

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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| | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 |
| 5:00 PM | John Peter Chema Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Carol Chema</i> |
| | SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 4 |
| 8:00 AM | Sara & John Keenan (living) <i>req. Father Fernan</i> |
| 10:00 AM | Andrew Piacente (decd) <i>req. by the Piacente Family</i> |
| 12:00 PM | Pasquale Costanza (decd) <i>req. by Carmela Gogliormella</i> |
| 6:00 PM | Fr. James Smyth (decd) <i>req. by the Korzeniowski Family</i> |
| | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 |
| 6:45 AM | Norma Nieves (decd) <i>req. by the Mitchell & Ortiz Family</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Ann Ryan (decd) <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i> |
| | TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 |
| 6:45 AM | Joel Remolado (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i> |
| 9:00 AM | George O'Brien (decd) |
| | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 |
| 6:45 AM | Fr. Joseph Casthely & Fr. Andre Mitton (decd) <i>req. by Rose Saint-Louis</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Ben Izzo (decd) <i>req. by Owen & Rita Mallon</i> |
| | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 |
| 6:45 AM | Agustin Nieves (decd) <i>req. by the Mitchell & Ortiz Family</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Michael, Ann & Helen Noone (decd) <i>req. by Peggy Gill</i> |
| | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 |
| 6:45 AM | Anthony & Rachel Magnotta (decd) <i>req. by Deborah Magnotta</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Juan Guzman (decd) <i>req. by Maria Autorino</i> |
| | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 |
| 9:00 AM | Ambrose Mancuso (decd) <i>req. by Elizabeth Collins</i> |
| 5:00 PM | James Walsh (decd) <i>req. by Carolyn Walsh</i> |



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Wisdom 9:13-18b Our choices in life are timid compared to God's choices for us.

Psalm 90 "In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge."

Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Paul baptizes a slave and then expects the slave's master to accept the slave as a brother.

Luke 14:25-33 Do you want to be a disciple? Renounce everything else, with no reservations, no regrets.

Today's first reading asks who can know God's counsel, or discern what the Lord intends. Indeed, who can comprehend this created world? But God's Holy Spirit gives wisdom, which we will need to help us understand what Jesus is asking us to do in today's Gospel. As we listen to these words of Sacred Scripture, let us pray for that wisdom and the will to act on 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

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MARTIN D'CRUZ

BREAD AND WINE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MARTIN D'CRUZ



SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

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| 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 |
| Cheerleaders | Lori Fox | 325-0333 |
| Couples for Christ | Dino Paolo Waga | 917-882-2995 |
| Girl Scouts | Jerilyn 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:

August 28

Weekly Collection.....\$9,892
Maintenance & Repair.....\$1,932

"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 almost coming to an end, 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."

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 7pm 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 Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.**

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. To date our parish has received \$92,586.00 in pledges. We are only \$2914.00 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. Thank you!

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms for the upcoming school year have been mailed out to all of our families. If you have any questions, please contact, Gina Mastrangelo. Also 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 - Thursday 9:30-3:30. Thank you.

A THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION APPEAL

Dear Fr. Fernan, Thank you very much for the warm welcome that your parish gave to Brother Cristian, my wife Mary, and I during our mission appeal in August. We are most grateful to you, your staff, and your parishioners for making our Mission Appeal such a wonderful experience. I am certain that Fr. Javier, on whose behalf the appeal was made, is grateful to you as well.

