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THE VOICE

Second Sunday of Advent **December 9, 2018**

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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)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays from 4:00—5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room.

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.





God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.
-- Baruch 5:7

Parish Staff

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Please TURN OFF any electronic devices before entering the church for Mass or any other Liturgical service.
Please do NOT park in front of church to ensure emergency vehicle access.
There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the rear of the church and the Shaunessy Center parking lot.

From the Pastor's Desk…



On this Second Sunday of Advent the Gospel of Luke begins with a sequence of royal, religious and political personages. It then leads from the centers of power (palace, fortress and Temple), from which one might expect an announcement of the Messiah's advent, to a wilderness place where a strange hermit (John) proclaims a centuries-old prophecy as if it were about himself and his own time. The fact that the "word of God" comes to the animal -skin-clad loner in the "desert" rather than to one of the powerful is consistent with the reversals typical of the Gospel.

John announces the dawn of a new world order - the coming of an invisible kingdom that will permeate and balance the world of human affairs, changing them forever. He quotes Isaiah's ancient promise of a coming salvation. Such a promise we would want fulfilled in moments, but in God's plan it comes to fulfillment through centuries of seeming silence.

Advent is about "patience". And like so many things in our life that we want "now", we are asked to wait. When the time is right all will unfold as it needs to. Let us all patiently yet persistently pray for our God to enter our lives when and where we most need Him.

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Often times, I remind our daily Mass attendees of how significant their presence here is. In many ways, as we gather around the Lord's Table, we are representative of the larger community. At times, I have emphasized how the grace of this sacrament can transform lives and how I look to this humble crowd to set an example and tone, in and for the rest of the parish.

I am convinced that without this daily gathering in which we proclaim, hear, share and reflect upon the wisdom and direction of God in the scriptures, our lives and our parish would be a different place. This morning I also thought how wonderful it would be if more people in our parish could be touched by this experience. What keeps those in our parish who are able to participate in daily Mass or our daily Communion Services from doing so? I suppose a long list of excuses could be named, but might that not be all that they are – excuses?

For this reason, I am putting out a personal invitation to all of you who might be at home and not working, a retired senior, a middle-aged man or woman working 2nd or 3rd shift, or a stay-at-home mom or dad, to consider joining our St Eugene community at daily Mass. I would bet my life that after a steady practice of reflecting upon the Word of God and receiving the Body of Christ, you will feel not only more personally fulfilled, but more empowered to deal with, tackle and take on the daily challenges of life.

There can be no greater sign of Christ's presence among us than that of a community at prayer. For even Christ himself said, "Where two or more are gathered, there am I in their midst".

Won't you consider joining us at daily Mass? Perhaps you might invite a neighbor to come with you and start a new routine for you both? You might even meet a new friend here. Great things happen around the table of the Lord. Hope you can join us as we look forward to welcoming you. Daily Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. and on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. Please join us for these opportunities to partake of the Eucharist and prayer here at St. Eugene.

Our Parish Communal Advent Reconciliation Service with individual confessions will take place here at St. Eugene on Tuesday, December 18th, at 7:00 p.m. There will also be an opportunity for individual confessions on Wednesday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m. I invite you to join us in receiving the healing power of Jesus and the gift of God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please plan on joining your parish community on December 18th or 19th as you make your personal preparations for Christmas.

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Christmas Oplatki (wafer) is also now available in the parish office during normal business hours, for those who wish to share in this beautiful custom at their Christmas family meals. This Christmas Wafer is a Christmas tradition celebrated in Poland (Oplatki), Lithuania (Kaledaitis), Slovakia and some regions of Italy. This wafer is identical in composition to the host that is used during a Catholic Mass. It is usually embossed with Christmas - related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially the Virgin Mary with baby Jesus, to the Star of Bethlehem. Family members and friends break off a small piece of the wafer and give it to one another along with a blessing, as a symbol of forgiveness and to remind participants of the importance of Christmas, God and family. An explanation of how to partake in this custom is provided on the envelope containing the wafer. Each packet contains 4 wafers and is available for $3.00 each. Every year we run out, so you might want to pick yours up this weekend before they are gone. Parish Calendars for 2019 are also still available in the gathering space. Please be sure to take one home with you.

