

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

APRIL 17, 2016 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, APRIL 16	
5:00 PM	Esther Napolitano (decd) <i>req. by Gloria & Paul Battista & Fam</i>
SUNDAY, APRIL 17	
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by The Finnegan Family</i>
10:00 AM	Raymond Henshaw Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
12:00 PM	Concetta Carrollo (decd) <i>req. by The Mangione Family</i>
6:00 PM	Ralph Grillo (living) – Sp. Intention <i>req. by Jeanne Grillo</i>
MONDAY, APRIL 18	
6:45 AM	Bernard Madden (decd) <i>req. by Betty Madden</i>
9:00 AM	Brian & Margaret Mulhern (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
TUESDAY, APRIL 19	
6:45 AM	Kenny Tierney Jr. (living) <i>req. by Ita Yager</i>
9:00 AM	Delia Durkin (decd) <i>req. by Helen Durkin</i>
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20	
6:45 AM	Gail Napolitano (decd) <i>req. by The Kakavas Family</i>
9:00 AM	James Paul Franggos (decd) <i>req. by Jean Cioppa</i>
THURSDAY, APRIL 21	
6:45 AM	Kier Maghuyop (lvg) – Sp. Intention
9:00 AM	Raymond Henshaw Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Jean Como</i>
FRIDAY, APRIL 22	
6:45 AM	Gail Napolitano (decd) <i>req. by The Gojcaj Family</i>
9:00 AM	N. Deloeste & V. & G. Tipawan <i>req. by The Tipawan Family</i>
SATURDAY, APRIL 23	
9:00 AM	Deceased members of Prestipino and Zingone Families <i>req. by Maria Prestipino</i>
5:00 PM	Antoinette Racioppo (decd) <i>req. by Elizabeth</i>



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Paul and Barnabas preach to the Gentiles.
Psalm 100 "We are his people, the sheep of his flock."
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 The Lamb of God is our Shepherd who leads us to life-giving water.
John 10:27-30 No one can harm one of Jesus' lambs.

Our Gospel reading today is brief and to the point. Jesus' sheep hear his voice and He knows them. Our challenge today is to listen for his voice in the cries of victims of war and violence, in the joy of new parents, in the pain of hunger and poverty, in the songs we raise together in church. Let us open our ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

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 TEODORO LISING JR.
REQ. BY LINDA DOMBISH

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
HEIDI DOMBISH – SPECIAL INTENTION
REQ. BY LINDA DOMBISH

BREAD AND WINE

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Bereavement Group	Carolyn Walsh	961-8689
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	Parish Office	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Rita DiPippo	793-3065
	Catherine Blanco	793-1539
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Cesar Tipwan	343-0914
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 Activities Committee	Father Fernan	961-2590
Parish Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
Respect Life Society	Jackie Barton	793-9322
Serra Club	George Alessi	779-8719
Senior Club	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
St. Vincent DePaul	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:

April 10

Weekly Collection.....\$10,160
Military Service Collection\$ 1,853

"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."

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations
O Jesus, Divine Shepherd of souls, You called the Apostles to be fishers of men. Send us holy priests O Lord through the intercession of Mary, Mother and Model of all vocations. Let Your call be heard and answered by generous and courageous men to meet the pressing needs of Your Church and the world. Come, Lord, do not delay. Send to Your Church holy priests. Amen.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

With spring upon us, please let us remember all those who are in need of a warm meal or food on the table. There are many who are struggling in our own community. 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. We are still in need of volunteers to cook chicken (legs and thighs) for Thursday, April 28th. Please drop off the chicken at the Adoration Chapel parking lot. If you are able to cook but not deliver, please contact either Walter Whitmore (914) 779-1826 or David Fabi at hotfabi@optonline.net.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The 3rd annual Catholic Daughters court of St. Therese Little Flower Mother/Daughter Communion breakfast is Sunday, 4/24/16 following the 10am Mass. For more information call Rita DiPippo at (914) 793-3065 or Catherine Blanco at (914) 793-1539.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group meets the 3rd Thursday each month. Our next meeting is April 21st at 1pm. Through caring support, we hope to lessen the pain and confusion brought on by the death of a loved one.