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, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Baby Abigail Raine, Joan Pinto, Celia Torres, Dante Riccoboni, Frank Azaltovic, Jennie Sepe, Marty Loftus, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion Fr. Terence Lee, Ann Fama, Cora Lucy Sannella, Francis Bowen, and those recently called home to God especially Jose Rodriguez, Viola G. Barbera, Maria A. Garcia, Helen M. Saverino and Ambrose Mancuso. 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

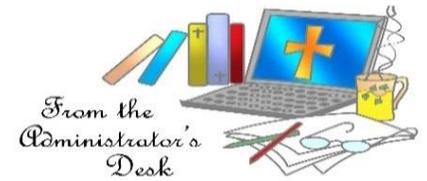
Jannelle Amador, Jose Luis Petrovich, Matthew Valentinetti, Brian Mulhern, John Kollinger, Kevin Brodeur, David Daliso, Logan Wilson, Matthew Fishwick and Kevin Jones. If you have family members or friends you would like to put on our Military Prayer list please notify the Parish Office at 961-2590.

LABOR DAY

On Labor Day, let us celebrate those who work to support their families and whose dedicated labor also support our nations growth. Especially let us remember those who work in support of protection the right to life of the unborn, the elderly and the medically dependent. *The church office is closed on Monday, September 5th, Labor Day.*

Dear Parishioners:

I hope that everyone had a restful and healthy summer. We are looking forward to a new year in the church.



- **Saint Mother Teresa** – This Sunday, September 4, 2016, Mother Teresa



will be canonized. Mother Teresa's middle name is Gonxha, which means "little flower" in Albanian. Even before entering her life into the religious sisters, Agnes Bojaxhiu, (her given name) showed signs of her passion toward Christ, she began celebrating her birthday on the day of her baptism, August 27. Captivated by stories of missionaries, Agnes left her family home in Skopje, (Macedonia) in 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto, Ireland. She wrote the Mother Superior and said, "I want to join your society, so that one day I may become a missionary sister, and work for Jesus who died for us all". Needing to learn English first, the young postulant spent six weeks in Loreto Abbey in Dublin, Ireland; she then set sail for India on December 1, 1928 to give her life to service. Mother Teresa opened the doors of mercy and charity for the poorest of the poor in Calcutta. It was her life's calling; what she considered to be an order from God. Mother Teresa directed her Missionaries of Charity to serve "the

hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, and all those who felt unwanted, unloved, uncared for in society, people who have become a burden to society and are shunned by everyone". A few highlights of her career; 69 years in service, 4500, missionaries of Charity Worldwide, 124 Awards Earned, in 1979 awarded Nobel Peace Prize. Pope John Paul II said in October of 2003, "The cry of Jesus on the Cross, 'I thirst' (John 19: 28), expressing the depth of God's longing for man, penetrated Mother Teresa's soul and found fertile soil in her heart." Please join Pope Francis and Catholics around the world, as we celebrate the life of this wonderful woman, and missionary. *Saint Mother Teresa, pray for us.*



- **Our Blessed Mother** - On Thursday, September 8th, we celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Mother, Mary. Please take the time to pray to her for our country, for those in need, and for our church. 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 death. Amen.

- **Saint Eugene School** - On Thursday September 8th our school will reopen for the 2016 -2017 academic year. We welcome all of our new families and welcome back our students and families that have been part of our school family. The faculty and staff for the upcoming school year is as follows:



Fr. Matthew Fernan, Pastor, Ms. Lauren Lewis Principal, Mrs. I. Ippoliti, Mrs. M. Gardini, Ms. Alyssa Esposito, Mrs. C. Bagan, Mrs. A. Vella, Ms. Caitlin O'Rourke, Mrs. D. Storte, Mr. T. Donatone, Mrs. T. Sesil, Ms. S. Durso, Mr. G. Shallo, Mr. B. Donohue, Ms. M. O'Connor, Mr. G. Veras, Mrs. A. Mulvey, Mr. R. DiIulio, Ms. A. Magaletti, Mrs. E. Varuolo, Mrs. L. Dratch, Ms. Y. Reynolds, Mr. J. Inglesias, Mrs. R. Inglesias. We ask our Lord and his Blessed Mother to pray for them as we enter the new school year. **Dearest Father in Heaven, Bless us all and bless this day of new beginnings. Smile upon this staff and student body, and surround us, Lord, with the soft mantle of your love. Teach this community to follow in your footsteps, and to live life in the ways of love, faith, hope and charity. We ask this through your name, Jesus Christ... Amen**

