

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

APRIL 3, 2016 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY



<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 2</b>	
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Kevin O'Sullivan (living)-Special Int. <i>req. by Ellen O'Sullivan</i>
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 3</b>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Raymond Henshaw Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Eugene &amp; Ann Fernan</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Luigi Dedvukaj (living) – For peace, inner guidance & health <i>req. by Mom</i>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Gemma Macri (decd) <i>req. by Fortunato &amp; Maria Macri</i>
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Julita Davis (living) - Special Int. <i>req. by Yolanda Davis</i>
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 4</b>	
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Gail Napolitano (decd) <i>req. by Fran Caruso &amp; Family</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Frank Mastrangelo Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 5</b>	
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Frank Mastrangelo Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Raymond Henshaw Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Eugene &amp; Ann Fernan</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6</b>	
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Angelo & Mary Napoli (decd) <i>req. by Your Daughters</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Raymond Henshaw Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Eugene &amp; Ann Fernan</i>
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 7</b>	
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Audrey Morrow (decd) <i>req. by Eugene &amp; Ann Fernan</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mario Descepolo (decd)
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 8</b>	
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Eulalio Salvilla (decd)
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Decd members of the Toriello Family <i>req. by Eugene &amp; Fanny</i>
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 9</b>	
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Exuperancia Flores & Pedro Flores Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Rudy &amp; Lolita Amor</i>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	John Iazzetti (decd) <i>req. by Gina &amp; Ernie Diaz</i>



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**Acts 5:12-16** Peter's faith in Jesus enables him to work signs and wonders.

**Psalm 118** "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting."

**Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19** He is the first and the last, the one who lives.

**John 20:19-31** How blessed are those who have not seen but have believed.

As we prepare to listen to God's holy word today, let us listen in particular for language that speaks of the community. The apostles were "all together in Solomon's portico." Were not Thomas's doubts because he was away from the community at Jesus' first appearance? How important is it for our faith to be a member of a community of faith? Let us reflect today on our membership in this Church and how it helps us to be able to say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

### MEMORIAL CANDLES & BREAD & WINE

Interested in memorializing the Sanctuary Candle by the Tabernacle or for the Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Lady? These candles, which burn continuously, could burn for your specific intentions. If you are interested in having a loved one remembered or a special intention placed before God, please contact the rectory. An offering of \$15.00 a week is requested.



### TABERNACLE CANDLE

### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

### BREAD AND WINE

### SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Bereavement Group	Carolyn Walsh	961-8689
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	Parish Office	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Rita DiPippo	793-3065
	Catherine Blanco	793-1539
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Cesar Tipwan	343-0914
Girl Scouts	Jerilin Carota	968-5526
H. S. A.	Nancy Arzola	274-0016
Holy Name	Frank Giacoio	793-5392
Legion of Mary	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
Living Rosary	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
Organist & Adult Choir	Jerry Celestino	961-2590
Parish Activities Committee	Father Fernan	961-2590
Parish Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
Respect Life Society	Jackie Barton	793-9322
Serra Club	George Alessi	779-8719
Senior Club	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
St. Vincent DePaul	Walter Whitmore	779-1826

**DIVINE MERCY**

**The Divine Mercy Novena ends today.**

*O Lord, our God, we place all our trust in You, because You are Mercy itself. We repent of our sins and turn to You in mercy. We trust You to provide for our every need, according to Your will. Help us to forgive others as You forgive us. We promise to be merciful by our deeds, words and prayers. Though we have fears because of human weakness, we rely on Your infinite goodness and mercy. We entrust to Your mercy our very lives, our present situation and our uncertain future. We entrust to You the future of the planet, our Church, our nations, our families and all our needs. With loud cries we implore Your mercy on us and the whole world. Look upon us created in Your image and likeness. Form us in the Heart of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit into living images of mercy. May all come to know the depth of Your mercy, and sing the praises of Your mercy forever. Amen.*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

As evidence of their gratitude for God's generosity to them in their lives, our people returned to His Holy Church the following offerings:

**March 20**

Weekly Collection ..... \$9,462  
Maintenance & Repair ..... \$1,855

**March 25**

Holy Land..... \$1,630

"As stewards we are accountable to God for our time, talent and treasure. We return to the Lord, the giver of all our gifts, a truly grateful and meaningful first share of our time, talent and treasure."

