

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Isaiah 55:6-9 The ways and thoughts of God are above our own.
Psalm 145 "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him."

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a Saint Paul rejoices that to live is Christ and to die is to gain.

Matthew 20:1-16a "The last will be the first, and the first will be the last."

While the First Reading and Gospel focus on God's great generosity and mercy toward us sinners, Saint Paul urges us to conduct ourselves "in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ." As we listen to these sacred scriptures proclaimed today, let us ponder how we may reflect God's lavish love 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.

TABERNAACLE CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MICHELLE NATIELLO & NICK CAIVANO
 REQ. BY MOM & DAD



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF LORRAINE DORE
 REQ. BY DOLORES TORRE

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF JOSE LUCAS GONCALVES
 REQ. BY THE GONCALVES FAMILY

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	Gina Mastrangelo	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Martina Parisi	400-3634
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
H. S. A.	Toni-Ann Licatesi	879-3956
Holy Name	Frank Giacoio	793-5392
Legion of Mary	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
Living Rosary	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
Music Director	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

	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
5:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) req. by Frank & Jackie Finnegan
10:00 AM	Fr. Robert Mason (decd) Remembering his Birthday req. by Fr. Fernan
12:00 PM	Jose Lucas Goncalves (decd) req. by Maria Lucia Goncalves & Family
6:00 PM	Al Caruso (decd) req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw
	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
6:45 AM	Gloria & Eugene Fernan (decd) req. by Eugene & Ann Fernan
9:00 AM	The Carbou Family & Abby (living) req. by Maura Ferguson
	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
6:45 AM	Manuel Carames Figueiros (decd) req. by Reymondez-Ramos Family
9:00 AM	Margaret Mahoney (decd) req. by Evelyn O'Reilly
	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
6:45 AM	Kate LaGrutta (decd) req. by Peggy Lou Mulligan
9:00 AM	Steve & Isabelle Iglasias (living) req. by Maura Ferguson
	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
6:45 AM	Nidia Payano (decd)
9:00 AM	Priscilla Lara (decd) req. by Elsie Lara
	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) req. by their Daughters
9:00 AM	Discepolo Family (All) req. by Angela
	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
9:00 AM	Ellen Lilly Kiely (decd) req. by Peggy, Peter Clarke & Family



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:

September 17	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$11,478	\$8949

"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. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

Next week-end second collection for St. Joseph's Seminary, provides critical funding to support the seminarians for the archdiocese. The needs of the Seminary, its students and programs need your continued support prayerfully and financially. Your support during their time of preparation is deeply appreciated.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF SAINT EUGENE PARISH

With autumn coming 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.

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*

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."

ADULT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If, for whatever reasons, you have not been Baptized, nor received First Holy Communion, nor received Confirmation, or may have questions about Marriage, please call Father Fernan at (914) 961-2590, regarding Bi-Weekly classes to prepare you to receive God's grace in His Sacraments. Classes will be in the evenings. The Sacraments will be in the Spring.

SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

The St. Eugene Seniors have a trip planned for October 5th to see the matinee performance of Annie Get Your Gun at the Westchester Broadway Theater. The cost is \$55. This trip is open to all St. Eugene parishioners. For more information about the St. Eugene Seniors call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel, located in the vestibule, is open daily Mon-Fri from 9:30am 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.

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, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Joan Pinto, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion, Fr. Terence Lee, Cora Lucy Sannella, Ann McMahon, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Francis Bowen, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Charlie Saumell, Leonor Abanilla, Jerry Weber, Carmen Delia Rivera, Fr. Joseph Irwin, Teagan Maria Farrah, Helene Layman, Aimee Rizzi, Martha Jane and those recently called home to God, especially Lucille Sullivan, Robert DiGiorgio, Catherine O'Mally, and John A. Sabino. 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.

SAINT EUGENE SCOUTS

Saint Eugene Scouts. Please join our Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts. Cub Scouts are for Grades K-5 and meet in Saint Eugene Gym on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm. Boy Scouts are for grades 6-12 and meet from 6:30-8:00 every Monday. For more information please contact Mrs. Donna Raguso at 472-7567. Thank you

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.

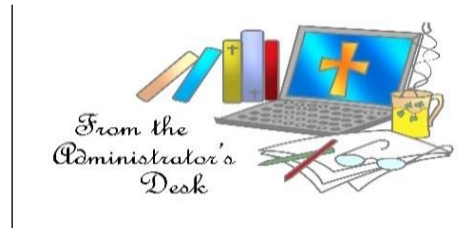
Dear Parishioners:

- **Feast of the Archangels:** September 29 is the Feast of the Archangels;



Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. **Michael** was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. **Gabriel** (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. **Raphael** (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. *O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and*

human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. – from the USCCB.



