

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

OCTOBER 9, 2016 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8   |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| 5:00 PM               | Fr. James Smyth (decd)<br><i>req. by John &amp; Carol Russo</i>                       |
| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9     |   |
| 8:00 AM               | Helen Durkin (decd)<br><i>req. by Frank Cannizzaro</i>                                |
| 10:00 AM              | Joseph O'Reilly (decd)<br><i>req. by DiLorenzo Family</i>                             |
| 12:00 PM              | Julia Duffy--Special Prayer Intention<br><i>req. by Deacon John &amp; Vilma Duffy</i> |
| 6:00 PM               | Lydia Rodriguez (decd)<br><i>req. by Judy Alonzo</i>                                  |
| MONDAY, OCTOBER 10    |   |
| 6:45 AM               | James McDonagh (decd) & Family<br><i>req. by Delia McDonagh</i>                       |
| 9:00 AM               | Dina Razant (decd)<br><i>req. by Kathleen Richardson</i>                              |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11   |   |
| 6:45 AM               | Emil Kettnecker (decd)<br><i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>                                   |
| 9:00 AM               | Bridget Joyce<br><i>req. by The Legion of Mary</i>                                    |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 |   |
| 6:45 AM               | Mary Ellen Daly Genovese (decd)<br><i>req. by Genovese Family</i>                     |
| 9:00 AM               | Joseph Prestipino (decd)<br><i>req. by Maria Prestipino</i>                           |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13  |   |
| 6:45 AM               | Angelo & Mary Napoli (decd)<br><i>req. by their daughters</i>                         |
| 9:00 AM               | Helen Durkin (decd)<br><i>req. by Lucille Wagner</i>                                  |
| FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14    |   |
| 6:45 AM               | Rose Capra (decd)<br><i>req. by Charles Capra</i>                                     |
| 9:00 AM               | Edward & Stella Shibroski (decd)<br><i>req. by Virginia Shibroski</i>                 |
| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15  |   |
| 9:00 AM               | Fr. James Smyth (decd)<br><i>req. by Theresa &amp; James Virga</i>                    |
| 5:00 PM               | Agnes Shamp (decd)<br><i>req. by Vincent &amp; Marilyn Montemurro</i>                 |

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**2 Kings 5:14-17** The foreigner Naaman humbles himself and receives God's healing.

**Psalm 98** "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."

**2 Timothy 2:8-13** If, like Christ, we hold out even to death, we will reign with Christ.

**Luke 17:11-19** Ten lepers show faith in obeying the Lord, but in thankfulness one goes a step farther-straight into the Kingdom of God.

Naaman's life was completely changed in our Old Testament reading today, as were the lives of the ten lepers in the Gospel. Gratitude seems to be a small price to pay for such great goodness. Yet as we hear these readings today, perhaps we can listen for the message that says how different our world would be if we all could live in gratitude for everything that God so freely gives us.

## 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 FR. GROESCHEL- 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

REQ. BY DOLORES BELLITTO

### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

**IN MEMORY OF UBALDO CENNERAZZO**

### BREAD AND WINE

**IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH O'REILLY**

REQ. BY DI LONARDO FAMILY



## SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

|                        |                     |                  |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Adoration Chapel       | Natalie Philpin     | 793-4757         |
|                        | Patricia Finan      | 961-0146         |
| Altar Guild            | Jennie Sepe         | 776-9847         |
| Bereavement Group      | Sr. Florence Mallon | 337-1660 ext.120 |
| 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:

| October                    | 2016     | 2015          |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Weekly Collection.....     | \$12,343 | .....\$10,972 |
| St. Joseph's Seminary..... | \$ 2,974 | .....\$ 1,228 |

"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."

## VOCATION AWARENESS SUNDAY

### Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus, Divine Shepherd of souls, You called the Apostles to be fishers of men. Send us holy priests O Lord through the intercession of Mary, Mother and model of all vocations. Let your call be heard and answered by generous and courageous men to meet the pressing needs of Your Church and the world. Come, Lord, do not delay. Send to Your Church holy priests! Amen.

## 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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

With autumn 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."*

## 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.

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## CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. To date our parish has received \$93,700.00 in pledges. We are only \$1800 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!

## RED MASS

The Reverend Thomas E. Collins, President, Archbishop Stepinac High School, will celebrate the Annual Red Mass for the Judiciary, Attorneys, and Members of Law Enforcement and their families on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 6:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, 148 Hamilton Ave, White Plains, NY. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the auditorium of St. John the Evangelist School, located next the Church. The public is invited to attend.

## 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, 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, Francis Bowen, Ann Fama, Phil Smyth, Cora Lucy Sannella, Colin Keenan, John Duby and those recently called home to God, especially Lorraine Squillante, Michael Kenny, Margaret E. Kelly and James Duby. 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

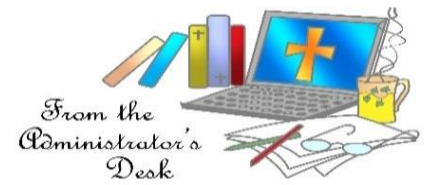
### High School Open House:

Cardinal Spellman High School, 1 Cardinal Spellman Pl, Bronx, NY, open house for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, parents & families on Sunday, 10/23 from 11AM-3PM.

Kennedy Catholic High School, 54 NY-138, Somers, open house for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents Sunday, 10/16 from 1-4PM or Wednesday, 10/19 from 7-9PM. For more information visit [kennedycatholic.org/open-house](http://kennedycatholic.org/open-house).

