

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

FEBRUARY 5, 2017 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4	
5:00 PM	Patrick Mulhern (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5	
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by Frank & Jackie Finnegan</i>
10:00 AM	Edward Shibroski (decd) <i>req. by Virginia Shibroski</i>
12:00 PM	Maria Burfeind <i>req. by Rosemarie Giusto</i>
6:00 PM	Lynn McInerney (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6	
6:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>
9:00 AM	Shirley Smith (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7	
6:45 AM	Mrs. Jeannie Carrick (decd) <i>req. by Peggy & Peter Clarke</i>
9:00 AM	John Cox (decd) <i>req. by Dolores & Walter Sekinski</i>
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8	
6:45 AM	Mrs. O'Reilly (decd) <i>req. by Peggy & Peter Clarke & Fam.</i>
9:00 AM	Scott Frey (decd) <i>req. by the Bagan Family</i>
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9	
6:45 AM	Patrick Matthews (decd) <i>req. by the Madden Family</i>
9:00 AM	Mastrangelo & Sbrocco Family-decd <i>req. by Mario Mastrangelo</i>
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10	
6:45 AM	Gjlosh Dedvukaj-Special Intention <i>req. by Mom</i>
9:00 AM	All Forgotten Souls (decd) <i>req. by Lisette Abraham</i>
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11	
9:00 AM	Winifred Manzella (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan-Gina Mastrangelo</i>
5:00 PM	Tom & Kitty Fitzgerald (decd) <i>req. by John McKeon</i>

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Isaiah 58:7-10 When your fasting feeds the hungry, a new day dawns.

Psalm 112 "The just man is a light in darkness to the upright."

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Paul's message doesn't rest on his own wisdom but on the power of the Spirit.

Matthew 5:13-16 You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Today Jesus proclaims us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. How can we be all that? Our First Reading points the way: feed the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked. No mention of whether they are "deserving." When we do these things, then our light will "break forth like the dawn." Our readings today call on us to do no less than light up the whole world.

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 GLORIA MANZANO

REQ. BY THE MANZANO FAMILY



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF GLADYS ARMITAGE

REQ. BY JUDY GURHRING

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD SHIBROSKI

REQ. BY VIRGINIA SHIBROSKI

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:

January 29	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$9,309	\$12,313

"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

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.

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.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CHILD PROTECTION

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.

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. All 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.

SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

There are no scheduled meetings for January or February 2017. There is a trip planned for the Westchester Broadway Theater for April 28, 2017 for Mamma Mia. For more information about the St. Eugene Seniors call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847.

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, Edmond Laprade, Richard Dosing Sr. and those recently called home to God, especially Angela Apicella and Joseph Cioli Sr. 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 12th 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.

Renew & Rebuild: This weekend we formally announce the Renew & Rebuild



Campaign at Saint Eugene Parish. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be participating in this Campaign. We are in Phase one of the Campaign along with 50 other parishes. There were 12 parishes that kicked off the campaign last year in the Pilot Stage. Renew and Rebuild is a \$200 million initiative for the parishes of the Archdiocese of New York. Our Parish goal is 1,200,000.00. A list of repairs needed for our church is inserted in this

weekend's bulletin.

February 11th Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.



World Day of the Sick: Next, Saturday, February 11 is the World Day of the sick. These are words from Pope Francis pertaining to this year's day. This year, since the Day of the Sick will be solemnly celebrated in the Holy Land, I wish to propose a meditation on the Gospel account of the wedding feast of Cana (Jn 2: 1-11), where Jesus performed his first miracle through the intervention of his Mother. This is the twenty-fifth World Day of the Sick, begun by Saint John Paul II, Pope Francis turns to all of who are burdened by illness and are united in various ways to the flesh of the suffering Christ, as well as to professionals and volunteers in the field of health care. "I entrust this World Day of the Sick to the maternal protection of Mary, who conceived and gave birth to Wisdom incarnate Jesus Christ, our Lord "O Mary, Seat of Wisdom, intercede as our Mother for all the sick and for those who care for them! Grant that, through our service of our suffering neighbors, and through the experience of suffering itself, we may receive and cultivate true wisdom of heart! With this prayer for all of you, I impart my Apostolic Blessing." – Pope Francis



Peter's Pence Collection: This weekend is the annual Peter's Pence collection. The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money, a "pence," from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease. Thank you for your generosity! "And with us too, don't we have to wash each other's feet day after day? But what does this mean; that all of us must help one another." - Pope Francis, Homily for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, March 2013.

