

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

OCTOBER 16, 2016 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15	
5:00 PM	Agnes Shamp (decd) <i>req. by Vincent and Marilyn Montemurro</i>
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16	
8:00 AM	John Trevorah – 1 st Anniversary <i>req. by Wayne & Maureen Modrovsky</i>
10:00 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
12:00 PM	Ramon Galindo (decd) <i>req. by Deacon John & Vilma Duffy</i>
6:00 PM	Helen Durkin (decd) <i>req. by Joe Cannizzaro</i>
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17	
6:45 AM	Manuso Family-Special Healing Int. <i>req. by Elizabeth Collins</i>
9:00 AM	Carmelo Miranda (decd) <i>req. by Ida Mareschi</i>
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18	
6:45 AM	Deacon Patrick Troy (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	John & Irene Zucconi (decd) <i>req. by Diana</i>
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19	
6:45 AM	Fleming Family (decd) <i>req. by Margaret Fleming</i>
9:00 AM	Melina & Sebastino Storace (decd) <i>req. by Marion Granelli</i>
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20	
6:45 AM	Liberato Remolado (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>
9:00 AM	Hassett & Paparella Family (decd) <i>req. by Mario & Charlotte Paparella</i>
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21	
6:45 AM	Barbara Joyce (decd) <i>req. by Margaret E. Schmuckler</i>
9:00 AM	Raphaela and Michael Gagliardi (decd) <i>req. by Maria A. Troiano</i>
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22	
9:00 AM	Neil McGroarty (living) <i>req. by Ellen O'Sullivan</i>
5:00 PM	Fr. James Smyth (decd) <i>req. by Denis & Joan Mulcahy</i>

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Exodus 17:8-13 As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.

Psalm 121 "Our help is from the Lord, who made Heaven and Earth."

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 The Scriptures train you to stay with the task.

Luke 18:1-8 Be persistent in prayer, especially in the pursuit of justice.

Although our First Reading depicts a violent battle, the point is clearly made that continual prayer brings results. Not only that, but we can help each other to pray. Listening to this reading and the others, what else can we learn about persistence and prayer today?

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 EIRA FATIMA MAGHUYOP

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF SUZANNE CENNERAZZO



BREAD AND WINE

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Bereavement Group	Sr. Florence Mallon	337-1660 ext.120
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	G.Mastrangelo	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Martina Parisi	400-3634
	Dolores Tenzer	262-8146
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Dino Paolo Waga	917-882-2995
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 Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
Serra Club	George Alessi	779-8719
Senior Club	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
St. Vincent DePaul	Walter Whitmore	779-1826

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:

October 9	2016	2015
Weekly Collection.....	\$9,831	\$10,566

"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.

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 7pm from May through October. Please join us near the outdoor statue of Our Lady as we honor the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

With autumn 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. Please remember those who are in need. 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."

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.

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.

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

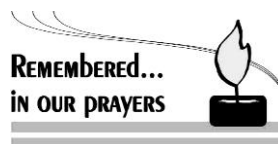
Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, Nicholas Gardini, Andrew Moraitis, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Ralph Grillo, Joseph Kelly, Anna Lisa Miranda, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Baby Abigail Raine, Joan Pinto, Celia Torres, Dante Riccoboni, Frank Azaltovic, Jennie Sepe, Marty Loftus, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion Fr. Terence Lee, Francis Bowen, Ann Fama, Phil Smyth, Cora Lucy Sannella, Colin Keenan, John Duby, Tom Tucker, Shirley Smith, Lucille Mallon and those recently called home to God, especially Fr. Tomas F. McDonald, Tony Capeci, Peter Frankevich, Ursula Ciafone, and Rachael N. DeBenedetto. 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

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

ALL SOULS DAY



All Souls Day is a day we pray for all our beloved dead. If you wish to have your loved ones remembered at the Masses please use the envelope provided in your envelope packet. Additional envelopes are available throughout the Church.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

High School Open House:

Maria Regina High School, 500 West Hartsdale Ave, Hartsdale, NY, open house for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and families on Sunday, 10/30 from 1-4PM. For more information call (914) 761-3300 ext. 211 or visit www.mariaregina.org.

Cardinal Spellman High School, 1 Cardinal Spellman Pl, Bronx, NY, open house for all 7th and 8th grade student, parents & families on Sunday, 10/23 from 11AM-3PM.

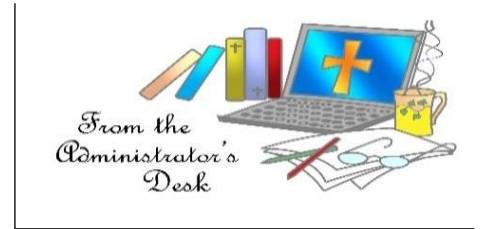
Kennedy Catholic High School, 54 NY-138, Somers, open house for all 7th and 8th grade students and their parents Sunday, 10/16 from 1-4PM or Wednesday, 10/19 from 7-9PM. For more information visit kennedycatholic.org/open-house.

