

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

FEBRUARY 19, 2017 – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
5:00 PM	Gina Perri Guarascio (decd) <i>req. by Carmela DeNitto</i>
	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
8:00 AM	Wilson J. Morales (decd) <i>req. by Timmy & Jasmine Lopez</i>
10:00 AM	For Our Priests <i>req. by Catholic Daughters</i>
12:00 PM	Thomas Fasano (decd) <i>req. by the Kennedy Family</i>
6:00 PM	Flora Natuel (decd) <i>req. by The Reeder Family</i>
	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
6:45 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dwyer (decd) <i>req. by Peter and Cathy</i>
9:00 AM	Anna Ostasz (decd) <i>req. by Barbara Cieszynski</i>
	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
6:45 AM	Joseph Cioli Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
9:00 AM	Raymond Henshaw (decd) <i>req. by Gina & Paul</i>
	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
6:45 AM	Sara Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Michael Mangone (decd) <i>req. by Marie Mangone</i>
	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
6:45 AM	Joseph Austin Collins (lvg)-Healing <i>req. by Elizabeth Collins</i>
9:00 AM	Bucciero Family (decd) <i>req. by Amelia Magnotta</i>
	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
6:45 AM	Mary Carter (decd) <i>req. by Ann Mary, Tom and Emma Farrell</i>
9:00 AM	Gabriella Burfeind (decd) <i>req. by Rosemarie Giusto</i>
	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
9:00 AM	Gjlosh Dedvukaj (living) Special Intention <i>req. by Mom</i>
5:00 PM	Ralph Grillo (decd) <i>req. by Dina Smith</i>



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Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Love your neighbor as yourself.
Psalm 103 "The Lord is kind and merciful."
1 Corinthians 3:16-23 "God catches the wise in their own ruses."
Matthew 5:38-48 Love your enemies.

Notice in today's readings that even though Jesus quotes common sayings about revenge and hatred for one's enemies, inviting his disciples to live contrary to those aphorisms, the First Reading says exactly the same as Jesus. "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart." What a joy to know that our God of love has always invited us to show love for one another, and to overcome our fears and hatred!

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 OUR PRIESTS
 REQ. BY THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF FR. JAMES SHEVLIN
 REQ. BY FR. FERNAN & GINA MASTRANGELO

BREAD AND WINE
IN MEMORY OF FR. JAMES SHEVLIN
 REQ. BY FR. JAMES SMYTH

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:

February 12	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$8,735	\$8,901
	Ice 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."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please let us remember all those who are in need of a meal or food on the table. 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, February 23rd. Donations can be dropped off at the adoration Chapel entrance from 7:30-9:50 am or the lower parking lot of the school at 9:45 am.

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.

STATUE OF SAINT MICHAEL

Some of you may have noticed that the statue of Saint Michael which was near the Sacred Heart is not there. Last week the shelf came off the wall and the statue was destroyed. A new has been ordered and will be put in place on the wall with all the other statues near the organ console. *Saint Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl around the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*

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, Tom Tucker, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, John Cox, Anthony McCauley, Robert Roscoe, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Edmond Laprade, Joseph A. Collins and those recently called home to God especially Msgr. Thomas F. Scanlon, Carol Van Scoyoc and John L. Coppalo. 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.

CAMP VERITAS

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th Grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017; July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD, and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/17 and the enrollment price for each week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/17) are \$400 for all sites. There is no additional charge for the dance and basketball program options (at Mount Saint Mary College only). Volunteers (must be over 18 years old) are needed and free! More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.

AREA EVENTS

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 February 24th/25th 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.

Ancient Order of Hibernians Annual Communion Breakfast is being held Sunday, February 26th at St. Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY. The cost is \$20/adults and \$10/children when you RSVP before 2/22 (\$25 after). Cost includes a complete hot breakfast. Mass is at 10AM. For more information call Brendan Murphy (914) 237-9483, Kevin Ellis (914) 844-4123, Thomas Allison (914)548-5389, James Walsh (914) 961-4026.