LEGION OF MARY

We meet every Tuesday morning immediately after 9AM Mass or Tuesday evening at 7:00PM. For more information please contact Josephine Bitteti at (914) 337-1372.

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.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

ST EUGENE SENIORS

The Senior Trips Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Kindergarten room in the Parish Office. The next meeting is May 4th. For more information 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, Andrew Moraitis, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Eugene Fernan, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Ralph Grillo, Joseph Kelly, Bill Hyland, Anna Lisa Miranda, Fr. Brian Brennan, and those recently called home to God especially Helen Altland, Leonel Savone, and John Seremetis.....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 and Logan Wilson. 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

FAMILY LIFE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30PM or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact, Parish Administrator, *Gina Mastrangelo* at (914) 961-2590 to register. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

Eucharistic Vigil: At Our Lady of Shkodra, For the Holiness of Priests & Holy Vocations. Located at The Holy Mountain, 361 West Hartsdale Ave, Hartsdale, NY on Saturday & Sunday April 22nd/23rd from 7PM-7AM. For more information call (914) 761-3523.

"It is deep thought to ponder, that the salvation of many depends on the actions of few" Pope Pius XII.

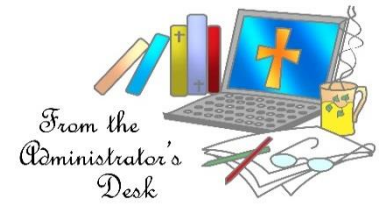
Saint Joseph's Medical Center: The Pastoral Care Dept. at St. Joseph's Nursing Home is looking for volunteers to help transport their Nursing Home Residents to and from Sunday Mass in the chapel within the facility. If you are able to spend an hour and a half 9:15 to 10:45AM one or more Sundays each month to help, please contact Sr. Ellen O'Connor at (914) 378-7648.

END OF LIFE DECISIONS PANEL DISCUSSION

Prepare for the final leg of our journey home. Information will be provided on spiritual, legal & medical end of life issues. Spiritual advisers and physicians will be part of this panel discussion. This panel discussion will be on Saturday, April 23rd from 1-4:30PM at St. Barnabas Elementary School Auditorium, located at 413 E. 241st St, Bronx, NY 10470. For more information call (718) 324-1478 ext. 40.

Dear Parishioners:

- The Cardinal's Appeal: The Cardinal Appeal is progressing. The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. To date our parish has received \$56,526.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal from 211 families. We are \$39,974.00 from goal. We need your help we have over 1100 families registered to our parish and we have received from only 20 percent of them. If the remaining families donated \$50.00 each we would be over goal. Please consider a gift to the appeal on behalf of your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always, thank you!
- Confirmation: Our confirmation candidates will be receiving the *Sacrament of Confirmation* today, Sunday, April 17th at 3:00 PM. *Bishop Gerald T. Walsh* will be officiating. Please join us in praying for our Confirmandi, their parents and sponsors. A special thank you to our Pastor, Fr. Fernan, our priests, our school Principal, Mrs. Lauren Lewis, Mrs. Anne Mulvey, our Religion Teacher in Saint Eugene School as well as Mr. John Fuoco and Mrs. Nora Russo, our Religious Education teachers. A big thank you to our sixth grade religious education class who assisted us in setting up the church for Confirmation. Congratulations to all!
- Spring Cleaning: With the winter weather behind us we are looking forward to spring and repairing the very long list of items that need to be tended to. The inside lights in the rear of the church have been repaired as well as all of the switches in the sacristy which needed to be replaced. Our electrician is also installing LED (energy efficient) solar sensitive light fixtures to all the buildings on our property. Safety for our students, staff, and parishioners is at top of our list. Our gutters on the school/church building have been cleaned and repaired as well as the convent/church office. This past Tuesday an engineer from Titan Mechanical was on site on the church roof inspecting all of our air conditioner units, we have 10, and only 6 are in working condition. The pans on 8 of the units are completely rusted and that is why water enters the church through the ceiling. Once we receive their proposal we will be discussing the repair or removal of the units and new energy efficient units. Once the work is done then we can repair the inside ceiling. Also on Tuesday we had three roofing companies looking at the flat tar roof on the church/school which needs to be replaced. The last time the roof was replaced was at least 20 years ago. We have hired a new landscaper who will be cleaning up all the dead branches and shrubs which line our property as well as maintain our plants on a monthly basis.
- Saint Eugene Penny Social: Congratulations to the faculty, staff and parent volunteers who made last week's Penny Social a success. The Parish Center was filled with happy recipients of the many prizes that were donated.
- Wedding Jubilees: Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick , Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 pm or Sunday June 26th at 2:00 pm. **Pre-registration is mandatory. If you are interested in participating in either of the Masses please contact me at 961-2590.** The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th. The event is sponsored by the Family Life, Respect Life office of the Archdiocese of New York.
- Mother's Day Cards: Mother's Day cards and offering envelopes are available in the back of the church for all to give their mothers (living or deceased) a special remembrance on Mother's Day. Please return your intentions in the collection or to the church office by May 6th in order to be included on the altar at all of the Masses on Mother's Day.
- Save the Date: Mother Daughter Communion Breakfast sponsored by the Court of St. Therese Catholic Daughters'. The event will take place on Sunday, April 24th in the Parish Center (Gym) after the 10AM Mass. All Mothers and Daughters of the Parish are welcome. \$10.00 per person, by reservation only, no walk-ins. For reservations, please call *Rita DiPippo* at 793-3065 or *Catherine Blanco* at (914) 793-1539.
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries* (priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes"*. 2016 marks the 53rd Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocation. *From the USCCB.*