Iona Preparatory Upper School, 255 Wilmot Rd, New Rochelle, open house for prospective students and their families Sunday, 10/23, 12noon-3PM or Wednesday, 10/26, 6:30-8PM. For more information & to pre-register visit www.ionaprep.org or contact Barbara Roberson, Dir. of Admissions at (914) 600-6154 or brobertson@ionaprep.org.

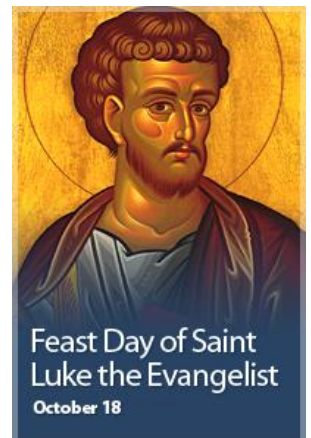
Serra Club of Bronx & Westchester Luncheon will be Wednesday, 10/26, 12noon at Eastwood Manor, 3371 Eastchester Rd, Bronx, NY. The cost is \$25. Please call (718) 671-8915 to reserve by 10/24.

Catholic Widow & Widower of Yonkers will meet Thursday, 10/20 at 1PM in Fr. Anthony Hall in St. Ann's Church, 31 College Ave, Yonkers. A guest speaker, Jessica Kiely, will talk about trusts. Call (914) 423-5331 for additional information.

Dear Parishioners:

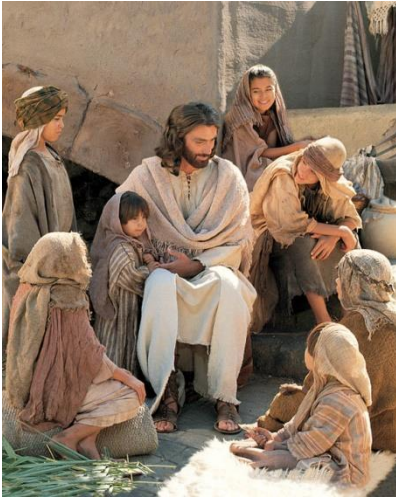


- Saint Eugene Choir: Each weekend under the direction of our Music Director, *Jerry Celestino* and Organist *James Donaldson*, we are given the chance to lift our voices high in the Holy Mass. What is the importance of music and singing in the Mass? Music that blends both spiritual and artistic excellence is liturgical, it is sacred. Music has the ability to cultivate, strengthen, and deepen the spiritual experience of those gathered for worship. Liturgical music never dominates, but serves. Sacred music imparts spiritual truth to one's mind, heart, and soul. It displays a dimension of meaning and feeling that mere words cannot. Music makes prayer more pleasing, promotes a sense of congregational unity, and confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites. Singing is an expression of joy. In Colossians 3:16, St. Paul exhorts the faithful assembled in expectation of their Lord's return to sing together. He says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.., singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." Our relationship with God is one of love, and whether we sing loudly or softly, on pitch or out of tune, sing. We would like to start up again a Children's Choir which will sing everyweek at the 10:00 AM Family Mass. Practices will be at 9:30 each Sunday morning before Mass. We are looking for adults who are willing to lend their talent and join our Saint Eugene Adult Choir. The Choir Mass is the 12:00 Mass on Sundays. The practices are held on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM. If you are interested in joining either choir please fill out the form inserted in the bulletin and return it to the church office by ASAP.
- Church Air Ducts: On Tuesday of this week, we will begin the task of having all of the air ducts in the church cleaned professionally. *Westchester Air Duct* will be working in the church everyday after the 9:00 mass using a portable scaffolding and moving it throughout the church to clean not only the air conditioner vent and ducts, but also the exhaust vents. They will be cleaning them from the inside out, top to bottom. When they are finished *Service Master* will come in and clean and vacuum all of the windows and walls. This process will take about two weeks depending on availability of the church due to funerals. The scaffolding may be in an area which you normally sit so please bear with us as your seats may change for a week or so. Also for the adorers, the work will continue everyday and will not stop during benediction. As we learned when the renovation was done at Saint Patrick's Cathedral the work must continue. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Rosary Crusade: This Saturday, October 15th at 12:00, we will be participating in a Rosary Crusade, a public prayer chain to pray for an end to violence, for peace in our world. When we pray to our Father in Heaven, He hears us especially through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary chain will be on the grass in front of the Saint Eugene Sign on the corner of Tuckahoe Road and Central Avenue. All are welcome to attend!
- CYO – Registration is ongoing, any student in grades 3-8, who attends Saint Eugene School or Saint Eugene Religious Education and is a registered member of our Parish, and would like to join our CYO basketball or cheerleading teams please contact Joan DeLuca at (914)497-9798 ASAP.
- Mass Book: The 2017 Mass Book is open. The office hours are 9:30-3:30, Monday – Friday.
- October 18, Feast of Saint Luke: Saint Luke lived in the First Century A.D. He was a physician, a companion to Saint Paul whom he traveled and preached the doctrine of the new faith; he was also a Christian historian. According to ecclesiastical tradition, Luke was the author of the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel according to Luke. The first chapters of Luke Gospel relate the story of Christmas. He is the only Evangelist to provide certain information about the conception, infancy and childhood of Jesus. The events described in the Bible by Luke include the Annunciation, the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel that Mary had been chosen as the mother of Christ. These words are the basis for the Hail Mary. St. Luke also chronicled the only Gospel account of the visitation, which contains what is considered to be one of the world's most beautiful prayers, the Magnificat. - *From the USCCB*. As we are in the month of the Rosary, let us not only pray to our Mother, but to Saint Luke as he gave us these beautiful words.

