St. Eugene Parish
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THE VOICE

Third Sunday of Advent **December 16, 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.

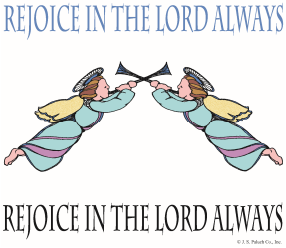
WEDDINGS: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with one of the Priests. Weddings are celebrated for registered parishioners of St. Eugene Parish.

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.





The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
Zephaniah 3:15b

Parish Staff

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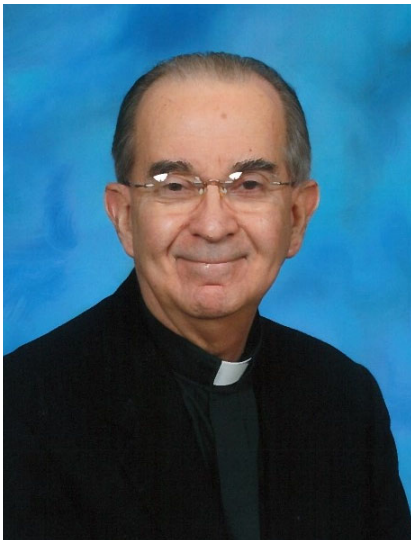
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Please TURN OFF any electronic devices before entering the church for Mass or any other Liturgical service.
Please do NOT park in front of church to ensure emergency vehicle access.
There are ample parking spaces provided on the north side,
to the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

A Message from Father Phil Grib, S.J.

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever! So say we now and always. What a beautiful blessing to proclaim with thanksgiving in this church in companionship with each other in the work of the Holy Spirit.

I'm so grateful for being invited to serve the people of God as a Jesuit priest and as a pastoral associate and a "retired" priest in residence at St. Eugene. What an honor and privilege!



I'm grateful to Fr. Rich Yanos for inviting me to stay to do priestly ministry here at St. Eugene where I have worked for close to twenty years. I'm grateful to be able to do what I can in spite of my recent and current health problems, involving my eyes and my muscular deficiencies.

I am, as many of you know, suffering from a muscular disorder, that has required physical therapy, the wearing of a neck brace, and doing therapeutic physical exercises. It has been a painful and sad situation and saps my energy.

I am a member of the Taylor St. Jesuit community here in Chicago. Fr. David Mastrangelo is my local Jesuit superior. Fr. Brian Paulsen is my major superior who has approved of my work at St. Eugene. He mandated me to work as a Jesuit priest. Fr. Brad Schaeffer, S.J. is the liaison with Fr. Paulsen on behalf of all Jesuits who are over 70 years old.

Speaking of age, my health issues have become matters of concern for me because of my aging. I'm currently 80 years old.

During the past two years of my ministry at St. Eugene, my health has noticeably deteriorated. And so, I am currently being evaluated and have been strongly encouraged to accept an assignment to the Jesuit Colombiere Center & Community in Clarkston, Michigan, where the Jesuits have a health care facility.

The tentative plans for my assignment to the Colombiere Center has been scheduled in February. St. Eugene Parish is now planning a special Eucharist on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at the 11:30 am Mass, followed by a reception in the Shaunessy Center.

Fortunately, over the next two months, we will have the opportunity to express our mutual gratitude and friendship to each other and to say our "Amens" and "Good-byes." There is so much more I would like to say to you all, but accepting this reality has been more difficult than I imagined. Please know of my fondness and affection to all here at St. Eugene. You have truly been family to me these past twenty years.

So let us rejoice in the Lord's good gifts and other blessings that will sustain our life as God's good people.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Fr. Phil Grib

Advent and Christmas 2018 Schedule

Advent Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am
9:30 am
11:30 am
4:30 pm



December Events

Dec 16 - Family Mass with 5th grade
Dec. 15/16 - Social Concerns Ministry
"Gifts for Kids" Return
Dec. 21 - Simbang Gabi

The Sacrament of Reconciliation -
Saturdays - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 18 - 7:00 pm (English, Polish)
Wednesday, December 19 - 1:00 pm (English, Polish)
Saturday, December 22 - 4:00 pm (English)