**SAINT EUGENE SCHOOL**

**The St. Eugene School "Anchors Away" Penny Social** will be held on April 8th at 6:30PM. Please see insert. **The Catholic School Region of Central Westchester** invites you to experience Saint Eugene School by visiting on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00am. To RSVP or for more information call (646) 794-2885 or visit [www.buildboldfutures.org](http://www.buildboldfutures.org).

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, Nicholas Gardini, Andrew Moraitis, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Eugene Fernan, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Ralph Grillo, Fr Smyth, Joseph Kelly, Bill Hyland, Antoinette DeAngelis, Gloria DeRosa, Victor Cirillo, Michael Magro and those recently called home to God....especially Fr. Paul Miki Gyamfi Fr. John Halborg, & Ron Filardo.....Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

*If you know of parishioners who are ill and would like to be visited by a priest, please contact the rectory at 961-2590.*

**A LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL**

Dear Friends in the Lord:

*The Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) was established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985, to provide the church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the archdiocese is to "serve those who serve" by providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic (arch) diocese, but to Catholics serving in the armed forces; enrolled in military academies; undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Guam; working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond United States borders; and the families of these populations.*

*The AMS is the only source of Catholic chaplains for the United States military and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. Its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral services to approximately 1.8 million.*

*While the salaries and retirement of VA chaplains are paid for by the government, the AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to its mission and ministry, including vocations, evangelization and catechesis, the keeping of sacramental records, a tribunal, and veteran affairs.*

*Unlike a conventional (arch) diocese, the AMS has no parishes or parish registries. It has no weekly collections, relying solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.*

*Last year, Pope Francis told military ordinaries from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support (those in need) on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all." Your support of this national collection for the AMS will bring the gospel, sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own archdiocese.*

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed year of mercy, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

*Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan - Archbishop of New York*

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY**

Jannelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur, David Daliso and Logan Wilson. If you have family members or friends you would like to put on our Military Prayer list please notify the Parish Office at 961-2590

**EASTER FLOWERS**

The following intentions have been added to our Easter Flower intentions.

**IN MEMORY OF:**

*Roberto Vergara  
Fuoco & Carozza Fam.  
Anthony Dragonetti  
Alfonso Barone  
Mr. Kim Jeffrey Pruitt  
Mary Rahmer & Catherine Zwierzynski*

**REQUESTED BY:**

*Vergara Family  
John Fuoco  
Josephine Dragonetti  
Eileen Barone  
Mrs. Wanda Pruitt-Bailey  
Virginia Rahmer*

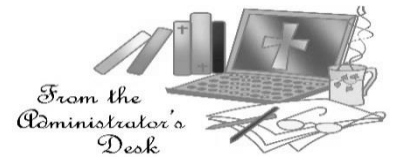
We gratefully acknowledge the following parishioners for their Easter donations:

*Antoinette & Jimmy Sarmiento      Douglas & Celia Komarek  
Grace Tommins                              Jocelyn Urena  
Rodolfo & Stephania Princesa      Bruce & Jacqueline Barton*

Dear Parishioners:



“Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of GOD, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, incomprehensible



mystery, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, fountain gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, better than the heavens, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of JESUS, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of JESUS for us, and especially for sinners, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in the founding of Holy Church, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in our justification through JESUS CHRIST, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in the conversion of

hardened sinners, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of GOD, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, crown of all of god's handiwork, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope, I trust in You. Eternal GOD, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.” ***From the Diary of Sister Faustina.***

