed by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, has been a model that all families should emulate. This weekend the Knights of Columbus are providing a prayer card for the Holy Family. Please pick one up in the vestibule after Mass.

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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HAPPENINGS



Sacrificial Giving

December 24, 2017

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**12,692**
Electronic Giving December 18 to December 24 $ 1,822 from 42 families	**$**	**1,117**
Total	**$**	**13,809**
Sunday Budget 2017-18	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***2,191***
To Teach Who Christ Is	**$**	**1,240**
Sharing Parish	**$**	**110**
Christmas 2017 to date	**$**	**56,682**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH. YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
Visit our giving page by going to our web site (www.st-eugene.org)

SUNDAY	**31**
	NEW YEAR'S EVE
MONDAY	**1**
	NEW YEAR'S DAY
TUESDAY	**2**
7:00 pm	Altar & Rosary Society Meeting: SH.CTR+MR
WEDNESDAY	**3**
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus: SH.MR
THURSDAY	**4**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC:LL
FRIDAY	**5**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
SATURDAY	**6**
10:00 am	AA: SCH:RH
SUNDAY	**7**
9:30 am	Altar & Rosary Society Mass Rosary starts at 9:05 am: CH
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR

FACILITY CODES	
CH	**Church**
CV	**Convent**
REC.LL	**Rectory Lower Level**
SCH.110	**School Room 110**
SCH.RH	**Ryan Hall**
SH.CTR	**Shaunessy Center**
SH.CTR+MR	**Shaunessy Center & Meeting Room**
SH.MR	**Shaunessy Center Meeting Room**

WE WILL NOT HAVE ADORATION
ON NEW YEAR'S DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018



ADORATION of the
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Mondays in church
12:00 NOON - 8:00 pm
with Benediction at 7:45 pm

The whole multitude of the angels are gathered together to see their Queen at the right of the Lord of hosts, in gilded vesture, in her ever-immaculate body.
St. Peter Damian

PLEASE COME — VISIT JESUS

PEOPLE OF THE CROSS UNITED

We are all members of the Body of Christ.
If one member suffers, all members suffer.
(1 COR: 12:26)

Please pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer persecution in many countries throughout the world because of their Christian faith.



THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
ON
NEW YEAR'S DAY
& WILL RE-OPEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 AT 9:00 AM

Prayer with Scripture

We invite you to an encounter of prayer where you can stop from the hurry of the moment and listen to God through God's Word, in silence, meditation, adoration and contemplation. In this short but intense time, we listen to a talk that introduces us into the understanding of the Word of God, which later, we reflect on and meditate in an attitude of faith, discovering what God is trying to reveal to us. The prayer is accompanied by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with songs to help the faithful enter more into prayer.

Every Tuesday in Spanish - 7:00 pm
Every Wednesday in English - 7:00 pm
Every Thursday in Polish - 7:30 pm

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ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
Tuesday, January 2 - 7:00 pm
Shaunessy Center



The Chairperson this month is Marge Dyson and the theme is: Snow Much Fun. Our Mission Collection will be for the St. Joseph Table.

Tickets will go on sale for the Spring Luncheon to be held on April 21.

MARCH for LIFE CHICAGO

Marching in peace through the streets of Chicago, this is an annual public event composed of people from diverse ethnic, social and religious backgrounds, dedicated to defending and protecting all human life. TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE AT EVERY STAGE! Join thousands at the March to be held on **Sunday, January 14th, from 2 to 4 PM**. The event kicks off from FEDERAL PLAZA, 50 W. Adams, and marches through downtown Chicago, returning to FEDERAL PLAZA. Please see www.marchforlife-chicago.org for details, march route, and list of distinguished speakers.

The KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS will sponsor a **FREE bus** service to the event, and invite all parishioners, families, friends and neighbors to join us for this important day. In order to coordinate the bus capacity, interested participants are asked to please call the rectory (773)775-6659 by January 8th, to register and reserve your seat.

