

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JANUARY 29, 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28	
5:00 PM	Tom & Kitty Fitzgerald (decd) <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i>
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29	
8:00 AM	Cesare Ciboso (decd)-13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. <i>req. by Vita DiMuro</i>
10:00 AM	The Children & Staff of St. Eugene School & Catholic School Week <i>req. by St. Eugene Parish</i>
12:00 PM	Thomas Kearney (decd) <i>req. by Anne Kearney</i>
6:00 PM	Gina Perri Guarascio (decd) <i>req. by Victor &amp; Patricia Frascione</i>
MONDAY, JANUARY 30	
6:45 AM	Gene Del Gudice (decd) <i>req. by Jonny Vairo</i>
9:00 AM	Joan C. Lang (decd)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31	
6:45 AM	Gjok Dedvukaj (Living) For Good Health & Peace <i>req. by Victoria</i>
9:00 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1	
6:45 AM	Dennis Courtney (decd) <i>req. by Peggy &amp; Peter Clarke &amp; Family</i>
9:00 AM	Bridie Donaldson (decd) <i>req. by Brigid Kenny</i>
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2	
6:45 AM	Peter Frankevich (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
9:00 AM	Elizabeth Savastano (decd) 1st Ann. <i>req. by Assunta Savastano</i>
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3	
6:45 AM	Angeles Gemora (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>
9:00 AM	Shirley Smith (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
7:30 PM	All Souls <i>req. by Lisette Abraham</i>
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4	
9:00 AM	All Forgotten Souls (decd) <i>req. by Lisette Abraham</i>
5:00 PM	Patrick Mulhern (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13** "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth."

**Psalms 146** "Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs!"

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31** God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise.

**Matthew 5: 1-12a** Blessed are the lowly, the sorrowing, the poor in spirit.

As the Sacred Scriptures are proclaimed today, let us pay particular attention to Saint Paul in the Second Reading, who describes those who are called to follow the Lord Jesus. How do these words describe you? Saint Paul reminds us that we disciples are summoned to live the Beatitudes that Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel. Then, as we hear the Beatitudes, let us reflect on what it might mean for us to "boast in the Lord" in our lives.

## 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 JOSE E. VIDAL

REQ. BY MR. MANZANO & FAMILY



### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF KEVIN FRAWLEY

REQ. BY MARGARET GARDINI

### 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
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:

<u>January 22</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Weekly Collection.....	\$9,601	\$3,805
Monthly Collection.....	\$1,745	\$ 732

In 2016 there was Snow Storm.

"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."

## BLESSINGS OF THE THROATS

Friday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed at all the masses, and all weekend Sunday Holy Masses.

## 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 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](mailto: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."*

## THANK YOU FROM SIENA HOUSE

Dear Father Fernan:

At the beginning of the New Year of 2017, I want to express our deep gratitude to you and the parishioners of St. Eugene's Church for the beautiful gifts for the young mothers & babies of our Shelter through your Giving Tree. Once again, your generosity brought great joy to our residents and helped them to experience God's Love for them through your caring and compassion. We celebrated Christmas with our staff and families on December 22<sup>nd</sup> with Santa Claus and enjoyed the expressions of delight and surprise with the opening of their wonderful gifts. The babies were so happy with all the toys and books they received and their mothers were amazed at the kindness shown to their children by your outreach to them. Thank you, too, for the generous donation of gift cards, that we can distribute during the year to those mothers most in need. May God's Love surround you and your loved ones in the year ahead and may you be blessed abundantly with His Gifts of Peace and joy!

With Gratitude, Sr. Mary Doris, O.P., Director

## A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Friends in the Lord:

Soon our archdiocese will take up the *Peter's Pence Collection*. Our participation supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe. By supporting this collection, you join the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world.

Pope Francis called to us in his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, "May efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people." We are taking up this collection to be part of the Church's effort to promote a culture of encounter and justice. Your support makes it possible for the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world by assisting those who suffer from war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations.

Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the *Peter's Pence Collection* this year, as you have done in the past with my gratitude. For more information about the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

Thank you, and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Archbishop of New York

## 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.

## 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 Ralph A. Manna and Louise Maddi. 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.

