

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 PM Anna Ferdinando & Leziero Devivo (decd)
req. by Rosa Esposito

SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 18

8:00 AM Sr. Eugenia (decd)
req. by Fr. Fernan

10:00 AM Luigi Dedvukaj (lvg)
St. Anthony for Health
req. by Victoria Dedvukaj

12:00 PM Angela Dolan (decd)-8th Anniversary
req. by Thomas Dolan

6:00 PM Anna Boria (decd)
req. by Jeanne

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:45 AM John Brady (lvg)-Special Intention for Healing
req. by Teresa Brady

9:00 AM Carmine Greco (decd)
req. by The Kane Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:45 AM Alfred Burfeind (decd)
req. by Rosemarie & Michael Giusto

9:00 AM George O'Brien (decd)
req. by Janet O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:45 AM Theresa George (decd)
req. by Theresa Sebastian

9:00 AM Anthony P. Milesovic (decd)
req. by Nada & Peter Milesovic

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:45 AM Laurence Maghuyop (Living)
Happy Birthday

9:00 AM Ann Ryan (decd)
req. by John McKeon

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:45 AM Adriene Mahoney (living)
Special Intention
req. by Fr. Fernan

9:00 AM Michael Gileno (decd)
req. by Joseph & Margaret Tesoriero

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM Angelo Porricelli (decd)
req. by Carolyn Walsh

5:00 PM Luigi Dedvukaj (lvg)
St. Anthony – for health
req. by Victoria Dedvukaj

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Amos 8:4-7 God cannot forget the sin of those who cheat the poor.

Psalms 113 "Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor."

1 Timothy 2:1-18 Pray for everyone, not just your own.

Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13 You cannot be the servant of God and the servant of money.

What an indictment in the first reading of those who are wealthy and use that wealth to take advantage of the poor! But then along comes Jesus, who points out that wealth can be used for good ends as well. Jesus says that we cannot pretend that we don't live in the world with others, so we need to find ways to advance the reign of God using the tools at our disposal. As we listen to today's Sacred Scriptures, what word do you hear God saying to you about your possessions here and now and how God wants you to use them?

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 INTENTIONS FOR RICHARD ENOCH

REQ. BY RICHARD ENOCH



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR ELIZABETH

REQ. BY RICHARD ENOCH

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL GILENO

REQ. BY JOSEPH & MARGARET TESORIERO

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
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Dino Paolo Waga	917-882-2995
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 Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
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:

September 11

Weekly Collection.....\$9157
Louisiana Flood Relief Collection.....\$1337

"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 autumn coming 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. 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."

FUNERAL VESTMENTS AND PALL

A new set of white vestments, matching all the recently donated Altar Clothes which now beautify our church, have been ordered. The set includes a Pall for the coffin, the Priests' Chausible/Stole and a Veil for the Chalice and Urn. If you would like to memorialize these please contact either Father Fernan or Gina Mastrangelo

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 St. Eugene Seniors meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Kindergarten room of the Parish office. The next meeting is October 5th at 12:45pm. There is a trip planned for the Westchester Broadway Theater for April 28, 2017 for Mamma Mia. For more information call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847

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.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. To date our parish has received \$93,887.00 in pledges. We are only \$1613.00 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!

THANK YOU

We thank you for allowing us to come St. Eugene's for a collection again this year. The collection this year totaled \$3,550 and we gave out several envelopes that are coming back. We are so grateful for your parishioners' generosity, it truly helps us to accomplish our mission. Please thank them for us.

St. Jeanne Jugan told us to always pray for our benefactors; so on our part, we promise to keep you and the people of your parish in our daily prayers – may God continue to bless you and everyone there at St. Eugene's.

Sincerely Grateful – Sr. Mary John, I.S.P.

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 and those recently called home to God, especially Martha Fonti. 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.

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 September 23rd/24th 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.

Catholic Widows & Widowers: The annual Communion Breakfast is Sunday, September 25th. Mass at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers at 10AM followed by breakfast at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. The cost is \$23. All Are Welcome! For more information call 914-423-5331.

Dear Parishioners:

- Feast Days –Wednesday September 21, is the **Feast of Saint Matthew**, please join us as we honor this beloved apostle and evangelist and the namesake of our Pastor, Father Matthew Fernan. *O Glorious Saint*

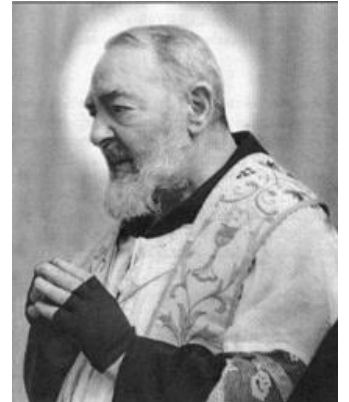


Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the long-for Messiah who fulfilled the

Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow His teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with Him in heaven.- from catholic saints online. Friday September 23 is the **Feast of Saint**