Approximate Schedule:

12:45 pm	Leave from Shaunessy Center parking lot, St. Eugene Parish
1:45 pm	Drop off at Federal Plaza
2:00 pm	Speakers / Kick-off
	March through downtown Chicago
4:00 pm	Pick up at Federal Plaza
5:00 pm	Arrival at St. Eugene Parish

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NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary
(Note: Not A Holy Day of Obligation This Year)
No Mass of Anticipation

New Year's Day Masses (Monday)
6:30, 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

If you are in need of assistance,
call the rectory.
A member of the **SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**
(formerly St. Vincent de Paul)
will get back to you.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Would you like to be a Eucharistic Minister at the week-end Masses at St. Eugene? You must be a parishioner of the parish and have made your confirmation. There would be one class for you to attend before being mandated. If you are interested, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number. Someone from the rectory will return your call.

MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

There will be a new Ministry of Care Training program which will take place at Presence St. Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 6930 W. Touhy, Niles, beginning Monday, January 22, 2018, and for four more consecutive Mondays, January 29; February 5, February 12, and February 19, 2018 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Please call the rectory at: 773/775-6659, if you are interested in becoming a Minister of Care. Thank you.



POPE FRANCIS TWEET FOR THE WEEK

Stop and look at the nativity scene: let us enter the true spirit with the shepherds, bringing Baby Jesus all that we are.

Parishioner Contact Update

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 # _____



PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Linda Adamczyk, Annabella Amato, Pat Apida, Robert Apida, Jon Arnswald, Anthony Bongiorno, Thomas Bongiorno, Mary Brasse, Julie Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Franco Cecchini, Franca Chiapetta, Agnes Collins, Jim Conlon, Mirna Cozzo, Joan De Stefano, Dominick Di Re, Marge Dyson, Vicki Fealey, Don Feist, Virginia Florkiewicz, Janis Gale, Bob Gasiorek, Carol Gasiorek, Robert W. Gelfond, Carmella Giannelli, Frances Gofron, Rev. Philip Grib, S.J., June Grovak, Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Kelly Halloran, Michelle & Shaun Hamilton, James G. Hanson, Thomas C. Hanson, Tim Heider, Barbara Hinze, Patricia Jackson, Eileen Jacques, John Keating, Cindy Koeune, Katherine Koeune, Bill Kohut, Bob Kolk, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Rose Mary Maratto, Rosemary Marinello, Michael P. McAuley, Phyllis Mc Garrh, Michael C. Muscarello, Virginia Muscarello, Leo Navickis, Laurie Neumann, Fern Niewinski, Norma Quilici, Gerry Randazzo, Charlotte Rice, Joe Riotto, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Stella Rombotis, John Ruberti, Teresa Ruberti, Ann Rubino, Frances Salvato, Leo Samborski, Patty Samborski, Theresa Samborski, Jerry Schippers, Joanne Schippers, Pat Schippers, Patrick Schippers, Vickie Sealey, Bernadett Sedlacek, Emily Steckiewicz, Maxine Stefanowski, Gina Vassalo, Beverly Wijas, Brittany Wilson, Sally Zumer and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list: Edward Dobosz

For the Deceased: Franco Chiapetta, Marilyn Kossak

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME LISTED.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY



New Sacristan Needed

Altar & Rosary is looking for a sacristan that would be able to clean and fill the holy water fonts on Fridays, after the 9:00 am mass or on Saturday, after the 8:30 am mass. We will train the person and would like to have the new sacristan in place to start the beginning of the year. If interested, please call Lois at: 773/774-1511.



CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205

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The winning entries in the Knights of Columbus "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" poster contest at St. Eugene School will be on display in the rear vestibule of the church throughout the Christmas season.

SAVE THE DATE!
ALUMNI WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 23, 24, & 25, 2018



+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, December 30 - Vigil:
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
5:30 Dec'd Mbrs. Conlon & Husfield Fams.

Sunday, December 31 -
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Norman Johns
11:30 Aurora & Patrizia Barone, Janina & Wieslaw Borawski, Ron Brown, Pasquale & Catorina Busa, Stanislaw & Franciszka Chabura, Agnieszka Chabura, Cristina & Giovonni Greco, Julie & Harry Harast, Eugene Kosla, Joseph Kuzara, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Vernon Lipps & Fam., Hilary Naborowski, Paddy & Kathleen Rocks, Joseph & Anna Wilk, Viktoria Wilk
4:30 Geri Francesconi

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 9:00 am
Saturday: 8:30 am

Monday, January 1 -
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:00 Henriette Rocks.
9:00 John Kula
11:30 Edward & Victoria Wnek

Tuesday, January 2 -
SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
6:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Barbara Bronski

Wednesday, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus
6:30 Patricia Zmijewski
9:00 Wieslaw Borawski, LaPietra Fam. & Fri.

