

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MARCH 26, 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 25	
5:00 PM	Ralph Grillo (decd) <i>req. by Friends</i>
SUNDAY, MARCH 26	
8:00 AM	Gjlosh Dedvukaj (Ivg) - Special Int. <i>req. by Mom</i>
10:00 AM	Rose & Raffaele Mellusi (decd) <i>req. by Linda Magdits</i>
12:00 PM	Urbano Delfino (decd) <i>req. by the Maria & Rosemary Delfino</i>
6:00 PM	Gjlosh Dedvukaj (Ivg) - Special Int. <i>req. by Mom</i>
MONDAY, MARCH 27	
6:45 AM	Joel Remolado (decd) <i>req. by Sheryll Salvilla</i>
9:00 AM	Elvira Fata (decd) <i>req. by Giovanni Vairo & Family</i>
TUESDAY, MARCH 28	
6:45 AM	John Brady (Ivg) – Special Intention <i>req. by Theresa Brady & Family</i>
9:00 AM	John Montemurro (decd) <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29	
6:45 AM	Josephine Villa (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Michael Kenny (decd) <i>req. by Brigid Kenny & Family</i>
THURSDAY, MARCH 30	
6:45 AM	David L. D'Allura (decd) <i>req. by Jim Dowdle</i>
9:00 AM	Leslie Lott (decd) <i>req. by Denise A. Flanagan</i>
FRIDAY, MARCH 31	
6:45 AM	Blessed Mother – In Gratitude <i>req. by Elvira Castillo</i>
9:00 AM	Patricia Mahan (living) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
9:30 AM	Stations – if no funeral
7:00 PM	Stations
SATURDAY, APRIL 1	
9:00 AM	Angelina Mastrangelo (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
5:00 PM	Kevin O'Sullivan (living) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Samuel anointed David to be king.
Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."
Ephesians 5:8-14 Rise from the dead, children of light.
John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 I know this much: I was blind, but now I see.

When we step out into the light from a dark place, it takes our eyes a while to adjust and really see what is around us. Perhaps that is the lesson of today's scriptures, that it takes time for our spiritual eyes to adjust to the light of God's action in our lives. As we listen to God's holy word today, let us pray for patience and persistence in gaining sight and insight into the gift of God's world around us.

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 V.J. JOSEPH & ACHAMA
 REQ. BY THE UTHUPPAN FAMILY



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF ELSA MONTERO
 REQ. BY ANNA SERRAO & FAMILY

BREAD AND WINE
IN MEMORY OF DONALD J. TORRE
 REQ. BY DOLORES TORRE

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 Saint 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:

March 19	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 9,354	\$11,794
Monthly Collection.....	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,855

"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. 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 are still in need of volunteers to cook chicken (legs and thighs) for Thursday, March 30th. Donations can be dropped off at the adoration Chapel entrance from 7:30-9:50 am or the lower parking lot of the school at 9:45 am.

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.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

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.

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

The Saint Seniors meet the first Wednesday of the month at 12:45PM in the Kindergarten room of the Church Office. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5th. 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, Joseph Kelly, Anna Lisa Miranda, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Joan Pinto, Celia Torres, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion, Fr. Terence Lee, Cora Lucy Sannella, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Analiza Gilbert and those recently called home to God especially Filomena Battista. 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.

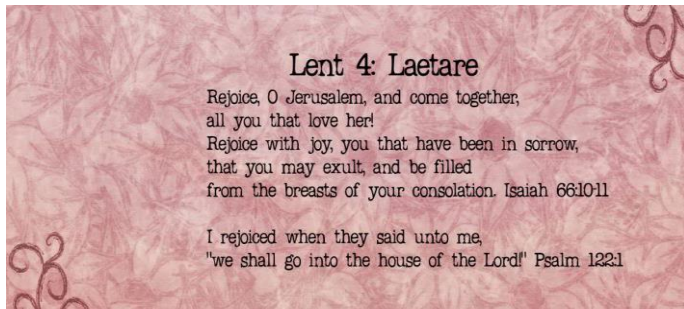
AREA EVENTS

Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester Annual Day of Recollection will be taking place on Saturday, April 8th at St. Joseph Seminary from 9AM to 3PM. Program is lead by Rev. Fr. Robert Quarota. Cost \$30. per person which includes a Continental Breakfast on arrival and lunch at noon. For more information or reservations – Mel Ficara (718) 798-7176 or e-mail mficara@optonline.net

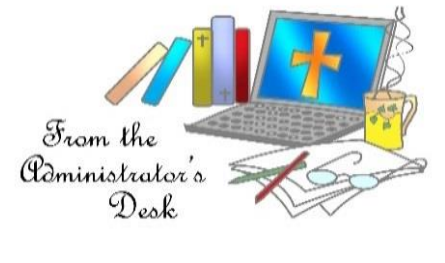
Catholic Widows & Widowers of Yonkers are celebrating its 25th anniversary. Join us on April 20th at 1PM for a luncheon at San Martino Restaurant, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers, NY. The cost is \$25 (payment can be made at the door). For reservations call (914) 423-5331. New and former members welcome.