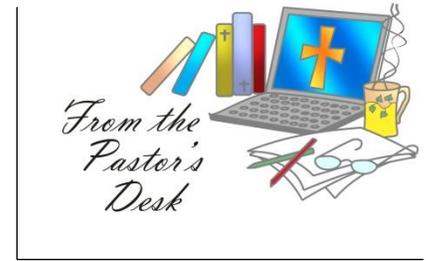
- **Saint Eugene Religious Education** – Registration forms for the upcoming school year have been mailed out to all of our families who attended last year. If you are new to our program or have not received the forms, they can be retrieved from the church office during normal business hours, which are Monday – Friday 9:30-3:30. Thank you.
- **Sight & Sound Theater** - Upper Class Bus Company is planning a trip to Lancaster, Pa. on Friday, September 30, to the Sight and Sound Theater to see "Samson" This theater brings the Bible to Life. The cost for the bus, buffet lunch and tickets to the show is \$159.00 per person. The bus will pick up at the skating Rink on Tuckahoe Road at 9:00 am sharp and return at approximately 9:30 pm. We are in need of ten more people to attend or the trip will be cancelled. For more info, please call Upper Bus Co. 914 725-5640 for reservations and mention parishioner Grace Geiger's name.

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT MOTHER TERESA

“After their audience with the king the Magi set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy Him.” Joseph rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: “A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more.” (Matthew 2:9-18)



From property to a blessing to the Divine. We are welcoming back all the children from their summer respite with their parents, families and friends to once again fill the halls and classrooms of the school as well as round out our community of faith as their join us in the aisles and sanctuary of our church. What a joy it is to see them once again... to hear their voices blended with ours during the Holy Prayers of the Holy Mass... to see them come forward to receive Holy Communion or bow their heads to be blessed before God. We don't consider them property to be used and discarded. They have become a part of the fabric of our lives. We know, though, at one time, and still in many parts of our world, that we did/still do consider these *smaller "Temples of the Holy Spirit"* chattel, disposable. I cannot begin to explain, but you mothers know what it is like to have this individual growing within you. How just 21 days after conception, noticing a separate heartbeat of this truly unique creation of God, this distinct soul, this child, not just of the parents, but most appropriately this "Child of God." People have interminably asked the question and pondered the possibilities of "Which came first... the chicken or the egg?" In reality it doesn't matter which came first... because the real question to acknowledge is "Who created the chicken or the egg?" God is the Creator. There is a misunderstanding long ago formed within the heart of people... that we are the creators. We are not the authors of Life. When a husband and wife in the loving act of freely giving themselves to the other, they open their hearts and lives to possibility of a love going beyond them in the gift from God of a Child. Gift from God because... no human male creates sperm... no human female creates eggs. God is the creator. God is the Author of Life.

Saint Mother Teresa worked to drive this point home. Through her efforts with the poor, she worked tirelessly to show the world that all of God's children, no matter how marginalized or discarded they may be by society, are just that God's children. The Nicene Creed which we pray every Sunday at Holy Mass teaches us that Our Blessed Lord *"by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."* This does not mean that only since Our Lord took on humanity was it blessed, but it is a reminder of how sacred is the humanity that God created that it was worthy enough to be the tabernacle of the Divine Son of God.

The lesson of the Magi given above from Matthew's Gospel is also a reminder that through sin Evil has set itself against humanity, this creation of God that bears the Almighty's image. Not only will the Evil do everything it can to turn us away from God, foremost by deluding us into thinking we are god, but the Evil will set us upon each other. What better way than having us kill the other... beginning with the most innocent – the Child born or pre-born. The Evil smiles every time a child is killed in the womb.

Saint Mother Teresa... intercede on our behalf for an end to Abortion.
God love you... Father Fernan