Thursday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Myron Masley

Friday, January 5 - St. John Neumann
6:30 Janina Borawski
9:00 Helen & Walter Wojtas

Saturday, January 6 - St. Andre' Besseette
8:30 Gerard Fam.

Saturday, January 6 - Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 Francesco Esposito

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 Rachelle Turano-Wojcik
9:30 Living & Dec'd Mbrs. Manczko & Bova Fams.
11:30 Amalia & Jenar Barone, Aurora & Patrizia Barone, Alberto & Angelina Barone, Mario Bartucci, Leonard Cataldo, Margaret Chlopek, Dominic Colloto, Vincenzo Di Iorio, Hinze & Moriarty Fams., LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Int. of Matthew Malone, Vincenzo & Adele Pizzuto, Rosa Russo, Int. of Josefina Santiago & Fam., Marianna Scavelli
4:30 People of the Parish



+MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

***Lector **Eucharistic Minister ***Server**

Saturday, January 6 - 8:30 am
*** **Team 1**

Saturday, January 6 - 5:30 pm
* J. Sclafani
** D. Divello, C. Edwards, J. Horn, M. Kenny, S. Sclafani
*** **Team 8**
Mon., 1/8 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 7 - 7:00 am
* M. Egan
** G. Bermas, T. Curtain. D. Feist, L. Feist, R. Perez
*** **Team 10**
Tue., 1/9 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 7 - 9:30 am
* A & R Lector
** A & R Eucharistic Ministers
*** **Team 6**
Wed., 1/10 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 7 - 11:30 am
* P. Conlon
** M. Cozzo, E. Dillon, M. Holder, J. Kusinski, A, LoForte
*** **Team 7**
Thu., 1/11 - 9:00 am

Sunday, January 7 - 4:30 pm
* R. Kopf
** B. Czubek, T. Gunia, M. Meo, C. Paulini, Y. Sarmiento
*** **Team 9**
Fri., 1/12 - 9:00 am

PLEASE NOTE:
The designated multi-intentional Mass times will be the 9:00 morning Mass on Wednesday, and the 11:30 morning Mass on Sunday. Multi-intentional Masses will have no more than 30 names.

A REMINDER
To make sure a Mass Intention is included in the bulletin, it must be made **2 weeks** in advance. To make sure a Mass Intention is read at Mass, it must be made at least **1 week** in advance of the date requested.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A PARISHIONER OF ST. EUGENE PARISH, WE WELCOME YOU TO PLEASE STOP BY THE RECTORY OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.
M-F 9 am - 8 pm, SAT – SUN 9 am - 1 pm

FRIENDLY VISTORS NEEDED

Be a friend to a lonely senior.

The Seniors Assistance Center is looking for outgoing, caring and compassionate volunteers to visit with a senior citizen in the communities of Norridge, Harwood Heights and unincorporated Norwood Park Township.

This service provides companionship to the older adults in our community who are lonely, isolated, homebound, or in need of assistance to leave their homes. One of the most important aspects of the program is the real friendship that can develop between a senior and a friendly visitor.

Some simple and fun things to do when visiting with your senior - having coffee/tea and conversation; reading aloud; playing a favorite game; sharing memories; doing crafts together; planning occasional outings such as short walks or shopping when possible.

For further information about how you can become a friend to a senior, call Anne or Carole at: 708/456-7979.

MINISTRY OF CARE TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care bring the Eucharist to those who are sick, homebound, or elderly. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact the rectory by calling: 773-775-6659.



Another New Year's Day, Lord

A day for new beginnings, big plans, noble dreams. But what's the use? A year from now, I'll be starting all over. And I'll be forced to face my failure to keep the resolutions I make today. Why does my performance so often fall short of my hopes, Lord? Why do I think so big and act so small?

As I face the fearsome task of another year, Lord, teach me not to give up. Remind me that you don't give up on me, that you made me and have given me the freedom to succeed or to fail. And you love me no matter what the outcome.

On January 1st Lord, when you whisper "try to make this year a work of art", give me the courage to pick up the pen of service, the paper of faith, and with a hand of sacrifice and love, trust you to write the story I am incapable of.