***The Annunciation of the Lord:*** A tradition, which has come down from the apostolic ages, tells us that the great mystery of the Incarnation was achieved on the twenty-fifth day of March. It was at the hour of midnight, when the most holy Virgin was alone and absorbed in prayer, that the Archangel Gabriel appeared before her, and asked her, in the name of the blessed Trinity, to consent to become the Mother of God. Let us assist, in spirit, at this wonderful interview between the angel and the Virgin. *This date is usually March 25, but since it had fallen on Good Friday this year, the church has moved the date to April 4 this year.*

***Cardinal's Appeal:*** The Cardinal Appeal is continuing. The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. Your gift to the Appeal helps to fund many charities and assist our elder religious after their retirement. To date our parish has received \$ 53,851.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal from 193 families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always, thank you!

***Confirmation:*** Our confirmation candidates from our school and religious education classes will be receiving the *Sacrament of Confirmation* on Sunday, April 17, at 3:00PM. *Bishop Gerald T. Walsh* will be officiating. Practice will be held on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Parents and Sponsors do not need to attend.

May God bless you always:

Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

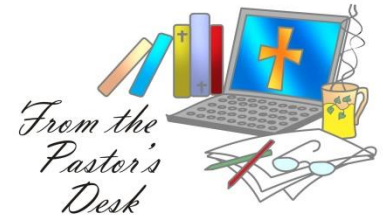
***O God, Who hast commanded us to honor our father and our mother; in Thy mercy have pity on the soul of my father, Frank Mastrangelo Jr., who died April 5, 2010, this his sixth anniversary in heaven, forgive his trespasses; and make me to see him again in the joy of everlasting brightness, through Christ our Lord. Amen***



Beloved of God,



The picture to the left is *not* the usual one that is depicted for the grand feast of Divine Mercy. That usually shows Christ pointing to His Heart with one hand while the other



is in the position of blessing... as the priest does at the end of Holy Mass. Coming from the Heart of Our Lord are the two colored rays, red and white, recalling us to the Crucifixion when blood and water flowed from the side of Our Lord after one of the Soldiers thrust a lance in His side as well as illustrating in the birth of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist (red and the shedding of blood) and Baptism (white and the flowing of water). We are welcomed into the Heart of God by Christ directing us to His own. We are blessed by God as we contemplate on the image of Christ as Divine Mercy with His hand raised in blessing. We are brought, as well, back to the Holy Mass as Jesus has assumed *the position of the priest in offering the blessing* of Almighty God.

The picture to the left is a monstrance. It is receptacle for holding the Blessed Sacrament and liturgical means employed in the *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* (usually on First Fridays and Perpetual Adoration of the Holy Eucharist). The Blessed Sacrament, Holy Communion, becomes the Body and Blood of Christ during the Holy Mass in the miracle of Transubstantiation – where although retaining the look, taste, feel and smell of bread and wine, the bread and wine is changed into and really becomes the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. As the picture of Divine Mercy is giving us a representation of the presence of Jesus in human form with the rays coming forth from Him, the Holy Eucharist really is the presence of Jesus. The artist in the rendition above is giving us a great insight into not only the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament but also that this Presence of Christ in Holy Communion in truly Divine Mercy.

First Fridays are obviously once a month. Perpetual Adoration is a rarity (but we are blessed at Saint Eugene to have it Monday through Friday). But, the possibility of being caught in the sacrificial and baptismal rays as well as the blessing from Our Savior Jesus is an everyday and sometimes twice a day occurrence in almost all parishes through the Daily Holy Mass. The Holy Mass, the gift given to us by Jesus at the Last Supper, is Divine Mercy. When the priest elevates and reveals the changed bread and wine, the real Body and Blood of Jesus, we are being caught up in those consecrating rays of Divine Mercy. We are being blessed by Jesus Himself. Divine Mercy has been given to us and remains with us always until the end of time in the Holy Mass.

As we celebrate this great feast today, let us know that we do not only have the chaplet revealed to us part of our prayer to Divine Mercy, but that we have Divine Mercy Itself in the Holy Eucharist in every daily Holy Mass. Come, visit and be caught up in Divine Mercy.

God love you... Father Fernan

