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Mass Schedule
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00am English
1:30pm Spanish
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00am
Thursday: 8:00am Communion Service
Friday: 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction:
Every Friday when school is in session from
10:00am - 12:00 Noon
Rosary: First & Third Monday of every month
at 7:00pm, every Wednesday following the
8:00am Mass and every Friday at 8:30am
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

Welcome!!
We are glad you are worshiping with us and
would like to help you any way we can. Please
call or stop by the Parish Office so we may
meet and greet you in a personal way. We
encourage you to register with us soon.
Registration forms can be obtained from the
Parish Office or in the Narthex.

Come to the Feast
Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free
food and drink, music and dancing--what's not to like? Apparent-
ly the king in Jesus' parable had the same questions. By this time,
Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the
invitation to follow Him. As we know, after the Resurrection, the
disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews,
but to anyone who would listen. The church began to grow,
much faster than they expected.

One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was His
association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls
sinners to repent and be forgiven. Since they thought of them-

themselves as holy, they were not interested in forgiveness. Ordinary
people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer
of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be Baptized.
As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall.

Jesus calls us today to come to the same feast. But there are
still people who think they have no need for Jesus. So what about
the man in the parable who came in street clothes?

The wedding garment was a symbol of the Baptismal gown, the sign of new
life in Christ. This man symbolizes those who "come to the feast"
without repenting of their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church
arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices,
lies, anger, and selfishness--with no intention of doing anything
about them. We come with the attitude that says, "I'm here, aren't
I? That should be good enough." But it isn't, for the feast we
come to is not a wedding to join husband and wife. It joins God
to humanity. God's Son came to unite us all to Himself. By dying
for our sins, Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is
not just a change of clothing; it is a change of heart, a change in
how we live. It is our ticket to the banquet. It is our way of say-
ing, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share
the feast."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:  Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday:  Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

Because of the important community nature of the
celebrations of Baptism and Marriage  in the church,
interested parties are expected to make advanced
arrangements to allow for appropriate preparation programs to
be completed. For Baptism, at least two months and for
Marriage, at least six months notice is required. Thank you!
Please call Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to dedicate a Mass for someone, it may be
scheduled either by stopping by the parish office or calling.
Since a Mass Stipend is truly an offering, the amount is en-
tirely up to the individual scheduling the intention. The only
insight we can offer is that the average stipend is approxi-
mately $10.00 per scheduled Mass. The offering is truly up to
you. Consideration:  A Mass stipend is not required, rather it
is a customary offering to the Priest. The spiritual value is in
the Mass itself. The inability to offer a stipend should never
deter someone from

MASS INTENTIONS

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

Saturday, October 14

10:00am Confirmation Retreat - SH, K, C
4:00pm Reconciliation - RR
5:30pm Mass/People of St. Eugene - C
5:30pm Hijos de Maria Santisima/Lideres - SEYH
6:30pm Care of Creation - Friendship Garden Kick-off - SH
7:00pm Grupo de Oración Hijos de Maria Santisima - C

Sunday, October 15

8:30am Care of Creation - Friendship Garden Kick-off - SH
8:30am Mass/People of St. Eugene-C
9:45am RCIA - P
9:45am Faith Formation - ACS
10:00am Choir Rehearsal - Rm.1
11:00am Mass/Marge Rankin † - C
1:30pm Spanish Mass - C
5:00pm Edge & SEY - C,SH

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 16

8:00am Mass/Rob Robinson †-ASC
9:00am Parents' Morning Out - N
10:00am Crafty Ladies - Rm.2
2:00pm Peace & Justice - SH,K
6:00pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul - P
7:00pm Not Your Usual Space - P
7:00pm St. Eugene’s Rosary - ASC

Tuesday, October 17

8:00am Mass/People of St. Eugene - ASC
9:00am Parents’ Morning Out - N
3:00pm Vicariate Meeting for Clergy
6:30pm Asheville Catholic School Board Meeting - ACS
7:00pm Knights of Columbus - SH

Wednesday, October 18

8:00am Mass/People of St. Eugene - ASC
8:30am Recitation of the Rosary - C
9:00am Parents’ Morning Out - N
7:00pm Choir/Coro - Rm.1,C
7:00pm Hispanic RCIA - SEYH

Thursday, October 19

8:00am Communion Service - ACS
8:30am Faith Sharing - P
9:00am Parents’ Morning Out - N
6:00pm Peace & Justice Program - SH, K
6:30pm Cursillo de Mujeres - P
6:30pm Cursillo de Hombres - SEYH

Friday, October 20

8:30am Rosary - CC
9:00am Parents’ Morning Out - N
9:00am Mass/Loretta B. Casey † - C
12:00pm Wedding - ASC
5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal - C
6:00pm Hispanic Marriage Ministry - SH