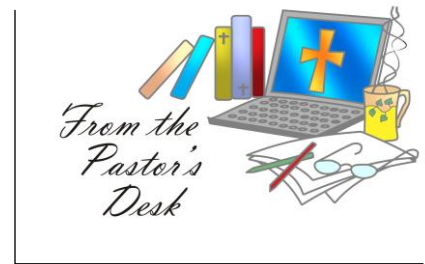
- **Blessing of the Animals:** Next, Sunday, October 1, at 1:00 PM, we will have the blessing of the animals at the St. Francis Statue located at the rear of the office/ convent building in the lower parking lot. All families with pets are invited to attend. Please have your pet in either a cage or leash so that everyone is protected. The Feast of Saint Francis is October 4th. **Pet Drive:** In conjunction with the *Feast of Saint Francis*, *The Knights of Columbus* will be sponsoring a drive to help the Yonkers Animal Shelter. The collection will take place next weekend September 30/ October 1. They are looking for donations of blankets, cat/ dog beds cat/ dog food, pine sol and laundry detergent. All new or cleaned items can be dropped off in the long school corridor.
- **Saint Eugene Religious Education Classes:** Religious Education classes begin this Wednesday, September 27. Grades 1-6 are held from 3:45-5:15, and Grades 7-8 are held from 6:30-8:00. For the opening session this week only, we will meet in the church. If you have not registered yet, please do so by Tuesday, September 26. Forms are available in the church office.
- **Saint Joseph Seminary:** This Sunday at all of the masses with the exception of the 6:00PM on Sunday, we will have *Seminarian Hung Cao*, speak at all of the masses. We welcome him to the Church of Saint Eugene.
- **Disaster Relief:** In September, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops asked if we could assist the people of Texas after Hurricane Harvey tore through the state and left many in destroyed and flooded. Many donated to the collection for which we are grateful. Since then we have had Hurricane Jose and Irma and the deadly earthquake in Mexico. We have been asked again by *Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*, president of the USCCB and our own *Timothy Cardinal Dolan* to assist the people affected by these storms by having an additional special collection; this will take place on the weekend of October 7-8. If you are donating by check, please make it out to Saint Eugene Church and mark it disaster relief in the memo. As always thank you for your generosity.
- **Saint Eugene CYO :** Saint Eugene Parish has a vibrant CYO with competitive boys and girls basketball teams and Cheerleading squads. All are coached by parent and student (18 and over) volunteers. All must be cleared through the Safe Environment Office of the Archdiocese of New York. Registration will be in September for basketball and cheer weeknight practices starting in October and continuing through March. The basketball season begins in November and games are played throughout Westchester County. Cheerleading is done at home games. Parents of CYO participants are asked to support the program by attending games, volunteering during the games, and cheering for the players as well as being models of sportsmanship. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joan Deluca.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Members from our council of the knights will be selling raffles outside the church this weekend after all of the masses. On behalf of the members, thank you in advance for your generosity.
- **The Archdiocese of New York Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service:** All are invited to our Annual Conference - 50th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, October 7, 2017, 10:00AM - 5:00PM, at Cathedral High School, 350 East 56th Street, New York, NY. Doors open 9:00AM. Fee is \$10 per person (includes continental breakfast and conference). Theme: Looking Back...Moving Forward!! Please join us to proclaim the Word and how God has worked in our lives. Tom Mangan, National Service Committee, will be keynote speaker. Jimmy Archer, Board Member of The Ark and The Dove, will present an overview, and Marybeth Greene of LAMP Catholic Ministries will give a Duquesne Weekend witness. Praise Music by Steve Leaden and The Voice of Praise, and Closing Liturgy Celebrant will be Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of NY. Please visit website for more detail, flyer, CatholicCharismaticNY.org or call (845)223-5653, no later than October 3.



May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

We just had our *Primary's* and our many levels of government will once again be renewed through the process of our free election. As the process continues with the bombardment of ads, we must address what it means to Vote Our Conscience. *Conscience*. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states... "Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. "He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters." (1782)



What is the conscience? "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law." (CCC 1778) Also, "Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking." (CCC 1777) It is important to note that the conscience of the human person is first to realize that as we are created by the Divine we are intimately connected to Our Creator and the inner voice we hear ought not to be driven by selfish desires, personal gain, or political motives, but must be informed by the God who is speaking to that inner place where we are called to pray. (Matthew 6:6) This call to listen not to society often makes us think we are being limited in freedom. But as Saint Paul wrote in his Letter to the Galatians, "For you were called for freedom, brothers. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (5:13)

We are, therefore, obliged to listen to our conscience in all things. But not a conscience that is improperly formed, meaning not informed by God. "(CCC 1783) Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment and to reject authoritative teachings. (CCC 1784) The education of the conscience is a lifelong task. From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law recognized by conscience. Prudent education teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults. The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart. (CCC 1785) In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path, we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church."

What it comes down to is, that no matter what we *feel*, what makes us happy, what we want to do, or what society says is okay... we are bound to follow a conscience that has been informed only by God and His Holy Church.

Placing ourselves before the Lord's Cross, putting ourselves in the presence of God to be assisted by the Holy Spirit, and listening to the Word of God as taught us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let us examine our consciences. Stealing is wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay. Missing Mass on Sunday's is wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay. Sexual Relationships outside of Marriage are wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay. Marriage is only between one male and one female, even if *your conscience* tells you that's not true. Lying is wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay. Showing your parents a lack of respect is wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay. Abortion is wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay. Adultery is wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay. Contraception is wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay. Cheating at school or work is wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay. Living together is wrong, even if *your conscience* tells you it is okay.

So when you make your daily choices, for your families and your children, remember to truly follow your conscience... that conscience which is being taught by the word of God, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, in the presence of the Lord's Cross.

God love you... Father Fernan