

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 1, 2017 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31	
5:00 PM	Wayne D'Ascoli (decd) <i>req. by Marie Coviello</i>
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1	
8:00 AM	Arlene Knapp (decd) <i>req. by The Legion of Mary</i>
10:00 AM	Rita Ianni (decd) <i>req. by Virginia Shibroski</i>
12:00 PM	Sr. Regina Rosaire (living) 70 th Jubilee Anniversary <i>req. by Josephine & John Bitetti</i>
MONDAY, JANUARY 2	
6:45 AM	Philomina Tomy (decd) <i>req. by The George Family</i>
9:00 AM	Maura Ferguson (living) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3	
6:45 AM	Dolores Diamond (decd) <i>req. by Alan Zaretsky</i>
9:00 AM	Decd members of the Ahern Family <i>req. by Family</i>
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4	
6:45 AM	Alex Fernan (lvg)-Special Intention <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Donald Torre (decd) <i>req. by Dolores Torre</i>
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5	
6:45 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by Frank & Jackie Finnegan</i>
9:00 AM	Decd members of the Casey Family <i>req. by Family</i>
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6	
6:45 AM	Gloria Fernan (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Theresa Prior Jacobell (decd) <i>req. by Marilyn & Vinny Montemurro</i>
7:30 PM	Rolando Arroyo (decd) <i>req. by The Reyes Family</i>
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7	
9:00 AM	Hilda Spencer (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
5:00 PM	Michael Kenny (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Numbers 6:22-27 "The Lord bless you and keep you!"

Psalm 67 "May God bless us in his mercy."

Galatians 4:4-7 We too are the sons and daughters of God.

Luke 2:16-21 Mary reflected on all these things in her heart.

The sacred scriptures we hear proclaimed today continue our celebration of the Christmas season. We still have shepherds, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus at the manger in Bethlehem. The first reading recounts a very beautiful blessing from our ancient tradition, and Saint Paul proclaims that we are adopted children of God through Jesus Christ. Let us ponder these readings today, reflecting on them in our heart.

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 ALL FORGOTTEN SOULS

REQ. BY LISETTE ABRAHAM



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN THANKSGIVING

REQ. BY IRENE MOYLES

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF RITA IANNI

REQ. BY VIRGINIA SHIBROSKI

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Beloved of God,
Over the last couple of weeks, many have come forward with a knock upon the door of the offices or priest residence or a visit to the sacristy, where everyone is always welcome to speak with the Clergy or Parish Administrator, or an impromptu visit before or after Church, to present a token of thanks, appreciation and love for your Clergy and Parish Administrator during this Holy Season. On behalf of the Clergy and Parish Administrator, I thank you for remembering us first in prayers and secondly in your most generous gifts. May God bless you for your kindness and support.

God love you,
Father Fernan

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:

Due to the bulletin deadline, financial data was not available for publication. However, thank you for your continued generosity most especially during these difficult economic times.

"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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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 will be closed Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of the New Year. 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

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.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses.

BOX TOPS FOR THE SCHOOL

The school would like to thank all those who have taken the time to collect box tops. The school collects only BOX TOPS at this time. Any box tops can be put in a special box in the school hallway by the church door.

FLIP TOPS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

There is a new receptacle for the aluminum can FLIP TOPS. It is in the school hallway near the box top for the school. These will be used to help the children and families of Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for your efforts and donations.

SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

There are no scheduled meetings for January or February 2017. There is a trip planned for the Westchester Broadway Theater for April 28, 2017 for Mamma Mia. For more information about the St. Eugene Seniors call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, Nicholas Gardini, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, 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, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion Fr. Terence Lee, Francis Bowen, Phil Smyth, Cora Lucy Sannella, John DUBY, Tom Tucker, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, John Cox, Anthony McCauley and those recently called home to God. 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.

2017 CALENDARS

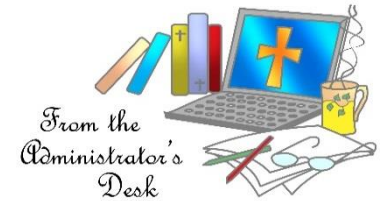
A special THANK YOU to Flynn Memorial Funeral Home for the beautiful calendars which were donated to the parish which available around the church. Let us pray for them all during the year.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND THE NEED FOR PEACE

Every January 1 we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and at the same time, celebrate the World Day of Peace. The Blessed Mother remains at the heart of our peace, for she alone was the instrument chosen to bring the Son of God into this world. She alone is the one who best teaches us how to draw closer to Christ, the Prince of Peace.

