

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MARCH 11, 2018 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 10	
5:00 PM	Gerard Sweeney (decd) <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i>
SUNDAY, MARCH 11	
8:00 AM	Emma Pasquale (decd) <i>req. by Rosemarie & Michael Giusto</i>
10:00 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
12:00 PM	Vikki Phillips (decd) <i>req. by Augusta Scari</i>
6:00 PM	Fr. Fernan (living) <i>req. by Catholic Daughters</i>
MONDAY, MARCH 12	
6:45 AM	Jerry Celestino (living) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan & Gina Mastrangelo</i>
9:00 AM	Thomas O' Sullivan (living) Happy Birthday <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
TUESDAY, MARCH 13	
6:45 AM	Catholic Daughters Of America Anniversary
9:00 AM	Louise & John Daniel (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14	
6:45 AM	Teofila Billedo (decd) <i>req. by Maghuyop Family</i>
9:00 AM	Agha Khan (decd) <i>req. by Leonora Khan</i>
THURSDAY, MARCH 15	
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their Daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Gaetano Moretti (decd) <i>req. by Lena Lucarelli</i>
FRIDAY, MARCH 16	
6:45 AM	Marilyn Geraghty (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw</i>
9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of The Alessi and Costanza Families <i>req. by George Alessi</i>
9:30 AM	Stations of the Cross-if no funeral
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY MARCH 17	
9:00 AM	Anthony Gallo (decd) <i>req. by Eugene Gallo</i>

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2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of His people.

Psalm 137 "Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget You!"

Ephesians 2:4-10 Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.

John 3:14-21 God sent His Son so that the world might be saved through Him.

The boundless love of God is on full display in the readings today. The Chosen People had "added infidelity to infidelity," repeatedly turning away from God (2 Chronicles 36:14). But God still loved them, and through Cyrus, the King of Persia, the Exile was ended and Jerusalem restored. Paul testifies that our salvation comes because of God's great love for us. In the Gospel, we hear John attest that Jesus was sent to save the world because God "so loved the world" (John 3:16).

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 \$10.00 a week is requested.

TABERNACLE CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF NIK MRNACAJ

REQ. BY VERA GOJCAJ



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR BABY ELIZABETH LASKI

REQ. BY GRANDMA & GRANDPA

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	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

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 4	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$11,478	\$10,573
Monthly Collection.....	\$1934	\$1875

"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

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."

PENNY SOCIAL

The Monopoly Themed Penny Social will be held on Friday, March 23, in the school gym. The doors will open at 6:30PM. The cost of this fun event is \$20.00 per person which includes food, soda, coffee & dessert. For more information or for reservations please call the school office at 914 779-2956.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 15th at 1PM. New members are welcome. The 26th Anniversary Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 19th at 1PM at Gianna's Restaurant, 1034 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY. It is located at Executive Park, corner of Odell Terrace and North Broadway. Cost is \$25.00, payable at the luncheon. Reservations required. New and former members and guests are welcome. For more information, please call 914-423-3331.

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, 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 McMahan, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Baby Elizabeth Laski, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Francis Bowen, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Leonor Abanilla, Jerry Weber, Carmen Delia Rivera, Teagan Maria Farrah, Helene Layman, Aimee Rizzi, Martha Jane, Margaret Fleming, Charles Saumell, Lucille Layman, Vincent Scardino and those recently called home to God especially Sara Peruso, Rosina Frabasile and Sylvestro Nanfro, Violet Barringer and Grace Nalbandian. 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, Kevin Jones, Brian Grealy and Joe Kelly. 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

FATHER ANTHONY... UPDATE

While Father Anthony was back in Ghana getting his visa and visiting his family, he also had a meeting with his Diocesan Bishop. Before Father Anthony had come to us, he was assigned to a parish in Brooklyn where he was commuting to Saint John University to attain his Masters. You may recall that we had pictures in the bulletin congratulating Father on his achievement. At the meeting with his Bishop, Father Anthony was asked to pursue his Doctorate while being assigned to Saint Eugene. Fathers' studies have begun and he is in a three program with an online university. These studies are quite demanding of Fathers' time. One of Fathers' duties has been Holy Communion to the Homebound, which he has been quite faithful to. We are asking if there are any parishioners who might wish to take on this ministry to ease Fathers' burden and at the same time Serve or Our Lord by bringing the Blessed Sacrament to those unable to attend Holy Mass. Please keep Father Anthony in your prayers as he continues his studies.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

THE 63RD ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MCLEAN AVENUE
Saturday, March 24, 2018 – Starting at 1:00 p.m. The Parade Committee is proud to announce that former Irish Ambassador to the United States **Anne Anderson** is the 2018 Grand Marshal and she will lead the Parade, starting at 1:00PM. Before the Parade, at 11:15 a.m., the Parade Committee will participate in a Mass at St. Barnabas High School Chapel. All are welcome. Please join us at the parade, either as a marcher or a spectator. If you are interested in attending the Annual Dinner on March 10th at the Empire City Casino, please contact Jean Tickell the Dinner Chairman at (914) 419-3611 or at paradedinner@gmail.com, or visit the Parade website at <http://www.yonkersstpatricksparade.org>.

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 25 will have a Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph Bake Sale Sunday before & after all the Masses. They will be selling all the seasons' baked favorites. Preorders can be sent to troop25yonkers@gmail.com.

