

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MARCH 5, 2017 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



	SATURDAY, MARCH 4
5:00 PM	To Liong (decd) - 2 nd Anniversary <i>req. by Cora Giacoio</i>
	SUNDAY, MARCH 5
8:00 AM	Wilson J. Morales (decd) <i>req. by Timmy & Jasmine Lopez</i>
10:00 AM	Marie Coles (decd) <i>req. by Liz Coles</i>
12:00 PM	Joseph O'Neill (decd)
6:00 PM	Nessie Param (decd) <i>req. by the Reeder Family</i>
	MONDAY, MARCH 6
6:45 AM	Mary Carter (decd) <i>req. by Ann Mary, Tom & Emma Farrell</i>
9:00 AM	Tim Kiely (decd) <i>req. by the Madden Family</i>
	TUESDAY, MARCH 7
6:45 AM	Living & Decd Members of the O'Donnell & Ferguson Family <i>req. by Maura Ferguson</i>
9:00 AM	Abdelrahim Sulaiman (decd) <i>req. by Negma Sulaiman</i>
	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
6:45 AM	Sara Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Ann & Gene Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Agha Khan (decd) <i>req. by Leonora Alessi Khan</i>
	THURSDAY, MARCH 9
6:45 AM	John Phelan & Family (living) <i>req. by Maura Ferguson</i>
9:00 AM	Sara Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Ann & Gene Fernan</i>
	FRIDAY, MARCH 10
6:45 AM	Sara Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Ann Mary, Tom & Emma Farrell</i>
9:00 AM	Coronato Dalli (decd) <i>req. by his wife</i>
9:30 AM	Stations – if no funeral
7:00 PM	Stations
	SATURDAY, MARCH 11
9:00 AM	Rogelio Reimondez Collazo (decd) <i>req. by Reymondez-Ramos Family</i>
5:00 PM	Vikki Phillips (decd) <i>req. by Mom</i>
	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Next weekend is Daylight Savings. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 The Lord God planted a garden in Eden.
Psalm 51 "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."
Romans 5:12-19, or 5:12,17-19 In Adam all die. In Christ all live.
Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights.

As we begin this Lenten season, we find that all three readings are harmonized. The First Reading and the Gospel are tied together by the Second Reading. Saint Paul in his Letter to the Romans, shows how the transgression of Adam and Eve is overcome by the righteousness of Jesus. Listening to these Sacred Scriptures, let us be grateful for the love of our God, who rescues us from our sinfulness.

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

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ST. GERARD

REQ. BY THE HERMOZA FAMILY



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF ELSA MONTERO

REQ. BY ANNA SERRAO & FAMILY

BREAD AND WINE

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
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
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 of St Eugene Parish	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:

February 19	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$10,942	\$11,751

February 26	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,201
Monthly Collection.....	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,976

"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 OF SAINT EUGENE PARISH

This is the recipe given to us by the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of Saint Eugene Parish. It is important that all of the chicken baked and donated is the same.

The recipe for the chicken legs and thighs is as follows: Wash and clean chicken, season, place chicken in large tray, add ½ cup water. Bake at 375 degrees skin side down for 45 minutes, turn chicken over, season and bake skin side up for an additional 45 minutes. When the chicken is done sprinkle with paprika.

Please drain all juices and transport the chicken in Ziploc bags.

"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."

MARIAN MONDAYS FOR LENT

Join us as we travel through Lent with Our Blessed Lady. All the Mondays of Lent, except Holy Week, there will be prayers and reflections from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Church dedicated to Our Holy Mother, praying especially that we can learn from Her some of the mysteries of Her Immaculate Heart as we endeavor to draw closer to Her Son's Sacred Heart.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Parishioners; Fasting and abstinence from meat on Fridays are important Lenten obligations for every Catholic bound by age and health. This year, the Solemnity of Saint Patrick, our patron, falls on a Friday, and I have decided to dispense our people from abstaining from meat.

FLOWERS AND LENT

As is explained in the ORDO... *Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2016*, "During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers." On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, a day of Rejoicing, they are permitted. Therefore, except for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, during this Season of Penance and Penitence, there will not be any flowers in church.

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.

A TREASURE FOUND

About four months ago, one of the treasures of Saint Eugene parish, from the time of Msgr. Dougherty, was restored to its place of honor... the combination Paschal Candle and Advent Wreath. It is a beautiful art décor creation which stands next to the ambo. The matching Sanctuary Candle stand (with the red candle revealing that Our Blessed Lord is present in the Tabernacle), which has been in the Priest Residence, has also just been restored to a place of honor next to the Tabernacle in the sanctuary. These unique treasures are a beautiful party of the history of Saint Eugene and in a most distinctive way illuminate the truth that Jesus Christ is present in our parish.

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, 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, Anthony McCauley, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Joseph Zarukuk, and those recently called home to God, especially Lorene M. Evans, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Henry Joseph McMullen, Lorraine Colao and Jeanne M. Ota. 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, 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.

Dear Parishioners;

Lent: As we are now in the Lenten Season, let us remember what it is; and why as Catholics it is such an important time in the Liturgical year. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice, mercy and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. It is the desire to renew the practices of the Church. The two features which are especially characteristic of Lent are; the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and reconciliation (penance) which should be given the greater emphasis.