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Our second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years with little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your support helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Wishing you a fantastic week ahead.

Fr. Rich

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The goodness of the people of our parish communities continues to amaze me! Last week I let you know that our St Eugene snow blower died after many years of service. I also put out a plea/request to see if there was anyone in our parish who would be willing to donate a larger snow blower or perhaps knew of someone who might give us a great deal on purchasing a new one. Much to my delight and surprise, last Sunday, I received a call from one of our parishioners who generously donated a beautiful TORO snow blower (used only once) and even delivered it later that day. We also received generous financial gifts from two other thoughtful parishioners toward the purchase of and/or maintenance of our current winter equipment. There have also been a couple of other calls from parishioners wishing to make a contribution to our parish's winter needs as well. What can I say but THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your amazing generosity and willingness to help us when we needed it most. God bless you all!



Fr. Rich

THIS WEEKEND

SOCIAL CONCERNS
CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM



YOUR GIFT MUST BE RETURNED
NEXT WEEKEND, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
BY 11 AM

THERE ARE STILL SOME NAMES LEFT. PLEASE STOP BY THE VESTIBULE TO PICK A NAME

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS
AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS

SECOND COLLECTION
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

SIGN UP TO LIGHT A CANDLE(S)
ON OUR
ADVENT WREATH
(sign up sheet is in the vestibule)



OPLATEK
AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
(and at the rectory during the week.)

MITTEN TREE
(see page 9)



AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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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.

HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**9**
	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**10**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, NOON - 8:00 PM	
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
TUESDAY	**11**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
7:00 pm	Ushers; CH
WEDNESDAY	**12**
	NO ACTIVITIES
THURSDAY	**13**
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts: SH.MR
7:00 pm	Social Concerns: SH.MR
7:00 pm	RCIA: REC.DR
FRIDAY	**14**
6:30 pm	School Event: SH.CTR
SATURDAY	**15**
9:00 am	School Event: SH.CTR+MR
9:15 am	Liturgy Committee: REC.DR
10:00 am	AA: SCH.RH
SUNDAY	**16**
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**



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

Christ gives himself to us
in the measure we give ourselves to him.
Blessed Columba Marmion

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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY
Thursday, December 13 - 7:00 pm
Shaunessy Center Meeting Room

This is our regular monthly meeting. We ask all members to be present. We are always looking for new members - wouldn't you like to join us?

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

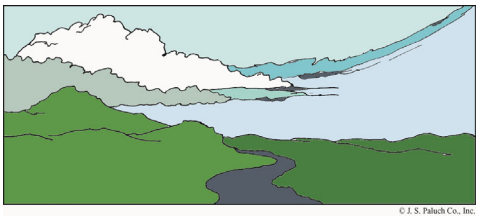
If you are in need of assistance,
call the rectory.
A member of the **SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**
(formerly St. Vincent de Paul)
will get back to you.

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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AVENT WREATH



During Advent, a wreath with four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, is in a prominent place in the sanctuary.

As in previous years, we are asking parishioners to volunteer to be in the entrance procession and light the appropriate candle(s) at the beginning of Mass. A single person, a couple, or an entire family can volunteer for the candle lighting ceremony.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule of the church. Stop and sign up for one of the 19 masses during Advent. Make sure to include your telephone number (or call the rectory to leave your phone number), so we can answer any questions you may have and also to remind you the day before your mass.

Bulletin copy **MUST** be in the rectory office **NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON EACH MONDAY**. Copy material received past the deadline will not be published in *The Voice* until the following weekend—NO EXCEPTIONS.

Christmas Choir



The St. Eugene Choir invites parishioners to join them on the glorious Feast of Christmas for the 10:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass and/or the 11:30 AM Mass on Christmas Day. There will be one rehearsal in church on Thurs, Dec. 20 at 7:00 PM.

Even if you have never sung with a choir before, but still enjoy singing the music of the Christmas Season, please consider joining us for these festive masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lydia Hilado at the rectory number: (773) 775-6659.

EARLY PRINTING OF OUR BULLETIN

Bulletin copy for the weekend of December 22/23 must be in the rectory office by 9 am on Wednesday, December 12

Bulletin copy for the weekend of December 29/30 must be in the rectory office by 9 am on Monday, December 17

Bulletin copy for the weekend of January 5/6 must be in the rectory office by 9 am on Wednesday, December 26 by 9 am.