OPLATKI
Christmas Wafers Oplatki will be available at church and at the rectory office (during regular office hours) for a donation of $3.00. There are 4 wafers per envelope.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass: Monday, December 24 - 6:30 & 9:00 am
Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 - 4:30 pm (Family Liturgy), 6:30 pm, 9:30 pm (Christmas carols begin), 10:00 pm (the Mass of Midnight)
Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25 - 7:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

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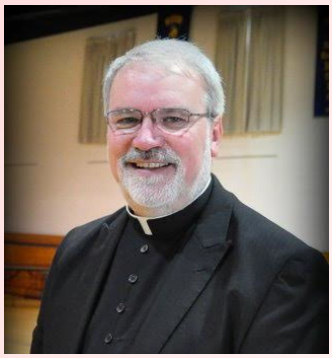
Weekday Mass: Monday, December 31, 2018 - 6:30 & 9:00 am
New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018 - 4:00 pm (Mass of Anticipation)
New Year's Day, Mary, Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - 10:00 am (Community Mass)

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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 5 - 5:30 pm (Mass of Anticipation)
Sunday, January 6 - 7:00, 9:30, & 11:30 am, and 4:30 pm



From the Pastor's Desk…



The traditional name for the Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from *Gaudete in Domino semper*, Latin for "Rejoice in the Lord always," the opening words of today's entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced by an opening hymn).

Because one of Advent's tasks is to prepare us for Christ's return at the end of time, this season once had a penitential quality similar to that of Lent. Gaudete Sunday with its rose vestments and relaxation of austerities softened the period that gave a glimpse of its fulfillment just as its counterpart, Laetare Sunday, did at the midpoint of Lent.

Viewed now as a season of devout and joyful expectation, Advent retains very little of its old penitential focus, but we still have the option of using the liturgical color of rose today as we rejoice that Christmas is near, and Christ's second coming is nearer than it was yesterday.

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It's hard to believe that in a little over a week from now we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. As you know, there will be many more worshipers than usual at these Masses. For this reason I ask that all in our parish do your best to arrive earlier if you are able. And remember…it's Christmas, so let's try and be nice even when that may be the last thing you're feeling when being delayed in the parking lot for a few extra minutes.☺

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Our Parish Communal Advent Reconciliation Service with individual confessions will take place here at St. Eugene this 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. This afternoon hour is provided for the sake of our senior population as many tell us they do not like driving or going out at night. Hopefully, this 1:00 p.m. time better enables our seniors to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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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Our parish is so blessed to have so many people who are willing to do what it takes to prepare our church and parish facilities for the Christmas Masses and Services. This year will be no different. I want to personally thank the members of our Maintenance Crew, our Environment and Art Committee, our Liturgy Committee and our volunteer church cleaners who thoroughly dusted, decorated and meticulously prepared our worship spaces for all those who will be visiting us this coming Christmas Season. Thank you for a job well done and always most appreciated.

I look forward to seeing all of you and your families at our many Masses over the next couple of weeks. Please note that our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule is slightly different than regular weekends. Hopefully, by now, you have received my Christmas letter and our Christmas Season Mass Schedule. As you know some of our Masses during the holidays can be very crowded. If you are planning to attend these Masses please make an effort to get here a little earlier than usual to help ease the crowds.

Please Note: In the past, the first Christmas Eve Mass had always been at 4:00 p.m. Accidentally, it got printed as 4:30 p.m. in the Advent/Christmas mailing. Due to the fact that it would be very difficult to correct this error, we will keep the first Christmas Eve Mass as it was printed – at 4:30 p.m. So, our Christmas Eve Mass Schedule will be: 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. (with carols beginning at 9:30 p.m.). I apologize for the error.

Wishing all in our parish a Blessed Advent Season and week ahead.

Fr. Rich



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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.

