

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MAY 8, 2016 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, MAY 7

5:00 PM Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro
52nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:00 AM Carmel Finnegan (decd)

req. by The Finnegan Family

10:00 AM Raymond Henshaw Jr. (decd)

req. by Carrie & Ken Korzeniowski

12:00 PM Barbara Stanley (decd)

req. by Patricia Stanley

6:00 PM Elizabeth Ho (decd)

req. by Cecilia Lee

MONDAY, MAY 9

6:45 AM Francisco Rodriguez (decd)

req. by The Rodriguez Family

9:00 AM John Coppola (decd)

req. by Angela Coppola

TUESDAY, MAY 10

6:45 AM Angelo & Mary Napoli (decd)

req. by Your Daughters

9:00 AM Deceased Members Torre & Soldati Family

req. by Dolores Torre

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

6:45 AM Mothers Day Novena

9:00 AM Leonel Savone and all deceased Savone Family

req. by Bernardino, Luciano and Gennarino Savone

THURSDAY, MAY 12

6:45 AM Mothers Day Novena

9:00 AM Raymond Henshaw Jr. (decd)

req. by Denis & Joan Mulcahy

FRIDAY, MAY 13

6:45 AM Antigone Lysandrou (decd)

req. by Peggy & Peter Clarke

9:00 AM Mothers Day Novena

SATURDAY, MAY 14

9:00 AM Sara & John Keenan (living)

5:00 PM Gemma Macri (decd)

Fortunato & Maria Macri



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7:55-60 Stephen manifests love of Jesus to the end.

Psalm 97 "The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth."

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jesus is coming soon.

John 17:20-26 The Lord prays for us: May we be one, united in the love of Father and Son.

In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about the martyrdom of Saint Stephen. We ourselves may not be called to such a sacrifice, but it seems that more and more people in our world today are losing their lives because of their faith. As we hear these sacred scriptures today, let us keep them in our minds and in our prayers as we pray for the grace to bear witness to the gospel in our own lives.

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

IN MEMORY OF JOHN RUSSO – 15TH ANNIVERSARY

REQ. BY HIS WIFE & FAMILY

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF DONALD J. TORRE

REQ. BY DOLORES TORRE

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD & STELLA SHIBROSKI

REQ. BY VIRGINIA SHIBROSKI

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	Martina Parisi	400-3634
	Dolores Tenzer	262-8146
	Lori Fox	325-0333
Cheerleaders	Cesar Tipwan	343-0914
Couples for Christ	Jerilyn Carota	968-5526
Girl Scouts	Nancy Arzola	274-0016
H. S. A.	Frank Giacoio	793-5392
Holy Name	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
Legion of Mary	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
Living Rosary	Jerry Celestino	961-2590
Organist & Adult Choir	Father Fernan	961-2590
Parish Activities Committee	Father Fernan	961-2590
Parish Council	Jackie Barton	793-9322
Respect Life Society	George Alessi	779-8719
Serra Club	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Senior Club	Walter Whitmore	779-1826
St. Vincent DePaul		

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:

May 1

Weekly Collection..... \$10,685
Central & Eastern Europe \$ 1,438

"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."

MAY IS DEVOTED TO MARY, OUR BLESSED MOTHER

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven". During this month Christians both in church & in the privacy of the home offer to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayers and veneration. In this month the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance.

PRAY THE ROSARY

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

With spring upon us, please let us remember all those who are in need of a meal or food on the table. There are many who are struggling in our own community. We are in need of non-perishable food items. (Cereal, soup, pasta, etc.) Please place these items in the baskets at the entrances of the church.

We serve our people as well as the *Sharing Community* in Getty Square. If you are able to cook but not deliver, please contact either Walter Whitmore (914) 779-1826 or David Fabi at hotfabi@optonline.net.

"For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Martina Parisi at (914) 400-3634 or Dolores Tenzer at (914) 262-8146 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group meets the 3rd Thursday each month. Our next meeting is May 19th at 1pm. Through caring support, we hope to lessen the pain and confusion brought on by the death of a loved one.