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

ST. EUGENE ADULT CHOIR

Please meet Lydia, our Director of Music, at the organ in church.
Practice is every Sunday, at 10:45 am.
We will sing at the 11:30 am Mass.
Everyone is welcome to sing with us.!!!

CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205



This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace.

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 # _____

FORMED PICK

1531: A Story That Is Not Finished Yet

Our Lady of Guadalupe Came to Change the World

1531 shares the history of why millions of Aztecs converted to the Catholic Faith and the little known truth that this incredible story is not finished yet.

Watch on formed.org



★★★★★

"This is a powerful story. Amazing."

—Constance A., Euclid, OH



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Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
the Patroness of the Americas,
appeared to native American Juan Diego in 1531,
requesting that a church be built on the spot.
When the bishop asked for a sign confirming the
authenticity of the apparition, she responded by
producing roses in December for Juan Diego to
gather, and left an image of herself imprinted on
Juan Diego's *tilma* or mantle.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

Saturday, December 8 - Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent
5:30 Carmela & Francesco Esposito

Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
7:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Dec'd Mbrs. Becz Fam., Elizabeth Dublanski
11:30 Aurora Barone & Guiseppe Pizzuto, Ron Brown, Diane Colantonio, La Pietra Fam. & Fri., Alex & Sarah Perri, Rosa Scaletta, Marianna Scavelli, Vincenza Scianna, Eraldo Simonetti
4:30 Int. of Audris & Bryant Spencer

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

Monday, December 10
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 Michele Dammicco

Tuesday, December 11 - St. Damasus I
6:30 Frank Zupo
9:00 Sophie Tomzik

Wednesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:30 Henriette Rocks & Peggy Shannon
9:00 Anders & Zlotorzycki Fams., Addie Ramsdell, Stephen Stukel, Agnes Wahrbein

Thursday, December 13 - St. Lucy
6:30 Thomas & Rose Rocks
9:00 In thanksgiving to St. Lucy, Mary Morreale, Int. for Madeline Seidl

Friday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross
6:30 Michelina Caira, Lawrence Staunton
9:00 Helen & Walter Wojtas

Saturday, December 15
8:30 Lucille Godziszewski

Saturday, December 15 - Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent
5:30 Leonard Cataldo, Agnes Collins

Sunday, December 16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
7:00 Charles Bauer
9:30 Ken Cain, Dominick Di Re, Fr. Fred Tomzik, Joseph & Anna Wilk, Wiktoria Wilk
11:30 Sherry Carugan, Francesco Chiappetta, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Phillip Genovise, Hinze & Moriarty Fams., Carl Kamhout, La Pietra Fam. & Fri., Pizzuto Fam., Rosemary Wesolik
4:30 People of the Parish



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.



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Sacrificial Giving

December 2, 2018

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**13,760**
Electronic Giving November 26 to December 2 $1,613 from 49 families	**$**	**1,613**
Total	**$**	**15,373**
Sunday Budget 2018-19	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***627***
Sharing Parish	**$**	**295**
Christmas flowers	**$**	**2,906**

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)

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Mass Dec. 15 / 16	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:30 PM	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Angie Cisek	Marie Guerrieri Janet Horn Carrie Lim Manny Lim Yolanda Sarmiento	C. Lacala M. Sclafani O. Orend
Sunday 7:00 AM	Fr. John Hetland	Joanna Bischof	Glory Bermas Albert Bischof Lois Feist Carol Paulini Raquel Perez	J. McGovern M. McGovern K. McGovern
Sunday 9:30 AM	Fr. Ed Pacocha	School Lector	Rosa Fiorante Josephine Nardi Bernard Ndiwe Terri Swiderski Tom Swiderski	A. Meier V. Meo N. Crimaldi
Sunday 11:30 AM	Fr. John Hetland	Sal Sparacino	Joseph Cardella Marth Holder Cleofe Miranda Pat Paetsch Maria Russo	M. Modica E. Coleman A. Acierno
Sunday 4:30 PM	Fr. Rich Yanos	Rita Kopf	Sr. Ann Marie Betty Gebhardt John Gebhardt Anna LoForte James Schmidt	A. Santucci J. Lara