A famous quote from St. Augustine reminds us: "Peace is not the absence of war, but the tranquility of order." This "tranquility of order" is not simply nation to nation but the "tranquility of order" within myself: my heart, my mind, my body, my soul. Mary helps each one of us to be ordered to Christ, who alone is our lasting peace, even in times of great warfare, whether it be international or internal.

January 1st Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God



From the
Administrator's
Desk

On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God, the divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin. It is the highest title of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Mother of God. This title was given to Mary at the council of Ephesus in 431 AD. The council taught, however, that the humanity and divinity of Jesus could not be separated and that they exist in one person, with the momentous implication that we can rightly give Mary the title of Mother of God. Mother brings life, a gift from God into the world. That's why you sometimes hear the Church referred to as "Mother". The Evangelist, Luke, describes her as the silent Virgin who listens constantly to the Eternal Word, who lives in the Word of God. The feast is the celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus and is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel. (Luke 1:26-38) Elizabeth proclaims; "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are You who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

Heavenly Father, You blessed the Virgin Mary with fullness of grace. She is model of faith, hope and love. I give this New Year to her intercession and ask for her holy prayers. Place my needs into the protection of her motherly love. With her help, I want my faith to grow. Give me an increase in the virtue of hope when troubles tempt me to despair. Guide me in understanding Your infinite love. And join my heart, dear Lord, to the Holy Mother's Immaculate Heart, so that I may improve in loving everyone unconditionally, in imitation of my Savior, Jesus. Amen.

May Mary the Mother of God be with us all today and always, a blessed New Year to all of you!

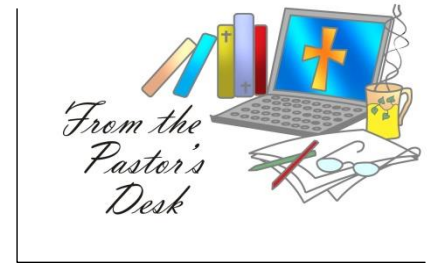
Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Eucharist Heart of Jesus Litany – Part 2

“Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist, sweet companion of our exile, I adore You.”

Heart of Jesus! The Litany we are meditating on has the invocations begin with “The Heart of Jesus...” over and over. Before we can begin to delve into the petitions we are offering, we must first delve into the mystery of the “Heart of Jesus.”



The first time the word *heart* is used in our Sacred Scriptures is in the Book of Genesis. Of course, we must turn to the Sacred Scriptures to understand God, because it is through them that the Almighty has spent human history revealing Himself. Sacred Scripture is Salvation History. You may find this quote most curious...

“When the Lord saw how great the wickedness of human beings was on earth, and how every desire that their heart conceived was always nothing but evil, the Lord regretted making human beings on the earth, and His heart was grieved.” (Genesis 6:5)

It is important to note that the first reference of “heart,” whether the human heart or the Divine Heart, was in speaking of “*how every desire that (the human beings) heart conceived was always nothing but evil.*” This is in such contrast to how human beings were created – “*God created mankind in His image; in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them...*” (Genesis 1:27) and “*the Lord God formed the man out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*” (Genesis 2:7) Humanity was conceived and created in the image of the Divine. So the Heart of the Divine One was reflected in the heart of humanity. This is even more evident that when we were created from the dust of the ground we were lifeless beings. We were without breath. The first breath of humanity was offered from the Divine. Our life’s breath came from God. Our hearts were to mirror our Creators. We know though what happened...

“Now the snake was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, ‘Did God really say, ‘You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden?’” The woman answered the snake: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, or else you will die.’” But the snake said to the woman: “You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil.” The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.” (Genesis 3:1-7)

Being cast from the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had to struggle the rest of their lives for the food as part of their punishment. Very quickly Jealously and Greed, relatives to the Pride revealed in the Arrogant sin of our first parents, drove humanity to the most base of crimes...

“Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out in the field.” When they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord asked Cain, where is your brother Abel? He answered, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” God then said: What have you done? Your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground!” (Genesis 4:10)

Oh, how lost humanity was. Oh, how quickly humanity fell. Oh, how hard humanity fell. When we were created in the Divine Image, all we needed to do was obey the Divine One... all we needed to do was to listen to the Divine Heart implanted within us... and breathe the breath of Divine Life given us.

God love you... Father Fernan