

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JULY 3, 2016 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JULY 2	
5:00 PM	Father's Day Novena
SUNDAY, JULY 3	
8:00 AM	Michael & Arthur Cola (decd) <i>req. by Ann Cola</i>
10:00 AM	Rosemarie Cenner (decd) <i>req. by Marie & Richard Cobuzzi</i>
12:00 PM	Michelina & Semi Gogliormella -decd <i>req. by Carmela Gogliormella</i>
6:00 PM	Steven McCord (decd) <i>req. by Vivian Riccoboni</i>
MONDAY, JULY 4	
6:45 AM	Madeline Trombino (decd) <i>req. by Steve & Andrea Kane</i>
9:00 AM	George O'Brien (decd) <i>req. by Mrs. O'Brien</i>
TUESDAY, JULY 5	
6:45 AM	Bill Hyland (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Anthony</i>
9:00 AM	Angelina Gerace (decd) <i>req. by Lou</i>
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6	
6:45 AM	Bill Hyland (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Morris</i>
9:00 AM	Bill Hyland (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo and Paul Henshaw</i>
THURSDAY, JULY 7	
6:45 AM	Bill Hyland (decd) <i>req. by St. Eugene Parish</i>
9:00 AM	Cavarra & Pinghera Families (decd) <i>req. by Mr. & Mrs. Pinghera</i>
FRIDAY, JULY 8	
6:45 AM	Bill Hyland (decd) <i>req. by Steve & Andrea Kane</i>
9:00 AM	Abandoned Souls in Purgatory <i>req. by Lisette Abraham</i>
SATURDAY, JULY 9	
9:00 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
5:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>

FOURTH OF JULY

As we celebrate our Independence on Monday, July 4th, let us remember all who made our freedom possible. Let us also pray for peace and security in our world. The office will be closed on Monday.



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Isaiah 66:10-14c Mother Jerusalem will gather her children.
Psalm 66 "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."
Galatians 6:14-18 I bear in my body the brand marks of Jesus.
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9 If people welcome you, bid them peace. If not, shake their dust from your feet and move on.

Jesus says in the Gospel that the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few. Our church today is in need of more laborers as well. While we listen to these Sacred Scriptures, it might be well to reflect on Jesus' instructions to his disciples and imagine ourselves among the first evangelizers. What lessons might we learn for our mission today?

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

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MICHAEL ENOCH
 REQ. BY RICHARD ENOCH

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR GRISHA BALAJ
 REQ. BY DRITA HALILAJ



BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF JOAN & LEE ENOCH
 REQ. BY RICHARD ENOCH

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	G.Mastrangelo	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

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 26

Weekly Collection\$9,096
Maintenance & Repair.....\$2,183

"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 summer 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. As you are leaving for vacation and have extra food, 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."

UPDATE ON THE SUMMER CLERGY

Last Sunday morning, just as many of you had, were or were going to read the bulletin explaining the situation regarding the clergy during the summer months, Fr. Coffey, prior to the 8AM Holy Mass, told me that the plans he had to go away during the month of July had fallen through and that he would be available for Sunday Holy Masses. I thanked God for the gift of his exercising the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ here at Saint Eugene and that he would be here for July. He and Fr. Lee will both be on vacation during August and we wish them well as they rest from all the labors Our Divine has called them to.

Father Fernan

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.

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. **The Adoration Chapel will be closed on Monday, for the 4th of July Holiday.**

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, Carmine Greco, Carol Russo, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Peter Sheridan, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Baby Abigail Raine, Joan Pinto, Guy Pontillo and those recently called home to God especially Agnes Marie Galima.....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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

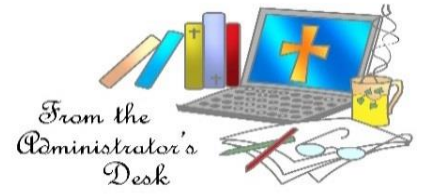
Janelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur, David Daliso, Logan Wilson, Matthew Fishwick and Kevin Jones. If you have family members or friends you would like to put on our Military Prayer list please notify the Parish Office at 961-2590.

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 7th and 8th grade to help them prepare for the TACHS (The Archdiocesan Catholic High School) entry exam. It is a 3 week (July 5th-July 22nd) 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.

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 \$92,076.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal from 302 families. We are only \$3424.00 from goal. All monies which go over goal are given back to the parish in full. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift to the appeal on behalf of your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always, 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.
- **Religious Education:** Registration for the 2016-2017 year will begin shortly. All families that were registered last year will receive the registration forms via US Mail. The forms will also be available in the church office beginning July 13th. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me at ginamastrangelo@csey.org.