Dear Parishioners;

Saint Patrick, Patron Saint of The Archdiocese of New York: Next Saturday, March 17th we celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of The Archdiocese of New York. *Prayer to Saint Patrick Apostle sent by God to Ireland, in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Savior. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.*



The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: The appeal for 2018 has begun. Envelopes are located in all of the plastic holders in each pew. Our goal is \$96,000.00. Please pray and consider a gift that can be given over time. For more information please visit www.cardinalsappeal.org and as always, thank you.

Boy Scout Troop #25: Boy Scout Troop 25 will have a Saint Patrick / Saint Joseph Bake Sale Sunday before & after all the Masses. They will be selling all the seasons' baked favorites. Preorders can be sent to troop25yonkers@gmail.com. Thank you.

Religious Education / Inclement Weather: Just a reminder, if there is any form of winter precipitation that should occur on Wednesday afternoons or evenings, which may interfere with Religious Education, or safety on the roads, please watch news 12 for cancellations or news12.com.

Communications: Please do not call the school office if you are unable to contact someone in the church office. The school cannot answer any questions regarding the church, its schedules or religious education. Thank you.

Altar Server Practice: The next Altar Server Practice for new and experienced servers will be held on Thursday, March 15th at 4:00 in the church.

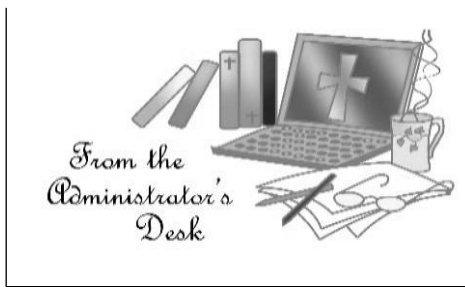
Golden Jubilee Mass: Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3 at 2:15 PM. Pre-Registration is required. If you would like to register, please contact me at the office or by email at ginamastrangelo@csey.org. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14, 2018.

Saint Eugene School News: On-Line Registration for the 2018-2019 is open for all students in Pre-K 3, and Kindergarten to 8th Grade. For more information please visit www.steugene.education and go to the admissions tab and follow the prompts. Registration is open. Please call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.

Saint Eugene Penny Social: One of the highlights of the school is there annual Penny Social. The Penny Social this year with a Monopoly theme™ will be held on Friday, March 23 in the school gym. The doors will open at 6:30. The cost of this fun event is \$20.00 per person which includes food, soda, coffee & dessert. For more information or for reservations please call the school office at 914 779-2956.

Saint Patrick's Parade on McLean Avenue: We are so excited to announce that Saint Eugene School will be marching in the McLean Avenue Saint Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 24th. The parade starts at 1pm at Hyatt and McLean Avenues and ends at McLean Avenue and McCollum Place by Coyne Park. There will be free parking at Empire City Casino by using the Yonkers Avenue entrance for free shuttles to the parade route. McLean Avenue will be shut down the length of the parade route from 1am until 5pm. Please come and support our students and families as they march and show their school spirit.

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



Donate today using your debit, credit card, checking, or savings account.

- 1 Visit our website.
- 2 Select your donation amount and frequency.
- 3 Enter your account and payment information.



May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

Beloved of God,

The Hail Mary... Meditation 5

“Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen.”



In our meditation last week, the following was offered... When the angel said, *“The Lord is with you,”* we are being told that not only is the Lord God with Her, but She is with the Lord God. This conversation, of which we have been blessed to witness, is not the first, nor will it be the last between God and Mary. It is important for us in understanding the depth of the conversation between God and Mary that we begin to delve the depth of the relationship between the Divine/God and the Human/Mary. What better way than to listen to the words of Our Blessed Lord and go back to the *“beginning”* (Matthew 19:4-8, Mark 10:6-9) and see what God intended.

“So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman. When He brought her to the man, the man said: “This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called ‘woman,’ for out of man this one has been taken.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body. The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame... When they heard the sound of the LORD God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.” (Genesis 2:21-25, 3:8)

Adam and Eve were created without Sin. Recall that it was their sin, their Original Sin, which was the first Sin. But prior to that sin there was a magnificently intimate relationship with the Divine where the Lord God would be *“walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day...”* looking for Adam and Eve, quite possibly to converse with them. This intimate conversation with God was not foreign to humanity. It was a part of the relationship between God and humanity... until the Sin. Sadly, the loss of that familiar exchange was one of the effects of Original Sin. Humanity has struggled to regain that Divine Intimacy since the expulsion from the Garden of Eden.

With the Virgin Blessed, we see in Her, the recreation of humanity as we were originally created... *“Then God said: Let Us make human beings in Our image, after Our likeness... God created mankind in His image; in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.”* (Genesis 1:26a, 27) In the Virgin Blessed we see the gift and grace of being in conversation with the Divine... regularly, ordinarily, daily, intimately... as it was intended. We can understand this because the soon-to-be Mother of God was not afraid. She was, however, *“greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.”* (Luke 1:29) Why was this woman, who was conceived without Sin, who was used to *“walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day...”* conversing with the Lord in the privacy of Her own mind – *“and Jesus’ mother kept all these things in Her heart”* – why was She *“greatly troubled at what was said”* by the angel Gabriel?

In the perfection of humanity that God intended from the beginning, what was so much a part of the Virgin Blessed that She would react to this specific greeting... *‘Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you...’* (Luke 1:28)... as She did?

God love you... Father Fernan