Saturday, October 21

11:00am Wedding - C
4:00pm Reconciliation - RR
5:30pm Mass/Francis D. Bell † - C
5:30pm Hijos de Maria Santisima/Lideres - SEYH
6:30pm Knights of Columbus - Pot Luck for Knights & their Families
7:00pm Grupo de Oración Hijos de Maria Santisima - C

ACS-Asheville Catholic School  ASC-All Saints Chapel  C-Church
CC-Children’s Chapel  CR-Conference Room  GP-Gathering Plaza
GS-Gathering Space  K-Kitchen  SEY-St. Eugene Youth SEYH-St. Eugene
Youth House  N-Nursery  P-Parlor  RR-Reconciliation Room  SH-Social Hall

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October 2017
ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

St. Eugene Women’s Guild is planning a Fall Festival, October 28th and 29th. Father Pat has asked us to help with the glass doors for the sanctuary. So… we need crafts and baked goods to raffle. Please help! And if you can’t contribute, please plan on supporting the festival by coming. Questions call Susan Shillcock 828-231-7075.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OPERATION LAMB

The Knights of Columbus will be wearing their bright yellow aprons after all the Masses this weekend, handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations for Operation LAMB. The acronym is derived from the Biblical phrase from Matthew: “to serve the Least Among My Brethren”. Operation LAMB supports local and state-wide programs assisting citizens with intellectual disabilities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. In past years, your donations have been used to support: Irene Wortham Center, Special Olympics of Buncombe County, Blue Ridge Homes, and the Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Treatment Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SPAGHETTI DINNER ON NOVEMBER 4

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 4 after the 5:30 pm Masses. The Knights will be selling tickets after all Masses the weekends of October 21-22 and October 28-29. Tickets are limited so please purchase your tickets ahead of time … and the Knights thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

BREAKFAST FOR VETERANS ON NOVEMBER 11

The St. Eugene Military Ministry and the Knights of Columbus are inviting veterans in the parish and their families to a free Veterans Day Breakfast on Saturday, Veterans Day, November 11. The morning will start at 0900 with breakfast followed by other activities ending by 1130. Please mark your calendars for this special day and event. Please RSVP Mary McCawley by November 7 at 828-785-9877 or email: marymccawley@ymail.com. Please provide your name, branch of service, the number in your party and contact information (telephone and/or email). Donations will also be graciously accepted to help the veterans serviced by the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services at the Charles George VA Hospital in Asheville.

S600 DONATED FOR RESPECT LIFE

The Knights of Columbus want to thank St. Eugene parishioners and visitors for your outstanding generosity!!!! During our October 1 breakfast, the Knights collected $600 to support the Mountain Area Pregnancy Services and St. Eugene’s Respect Life programs. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and the Knights look forward to seeing you at our next breakfast on December 3. The Knights will be collecting donations to support the St. Eugene Youth Group. Please mark December 3 on your calendars.

HOSPITALITY

So, the response from the two bulletin blurbs in September only netted 2 new ministers. Not what I would call productive and I suppose a less optimistic person my call it quits but, well let’s try some facts: Fact….This parish doesn’t work because of one person or one group of people, Fact…it works because of all of you. Fact…..We have a great parish community as evidenced by the letters we get from visitors, Fact….We have a great parish community because of you. Fact….The hospitality ministry makes a visible weekly demonstration of that community spirit, Fact…we need some of you, the parish community, to join the Hospitality Ministry so we can continue making that weekly demonstration of our community spirit. If you haven’t been inspired by the facts then let’s try being practical. The practicality is you come to mass each weekend, so how about once every four weeks you show up as a Hospitality Minister, you prepare the refreshments, or you greet the community as you handout worship aids, or take up the collection, or hand out bulletins. You are going to be at mass anyway, so once every four weeks you do hospitality. Nothing to it. Not to worry, we will provide training and we even have a manual. If you are interested you can contact me, Dave Hetrick by email dave1149@bellsouth.net or my cell 231-6106. The parish needs Hospitality Ministers for all the masses so you can be scheduled to serve at the mass you normally attend. We have openings for Greeters, Ushers and refreshment servers. It is a team effort.