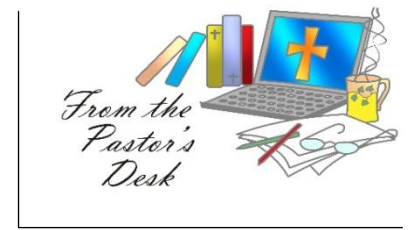
May God bless you always:

Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

“The Rubrics of bowing and genuflecting during the Holy Mass.”

“What has happened?” vs. “What is happening?” So let us go back to the questions raised last week... “So then, since Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle, why don’t we genuflect or at least bow every time we pass before the Tabernacle? “What is actually happening during the Holy Mass?” “Is the Holy Mass just a reenactment of the Original Last Supper as many Christian Faiths believe?” “Is the Holy Mass just a symbolic representation of Christ’s sacrifice on the Holy Cross?”



The Catechism of the Catholic Church writes with reference to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass...

*“1366 The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (**makes present**) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit: [Christ], our Lord and God, was once and for all to offer Himself to God the Father by His death on the altar of the cross, to accomplish there an everlasting redemption. But because His priesthood was not to end with His death, at the Last Supper “on the night when He was betrayed,” [He wanted] to leave to His beloved spouse the Church a visible sacrifice (as the nature of man demands) by which the bloody sacrifice which He was to accomplish once for all on the cross would be re-presented, its memory perpetuated until the end of the world, and its salutary power be applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit. 189”*

“1367 The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: “The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered Himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different.” “And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered Himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and offered in an unbloody manner . . . this sacrifice is truly propitiatory.”

“What has happened?” In the Tabernacle, there is the Real Presence of Christ... Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity. At a Holy Mass previously offered, the miracle of Transubstantiation changed the bread and wine and His Body and Blood. That is what has happened before. So the Real Presence is really present in the tabernacle.

“What is happening?” In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass you are attending, or that is happening continuously all over the world, the “one single sacrifice” is really occurring. *“The victim is one and the same... only the manner of offering is different.”* So the actions of the Last Supper are actually unfolding before us. At the Holy Mass we become participants in the Last Supper of Christ on the one and only Holy Thursday. If this was a movie scene, we are being transported into that moment which took place 2000 years ago and still takes place now. So why is our concentration supposed to be at the altar during the Holy Mass? Precisely because each Holy Mass is the one and only Holy Mass offered by Jesus on Holy Thursday. Before the Holy Mass begins we give proper recognition to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle, but during the Holy Mass all our attention must be at the Holy Altar where the Holy Thursday Sacrifice at the Last Supper is being revealed.

God love you...
Father Fernan