Installation of Altar Servers : Today 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. They are Cody Blankenship, Jaxen Brewster, Michaela Collins, Tiernan McLaughlin, Jana Puthukudy, and Nicholas Taccetta.

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 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 made God bless all those who are participating in this wonderful service project.

Feast Day Celebrations: Please join us on Sunday March 12, for our annual Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph celebrations. Please fill out the flyers which are located in the entrances of the church and return them ASAP. Reservations are required. There will be no admittance at the door on the day of the event.

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.

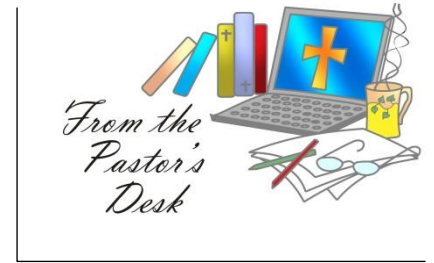
May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



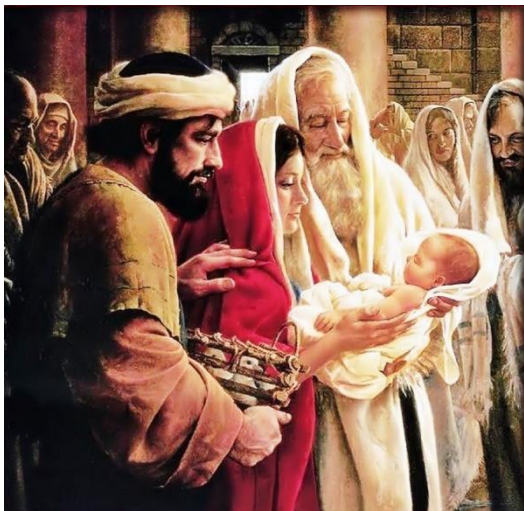
Beloved of God,

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The beginning of the Easter Vigil is awesome. Really! It starts with the whole church in darkness. After the people have been arriving for an hour or so, after the sun has set, the clergy, ministers and altar servers head outside to a fire that has already been prepared. It is roaring by this time with the flames lighting the night... on the corner of Tuckahoe and Central Park Avenue. The priest using the lavalier mic is able to involve all the people waiting within the darkened church.



Why is the church in darkness? To symbolize the reality of the sinfulness of the world and the individual... the fall of humanity in the persons of Adam and Eve. If you have ever been to an Easter Vigil, you will recall that each person present is given a taper candle, and asked to wait in the darkness – much like the world did thousands of years ago. In the old days, the priests used a flashlight to read the prayers in the book and bless the Easter Candle or Paschal Candle. Now they usually use their smart phones. First the fire is blessed, then the cross on the candle is marked with the wounds of Christ. After these prayers are completed, the Paschal Candle is lit from the fire and all the clergy, ministers and altar servers proceed into the blackness of the church... with one solitary light – the Light of Christ – casting its rays upon all present. Usually the deacon sings, “The Light of Christ” three times with the congregation responding “Thanks be to God.” After each intonation by the deacon, the candles of the congregation are lit from the Paschal Candle and the procession moves further into the church approaching the Sanctuary, with the light of each person’s candle illuminating them and lighting the person’s candle next to them. A wave of illumination spreads throughout the church. From the one candle of Christ, the Church, the world has been set a flame, the world has been enlightened.



On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, exactly “forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord.” That is a “blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple (of Jerusalem) by Mary and Joseph.” Jesus was brought to the Temple, where the Divine and Human would meet in the ritual sacrifices that attempted to reconcile the sinful people to their beloved God – where by a Jewish priest the blood of a lamb was spilt in hope of cleansing the people of their sins. When The Savior entered in to the Temple of Jerusalem, He rendered the ritual sacrifices obsolete because He was the Perfect Priest, He was the Incarnation of the Union of the Divine and Human, He was the Lamb of Sacrifice that would “take away the sins of the world.”

A dear and saintly man, Simeon, was led by the Holy Spirit to the Temple that day. *“It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord... and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law... he took him into his arms and blessed God saying:*

“Now, Master, You may let your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for Your people Israel.” (Luke 2:26, 27b, 28-32)

Christ is the True Light of the World... but by our Baptisms, just as is revealed at the Easter Vigil, Christ’s light has touched us, filled us and as the Scriptures say today, *“You are the light of the world... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”* (Matthew 5:14, 16)

God love you... Father Fernan