ST EUGENE WOMEN’S GUILD

There will be a quilt raffle each weekend in October. The tickets will be $5 each or 3 for $10. Join us in the Social Hall before & after Mass.
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PRAYER LIST 2017
Let us pray for all those who serve our country in the Military at home and abroad, and their families:

Maj – Michael E. Korte – Army – USA
CDR – Dr. Timothy Mattison – USA
LCDR – Dr. Parnell Mattison – USA
LtCol – Jon Christian McDaniel – Camp LeJeune, NC
Midshipman - Krysta Przestrzelski – Naval Academy
MSgt – Joe Quigley - USA
SPC – Patrick Seeling – Army – Afghanistan
Shawn Sinclair – Army – Fort Bragg, NC
LCpl - Jarrod Stoodley - Marine, F-35, Edwards AFB, CA
ENS – Peter Vizzini – Navy
Maj – Chris Wagar – Germany
Capt - Joseph Ryan - Army - Fort Bragg, NC
Capt - Kaitlyn Ryan - Air Force - Rome, NY
William S. Kwiatkowski– US Military Academy - West Point, NY
ENS - Logan Sullivan - Navy - Yokosuka, Japan

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
FAITH FORMATION
(4yrs - 5th grade)
Sundays, 9:45am-10:45am at ACS
Oct 15 - Sunday School
Oct 22 - Sunday School

EDGE/MIDDLE SCHOOL
(Grades 6th - 8th)
Sundays, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Oct 15 - EDGE Night
Oct 22 - EDGE Night

SEY LIFE TEEN/HIGH SCHOOL
(Grades 9th - 12th)
Sundays, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Oct 15 - SEY Life Teen
Oct 22 - SEY Life Teen

JOIN US!!!
The Peace and Justice, the Knights of Columbus and the Respect Life Ministries will be offering a Thursday night soup and substance series in October. The theme is “Considering the Broader Spectrum of Respecting Life.”

WE will begin at 6:15 PM with a light supper - the presentation Thursday Oct 19 “Supporting Christians in the Holy Land” - Kathy Bergen
Thursday Oct 26 “A Christian Perspective on Health Care” - video and discussion

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
A Natural Family Planning (NFP) Full Course (Three Class Series) will be offered at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Arden beginning November 11th at 1:30pm. Topics to be covered include:
* Effectiveness of modern NFP methods
* Health risks of popular contraceptives
* Benefits of NFP - health, relational, and spiritual
* Church teaching on marital sexuality
* And...how to use NFP
To register and purchase class materials, go to https://register.ccli.org/classes/10619/register, or search at www.ccli.org.

FRIENDSHIP GARDEN
Please join us after Mass today to hear about el Jardín de la Amistad de San Eugenio. There will be a short presentation with Q’s and A’s in the Social Hall. See you there!

EL JARDIN DE LA AMISTAD
Acompáñennos hoy después de Misa para escuchar sobre el Jardín de la Amistad de San Eugenio. Habrá una breve presentación con preguntas y respuestas en el Salón Social. ¡Te veo allí!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR REFUGEES
Refugee Needs: Please donate all sizes of children’s clothing for the families. Also a baby’s carrier for the mother or father so their arms could be free. Please call Carol Duin 828-337-5228 for pick up or bring it to the church, (I live close).

WOMEN’S GUILD FALL FESTIVAL
Please plan to attend the St. Eugene Women’s Guild Fall Festival scheduled for October 28 & 29. We’ll be open after each Mass! There will be tasty baked goods and wonderful handmade crafts for sale, along with raffled items including a handmade quilt and gift basket. Proceeds will be donated to Fr. Pat and put towards the new glass doors for the Sanctuary. Questions? Call Angie Miles 828-484-9796.

WHY THE ROSARY?
October offers the perfect opportunity to remind ourselves of the importance of the rosary in contemporary life. Gretchen Crowe, who grew up in St. Eugene parish and is now the editor-in-chief of Our Sunday Visitor, has written a book entitled Why the Rosary; Why Now. In honor of the month of the holy rosary, her family has made a limited number of copies of the book available to parishioners for free in the gathering space. The book is also available from osv.com and Amazon.

FUNERAL PALL STITCHERS
We will gather to stitch names on the funeral pall on November 5th at 9:30am in the Social Hall. Please give Chris Cicotello a call to let her know if you can attend: 658-9415.
ECO TIP from CARE OF CREATION
One Earth. One Home
Gardening improves relationships and compassion. Please attend Friendship Garden presentation today after all Masses!

FORGIVENESS AND HEALING FOLLOWING ABORTION
Catholic Charities can help men and women who have experienced abortion begin their healing journey. Rachel’s Vineyard Weekend Retreat creates a healing environment of prayer and forgiveness. The retreat works to reconnect individuals to themselves, their friends, and family and to realize God’s ever present love. Diocese of Charlotte Greensboro Area October 20-22, 2017. Contact: Jackie Childers: 980-241-0251 / jackie.childers1@gmail.com

ST EUGENE PARISH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES
During the month of October our Parish Knights of Columbus will collect donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities (CC) Food Pantry which serves the needs of the poor in our parish and community. Please bring food items to the church foyer before any Mass during the month of October. You may wish to make a contribution by check payable to the “Catholic Charities Food Pantry” or phone in a credit card contribution by calling Holly Carter at the CC Office [828-255-0146]. Because CC usually can obtain food at a lower cost when it has the money to do so, your monetary contributions will buy even more food for the needy. Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities and families in need.