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Favorite Daughter of God

"Redeemed in an especially sublime manner by reason of the merits of her Son… Mary is endowed with the supreme office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God. As a result, she is also the favorite daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit." Vatican Council II

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL IS STILL COLLECTING *BOX TOPS*

Mother of God, Mother of Mercy

Mary then is the one who has the deepest knowledge of the mystery of God's mercy. She knows its price, she knows how great it is.

In this sense we call her the Mother of Mercy, Our Lady of Mercy or Mother of Divine Mercy.

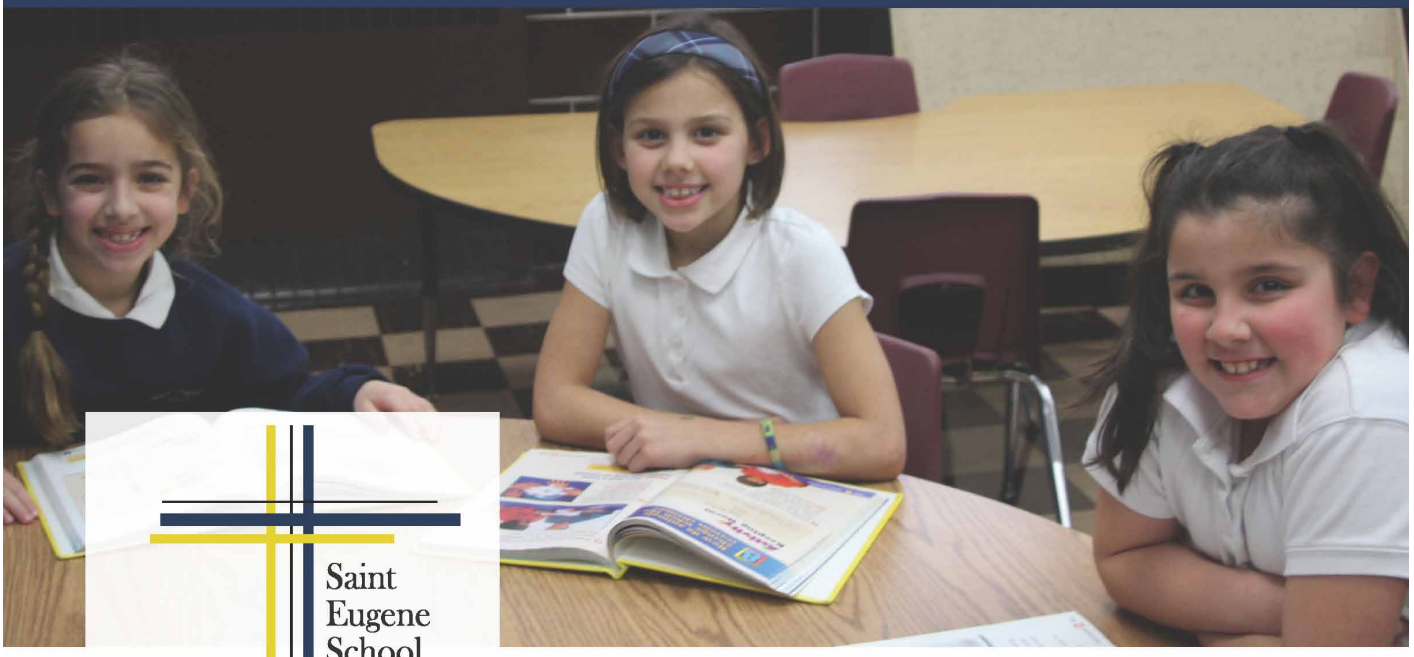
Pope John Paul II

Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

Begin again

So often we ask God for a fresh start,
to start afresh the tasks He has assigned us.
And faithfully,
lovingly He gives us each new morning
throughout the year,
an unsullied page on which to write.
May we be ever thankful for this daily gift of
new-ness, treasuring the opportunity to begin again,
fresh in His grace and love.

You're Invited to Visit Us!