Dear Parishioners;

Laetare Sunday: Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday



in Lent. The name comes from the first word of the Introit or entrance antiphon of the Mass for that day: In Latin, the entrance antiphon



(Isaiah 66:10-11) begins "*Laetare, Jerusalem*" ("Rejoice, Jerusalem").

Since there are six Sundays in Lent, Laetare Sunday falls just past the midpoint of Lent. For that reason, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened; the purple vestments of Lent, signifying penance, are set aside and, as on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, rose ones are used instead.

Reconciliation Monday: Confessions will be on Monday April 10, from 3:00-9:00. All are welcome.

Renew & Rebuild: We thank all those who have made their pledge, and ask those who have not yet to please consider a gift to our 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. Thank you for the consideration.

Saint Eugene School: The school will hold their annual Penny Social next Friday, March 31 at 6:00 in the school gym. Please come and support the school with this their biggest and best fundraiser of the year. For more information please call the school. Thank you

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.emfpg.org/archny or contact Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191.

Working Boys Center, Quito Ecuador: This spring parishioner and graduate of Saint Eugene School, *Michael Smith Jr.*, a junior at Fordham Prep will travel for two weeks to Quito, Ecuador on June 21, with several classmates and founder Fr. John Halligan, SJ. If you are interested in making a donation, you can make a donation online at <https://fordhamprep.org/servicestrips> and please mark it on behalf of *Michael Smith*, or send the check to the rectory made payable to Fordham Prep, and send it to my attention, and I will forward them to Fordham. All donations need to be in by May 1st. Thank you, and may God bless all those who are participating in this wonderful service project.

For Those In Need: The parish has been notified that we have a few items for seniors in need. We have a sit down walker with brakes, a three wheel walker large wheels, and two other walkers. If you are interested please call the church office.



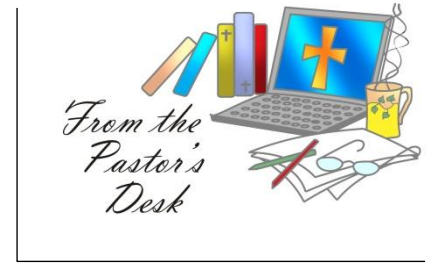
May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Eucharist Heart of Jesus Litany – Part 5D

“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)



Our Blessed Lord spoke to those who followed Him across the water after the feeding of the 5000 and said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for Me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.” (John 6:22) Jesus continued, “Do not work for food that perishes but for food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.” (John 6:27) He spoke similarly to the Samaritan Woman at the Well... “(Jesus) said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” (John 4:13-15) Jesus was constantly taking the people that encountered Him from one level to another. Listen again to the Man who was lame but carried to Jesus by his friends and finding no way to see the Lord by the door, opened the roof...

“After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?” Jesus immediately knew in His mind what they were thinking to themselves, so He said, “Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, pick up your mat and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth” He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.” (Mark 2:4b-11)

We experience God on one level, one that is more mundane and earth while God wishes to draw us to another... bringing us into an intimate relationship with the Divine. God does not wish us to see the Divine as merely a supplier of food (bread, meat & water as in the days of Moses as in the desert) but the font of Spiritual Water welling up within us and of Spiritual Food that “whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:51) And through the *Bread of Life Discourse*, our Blessed Lord is trying to teach us that as Jesus said in the Upper Room at the Last Supper, the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and His Sacred Priesthood to Thomas and the other 10 Apostles... “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me...” (John 14:6) and “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 6:52) In the early part of Our Lord’s ministry in the *Bread of Life Discourse*, He is prophesying about the Last Supper, about the transformation of the Seder Meal, recalling the freeing of the Jews from the Slavery of the Egyptians, into a Eucharistic Salvific Meal actually redeeming the whole of humanity from Slavery to Sin and bringing them, not into a “Promised Land” still here upon earth, but the “Promised Land truly flowing with milk and honey...” where, “this is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:58)

More to come...

God love you... Father Fernan