HEALING OF THE WOUNDED SPIRIT SEMINAR
"Find Lasting Peace in Your Life" October 21st. Sacred Heart Church, Brevard, NC 8:30 am - 6:00 pm. (includes Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation). Teachings by Mary Cruz. She has an undergrad. Studies on Theology from the Franciscan University, OH and her Spiritual Direction Studies from Our Lady of Divine Providence, Clearwater, FL. Bring a bagged lunch. There will be food, music, refreshments.

PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY
Kathy Bergen, a long time advocate for peace and justice in Israel/Palestine, will address how we can support "The Last Christians in the Holy Land" at the Respect Life Forum on Thursday, October 19. Please join the Peace and Justice, Respect Life and Knights of Columbus sponsors at a soup supper at 6:15, followed by the presentation from 7-8:30. All are welcome. Translation and childcare available.

JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL
Join Fr. Pat Cahill & Fr. Pat Hoare in the Footsteps of St. Paul in Greece!
September 18th-28th, 2018
Your 11 Day pilgrimage includes 5 nights on land, and a 4 night cruise - touring through the highlights of Athens, Corinth, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Ephesus, Rhodes, Patmos, and more! Experience the beauty of these Mediterranean ports, incredible guides, and delicious cuisine, while walking in the footsteps of one of the greatest apostles. Space is limited: Call Corporate Travel at 313-565-8888 ext. 111. Trip Presentation: Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 PM at St. Matthew’s in the New Life Center, Rm 239/240/241. For information on both the Greece & the Oberammergau Pilgrimage Opportunities! Also come to hear about the Oberammergau Passion Play taking place once every 10 years! September 25-Oct. 3, 2020. This 9-day pilgrimage through Austria & Germany, includes daily Mass; and the highlights of Vienna, Melk Abbey, Salzburg, and the World-famous Oberammergau Passion Play, taking place only every ten years! Space is limited. Save your place now and call Corporate Travel at 313-565-8888 ext. 121

THE PLIGHT OF THE CHILDREN IN PALESTINE
Join us for coffee and a presentation by Kathy Bergen, noted human rights activist, on "The Plight of the Children in Palestine” on Monday, October 16 at 2 pm in the Social Hall. Ms. Bergen has recently returned from a visit to Palestine and will share her observations.
THINKING OF JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?
Our weekly sessions for R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) have begun. Sessions will take place on Sundays, in the parish parlor, from 9:40 to 10:40am. The journey of faith begins with questions - your questions. What do Catholics believe? How does Catholicism fit in with other faith traditions? The process begins with an “inquiry” period when questions lead to exploration. Please join us for a fun-filled, faith-filled, Spirit-filled gathering. If you would like to begin this journey of faith, please call our parish office and provide your contact information. (Name, phone number, email address, etc.). A member of the RCIA team will contact you with further information. We will look forward to meeting you and answering your questions. Deacon Mike Zboyovski/828-254-5193, ext. 20.

LOST AND FOUND
All items found on our church grounds can be found in our Lost & Found section located at the Coat Rack in the Social Hall not in the church office. You may search this area Monday-Friday 9am-4pm or when the church is open. All items not collected by the end of each month will be donated to Catholic Charities.

NOTE: Please be aware that our bulletin is posted on our website; therefore, any information in the bulletin is out there in cyberspace, accessible to anyone. Please let the office know if this is an issue for you.

ST. EUGENE'S IN THE LOOP!
Yes, our church is now looped! If you have hearing aids with t-coils, please turn them on. If you have a hearing loss, please ask for a Receiver from one of the Greeters/Ushers before you go into the Sanctuary. We want everyone to hear the Word!

HOSPITAL ADMISSION OR EXTENDED STAY AT HOME: We would encourage you to celebrate the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick prior to your admission or extended convalescence. Please give us a call to arrange a time and date. Also, you may be unaware that hospitals, by law, will not automatically inform us of your presence there - even if you state your religious affiliation as Catholic on an entrance form. Whether you are hospitalized, recuperating, or simply unable to attend parish services, you or your family member is required to inform us as to your desire for visitation and/or reception of Communion. We will be happy to arrange visitations and reception of Communion once the parish office is notified regarding your wishes. It is our most sincere desire to keep our parish family connected and included, especially in times of dealing with health and recovery issues. A simple call or email is all it takes. Celebration of Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: 828-254-5193 or to arrange a hospital or home visitation and communion: Deacon Mike - 828-254-5193 ext. 20 or deaconmike@steugene.org