

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

APRIL 24, 2016 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



| SATURDAY, APRIL 23  |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 5:00 PM             | Antoinette Racioppo (decd)<br><i>req. by Elizabeth</i>   |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 24    |  |
| 8:00 AM             | Durante Family – Living & Deceased<br><i>req. by Lidia Durante</i>                               |
| 10:00 AM            | Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)  |
| 12:00 PM            | George Matthews Sr. (decd)<br><i>req. by Vincent &amp; Marilyn Montemurro</i>                    |
| 6:00 PM             | Ray Ruggiero (decd)<br><i>req. by Filomena Ruggiero</i>  |
| MONDAY, APRIL 25    |  |
| 6:45 AM             | Dan Marketto & Family and Joe Drace & Family (decd)<br><i>req. by Dolores Bellitto</i>           |
| 9:00 AM             | Mary & Edward Macken (decd)  |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 26   |  |
| 6:45 AM             | Angie Morzillo (decd)<br><i>req. by Rosie &amp; William Burfeind</i>                             |
| 9:00 AM             | Dominick Lignore (decd)<br><i>req. by Antoinette Lignore</i>                                     |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 |  |
| 6:45 AM             | Liberato Remolado (decd)   |
| 9:00 AM             | Mary Alessi (decd)<br><i>req. by Leonora Khan</i>  |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 28  |  |
| 6:45 AM             | Gina Mastrangelo (lvg)-Sp. Intention<br><i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>                                |
| 9:00 AM             | Richard Granelli (decd)<br><i>req. by Marion Granelli</i>  |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 29    |  |
| 6:45 AM             | Fr. Tom Clarkin (decd)<br><i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>  |
| 9:00 AM             | Helen Woska Jacobell and Elisa Correia (decd)<br><i>req. by Vincent &amp; Marilyn Montemurro</i> |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 30  |  |
| 9:00 AM             | Vincent & Jennie Mazzei (decd)<br><i>req. by Laura Mazzei</i>                                    |
| 5:00 PM             | Louis & John Bastone (decd)<br><i>req. by Theresa Bastone</i>                                    |



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 14:21-27** The missionaries Paul and Barnabas complete their journey.

**Psalm 145** "I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God."

**Revelation 21:1-5a** Like bride and groom, God pledges everlasting love.

**John 13:31-33a, 34-35** Jesus' followers live by a new commandment: love one another.

Today's Easter season scriptures paint a picture of God who loves us so much that the divine dwelling is now among us, with the human race. Jesus was the first physical manifestation of that new reality. As we listen to these Sacred Scriptures today, let us reflect on how God's dwelling is within each of us and how we manifest that to the 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 JOSE VIDAL & DOMINADOR MANZANO**

*REQ. BY THE VIDAL & MANZANO FAMILIES*

### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR THE LAROSA FAMILY**

*REQ. BY HELEN DURKIN*

### BREAD AND WINE

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR THE GOTTSCHALL FAMILY**

*REQ. BY HELEN DURKIN*

### 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 17**

Weekly Collection..... \$9,809

"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

With spring 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. 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, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please drop off the chicken at the Adoration Chapel parking lot.

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](mailto: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."*

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Rita DiPippo at (914) 793-3065 or Catherine Blanco at (914) 793-1539 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 Bitteti at (914) 337-1372.

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month. Our next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Through caring support, we hope to lessen the pain and confusion brought on by the death of a loved one.

### 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 St Eugene Seniors will not have a meeting for the month of May. There is a trip to Resorts Atlantic City scheduled for Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$61 and includes bus (tax & gratuity), \$25 for slots and Tom Jones Tribute Show. 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, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Ralph Grillo, Fr Smyth, Joseph Kelly, Betty Cirillo, Victor Cirillo, Bill Hyland, Anna Lisa Miranda, Fr. Brian Brennan and those recently called home to God especially Rosemarie T. Cenner, Josephine D. Stenavage and Kathryn Prescott.....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 and Matthew Fishwick. 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM or Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact, our Parish Administrator, *Gina Mastrangelo* at (914) 961-2590 to register. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

### EVENTS IN THE AREA

**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.

**The Higher Achievement Program (HAP):** This program is for girls entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to help them prepare for the TACHS (The Archdiocesan Catholic High School) entry exam. It is a 3 week (July 5<sup>th</sup>-July 22<sup>nd</sup>) Higher Achievement Program focusing on English, Math & Reading skills. The program will be held at St. Catharine Academy, 2250 Williamsbridge Rd, Bronx, NY and the program fee is \$500. For more information contact the Program Director, Mrs. Tracy Keelin at (718) 882-2882 ext. 122 or [tkeelin@scahs.org](mailto:tkeelin@scahs.org).