LEGION OF MARY

We meet every Tuesday morning immediately after 9AM Mass or Tuesday evening at 7:00PM. For more information please contact Josephine Bitetti at (914) 337-1372.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel, located in the vestibule, is open daily Mon-Fri from 7am to 4pm, unless noted on schedule. We are asking specifically for prayers for Vocations. Please come and make a visit with the Lord. For more information call George Alessi, 779-8719.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses. We will pray the Rosary weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm from May through October. Please join us near the outdoor statue of Our Lady as we honor the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

On behalf of the Priests, Parish Administrator, and Staff, we would like to extend our blessings to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and all who will be celebrating Mother's Day this weekend.



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, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Ralph Grillo, Fr Smyth, Joseph Kelly, Betty Cirillo, Victor Cirillo, Anna Lisa Miranda, Fr. Brian Brennan, Fr. Smyth, Joseph O'Reilly and those recently called home to God especially Noel Lynch...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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Jannelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur, David Daliso, Logan Wilson and Matthew Fishwick. 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

FAMILY LIFE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30PM or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact, our Parish Administrator, *Gina Mastrangelo* at (914) 961-2590 to register. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

Mount Hope Cemetery Memorial Service: A Memorial Service will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery on Saturday, May 14th at 12:30PM for all our loved ones laid to rest in Mount Hope. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Riordan of St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, Manhattan. Mount Hope is located at the intersection of Saw Mill River Rd and Jackson Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson.

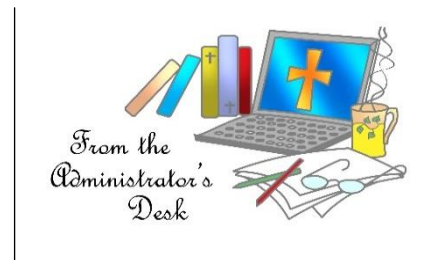
The Higher Achievement Program (HAP): This program is for girls entering 7th and 8th grade to help them prepare for the TACHS (The Archdiocesan Catholic High School) entry exam. It is a 3 week (July 5th-July 22nd) Higher Achievement Program focusing on English, Math & Reading skills. The program will be held at St. Catharine Academy, 2250 Williamsbridge Rd, Bronx, NY and the program fee is \$500. For more information contact the Program Director, Mrs. Tracy Keelin at (718) 882-2882 ext. 122 or tkeelin@scahs.org.

Dear Parishioners:

- Happy Mother's Day: I would like to wish all of our Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers... a Blessed Day.



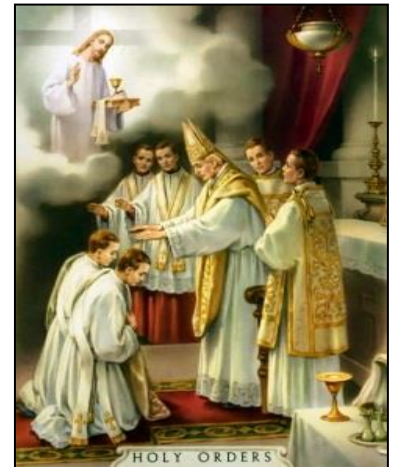
God, Our Creator, we pray; for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for all mothers who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and living not for themselves alone, but that they may lead their children to know what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.



- The Cardinal's Appeal: The Cardinal Appeal is progressing. The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. To date our parish has received \$71,246.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal from 235 families. Please consider a gift to the appeal on behalf of your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always, thank you!
- Police Holy Name Society: Members of our Yonkers Police Holy Name Society will be joining us at Mass on next Sunday, May 15th at 10:00 am. Please join us as we thank them for their service to us and the many residents of the City of Yonkers.
- Installation Mass: On Sunday, May 22 at the 12:00 Mass our *Pastor, Fr. Matthew Fernan*, will be officially installed as the **Pastor of Saint Eugene Church** by the Dean of the South Westchester Deanery, *Fr. Robert Grippo*, Pastor of Annunciation/Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Please join us for this special mass.

- Anniversary of Ordination: This Friday, May 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, we congratulate our Pastor, **Father Matthew Fernan and his classmate our Parochial Vicar and Sunday Associate, Father Michael Morris**, on the 27th Anniversary of their Sacred Priesthood. Father Fernan and Father Morris were ordained May 13, 1989 by **John Cardinal O'Connor**. We thank Father Fernan for his dedication to all of his parishioners, and for guiding us as we all try to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord. May God Bless You both Fathers, **Ad Multos Annos**.