Saint Eugene School

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Learn how we can help your child grow academically and spiritually

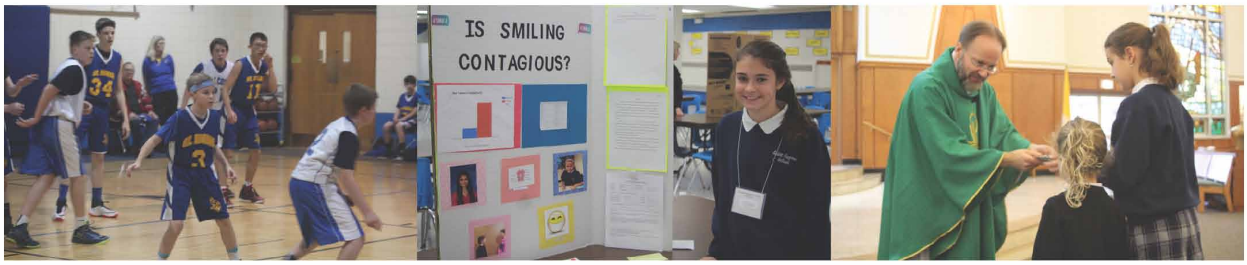
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Open Houses

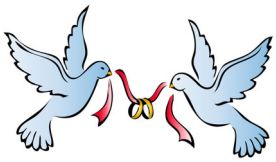
Sunday, January 28, 2018
10:30 AM -1:00 PM

Thursday, February 1 - 8:00-9:00 AM -
Kindergarten Open House/Curriculum Share

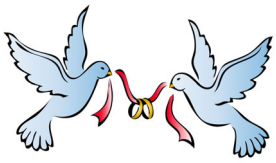
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WEDDINGS 2017



Martha (Mikol) & James W. Holder - January 12, 2017

Dawn (Belpedio) & Brian O'Connor - April 29, 2017

Domenica (Giancola) & John Mijal - June 10, 2017

Bridget (McIntyre) & Daniel Polhill - June 10, 2017

Cassandra (Kowalski) & Brent Mordan - June 17, 2017

Dana (Dressner) & Ryan Soderblom - August 4, 2017

Danielle (Kleehammer) & Eric Hjelm - September 9, 2017

Kelly (Delaney) & Daniel Jenrich - September 15, 2017

Nancy Marie (Guida) & Vincent Aiello - September 16, 2017

Malgorzata (Cesarz) & Michael Tinerella - September 30, 2017

Borana (Dushallari) & Jeffrey R. Seiner - October 7, 2017

Jennifer M. (Mangano) & Philip M. Santomauro - Nov. 3, 2017

Sarah (Cordon) & Michael Timmers - November 11, 2017

Samantha (Wietecha) & Salvatore Alaimo - November 18, 2017

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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BLESSING OUR OUTDOOR MANGER - DECEMBER 22, 2017

















ST. EUGENE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW - DECEMBER 15, 2017

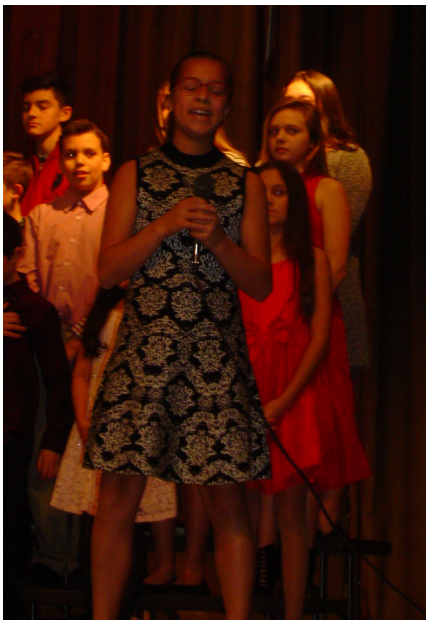














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2017/18 Knights of Columbus Youth Free-Throw Championship

Local Competition

St. Eugene Parish Shaunessy Center

Saturday, January 13, 2018 1:00 - 3:00 pm

All boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, are invited to participate in this local competition. Winners will progress through local, district, and state competitions.

All boys and girls 9-14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

Entry forms must be submitted prior to January 13, 2018.

For entry forms or additional information, please contact:

Patty Samborski, St. Eugene Athletic Director

773-763-2235 ext. 227 psamborski@st-eugene.org

They are back!!!

Special Guests again this year will be the internationally renowned Jesse White Tumblers!



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
Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

We pray for our loved ones

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



MAJOR ADAMCZYK
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DONALD BELLISARIO
TIMOTHY EMMETT CAROLAN
ZBIGNIEW DUDKOWSKI
MATTHEW SCOTT FORREST
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VINCENT PAGE
CHAD PRITCHARD
NICHOLAS RANCH
HOLLY SCHIPPERS
MICHAEL SCHIPPERS, JR.

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.