

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JULY 10, 2016 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JULY 9	
5:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>
SUNDAY, JULY 10	
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by the Finnegan Family</i>
10:00 AM	Msgr. John A. Gallagher (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
12:00 PM	Rosemary T. Cenner <i>req. by Lucille Wagner</i>
6:00 PM	Rosemarie Cenner (decd) <i>req. by Marie & Richard Cobuzzi</i>
MONDAY, JULY 11	
6:45 AM	Bill Hyland (decd) <i>req. by Jean Como</i>
9:00 AM	Edel Claude (decd) <i>req. by Lisette Abraham</i>
TUESDAY, JULY 12	
6:45 AM	Pat White (decd) <i>req. by Siobhan Madden</i>
9:00 AM	Maria Georgia Mangione (decd) <i>req. by Rita Lusardi & Family</i>
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13	
6:45 AM	Ketchmark Family (decd) <i>req. by Patricia Mahoney</i>
9:00 AM	Anthony J. Magnotta (decd) <i>req. by Deborah Magnotta</i>
THURSDAY, JULY 14	
6:45 AM	Reginaldo & Teodoro Salvilla (decd)
9:00 AM	Cesar Ciboso (decd)
FRIDAY, JULY 15	
6:45 AM	Thomas Durkin (decd) <i>req. by Helen Durkin</i>
9:00 AM	Anthony P. Milesovic (decd) <i>req. by Nada & Peter Milesovic</i>
SATURDAY, JULY 16	
9:00 AM	Priscilla S. Lara <i>req. by Elsie Lara</i>
5:00 PM	Giuseppe Ruggiero <i>req. by Anna Vedovino</i>

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Deuteronomy 30:10-14 God's law is planted in our hearts.
Psalm 69 "Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live."
or Psalm 19 "Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."
Colossians 1:15-20 In the cross all creation is united in Christ.
Luke 10:25-37 Even the stranger is to be loved as a neighbor.

The first reading today sets the stage for our Gospel story of the Good Samaritan. Moses tells the people that God's command is within each heart. As we hear the story of the good Samaritan, it is good for us to realize that acting mercifully toward our neighbor is built into the human heart; all we have to do is act on it. Let us then ask God for the courage to do what we already know how to do.

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 SERETTE BERNADIN

REQ. BY LISETTE ABRAHAM

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE LIGNORE FAMILY

REQ. BY ANTOINETTE LIGNORE



BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF JOE CIPOLLINA

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	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:

July 3

Weekly Collection.....\$9791
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa\$1387

"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 hoffabi@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."

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.

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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be at our parish Saturday and Sunday July 23rd and July 24th 2016 to take up a collection for their Home for Aged Poor in the Bronx. The Little Sisters welcome the needy aged into their homes where they find security, friendship and the assurance of loving care. They are grateful for all our past support for their work and look forward to being with us again.

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.

ST EUGENE SENIORS

The trip to Resorts Atlantic City is Tuesday, July 12th. The cost is \$61 and includes bus (tax & gratuity), \$25 for slots and Tom Jones Tribute Show. Remember your government I.D. The bus will depart at 7:45am at our usual location, please plan accordingly. 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, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Ralph Grillo, Joseph Kelly, Anna Lisa Miranda, 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, Celia Torres and those recently called home to God especially Fr. James Smyth, Carmine Greco and Vito N. Schiavone.....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 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.

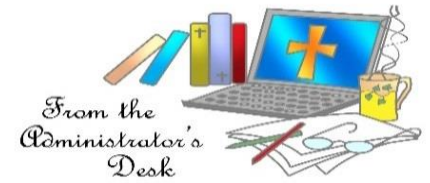
SUNDAY MASS & VACATION

Take God with you on vacation. As part of your planning for summer go to www.masstimes.org enter your destination and find the local Catholic Church and Mass times. The Sunday obligation is still in effect for the summer.

Dear Parishioners



I know that last week I said it would be our last bulletin pages due to summer vacation, but please allow me to share with you some information about Father James Smyth, a retired SMA priest. (Society of African

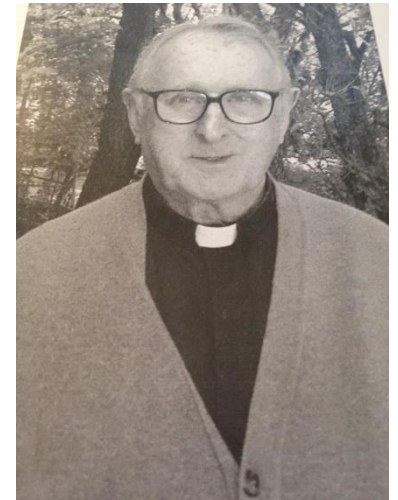


Missions) I met Fr Smyth when I joined the parish of Saint Matthew 31 years ago. At the time Father was known by all and was the beloved old priest, he was 62.

Father Smyth was born in Ireland in the county of Longford, the eldest son of eight boys and four girls. He completed high school and served as a cooper and in time became a master cooper. He worked with his father and brothers in this trade. Father was very dedicated to our Blessed Mother and became an active member of the Legion of Mary. After a great deal of thought and discussions with his family he left the

family business and went into the seminary of the Society of African Missions and was ordained a priest on December 18, 1956 at age 34.