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 # _____

THIS WEEKEND



SOCIAL CONCERNS
CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM
YOUR GIFT MUST BE RETURNED
TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
BY 11 AM

FAMILY MASS FEATURING
FIFTH GRADE - 9:30 AM

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

MITTEN TREE
(see page 9)





HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY	**16**
9:30 am	Family Mass featuring 5th grade: CH
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
MONDAY	**17**
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, NOON - 8:00 PM	
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
TUESDAY	**18**
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:00 pm	Vespers: CH
7:00 pm	Parish Reconciliation Service: CH
WEDNESDAY	**19**
1:00 pm	Confessions: CH
4:00 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR
6:30 pm	Altar & Rosary Board Meeting: SH.MR
THURSDAY	**20**
7:00 pm	Choir: CH
FRIDAY	**21**
6:30 pm	Simbang Gabi: CH
	Reception following Mass: SH.CTR+MR
SATURDAY	**22**
10:00 am	AA: SCH.RH
SUNDAY	**23**
12:30 pm	Youth Athletics: SH.CTR

REJOICE!

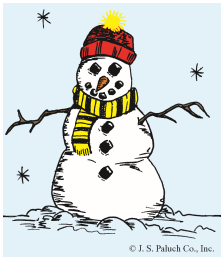
Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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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.



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 CHRISTMAS EVE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018
&
ON NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018



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

Eternal, incomprehensible God, I believe, and confess, and adore You, as being infinitely more wonderful, resourceful, and immense, than this universe which I see.
Magnificat - Vol. 12, No. 5, Pg. 143

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.



VESPERS
Tuesday,
December 18
6:00 pm
Church



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

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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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.

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.

FAMILY MASS FEATURING PRE-SCHOOL, PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN
NOVEMBER 18, 2018









Catholic Education





FAMILY MASS FEATURING PRE-SCHOOL, PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN
NOVEMBER 18, 2018









ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE FIFTH ANNUAL





SIMBANG GABI

A Filipino tradition full of love, gift giving, offering authentic Filipino dishes, singing traditional Christmas carols, and wishing peace and joy to everyone.



ST. EUGENE PARISH



MASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018
AT 6:30 PM
IN CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER MASS TO SHARE A MEAL
(offering authentic Filipino dishes)
IN THE SHAUNESSY CENTER





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EARLY PRINTING OF OUR BULLETIN

The bulletin for the weekend of December 22/23 has gone to the printer.

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.!!!

BLESSING OF THE OUTDOOR NATIVITY MANGER

Please join the Knights and the St. Eugene School children for the blessing of the outdoor Nativity manger, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass on Wednesday, December 19th. The manger will be located by the front doors of the church next to the canopy.

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CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE
1-800-400-4205



"Comfort, comfort my people" (Is 40,1). How does the Lord give comfort? With tenderness.

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 Third 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!





+ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK +

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, Phillip Genovise, Dabros & Wytrwal Fams., Hinze & Moriarty Fams., Carl Kamhout, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Rosemary Wesolik, Pizzuto Fam.
4:30 People of the Parish

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

Monday, December 17
6:30 Patrick & Kathleen Rocks
9:00 Eugene Paulini
Tuesday, December 18
6:30 Dominick Di Re, Andrew & Joan Maier
9:00 Maria DeSantis
7:00 Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, December 19
6:30 Purgatorial Society
9:00 George E. Belitz, Joseph "Speedy" Cozzi, James & Hailey Ewing & Fam., Paul Kenar, Ferd Mueller, Addie Ramsdell
Thursday, December 20
6:30 In Thanksgiving - Thomas Bongiorno
9:00 Therese Brzezinski, Betty Gleeson, Pamela Heider
Friday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius
6:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Arthur Bronski
Saturday, December 22
8:30 Marilyn Solka
Saturday, December 22 - Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent
5:30 Jimmy McGuire, Maeve Molloy, Dr. Bob Thurness
Sunday, December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent
7:00 Living & Dec'd Mbrs. Manczko-Bova Fams
9:30 Stanislaw & Sranciczka Chabura, Agnieszka Chabura, Carmela Esposito, Mary Morreale
11:30 Cristoforo & Concetta Alaimo, Salvatore Alaimo & Mario Bartucci, Virginia Florkiewicz, LaPietra Fam. & Fri., Irene McGreevy, Hillard & Michael Michalek, Casto Neri, Eugene Paulini, Kenneth Paulini, Sam Salvato
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.

IMPRESSIONABLE

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.
Ancient Chinese proverb

WITNESSES

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.
Anonymous

Find St. Eugene on Facebook!