Dear Parishioners:

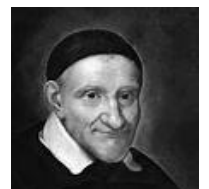
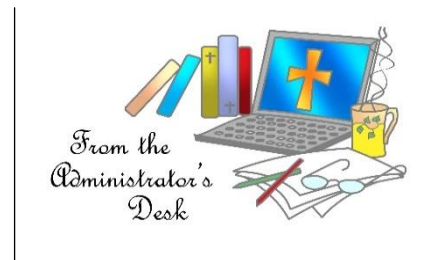
- **The Cardinal's Appeal:** The Cardinal Appeal is progressing. The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. To date our parish has received \$65,396.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal from 219 families. Please consider a gift to the appeal on behalf of your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always, thank you!
- **Religious Education:** Congratulations to our Students from Religious Education and the School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. It was a beautiful ceremony celebrated by *Bishop Gerald T. Walsh*. Also congratulations to our 7B religious education class, who performed a part of the Passion Play this past Wednesday evening for us. They have been working very hard studying and memorizing their lines and did a wonderful job. We are so proud of you all.
- **First Holy Communion** – Our communicants will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion next Saturday, April 30th at 11:00 am. The communicants and their parents will have a mandatory practice this coming Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in the church.
- **Wedding Jubilees:** Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm or Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- **Saint Gianna Mass:** This year's St. Gianna Mass for couples suffering infertility and recurrent miscarriage will be on Thursday, April 28, 2016, the Feast of St. Gianna at 6:30PM at the church of St. Catherine of Siena, 411 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan. Couples suffering infertility, as well as their families and friends, are cordially invited to attend. Following the mass, there will be veneration of the relics of Saint Gianna; an opportunity to meet with Creighton physicians and practitioners who specialize in assisting couples with infertility. There will also be a light reception. For further information please call Sr. Shirley Ann at the Family Life/ Respect Office at 212 371-1011x3195 or email [srshirleyann@archny.org](mailto:srshirleyann@archny.org).

**Novena to St. Gianna.....**God, our Father, Thou hast granted to Thy Church the gift of St. Gianna Beretta Molla. In her youth she lovingly sought Thee and drew other young people to Thee, involving them in the care of the sick and the elderly. We thank Thee for the gift of this young woman so deeply committed to Thee. Through her example, give us the grace to dedicate our lives to Thy service, for the joy of our brothers and sisters. ***Glory be...*** Jesus, Redeemer of humanity, Thou called St. Gianna to become a doctor, a role she lived as a mission to comfort bodies and souls. She saw Thee in the sick, needy and weak.

We thank Thee because, through this servant, Thou revealed Thyself to us as "One who serves" and alleviates the sufferings of all men and women. As we treasure her example, may we become generous Christians at the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those with whom Thou deign to share Your Cross. ***Glory be...*** God, Sanctifying Spirit, Thou who love the Church as Thy bride, Thou poured into the heart of St. Gianna a share of Thy love so that she could give it to her family, cooperate with Thee in the wonderful plan of creation, and give life to new children who could know and love Thee. We thank Thee for this model wife and for her encouraging example. Grant us serene and Christian mothers who are committed to transforming our families into cenacles of faith, love, generosity, and service. ***Glory be...*** O God, Creator and Lover of the human family, Thou remained with St. Gianna when she painfully had to choose between her life and the life of the child she had awaited for so long. Trusting Thee alone and aware of Thy commandment to respect human life, St. Gianna found the courage to do her duty as a mother and to say "yes" to her baby's life, thus generously giving her own. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus, and after the example of St. Gianna, inspire all mothers to welcome with love the seeds of a new life. Help us respect the gift of human life. Grant us the grace to find inspiration in St. Gianna, a model spouse and mother who, after the example of Christ, gave up her life for the life of others. ***Hail Mary...***

- **St. Vincent de Paul:** St. Vincent de Paul, born today, April 24, 1581, was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was canonized in 1737. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity and is known as the "Great Apostle of Charity". We thank our own society members who are also dedicated to helping those in need.