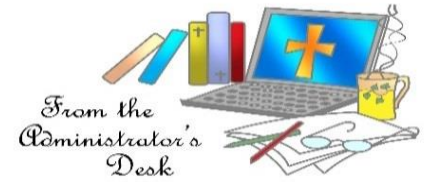
Padre Pio, Priest. Commencing his seven-year study for the priesthood, Fr. Pio traveled to the friary of Saint Francis of Assisi by oxcart at 17, he suddenly fell ill, complaining of loss of appetite, insomnia, exhaustion, fainting spells, and terrible migraines. Religious devotees and hagiographers point to this time, when he was suffering physical illness that inexplicable phenomena allegedly began to occur. During prayers, Fr. Pio appeared to others to be in a stupor, as if he were absent. In June 1905, Fr. Pio's health worsened to such an extent that his superiors

decided to send him to a mountain convent, in the hope that the change of air would do him some good. This had little impact, however, and doctors advised that he return to his home town. Even there his health failed to improve. Despite this, On January 27, 1907, he still made his solemn profession. In 1910, Fr. Pio was subsequently ordained a priest by Archbishop Paolo Schinosi at the Cathedral of Benevento. Four days later, he offered his first Mass at the parish church of Our Lady of the Angels. His health being precarious, he was permitted to remain with his family until 1916 while still retaining the Capuchin habit. On September 4, 1916, however, Fr. Pio was ordered to return to his community life. He moved to an agricultural community, Our Lady of Grace Capuchin Friary, located in the Gargano Mountains in San Giovanni Rotondo in Foggia. At that time the community numbered in total seven friars. He went on to remain at San Giovanni Rotondo until his death in 1968, except for a period of military service. On September 20, 1918, while hearing confessions, Padre Pio had his first occurrence of the stigmata: bodily marks, pain, and bleeding in locations corresponding to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus Christ. This phenomenon continued for fifty years, until the end of his life.



The blood flowing from the stigmata smelled of perfume or flowers, a phenomenon mentioned in stories of the lives of several saints and often referred to as the *odor of sanctity*. from EWTN

- New Candles: On October 6, 2015, Father Fernan, Peter Morris, (our representative from Catholic Mutual, our insurance company) and I walked the properties connected with the Parish of Saint Eugene. On that day we were advised to look into new candle options as ours were old and in need of updating. After investigating numerous options, we were introduced to St. Killian's America Inc. whose candles are sootless to aid in the cleanliness of the church and by design are shaped differently to cut down on maintenance. During the first week of July we ordered this new system and they traveled here from Ireland and then were delivered to our church this past Thursday. These units which now adorn our church also adorn Saint Patricks Cathedral since their renovation. They are approved by Catholic Mutual and because of this have reduced our insurance premium.
- 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 is Monday – Friday 9:30-3:30. We are also looking for catechists for the evening session. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 28. Grade 1-6 will be held from 3:45-5:15, Grades 7-8 will be in the evenings from 6:30-8:00. Thank you.
- Welcome: We would like to welcome members of Nar-Anon. It is a twelve-step program for friends and family members of those who are affected by someone else's addiction. They will be meeting on Saturday evenings in the church offices.



May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



Beloved of God,

OUR LADY OF SORROWS THE HOLY CROSS AND THE FAMILY



“Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw

His mother and the disciple there whom He loved, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home... After, this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took His body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds.” (John 19:25-27, 38-39)

An older married couple was interviewed for the commemoration of the Tragedy of September 11, 2001. It was noted that in every one of these 15 years, they had never attended one memorial service. Not the first year after. Not at any time. This mother and father were asked “Why?” The father answered... “For all of you, last year, the year before and this year were 14, 13 and 15 years after that day... for us every day is like it was yesterday.” (paraphrased) They are proud parents of two sons, their only children. One son was in the fire department. The other son was an EMT.

September 11, 2001 shattered their lives. For them, this couple has never left that day behind. They are still at the foot of the Cross.

As we see in the Gospel of John above, *“Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother...”* Also, from tradition we see Our Holy Mother walking with Her Holy Son along the VIA CRUCIS, The Way of the Cross... The Fourth Station – *Jesus Meets His Mother* - *“We Adore, You, O Christ, and we praise You, for by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.”* Vatican Council II speaks to the relationship between Our Blessed Lord and His Holy Mother – LUMEN GENTIUM – *“The Virgin Mary, who at the message of the angel received the Word of God in her heart and in her body and gave Life to the world, is... by reason of the merits of Her Son united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie...”* (53) and *“Thus, the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross, where she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of His suffering, associated herself with His sacrifice in her mother’s heart...”* (58) In other words, the bond between mother and child is unique and forever. And this bond between Our Lady and Our Lord was so perfect, that at the foot of the cross, She suffered with Him. She never left Him. They are one. And since the Holy Mass is truly the unbloody Sacrifice of the Cross – the Crucifixion at Golgotha – just as *“Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother...”* so too during the Holy Mass – each and every Holy Mass offered throughout the world each and every day, Our Holy Mother, who was given to us by Her Holy Son... *“(Jesus) said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother...”* is present. Mary, the Mother of God, is truly present in our church, Saint Eugene, every time the Holy Mass is offered. In other words, She has not left the scene at Golgotha. She is still with Her Son as He offers His life upon the Holy Cross.

And so, beloved of God, like the couple who are still mourning the loss of both their sons on September 11, may still be mourning your loved ones who have gone home to God, as you are still standing vigil with them... know that Our Blessed Lady, who suffered beyond all telling, is standing with you, morning with you, in pain along with you... and yet hopes and longs to comfort and lead you to Her Holy Son Who suffers along with them on His Holy Cross.

God love you... Father Fernan