Dear Parishioners:

**Pastoral Visit:** On Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be the main celebrant at the 10:00 AM Mass. We are pleased to welcome the Cardinal to the Church of Saint Eugene.



**National Catholic School:** Catholic week begins today, January 29<sup>th</sup> and continues through February 4<sup>th</sup>. We welcome the children of our school at 10:00 Mass this morning.



The theme of this year's Catholic School Week is Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. Please pray for our students, faculty and staff and all those who bring not only the fundamentals of education but bring it in a catholic environment teaching the faith.

**Presentation of Our Lord:** Thursday, February 2, we celebrate Feast of the Purification of the Virgin, or Candlemas Day. Counting forward from December 25 as Day One, we find that Day Forty is February 2. A Jewish woman is in semi-seclusion for 40 days after giving birth to a son, and accordingly it is on February 2 that we celebrate the coming of Mary and Joseph with the infant Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem to offer sacrifice, both on behalf of Mary and on behalf of Jesus as a first-born male. *Almighty and ever living God, we humbly pray that, as your Only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Feast of Saint Blaise February 3:** Saint Blaise was a physician and the Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. He once saved a child who was choking on a fish bone, which led to the blessing of the throats.

*Prayer to St. Blaise*

*O, glorious St. Blaise, who by your martyrdom left to the Church a precious witness to the faith, obtain for us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift, and to defend without concern for human respect both by word and example, the truth of the same faith, which is so wickedly attacked and slandered in these our times. You miraculously restored a little child who was at the point of death because of an affliction of the throat. Grant us your mighty protection in similar misfortunes. And, above all obtain for us the grace of Christian mortification, together with faithful observance of the precepts of the Church, which keep us from offending almighty God. Amen.*

**Installation of Altar Servers :** Next Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:00 am Mass, Father Fernan will be installing 6 new Altar Servers who have been training for the past few months to serve at the Lords Table. Please join us as we congratulate them.

**Feeding Our Neighbors:** Feeding Our Neighbors is an Archdiocesan Wide Food Drive to replenish Food Pantries in our local areas. The Food Drive begins this weekend and will continue through February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please deposit food items in the box marked Feeding Our Neighbors. We will be distributing all the food that we collect to our own local people in need. Please be generous as we remember those who are in need of a warm meal. For more information on this please go to [www.catholiccharities.org/feedingourneighbors](http://www.catholiccharities.org/feedingourneighbors).

**Boy Scout Troop 25:** Boy Scout Troop 25 will have a Valentine Bake Sale on Sunday February 12th after all the Masses. This will help defray their cost of the National Jamboree next summer.

**Working Boys Center, Quito Ecuador:** This spring a 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you, and may God bless all those who are participating in this wonderful service project.

**Religious Education / Inclement Weather:** Just a reminder, if there is any form of winter precipitation that should occur on Wednesday afternoons or evenings, which may interfere with Religious Education, or safety on the roads, please watch news 12 for cancellations.

*May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator*

Dear Mommy and Daddy,

I'm okay. I'm with God. Jesus took me by the hand and brought me to this wonderful place. I'm at peace and also very happy. But when I think of you both, which I do so many times a day, I see sad faces... I see pain in your hearts. I hear your thoughts... when you think of what could have been... all the birthdays, Kindergarten, Grade School and High School Graduations, my wedding day... your grandchildren. I know your prayers... asking God to forgive you... asking me to forgive you... to take away the guilt... to take away the pain.



Mommy and Daddy, I love you. I love you more than you could ever know. I have forgiven you from the very beginning. God loves you too. He has never stopped loving you: when you were afraid, when you were scared, when you were pressured, when you did not know what to do. As you have asked for my forgiveness, you need to go to God and ask for His... only God can take away that pain in your heart, that guilt in your soul.

Mommy and Daddy... really, I am okay... but I don't know if you love me. I know God loves me because God freed me of that Original Sin, that's why I'm in heaven now with Him. But since I was never baptized... I don't have a name. Jesus calls me "Little One," but my Mommy and Daddy are the ones that are supposed to give me my name. I don't need a middle name... although two is better than one. But, would you name me please? Would you show me you love me? Then, even up here, until we finally meet face-to-face, I will always belong to you... because no matter what happened, how it happened, or what the reasons were... I am your baby... and I love you.

Love you always... Your "Little One"