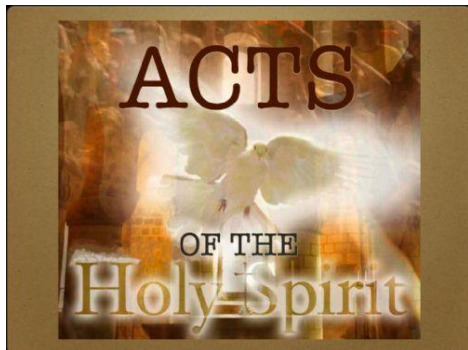
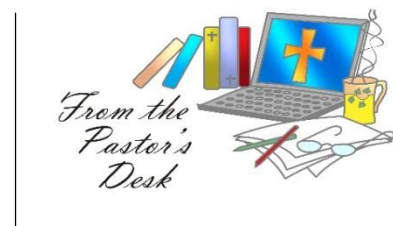
***May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator***



Beloved of God,

**“There is something happening.”**

This past Sunday, Saint Eugene parish was gifted with the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, whom Jesus promised He would send, (John 14:26, 15:26), descended upon the 43 young people who had prepared themselves through years of preparation in class, prayer and community service, to open their hearts to not only the Gift of the Holy Spirit Himself, but the seven gifts which the Spirit bestows. We remember them as Fortitude, Counsel, Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom, Piety and Fear of the Lord. What a glorious day, weather-wise... what a divine day caught up in the presence of Almighty God.



It is important, though, that we not only limit the workings of the Spirit to the purely Sacramental. Recall, that I said how much these young parishioners had done in preparation. But did they prepare alone? Firstly, the parents of these souls had the gift of faith in their hearts to originally present them to God in Baptism and continue their learning about God through daily prayers taught at home and then either at school or religious education. Parents, without you, yesterday's explosion of the Spirit would not have been possible. Secondly, all the educators who participated in the our young ones religious formation had and continue to play such an important role, as they not only in religion class but throughout the day and after school, foster a sense of faith in the environment where the children learn. As we speak, so should we do. Lastly, all the clergy and religious who have been a part of the spiritual formation of our parish continue to leave their mark as in God's grace the seeds that were planted by them, and nurtured by God, are reaping 100, 50 and 30 fold before our eyes.

What do I mean? One of the lessons we offer the young ones as they are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which Bishop Gerald Walsh referred to as well, is that Confirmation is not Graduation. Meaning, they and all of us, as adults now in the faith having been fully initiated into the Faith, are just beginning our life in Christ and His Holy Catholic Church. So we are to use those gifts given by God in the Sacrament throughout our daily lives. But let us be clear. The gifts of the Spirit are not limited to those receiving or having received the Sacrament of Confirmation. All we have to do is look around to see where the fruits of the Spirit are. The Fruits... yes, the fruits. The effects of the Spirit. The Gifts are those given by God. The Fruits are what happens because the Spirit is present and working in and through us.



Last Wednesday, one of the 7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Religious Education classes put on a play. They asked if they could do it. They had prepared for a number of weeks. They had learned their lines. They even arranged for modest costumes. It wasn't long – maybe 15 minutes... but it was powerful. A few had many lines to learn and some only a few... but all participated and supported each other. When they had finished, all of us were deeply moved, the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders who watched, Fr. Anthony, Ms. Mastrangelo and I. So much so, that I had to tell you about it. These 12 year old children asked if they could put on The Passion Play. You know, the Gospel we read together on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. The Trial of Jesus. The Last Supper. The Garden of Gethsemane. The Betrayal by Judas. The Court of Pontius Pilate. I have read the Passion for years. Meditated on it as well. But this simple, heartfelt rendition offered by the future of our parish and our Church, not only touched me... but gave me Hope. The Spirit is Alive and Thriving in the Parish of Saint Eugene. Let us continue through all our efforts to use those gifts given to us and let the fruits of the Spirit show that we are people of faith.

God love you... Father Fernan