

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 22, 2017 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JANUARY 21	
5:00 PM	Annie Teresa Mulhern (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22	
8:00 AM	Dante Riccoboni (decd) <i>req. by Legion of Mary</i>
10:00 AM	Shirley Smith (decd) <i>req. by Joan DeLuca & CYO Coaches</i>
12:00 PM	Rita Ianni (decd) <i>req. by Anne Kearney</i>
6:00 PM	Emily L. DeVictoria (decd) <i>req. by M/M Jack DeVictoria</i>
MONDAY, JANUARY 23	
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their Daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Shona Gong (decd) <i>req. by Doris Capello</i>
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24	
6:45 AM	Rachael DeBenedetto (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Ralph Grillo (decd) <i>req. by Friends</i>
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25	
6:45 AM	Beatriz Salvilla (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>
9:00 AM	Decd Members of Kenny & Deloughery Family <i>req. by Brigid Kenny</i>
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26	
6:45 AM	Hilda Spenser (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	John Palumbo (decd) <i>req. by Denise Flanagan</i>
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27	
6:45 AM	Florence Varga (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
9:00 AM	Anthony Coffaro & Family (decd) <i>req. by Enza Coffaro & Family</i>
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28	
9:00 AM	Helen Matthews (living)-Special Int. <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
5:00 PM	Tom & Kitty Fitzgerald (decd) <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i>



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Isaiah 8:23-9:3 "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Psalm 27 "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Let there be no divisions among you.

Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 Andrew and Peter abandon their nets to follow the Lord.

Our first reading from Isaiah sounds as if we were still in the Christmas season: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." But paired with today's Gospel, which repeats that phrase, it makes a powerful prelude to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and the calling of the first apostles. Jesus' response to John the Baptist's arrest is to begin his announcement of the Kingdom of Heaven. How can today's word of God help us to respond to adversity?

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 DRITA HILILAJ
REQ. BY DRITA HILILAJ



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF LUCILLE ENOCH
REQ. BY RICHARD ENOCH

BREAD AND WINE

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:

January 15	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$9,611	\$10,122

"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."

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, Monday, January 23rd shall be observed as a Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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 are still in need of volunteers to cook chicken (legs and thighs) for Thursday, January 26th. Please drop off the chicken at the Adoration Chapel parking lot.

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Martina Parisi at (914) 400-3634 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome.

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.

LOST AND FOUND - JEWELRY

A couple of rings were found and we are trying again to find their owners. If you have lost a ring, please contact Administrator Mastrangelo to see if we have found them.

BOX TOPS FOR THE SCHOOL

The school would like to thank all those who have taken the time to collect box tops. The school collects only BOX TOPS at this time. Any box tops can be put in a special box in the school hallway by the church door.

FLIP TOPS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

There is a new receptacle for the aluminum can FLIP TOPS. It is in the school hallway near the box top for the school. These will be used to help the children and families of Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for your efforts and donations.

BROCHERS AND RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Some parishioners have the practice of bringing religious articles and brochures they have received in the mail and leaving them about the church. As we are trying to keep our church clean, please discard these items at home, because they will only be thrown away.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, Nicholas Gardini, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, 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, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion Fr. Terence Lee, Francis Bowen, Phil Smyth, Cora Lucy Sannella, John DUBY, Tom Tucker, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, John Cox, Anthony McCauley, Robert Roscoe, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney and those recently called home to God especially Frances Indelli and Deacon Ernest Salomone. 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.

EVENTS IN THE AREA

Serra Club Bronx & Westchester is having a luncheon Wednesday, January 25th. The Serra Club is an international organization whose mission is to foster and promote vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life. The luncheon meeting will be held at 12noon at Eastwood Manor, 3371 Eastchester Rd, Bronx, NY. Cost is \$25. To RSVP call (718) 671-8915 by 1/23/17.

Dear Parishioners:

March for Life: This year's March for Life in Washington DC will be on Friday, January 27, 2017, marking the 44th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our land through the tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision. Immediately following the 9:00 mass in Saint Eugene Church on Friday morning we will lay flowers at the memorial for the unborn which is located at the chapel entrance. Adoration will be in the church throughout the day with spiritual readings and the rosary. We will culminate the day with Mass for the unborn at 7:30 pm.



Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you who are the protectress of unborn children and ask that you intercede for us, so that we may more firmly resolve to join you in protecting all human life. Let our prayers be united to your perpetual motherly intercession on behalf of those whose lives are threatened, be they in the womb of their mother, on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years of their life. May our prayers also be coupled with peaceful action which witnesses to the goodness and dignity of all human life, so that our firmness of purpose may give courage to those who are fearful and bring light to those who are blinded by sin. Encourage those who are involved in the March for Life; help them to walk closely with God and to give voice to the cry of the oppressed, in order to remind our nation of its commitment to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all people. O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions to your Son and ask Him to bless us with abundant life. Amen.