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES
ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE
Dominic & Josephine Fiorenzo
Sam & Margaret Fiorenzo
Pearl M. Giovannoni
Frank & Ida Giovannoni
Domenica & Angelo Gotti
Margaret & Rose Gotti
Giovanni & Gemma Pollastrini
Nicola & Phyllis Tatone

RICHES
Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.
--St. Ambrose

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS
The greatest gift of the Christmas season is love. The scarf, mitten/glove tree (for all ages) will be in the vestibule of the Church from the Second Sunday of Advent until the fourth Sunday of Advent. The tree items are distributed with the help of the Social Concerns Ministry. God Bless Everyone!





Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

YET TO DO
One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.
--Marie Curie

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

4th Grade

High Honors

Abagail Acierno, Hayden Addesso, Vincent Babicz, Fiona Craven, Nicholas Crimaldi, Maura Crimmins, Giuliana DiGenova, Grace Elliott, Megan Fergus, Anita Frederick, Christopher Lo Giudice, Caitlin Marrinan Ilene Treto

Honors

Michael Kowalczyk, Jacob Muglia, Samuel Vizzini

5th Grade

High Honors

Alison Banaszek, Niara De Wit, Nicholas Golden, Owen Karnick, Lucy Kelly, Jacob Kruszewski, Lola Lazic, Kaitlyn McGovern, Dominick Opiela, Matthew Opyd, Gia Vizzini

Honors

Gwendolyn Campbell, Moria Kate Martin, Olivia Orend

6th Grade

High Honors

Maria Cheng, Kelly Fergus, Alex Jackiewicz, Maeve Marrinan, Sofia Sollano

Honors

Emily Fitzpatrick, Kevin Kinel

7th Grade

High Honors

Ashley Banaszek, Emma Coleman, Jessica McCarty, Mary Sclafani

Honors

Adriana Ahern, Matthew McGovern

8TH Grade

High Honors

Michael Craven, Sophia Kruszewski, Vincent Meo

Honors

Catherine Lacala, Megan Spanola

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

TRINITY: Isabella Parravicini



PLEASE PRAY

***For the Sick*:** Annabella Amato, Victoria Amelio, Pat & Bob Apida, Fred & Cahad Ballog, Lawrence Basili, Mary Bloodworth, Anthony Bongiorno, Julie Bronski, Margaret Brinlee-Brucken, Helen Bruchalski, Jim Conlon Jr. & Sr., Brenda Crotty, Lorraine Czerwinski, Connie D'Astice, Joan De Stefano, Nancy Donatello, Marge Dyson, Don Feist, Bob & Carol Gasiorek, Patricia Gelfond, Ava Geole, Frances Gofron, Fr. Phil Grib, S.J., Erika Arquilla Hlavacek, Tim Heider, Florence Jassak, Eileen Kearns, Janet & Edward Kindybalyk, Olga Kykta, Allie Lim, Agnes Mahoney, Rose Mary Maratto, Helen Masley, Phyllis McGarrh, Rich Moellering, Jr., Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello, Mary Oberheim, Joan O'Connor, Aline Papciak, Norma Quilici, Charlotte Rice, Jeannine Riotto, Diane Rizzuto, Rita Rogers, Stella Rombotis, Frances Salvato, Leo & Theresa Samborski, Bernadett Sedlacek, Vicki Smith, Emily Steckiewicz, and for those who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes and under hospice care.

Newly added to our sick list:

For the Deceased: Helen M.Mazurek

THE SICK LIST HAS BEEN UPDATED.
PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WANT ADD A NAME TO THE SICK LIST.

When a Family Member is Hospitalized

Please notify the rectory office at: 773/775-6659, when a family member is hospitalized. Because of HIPPA (privacy) laws, Presence Resurrection Medical Center and other hospitals are no longer permitted to notify us when parishioners are admitted to the hospital.

At the time of a family member's death, if you would like memorials to be made to St. Eugene Parish, please instruct the Funeral Home to use the following in the death notice:
"In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to St. Eugene Parish, Foster Avenue, Chicago."
Envelopes can be provided by the Funeral Home.

Communion for the Homebound

If you know of any member of St. Eugene Church who is homebound and would like a Minister of Care to bring them the Eucharist please let us know. Just call the Rectory Office at 773/775-6659 and someone will get back to you.

