

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

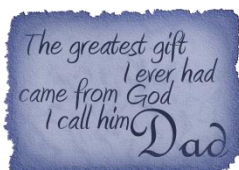
JUNE 19, 2016 – TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



	SATURDAY, JUNE 18
5:00 PM	John Chema (decd) <i>req. by Carol Chema</i>
	SUNDAY, JUNE 19
8:00 AM	Kenneth P. Geiger Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
10:00 AM	The Abronzino Family
12:00 PM	Frank Mastrangelo Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
6:00 PM	Grace Gallo (decd) <i>req. by Eugene Gallo</i>
	MONDAY, JUNE 20
6:45 AM	James Paul Franggos (decd) <i>req. by Jean Cioppa</i>
9:00 AM	Rubino & Tango Families <i>req. by Guy Pontillo</i>
	TUESDAY, JUNE 21
6:45 AM	Father's Day Novena
9:00 AM	Gino & Luis Gandolfi (decd) <i>req. by Diana</i>
	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
6:45 AM	Paulina Castaneda (decd) <i>req. by Yolanda Davis</i>
9:00 AM	Joseph Porcelli (decd) First Anniversary <i>req. by Wayne & Maureen Modrovsky</i>
	THURSDAY, JUNE 23
6:45 AM	Bill Hyland (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
	FRIDAY, JUNE 24
6:45 AM	Jean Marie Saint-Louis (decd) <i>req. by Rose Saint-Louis</i>
9:00 AM	Father's Day Novena
	SATURDAY, JUNE 25
9:00 AM	Storte Family <i>req. by Donna</i>
5:00 PM	John Shanahan(decd)

THANK YOU

Dear Father Fernan, Thank you so much for joining the residents of Curran Court as they were celebrated with an ice-cream social. You can be very proud of the students of St. Eugene's. We were all impressed! Again, Thank you. Amelia Pupchyk, Anne Prestano, Judy Nacov. *Tenant Council of Curran Court.*



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Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1 He was pierced for our sins.

Psalm 63 "My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God."

Galatians 3:26-29 We are children of God in Jesus Christ.

Luke 9:18-24 Take up the cross.



We find Jesus in today's Gospel taking the question of who his disciples think He is and turning it around, telling us who we must be. If we are to follow Him, we must be willing to do as He did, that is, take up our cross each and every day. As we reflect on these readings today, perhaps the question for us is how we lose our life in order to save it.

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 EDWARD & STELLA SHIBROSKI
REQ. BY VIRGINIA SHIBROSKI



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR GRISHA BALAJ
REQ. BY DRITE HALILAJ

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF JOE CICOLLINA
REQ. BY ANGELA

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	Martina Parisi	400-3634
	Dolores Tenzer	262-8146
	Lori Fox	325-0333
Cheerleaders		
Couples for Christ		
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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



In addition to the prayers we offer together at each Mass today, may we share this prayer together for the one we call **Father**:

May God bless you and guide you in your special role as a father. May it always be for you a joy and a privilege.

May you cherish your children from birth through adulthood as unique and precious gifts from God. May you always love and forgive them as God loves and forgives you. May you be quick to praise and slow to find fault, and may you be wise in all your decisions. At the end of your life, may God reward you abundantly for your fatherly love and care. And may God bless all our fathers who have gone to their rest. May they now find comfort and joy in the arms of their Heavenly Father.

On this Father's Day, let us not forget

OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS.

Lord Jesus, great High Priest who upon Calvary and at the table of the Last Supper prepared for the sacrifice of the Mass, I beg Thy blessing upon those priests whom Thou hast chosen to carry on Thy priestly work. They are human, but they must occupy a divine office. They must stand as Thy substitute before the eyes of the people. Their hands must be pure enough to draw Thee down from Heaven and strong enough to lift the people to Thy heights. They must speak the truth with courage. Their lives must be Christlike, their mercy and tenderness modeled on Thine. I pray that Thou, who in the Eucharist depend on them, will give Thy priests the graces that they need. Give to young men a compelling vocation to serve Thee. Give to priests the desire to do well their work, Thy work. Make us respectful, reverent, and appreciative toward them. Grant them the grace to be priests, not unworthy of Thee, our High Priest. Amen

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

With summer almost here, 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 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."

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Martina Parisi at (914) 400-3634 or Dolores Tenzer at (914) 262-8146 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome.

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:

June 12

Weekly Collection.....\$9,692

"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."

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. We will pray the Rosary weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm from May through October. Please join us near the outdoor statue of Our Lady as we honor the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group will not meet for July and August. We will resume our monthly meetings in the fall.

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, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Ralph Grillo, Fr. James Smyth, Joseph Kelly, Anna Lisa Miranda, Fr. Brian Brennan, Carmine Greco, Carol Russo, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Peter Sheridan, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Baby Abigail Raine and those recently called home to God especially Angelina Ippoliti, Nicola Giliberto, Phyllis LaMorte and Robert Lee Thomas Jr.. 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.

THE SERRA CLUB OF THE BRONX & WESTCHESTER

The Serra Club is an international organization whose mission is to foster & promote vocations and vowed religious life and affirms the members' common Catholic faith. Join us for a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 22nd at 12 Noon at Eastwood Manor, 3371 Eastchester Rd (corner of Eastchester Rd & Boston Rd), Bronx, NY. The cost for the luncheon is \$25. To make reservations and more information call (718) 671-8915 ext 8915 by June 20th.