From 1957- 1971 Fr. Smyth worked as a pastor in the Diocese of Jos in the northern corner of Nigeria. He used his skills as a tradesman and farmer to establish schools and training centers. He designed and led a team of villagers in the area in building a dam and pipeline and provided the first fresh water to the village. He was instrumental in bringing many people in the area into the Catholic faith and to the sacraments. Father always said this was the best part of his priesthood. In 1971 Father was involved in a serious motorcycle accident and was assigned to heal in the United States. On February 18, 1978 Father was assigned to Saint Matthew Church in Hastings for a 3 month period and has been there ever since. He was a fixture in the school, Fire Chaplain and dedicated to the ill in hospitals and nursing homes. He was the main celebrant for many years at the Andrus on Hudson Nursing home serving the Saturday afternoon Mass. About 10 years ago Father Smyth started having some health issues. I was blessed and lucky enough to be asked by him to be his health care proxy. In all his illnesses he never slowed down. Up until five years ago he was still driving and if he heard someone was ill or needed an anointing he was in the car faster than anyone.



Last Friday the day before he passed we had a wonderful visit. As I was leaving he said in only a voice that he would use, "You know Gina, my 60th anniversary is coming up in December, and you must start planning." I am telling you this brief story my parishioners for two reasons; please pray for vocations, Father Smyth was the epitome of a priest, he was dedicated to God the Almighty and his Mother. He always had his rosaries in his pocket and would be the first to say, lets pray to Our Blessed Mother, the other is this please look after your family members as they are aging. Check on neighbors or assist in driving them to the doctor, it is ministry in itself to help one another. I was blessed and honored to call him Father and friend. I will miss him very much, but I know that he is with the Almighty praying for all of us. Please keep him and all of his family members in your prayers.



"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 our death. Amen.

May God Bless you always,

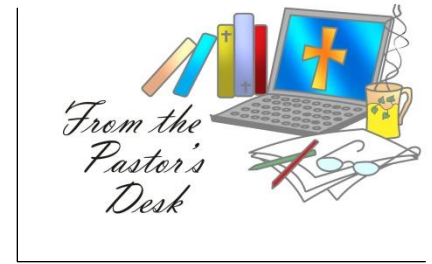
Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Father Smyth, Compassion, humble service and faithful love for Christ and the Church has been your life's devotion. God bless you with much joy and peace. Requiescat in Pace

Beloved of God,

THE BLESINGS OF A SENIOR PRIEST

"It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever." (Hebrews 7:26-28)



[As Ms. Mastrangelo explained in her column, we don't usually have our pages for the summer months, however, the events of this past week warrant a diversion from the norm.]

When I was a seminarian, I was blessed to be assigned to Saint Margaret, Pearl River, with the pastor, Msgr. James Doyle, may he rest in peace. At that time, he was just Fr. Doyle... but whether Msgr. or Fr., the lessons he taught were just as important. Fr. Doyle had a retired priest living with him, Msgr. John McKenna. What a blessing Msgr. McKenna was to the parish as he exercised his ministry, in a limited way due to physical ailments, and what a blessing he was to me as he lived the *Dying on the Cross* in his daily life. Msgr. Doyle made that possible by giving Msgr. McKenna a home.

When I was assigned as pastor to Saint Matthew, Hastings on Hudson, the parish was blessed to have a not-yet-retired but Senior Priest, Fr. James Smyth, as the Parochial Assistant. Now *I* was the pastor with a Senior Priest. The next ten years Fr. Smyth continued to serve the parish were a blessing to Saint Matthew, the Administrator and Staff of the parish, Hastings on Hudson and me. As we were planning Fr. Smyth's 50 Anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ, we learned so much of his life before Saint Matthew, before the USA, before Nigeria... all the way back to Ireland. All those stories were delightful but the daily moments given to us in the rectory were life lessons that we... I had a chance to re-learn, recalling the summer months with Msgr. James Doyle and his Senior Priest, Msgr. John McKenna.

Fr. Smyth wasn't the only Senior Priest Saint Matthew was blessed with. As Fr. Smyth was getting older, a dear and compassionate soul, Msgr. Frank Gorman was just retiring from his "active" priesthood as the Pastor of Saint Teresa of Avila and Holy Cross, Sleepy Hollow. When asked if he wanted to continue with Sunday Ministry in Saint Matthew, Msgr. Gorman jumped at the chance to serve the Holy People of God. He continues in his active ministry right up to this very day.

It is said by the retired priests... "I am busier now that I have retired..." because now I can concentrate on just the ministry and leave all the business to others. These Senior Priests are a blessing because they have so many life lessons in the hearts. They have lived through Baptisms, Communions, Confirmations, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths... all within so many families. They have continued to live out that selfless calling of bringing God to the good and holy people who are lost and searching for the Divine. Pray that we at Saint Eugene may be so blessed as to be given the gift of a Senior Priest... loving God and serving His people.

Finally, please understand, that as the ministry of the priest did not cease with his retirement, so does it not cease with his death. As Jesus Christ is *"high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens,"* because of His Priesthood that we share... all priests and in this case Fr. Smyth who was called home to God... *"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."* (Hebrews 7:17) Therefore, Fr. Smyth, Msgr. John McKenna, Msgr. James Doyle and countless others, please God, are continuing their ministry from their heavenly reward.

God love you... Father Fernan