ST. EUGENE SCHOOL IS STILL COLLECTING *BOX TOPS*

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Help Support St. Eugene School! We are partnering with Yankee Candle Fundraising to help support our school. St. Eugene School will receive 40% of the profits!

Order online at: www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter Group Number 990009657. Online orders will be shipped directly to your house! Online ordering ends January 10, 2019! Thank you for your support!

Knights of Columbus
Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II Council # 14008

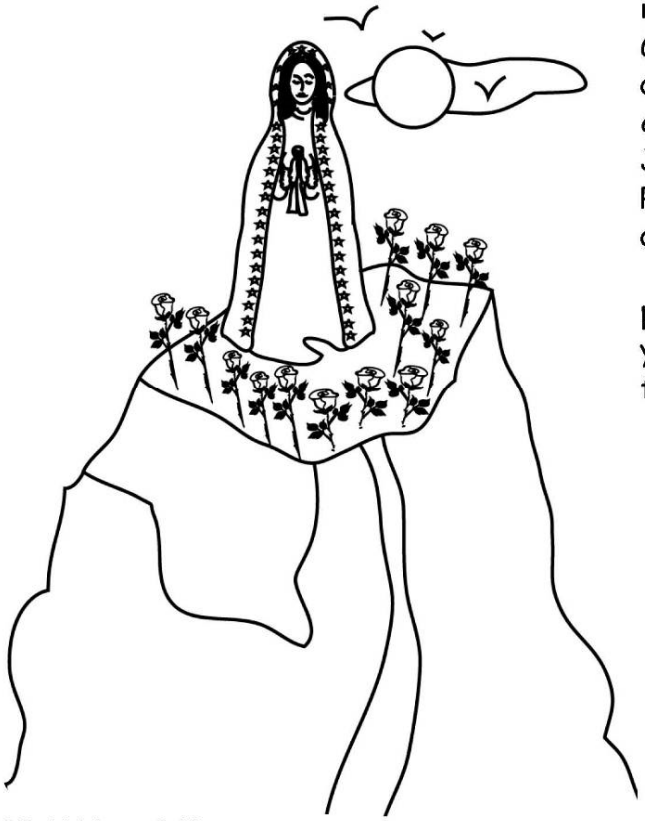
The winning entries in the Knights of Columbus "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" poster contest at St. Eugene School will be on display in the rear vestibule of the church throughout the Christmas season.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

SAINT JUAN DIEGO
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

December 9 and December 12

One winter day more than four hundred years ago, an Aztec Indian was hurrying past Tepeyac Hill near present-day Mexico City on his way to Mass. His name was Cuauhtlatoatzin, but when he was baptized he received the Christian name **Juan Diego**. Juan was very surprised to see a beautiful lady near the hill. She told him to go to the bishop and ask him to build a church where she was standing. The church would be for Juan's people. Juan went to the bishop, but the bishop did not believe a poor Indian. Three days later Juan saw the lady again. She called herself **"Holy Mary of Guadalupe"** and told Juan to pick some roses for the bishop. Juan obeyed and wrapped the roses in his cloak to carry them. The bishop could hardly believe his eyes. Roses in December would have been miracle enough, but there on Juan's cloak was the image of the beautiful lady, the Mother of God! The church was soon built, and to this day, if you go to Mexico City, you can see the cloak with the picture of the Blessed Mother. Juan Diego was **canonized** (named a saint) by Pope John Paul II in July 2002. His memorial day is December 9.



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Read this story to your family. What part did you like best? Remember how special you are to God. Say this prayer on Mary's feast day, December 12.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Blessed Mary, Holy Mother of God! Today we remember your visit to Juan Diego. You came to remind us that each and every person is special and dear to God. We thank you for your love and protection. Continue to watch over us. Guard and protect our land, our homes, and our families. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."



We welcome our fourth and fifth grade Altar Servers!





Knights of Columbus
Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II Council # 14008



2018/19 Knights of Columbus Youth Free-Throw Championship

Local Competition

St. Eugene Parish Shaunessy Center
Sunday, January 6, 2019 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 5, 2019.

For entry forms or additional information, please contact:

Patty Samborski, St. Eugene Athletic Director
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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.



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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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