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 Friday & Saturday June 24th/25th 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.

Dear Parishioners:

- Happy Father's Day: I would like to wish all of our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Spiritual Fathers... a Blessed Day.
- The Cardinal's Appeal: The Cardinal Appeal is progressing. The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. To date our parish has received \$88,766.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal from 292 families. Please consider a gift to the appeal on behalf of your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always, thank you!
- Saint Eugene Religious Education: Communion and Confirmation pictures of the children receiving their sacraments and the group picture are ready and available for pick-up. Please come to the church office during normal business hours for pick-up, which is Monday - Friday 9:30-3:30. Thank you.
- Saint Eugene Office Hours: During the months of July and August the office will be open Monday -Thursday 9:30-3:30 and Friday 9:30 -12 :00 noon.
- A Prayer for Summer: The first day of summer is Tuesday, June 21stLong warm days.....the pace of life slows...A time for picnics and rest in shade... Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.
- Church Attire: As we are entering the hot, hazy days of summer, please remember that when attending Mass a proper dress code is recommended. Please no bathing suits, short shorts or tank tops.
- Fortnight for Freedom: The Committee on Religious Liberty of the USCCB issued a formal statement on various threats to the freedom of conscience and religion; *Our First, Most Cherished, Liberty*. In a statement from the Bishops it read, "We suggest that fourteen days from June 21, the vigil of the feasts of Saint John Fisher and St. Thomas More to July 4th, Independence Day, be dedicated to the **Fortnight to Freedom** a great hymn of prayer for our country." Please join us we pray for religious liberty.

Prayer for Religious Freedom

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom You have set us free in Christ Jesus. We praise You and bless You for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom You live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. – from the USCCB

- Feast of Saint John the Baptist, June 24: God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation. Grant that, as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life. Amen.



For Fathers, who have given us life and love that we may show them the love and affection today and all days ... we pray to You, O God, Our Father.

For Fathers, who have lost child through death, that they may find hope, and solace in your never ending love, ... we pray to You, O God, Our Father.

For Fathers, who have died, that God may welcome them into that peaceful place that is without ending... we pray to You, O God, Our Father.

Dear Lord, please bless and comfort him. Help his loving heart to continue to love and give himself to others. Strengthen him when he is down and give him hope when he is discouraged. Most of all, Lord, on this Father's Day, give my Father and all Fathers the graces he needs and desires. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Savior, forever and ever. Amen.

Happy Father's Day in Heaven, Dad, I love and miss you – Gina

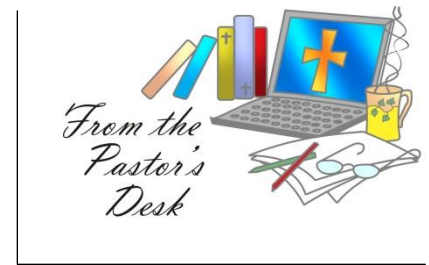
May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



Beloved of God,

Meditation on Father's Day

"Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven."
(Matthew 23:9)



Quarterly, at least four times a year over the past twenty-three years, some Christian of another faith, or someone who has issues with the Catholic Church will use this quote to attack the Church and attempt to undermine the faith. *"Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven."* This may have occurred to you as well with the natural reaction of defensiveness over what has become a normal way for those in the Catholic Church to refer to Her clergy. Quite possibly there may also be doubt because since all the priests are only human and have at times made mistakes, some being egregious atrocities, some may ask, "Why should we call priests 'father?'" With this logic, why should we call anyone father?

So then, let's just cancel *Father's Day*. Any reasonable person would see how ludicrous this statement is. The reasonable would say, obviously, God did not mean that we were not allowed to call our earthly male parent "father," or some form thereof because recall that when Jesus was asked by His disciples how to pray, He said... *"This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."* (Matthew 6:9) The word for father was "*abba*" which is a familiar form of the word more like "daddy." Those arguing the case might bring up next these words of Jesus in attempt to confuse us and undermine the humanity of Jesus, *"Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"* (Matthew 12:48) This quote is both incomplete with Jesus intending a completely different point... *"And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of My heavenly Father is My brother, and sister, and mother.'"* (Ibid 12:49-50)

So let us not only keep *Father's Day* but turn once again to the scriptures for a deeper meaning of our Heavenly Father and an example of what fathers should strive to emulate...

"Father, they are Your gift to Me. I wish that where I am they also may be with Me, that they may see My glory that You gave Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know You, but I know You, and they know that You sent Me. I made known to them Your name and I will make it known, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them and I in them." (John 17:24-26)

A Father's Prayer... Dear God, these children are Your gift to me. May I realize that as gift, they were carefully chosen by You for me. They were entrusted to me by You. As You are their heavenly Father, and as You continually extend Your care to them, may I learn from Your example of how I am to be their father. When Your Son Jesus said, *"I wish that where I am they also may be,"* may I understand that the most important task I have is to fulfill the words of Jesus, *"Let the children come to Me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* (Matthew 19:14) It is for me to bring them to You so that You in turn will bring them to the Father. In order for this to be done, I must know You. I must learn about You. And, then, in turn, I must teach what I have learned and what I know and how much I love You, to my children. May nothing I do, may none of the choices I make, make them feel second in my heart or in my day. May I realize that You must always be first in my life and that lesson be the most important one I will teach my children, these gifts You have given me. Amen.

God love you... Father Fernan