We need them in life's early morning, we need them at its close, we feel their warmth clasp of true friendship, we seek them when tasting life's woes. When we come to this world we are sinful, the greatest as well as the least, and the hands that makes us pure as angels, is the beautiful hand of a priest. At the altar each day we behold them, and hands of a king on his throne, are not equal to them in their greatness, their dignity stands alone. For there in the stillness of the morning 'ere, the sun has emerged from the East, there, God rests between the pure fingers, of the beautiful hand of the priest. And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and sin, 'tis the hand of a priest will absolve us not once but again and again within. And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast, but the hand that will bless us and unite us, is the beautiful hand of a priest. God bless them and keep them all holy, For the Host which these fingers caress, What can a poor sinner do better, than to ask Him who chose thee to bless, when the death dew on our eyelids are falling, May our courage and strength be increased, By seeing raised O'er us in blessing, The Beautiful Hands of a priest.



- Saint Eugene School: Our Eighth Grade Class will be sponsoring a Bake Sale on May 14th- after the 5PM Mass and May 15th after the 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM Mass. The baked goods will be in the hallway at the school entrance of the church. Please come and support them as they are preparing for their graduation from our school.
- Boy Scouts: A big thank you to our Boy Scouts who planted flowers all around the Saint Eugene Campus. Thank you as well to Mrs. Donna Ragusa, all the pack leaders and their parents.
- Wedding Jubilees: Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick , Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 pm or Sunday June 26th at 2:00 pm. **Pre-registration is mandatory. If you are interested in participating in either of the Masses please contact me at 961-2590.** The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th. The event is sponsored by the Family Life, Respect Life office of the Archdiocese of New York.

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Ascension of Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ to Heaven

“And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name that You have given Me, so that they may be one just as We are.” (John 17:11)

“But now I am coming to You. I speak this in the world so that they may share My joy completely.” (John 17:13)

“Father, they are Your gift to Me. I wish that where I am they also may be with Me, that they may see My glory that You gave Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.” (John 17:24)



As we have heard for the past few weeks, that Christ after His Resurrection appeared to the Apostles on many occasions, Mary Magdalene, the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, and thousands of others. “Jesus’ final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of His humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where He is seated from that time forward at God’s right hand.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #659) *“So then the Lord Jesus, after He spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God.” (Mark 16:19)* The Church is clear to distinguish the Ascension as referring to Jesus’ “humanity.” We have heard from Our Blessed Lord at the Last Supper in the Prayer He offers for His Apostles and all the people of God, *“that they may be one just as We are.”* The Father, Son and Spirit were, are and always will be one. Even though the Son of God took on humanity, in time, His divinity already remained glorified and yet veiled by His humanity. A hint of His glory was given at the Transfiguration... *“After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light.” (Matthew 17:1-2)* Through the Transfiguration, we are given a glimpse into the Glory of the Son and the Unity of the Blessed Trinity, because as Christ Himself said, *“so that they may be one, as We are one,” (John 17:22b)* so is Jesus telling us of the relationship between He and the Father, Their Oneness, as well as the ultimate desire of God Father, Son and Spirit... *“that they may be one just as We are.”* Jesus’ coming was so

that we could return. Jesus’ coming was so that we could follow. Jesus’ coming was so that He could engage in conversation with Thomas at the Last Supper... *“Jesus said, “Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to Him, “Master, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:4-6)* Jesus’ coming was so that He could reveal that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Reveal all this so that we could finally... *“be one just as We are”* so that *“where I am they also may be with Me,”* and by this divine intimacy between Jesus and us, then *“they may share My joy completely.”* All these actions over time are not simply to save us and bring us into the presence and glory of God in heaven, but that God may rejoice in us being with Him, *“they may share My joy completely.”*

Also, as Christ ascended into Heaven, and then Our Blessed Lady, the Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven, we too, if we follow Christ in life and suffering with Him in death, will follow Him up to heaven, where our humanity will share in the joy of the Son of God and fulfilling His desire... *“I wish that where I am they also may be with Me.”* May all our actions mirror the life of Jesus. May all our thoughts be guided in humility by Jesus. May all our words reflect the heart of Jesus. May we follow His Way. May we live His Truth. May we merit His gift of everlasting Life... so that we all may be in one in God and God’s joy may be complete.

God love you... Father Fernan