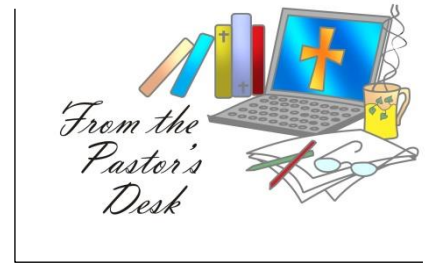


May God bless you always, *Gina Mastrangelo*, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,



“And people were bringing children to Jesus that He might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this He became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Then He embraced them and blessed them, placing His hands on them.” (Mark 10:13-16)



I can't imagine a parent intentionally saying, "I am going to keep my children from God," or "I don't want my children to know Jesus." And yet at times our actions do exactly that. A gentleman in his twenties was preparing for Confirmation and as a part of our conversations, I asked why he hadn't been confirmed with his classmates during the Eighth Grade. He explained that Pee Wee Football was on Sunday mornings. As I already said, I don't think his father thought, "What can I do to busy my son with so that he will not go to church or get to know Jesus."

Heading Our Blessed Lord's call to *“Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these,”* the 10:00 AM Sunday Holy Mass is now going to Saint Eugene Parishes... Family Mass. Please note, that it will not be called the Children's Mass. A Holy Mass can only be called a Children's Mass when the only participants are children. The last thing that is intended is to split the children from their parents... in effect, break up the family. It is most important that the family grow in holiness together... that the family worship Almighty God together... that the family attend Holy Mass together. For the children to see the beautiful example of their parents praying to God the Father, receiving God the Son in Holy Communion (if they are able) and growing in holiness through the blessings of God the Holy Spirit... what a gift. So, while the children and families are welcome to worship at any and all of the Holy Masses at Saint Eugene, we are going to make efforts to engage the families particularly at the 10:00AM Holy Mass.

What are those efforts?

- The Homily... at homily time, the children will be invited to sit in a reserved section so the priest will be able to address them directly. This is challenging for the priest because he must engage the children while at the same time engaging the adults for a few reasons... again, because it is not a "Children's Mass" and because the adults, whether they are parents or any others worshipping the Almighty at the 10:00 AM Holy Mass have a right to be spiritually nourished during the Holy Mass.
- The Music... once again, because the 10:00 AM Holy Mass is not purely a Children's Mass, there has to be a balance between the musicians, the instruments and music choices in order to incorporate all worshippers as much as possible.
 - A Children's Choir... we will be starting a Children's Choir which will meet every Sunday beginning at 9:30 AM in the School Music Room. The children will be enhancing the Sacred Liturgy under the direction of their Choir Director, Mr. Celestino and organist, Mr. Donaldson.
 - Instruments... Organ and Guitar... Mr. Celestino, while not only talented in voice, is a classically trained guitarist, who will be seamlessly weaving the organ and guitar as one during the Holy Mass.
 - Musical Choices... Mr. Celestino will be making musical choices that will be familiar to all attending while at the same time incorporating new music to enhance the liturgical experience.
- Children's Bulletin... a booklet specifically designed for the children will be handed out to them as a part of the sacred liturgy. It is designed for the children to do while being challenging enough that the parents may need to help... a Family Activity. These booklets carry forward the theme of each specific Sunday.

The Most Important Effort!

The above are all the efforts the parish will be making regarding the Family Mass. The most important effort, however, which needs to be made is on behalf of the parents. Listen again to Mark's Gospel... *“And people were bringing children to Jesus that He might touch them... Then He embraced them and blessed them, placing His hands on them.”* Parents and Grandparents... you are being urged by Jesus to bring the children to Him. Hear His words and be witness to the results... those who were brought, Jesus *“embraced them and blessed them, placing His hands on them.”* Come as a family. Bring your children. Let them be blessed... and your family, in turn, will be blessed as well.

God love you... Father Fernan