Renew & Rebuild: We are excited to share with you an update regarding our capital campaign, Renew + Rebuild. As of this weekend we have raised \$780,432.00 in pledges from 88 families. While we are humbled by this outpouring of generosity, these gifts represent a small fraction of the 1700 active families and another 1100 families who participate occasionally throughout the year. We are hoping that every family will participate since it is our parish that benefits. *Please consider a gift.* Whatever sacrifice you can afford to make will be such a beautiful demonstration of your love for your parish. Your generosity will help us to make necessary improvements to our facilities which include; replace the aging roof on the church and school, replace the air condition in the church, repave the upper school parking lot, remove and replace the original boiler in the church offices, as well as lighting and other projects. This year, 2017, there will not be a Cardinal's Appeal for our Parish, It has been satisfied with donations from the Renew + Rebuild Campaign. The Cardinal's Appeal will resume in our church in 2018. It is in a spirit of prayer that we invite you to join your fellow parishioners, Father Fernan and me to support this crucial undertaking. If you have recently made a pledge, we thank you. If you should have any questions regarding the campaign please feel free to contact either Father Fernan or me. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the request.

Wedding Jubilee: Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Ms. Mastrangelo at 961-2590. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12, 2017. The event is being sponsored by the Family Life & Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents: Of all the pains that life can hand us, arguably one of the most is the death of a child. As Jesus joined his distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus after his crucifixion, we ask him to join each of us in this ministry as we continue on our difficult journeys from grief to the healing peace that we, like Jesus' disciples, can find in the Eucharistic community. To meet the spiritual needs of Catholic parents whose children of any age have died by any cause; no matter how long ago, the Family Life Respect Life Office offers the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents. A unique faith based program providing spiritual retreats for parents offered by grieving parents offers a safe place where you can find peace, comfort, and hope. There will be a one-day retreat at the *Church of the Magdalene, 525 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills, New York 10591* on Saturday, April 1. The cost is \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. To register online: www.emfgp.org/archny or contact Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191.

Thank you: We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus, Cardinal Hayes Council # 3995 for their donation of \$500 to the church as well as sponsoring a \$250 scholarship to our eighth students in both the school and religious education classes. God bless you all.

Saint Vincent DePaul Society of Saint Eugene Parish: As we are now in the Lenten season, instead of giving up something, why not give to those in need. We have containers at three of the entrances to collect non –perishable items. The items we are in most need of are: pasta, rice, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, tuna and cereal. Please think of those in need the next time you are out shopping. We are also in need of the cooking of chicken legs and thighs, which we collect on the last Thursday of the month. The recipe for the chicken is listed in the bulletin.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35

May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Father of Light, In You is found no shadow of change but only the fullness of life and limitless truth. Open our hearts to the voice of Your Word and free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon Your Son who calls us to repentance and a change of heart, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

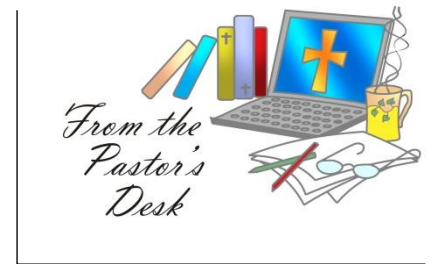


Beloved of God,

Eucharist Heart of Jesus Litany – Part 5A

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

“And Jesus said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died: this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world.”” (John 6:48-52)



Many left Him that day. In the Gospel of Saint John, we are given what is called the *Bread of Life Discourse*, in chapter 6. The Jewish feast of Passover was fast approaching and the crowds, as usual, were drawn to the Divine One. Jesus could not enter into a town openly anymore. He often had to sneak in. (Mark 1:45, John 7:10) Those crowds were so numerous and the heart of Jesus pitied them so that He asked His Disciples, *“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?”* (John 6:5b) Our Blessed Lord knew this was not possible for this crowd that numbered more than 5000. He knew He was going to multiply the loaves and fish. Jesus also knew He was going to take this opportunity to offer the *Bread of Life Discourse*. So starting with the Mundane – the Bread and Physical Hunger – Our Savior illumined our minds by elevating us to the Spiritual – The Bread of Life.

Jesus, ever the Teacher, began the lesson from History... *“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”* (John 6:32-33) By beginning with Moses, the Prophet, the giver of the Law, Jesus brings to the minds of regular people of God as well as the priests, scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees. Their interest is peaked and they are now paying close attention. What is this Holy Man going to say? Let us remember it was Moses, while wandering through the desert with the faithful remnant of the Israelites that prayed to God because the people were hungry... *“Then the Lord said to Moses: I am going to rain down bread from heaven for you...”* (Exodus 16:4) and *“The Israelites ate manna for forty years, until they came to settled land; they ate the manna until they came to the borders of Canaan.”* (Exodus 16:35)

By calling Moses to mind to the thousands gathered, Jesus is grounding the Jewish people with the foundations of their faith, their scriptures, their religious and ritual experiences, and their daily lives. He is bringing to their minds the basics of the beliefs. Jesus is starting with the greatest moment the Jewish people experienced of God’s salvific hand – *“Remember that you too were once slaves in the land of Egypt, and the Lord, your God, brought you out from there with a strong hand and outstretched arm.”* (Deuteronomy 5:15) All of the 10 Plagues (Exodus 7-12) come to mind to the listeners with, of course, the Last Plague being the Death of the First Born and the First Passover... *“This day will be a day of remembrance for you, which your future generations will celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD; you will celebrate it as a statute forever. For seven days you must eat unleavened bread... Go and procure lambs for your families, and slaughter the Passover victims. Then take a bunch of hyssop, and dipping it in the blood that is in the basin, apply some of this blood to the lintel and the two doorposts. And none of you shall go outdoors until morning. For when the LORD goes by to strike down the Egyptians, seeing the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door and not let the destroyer come into your houses to strike you down.”* (Exodus 12:14-15a, 21-23)

More to come.

God love you... Father Fernan