Dear Parishioners:



- *His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan*: Delight yourself also in the LORD: and he shall give you the desires of your heart. *Psalms 37:4*
WOW... What a Sunday morning in the parish of Saint Eugene. There are many things that you can plan... weather is not one of them... so on a slippery and icy Sunday we were blessed with the Mass celebrated by his **Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan**, as well as our own **Father Fernan, Father Anthony, and Deacon Duffy**. The church was filled and so were all of our hearts as we praised God and prayed together as one family as we do every week. "For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that were only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence". *Hebrews 9:24*.
- *Renew & Rebuild*: Last weekend we formally announced the *Renew & Rebuild Campaign* in our 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. 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. As of today we have \$550,000.00 in pledges. Please pray and join us in the very important parish initiative. We will have a meeting on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 in the church to explain the campaign and the needs of our church.
- *President's Day*: The church office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 21st at 9:30 am.
- *Altar Server Practice*: The next Altar Server Practice will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at 4:00 in the church.
- *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*: There is no class next Wednesday, February 22 in observance of the public schools mid-winter recess.
- *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.
- *Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, February 22*: The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter celebrates the papacy and St.



Peter as the first bishop of Rome. St. Peter's original name was Simon. He was married with children and was living and working in Capernaum as a fisherman when Jesus called him to be one of the Twelve Apostles. Jesus bestowed to Peter a special place among the Apostles. He was one of the three who were with Christ on special occasions, such as the Transfiguration of Christ and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was the only Apostle to whom Christ appeared on the first day after the Resurrection. Peter, in turn, often spoke on behalf of the Apostles. When Jesus asked the Apostles: "Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?" Simon replied: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus said: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you: That you are Peter (Cephas, a rock), and upon this rock (Cephas) I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in

heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven". (Mt 16:13-20) In saying this Jesus made St. Peter the head of the entire community of believers and placed the spiritual guidance of the faithful in St. Peter's hands. However, St. Peter was not without faults. He was rash and reproached often by Christ. He had fallen asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane instead of praying, as Jesus had asked him to do. He also denied knowing Jesus three times after Christ's arrest. Peter delivered the first public sermon after the Pentecost and won a large number of converts. He also performed many miracles and defended the freedom of the Apostles to preach the Gospels. He preached in Jerusalem, Judaea, and as far north as Syria. He was arrested in Jerusalem under Herod Agrippa I, but miraculously escaped execution. He left Jerusalem and eventually went to Rome, where he preached during the last portion of his life. He was crucified there, head downwards, as he had desired to suffer, saying that he did not deserve to die as Christ had died. The date of St. Peter's death is not clear. Historians estimate he was executed between the years 64 and 68. His remains now rest beneath the altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Pastoral Visit of Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan February 12, 2017



The morning began with Ms. Mastrangelo and I welcoming a number of parishioners to the Parish Offices (formerly the convent of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Saint John Neumann) for a gathering with His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan. Those present had either already made donations to the Archdiocesan Renew & Rebuild Campaign for our parish or were being asked to prayerfully consider a pledge. Our parish goal is \$1,200,000. With the donations already made, we have more than 45% already pledged. Thanks goes out to those parishioners who have already made donations. At the gathering, His Eminence was as he seemed at the Holy Mass to follow in the church. So welcoming, so warm, so wanting to let all those know of his love for them and for the parish of Saint Eugene.

After the reception, the Cardinal walked to the church, if you recall in that “lovely” weather. To get him inside as soon as possible, we entered through the long hallway school door. In our preparations, the Boy Scouts had been notified of His Eminence’s visit. In the picture to the right I am holding the special treats that were prepared for the Cardinal. They were magnificently decorated with His Eminence’s Coat of Arms and other symbols. As we walked the church, Cardinal Dolan told me of his first assignment to a church in Saint Louis which was also in the round, so he was immediately at ease as he recalled fondly his first assignment as a holy priest of Jesus Christ.



What a gift was the Holy Mass. What a gift were those of the Children’s Choir who had extra practices in preparation for this wonderful event. What a gift were the Altar Servers – both boys and girls – who were so excited and proud to assisting His Eminence. And what a gift was Cardinal Dolan who did rush through the many meetings which became personal interactions with the parishioners and visitors. From the Seniors to the Servers and all those in between, Cardinal Dolan spoke with them, posed for pictures for them, just after he had offered the Holy Mass for them. He came as the Cardinal Archbishop of New York, and he left as our father/pastor. On behalf of all the

parishioners, the Cardinal was given an Olive Wood statue of Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, the Foster-Father of Jesus and the Patron of the Universal Church. His Eminence immediately kissed and revered the statue.

What a glorious day! What a gift of the Spiritual! Let us spiritually Renew & Rebuild our parish together.