- **Adoration Chapel:** We are blessed in our church to have an adoration chapel which is open most days (please see schedule, outside of chapel) Monday- Friday from 7:00 am until benediction at 4:00 pm. We are in need of adorers for the chapel. Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of a parish unite in taking hours of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament. To see Jesus visibly present under the appearance of the small white host is an extraordinary experience. It also adds an extra responsibility on the adorers to be sure to be faithful to the hours they are scheduled, since the suggested norm for having Jesus exposed in the monstrance is that there should be at least two adorers present, and He must never be left alone. Could not these words of our Lord be applied today: *"Indeed, this is the will of My heavenly Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son, and believes in Him, shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day."* If you have an hour or two a day to give to our Lord, please contact me.

- **Independence Day:** On Monday, we celebrate Independence Day. Independence Day commonly known as the 4th of July is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence which was signed on July 4, 1776, declaring our independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Let us remember all the brave women and men who continue to fight for our freedom every day. *God Bless America! "God of power and might, You have brought the United States through many fights for independence since 1776, when our country was founded. We thank You, for the honor of living in the U.S. today. Bless all who celebrate the U.S.A. today, and keep us one nation under You, Amen." - USCCB*



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

- **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.

Prayer to Grow in God's Love

Lord, my God, increase my eagerness to do Your will and help me to know the saving power of Your love. My heart desires Your love and my mind searches for the light of Your Divine Word. Give me strength to grow in my love for Christ, my Savior, that I may welcome the light of His truth. Give me the grace to do good, that I may reach the Kingdom of Heaven. – from the treasury of Novenas

During the summer months, Father Fernan and I do not write our individual pages due to vacation time and early bulletin deadlines. Of course any and all information that is pertinent or pressing will be addressed. Have a blessed and restful summer. – Gina

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



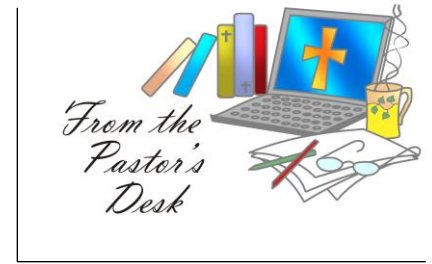
2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Beloved of God,

A Fortnight to Freedom

“Then the Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Him in speech. They sent their disciples to Him, with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are a truthful man and that You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And You are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for You do not regard a person’s status. Tell us, then, what is Your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin that pays the census tax.” Then they handed Him the Roman coin. He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that He said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” When they heard this they were amazed, and leaving Him they went away.” (Matthew 22:15-22)



So, what then “*belongs to Caesar?*” To the position that he or any public servant holds then or now, to the position, then, honor and respect for the public service that is being rendering... but most especially... *accountability* in the fulfillment of the role of serving the people as well as the *obligation* of serving them *as God intends*. Let’s ask the question again... So, what then “*belongs to Caesar?*” As Job learned, nothing belongs to us... “*And Job said, “Naked I came forth from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I go back again. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD!” (Job 1:21)* As we learned the Book of Genesis, “*God created man in His image; in the divine image He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them, saying: “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth.” God also said: “See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food.” And so it happened. God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed--the sixth day.” (1:27-31)*

“*God looked at everything He had made...*” It’s like a *Non-Disclosure Agreement* for corporations. While employed and even after, the employee understands that all work done is the sole possession of the corporation. The same is true for God. As Author and Creator of everything, everything belongs to Him, and everything that comes from everything else still belongs to Him. Even though, God said, “I give you,” and “have dominion over,” this has in no way elevated us to the position of being god’s (recall that was the desire of Adam and Eve which forced them from the Garden of Eden).

To answer the original question, then, what “*belongs to Caesar?...*” Nothing. Not one thing. Nothing belongs to Caesar. Nothing belongs to any Government, in any country during any time. It all belongs to God. The framers of the *Declaration of Independence* were correct when they wrote, “*When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”

The government gets its power from the people, to serve the people guided by “the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God” for the purpose of protecting the “unalienable Rights” of “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” which are “endowed by their Creator” and likewise pre-determined by their Creator. Since it all belongs to God and as the *Declaration* continues, “*That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.*” We have every right and truly must act against any government, including our own, which endangers life, dictates happiness and crushes liberty. The government and all its public servants are firstly, responsible to “the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God” and secondarily obligated to fulfill that mission in the sight of God in service to God’s people.

God love you... Father Fernan