Sacrificial Giving

December 9, 2018

Regular Sunday Offering	**$**	**12,011**
Electronic Giving December 3 to December 9 $2,203rom 56 families	**$**	**2,203**
Total	**$**	**14,214**
Sunday Budget 2018-19	**$**	**16,000**
Over / (short)	***$***	***1,786***
Sharing Parish	**$**	**209**
Religious Retirement	**$**	**5,279**
Immaculate Conception	**$**	**3,133**

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. 22 / 23	Celebrant	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	Altar Servers
Saturday 5:30 PM	Fr. Rich Yanos	Joseph Sclafani	Mirta Cozzo Carolyn Edwards Nicasio Francisco Marcia Pollowy Santina Sclafani	R. Urey S. Urey
Sunday 7:00 AM	Fr. Ed Pacocha	Lisa Vasich	Tom Curtain Lois Feist Rosemarie Kennedy Raquel Perez Rowena Trovela	T. Acierno B. Modica G. Vizzini S. Vizzini
Sunday 9:30 AM	Fr. Greg Wojcik	Christine Bobka	Christine Bobka Erica Dillon Charlotte Hill Chuck Hill Mary Kenny	K. Adams C. Czubek L. Kelly
Sunday 11:30 AM	Fr. Rich Yanos	Pat Basili	Pat Conlon Barbara Czubek Mary Beth Glynn Teresa Gunia Josefina Santiago	M. Craven N. Crimmins F. Craven
Sunday 4:30 PM	Fr. John Hetland	John Imburgia	Angela Forgione Donna Laterza Melinda Meo Molly Tomzik Peggy Tomzik	C. Frederick K. Kinel G. Thome

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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the guide to How To Go To Confession
(take this sheet with you... it's okay, really)

Before You Go...

Examine your conscience, that is, reflect on what sins you have committed. To guide you, just Google "examination of conscience" and you'll find many resources to help you. It's even alright to make a list to bring with you to confession if that helps.

1. Introduction. When you come before the priest, begin by making the Sign of the Cross (praying the words out loud), and continue by saying, "Bless me, Father, I have sinned. It has been *(how long)* since my last confession. These are my sins..."

2. Confession. List the sins you have committed that came to mind when doing your examination of conscience. Don't be too general (like, "I haven't been a good person"), but a lot of detail is not necessary either (you don't need to tell the whole story of how a sin came about). If you're not sure if something is a sin is, just ask the priest. This isn't counseling, so unless you ask, the priest likely won't give you advice. He'll just move on to...

3. Penance. The priest will suggest something for you to do or pray as a response to God's mercy. You'll have to remember what this is and do it after the confession is over, so pay attention.

4. Contrition. The priest may ask you to pray your "Act of Contrition," demonstrating your sorrow for your sins. May be done in the confessional out loud or in church after your confession is heard and absolution is given. Here are two examples (choose the one that suits you best):

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You whom I should love
above all things. I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance, to sin no more, and
to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
OR:
O my God, I am heartily sorry
for having offended you and I detest all my sins,
because I dread the loss of heaven
and the pains of hell;
but most of all because they offend you, my God,
who are all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve with the help of your grace,
to confess my sins, to do penance,
and to amend my life. Amen.

5. Absolution. Don't get up to leave after that prayer, because the best part is yet to come: the priest will extend his hands in your direction and he will pray the Prayer of Absolution. **You respond: Amen.**

6. Conclusion. The priest will then likely say something like, "God has freed you from your sin. Go in Peace." **You respond: Thanks be to God.**

After You Leave...

Don't forget to do your penance.
If it is saying certain prayers,
it's best to do it right away in the church before you forget.



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, Franca Chiappetta, 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, 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: Agnes Mahoney

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU WANT TO 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.

Go and tell what you see

"The King is coming!!" We joyously proclaim the coming of Christ to all who will hear. We have waited so long for our beloved guest. Here in the last days before his arrival we wait in precious anticipation, listening eagerly for his step on the sidewalk, his knock on the door. Our house in order, our hearts open in welcome, we share our joyous expectation with one and all. We cry our eagerness to the world—Maranatha!

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.

"All time,
both history and in personal life,
is expectation.
Time itself is waiting, waiting not for another time,
but for that which is eternal."
Paul Tillich

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If you are in need of assistance,
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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
773-763-2235 ext. 227 psamborski@st-eugene.org

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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