Flu Season: During the winter season if you are not feeling well please make the right decision about attending mass. If your illness continues and you would like to have a visit by a priest or our deacon, please call the church office. In Church if you see that someone is ill next to you, please wave or nod during the sign of peace. Not transferring germs is the nicest thing we can do for each other.

The Conversion of Saint Paul - January 25 Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a). Paul's life became tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.



So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate. - from the USCCB

Working Boys Center, Quito Ecuador: This spring parishioner and graduate of Saint Eugene School, *Michael Smith Jr.*, a junior at Fordham Prep will travel for two weeks to Quito, Ecuador on June 21, with several classmates and founder Fr. John Halligan, SJ. The students will have the opportunity to work at the center, tutor and utilize handyman skills to assist those in need. Fordham Prep is looking for donations to assist in this endeavor. If you are interested in making a donation, you can make a donation online at <https://fordhamprep.org/servicestrips> and please mark it on behalf of *Michael Smith*, or send the check to the rectory made payable to Fordham Prep, and send it to my attention, and I will forward them to Fordham. All donations need to be in by May 1st. Thank you, and may God bless all those who are participating in this wonderful service project.

May God bless you always;
Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



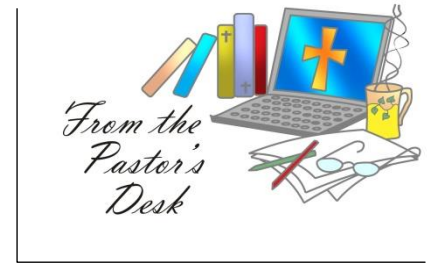
From the
Administrator's
Desk

Beloved of God,

Eucharist Heart of Jesus Litany – Part 4

“Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist, sweet companion of our exile, I adore You.”

In our previous meditation we were endeavoring to understand the Heart of the Divine, The Divine Heart of Jesus. We saw that Sacred Scripture does not specifically reference “the heart of God” or God’s heart,” but through the teaching of the Hypostatic Union, “everything in Christ’s human nature is to be attributed to His divine person,” we should look more closely at the words of the Savior in order to understand the Heart of the Divine.



“Jesus summoned His disciples and said, **“My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, for they have been with Me now for three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, for fear they may collapse on the way.”** (Matthew 15:32, Mark 8:2) When Christ is speaking, He refers to His own heart feeling “pity” towards the people following Him. This is not the only time Jesus reveals the His heart in this way...

- “At the sight of the crowds, His heart was **moved with pity** for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:27)
- “When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was **moved with pity** for them, and He cured their sick.” (14:14)
- “**Moved with pity**, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight, and followed Him.” (20:24)
- “**Moved with pity**, He stretched out His hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” (Mark 1:41)
- “When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, **His heart was moved with pity** for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.” (Mark 6:34)
- “When the Lord saw her, **He was moved with pity** for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” (Luke 7:13)

Pity, as defined by Harper’s Bible Dictionary, is “a quality due to which a person does some significant kindness to another in need, notably when that other has no right to the kindness and cannot repay it. The quality inheres in a person’s eyes and/or heart and is revealed by what a person does in behalf of others in need. One who acts out of pity is said to be compassionate or gracious. Such pity is a quality of God.” In the quotes above we see that Jesus exercised this divine notion of pity. There are also many moments in Sacred Scripture in which the Holy People of God look to Jesus seeking Divine Pity...

- “And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, “Son of David, **have pity on us.**” (Matthew 9:27)
- “And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “**Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.**” (Matthew 15:22)
- A man... “said, “Lord, **have pity on my son**, for he is a lunatic and suffers severely; often he falls into fire, and often into water.” (Matthew 17:15)
- “On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, son of David, **have pity on me.**” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, “Son of David, **have pity on me.**” (Mark 10:47-8)

Through this well established relationship, founded in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 7:16, 19:13, 21, Psalm 17:10, Psalm 111:4-9, Exodus 34:19, Psalm 103:8, 13), of the Holy People of God calling upon the Divine, we see a “heartfelt” conversation between Creator and created which reveals both. The Holy People of God, even though undeserving and unable to repay, are confident in the love of God. The Divine One, the Almighty, the Creator, has not abandoned His creations but constantly actively seeks out His lost Sheep... “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’” (Luke 15:4-6)

God love you... Father Fernan