Iona Preparatory Upper School, 255 Wilmot Rd, New Rochelle, open house for prospective students and their families Sunday, 10/23, 12noon-3PM or Wednesday, 10/26, 6:30-8PM. For more information & to pre-register visit [www.ionaprep.org](http://www.ionaprep.org) or contact Barbara Roberson, Dir. of Admissions at (914) 600-6154 or [brobertson@ionaprep.org](mailto:brobertson@ionaprep.org).

Dear Parishioners:



- October is dedicated to praying the Rosary: *The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world.” Pope John XXIII.* The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. Our Lady of the Rosary, feast was instituted by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day in the year 1570, a favor due to the recitation of the Rosary. Lepanto, perhaps the most complete victory ever gained over the Ottoman Empire, on October 7, 1571, is commemorated by the invocation "Help of Christians," inserted in the Litany of Loretto. At Belgrade the Turks were defeated on the Feast of Our Lady ad Nives in 1716. A



second victory gained that year on the Octave of the Assumption determined Pope Clement XI to command the Feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church. Leo XIII added the invocation "Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us," to the Litany of Loretto. The Feast is in reality a great festival of thanksgiving for the signal and countless benefits bestowed on Christendom through the Rosary of our blessed Queen. In modern times successive popes have urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. It is a form of contemplative prayer, mental and vocal prayer, which brings down God's blessing on the Church. It is a biblically inspired prayer which is centered on meditation on the salvific mysteries of Christ in union with Mary, who was so closely associated with her Son in his redeeming activity. *“The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.” – Archbishop Fulton Sheen. – From the USCCB.* Let us all take time every day to pray the Rosary for our church, her priests, illness, famine, unemployment, and for world peace.

- Rosary Crusade: On Saturday, October 15th at 12:00, we will be participating in a Rosary Crusade, a public prayer chain to pray for an end to violence, for peace in our world. When we pray to our Father in Heaven, He hears us especially through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary chain will be on the grass in front of the Saint Eugene Sign on the corner of Tuckahoe Road and Central Avenue. All are welcome to attend!
- CYO – Registration is ongoing, any student in grades 3-8, who attends Saint Eugene School or Saint Eugene Religious Education and is a registered member of our Parish, and would like to join our CYO basketball or cheerleading teams please contact Joan DeLuca at (914)497-9798 ASAP.
- Mass Book: The 2017 Mass Book will open on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.
- Church Office Closed: The Church office will be closed on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.

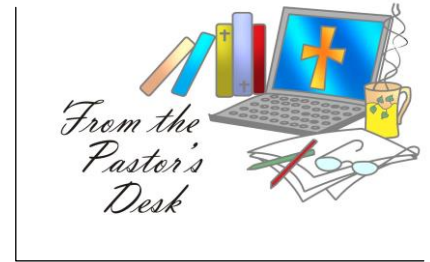
May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,



A number of years ago, in my first parish, parishioners joined me as we went into New York City to participate in a new form of evangelization for Pro-Life education called *The Life Chain*. We gathered along Fifth Avenue south of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick holding placards with various sayings. We

were informed that a protest against our moral and just cause would be passing by on the other side of the avenue on which we were standing. In an attempt to protect or shield a young parishioner during the protest, I had her stand near me. At that time of my priesthood, I did not realize what a target “the priestly collar” would be. As those protesting drew closer and passed, I was very upset for this young person because she saw more than she would have if she were standing in another position. That day, Evil walked down Fifth Avenue. The anger and hatred that was coming from those souls was unnerving. To this day I have not forgotten that moment... and they are remembered in my prayers.



In years gone by when *The Life Chain* was done in other parishes I was assigned to, there were periodic honks of support, thumbs up or peace signs as cars passed by. There were also a number of occupants of cars that disagreed with our stance and let us know their opinions in a variety of ways. One most troubling was a man in his 50's who found it necessary to extend his hand with his middle finger up the entire route the supporters of Life Rights were stationed. This wasn't my first time seeing or being given this vulgar gesture. What upset me the most was that, the man had his two children in the car. What an unfortunate lesson he taught. What a sad day in his parenting.

In one of my previous assignments, as the hour was drawing to a close, a car of young people stopped across the street from us. Because of lessons learnt in Manhattan those many years ago, my eyes are always watching for any possible difficult moment... wanting to protect those with me on the front line. A couple of young women went into a video store while a young man started walking across street onto the sidewalk and approached me. The young man introduced himself and asked what this was all about. I explained that we were making an attempt to remind people as the sign I was holding said, “Abortion Kills Children.” He said, “Really?” I asked him if he had seen any recent science regarding children in the womb and recalled to him a GE commercial a few years ago that was showing new filming technology which showed with great clarity of picture the unborn child at about 4-6 months. Not surprisingly, the commercial was pulled rather quickly. He then asked what the other poster meant about “Abortion Harms (Hurts) Women.” I explained that there are medical complications which arise from the procedure as well as the inability to conceive as a result of the abortion as well as any emotional and psychological scars that remain. I went on to say that a woman knows she has become a mother and has already started to bond with the life within her. Also, from my years in the confessional, the pain and torture of those who had procured an abortion is unbearable because they know they killed their child. I tried to come across as someone sane and concerned about both the mother and the child... as another of the posters stated, “Love Them Both.” The car he was in pulled up and I started to speak with the young ladies by asking them how their day was and wishing them a good rest of the weekend... all the while not hiding or dropping the sign, “Abortion Kills Children.” I offered to this young man the possibility of further conversations at any time and they (all three of them) are in my prayers.

Conversation, communication, and education bring about change. Please keep in your prayers that man with his children. May we all grow closer to God and may we do His will. “God is Pro-Life.”

God love you... Father Fernan