

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MARCH 12, 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 11	
5:00 PM	Vikki Phillips (decd) <i>req. by Mom</i>
SUNDAY, MARCH 12	
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by Frank &amp; Jackie Finnegan</i>
10:00 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
12:00 PM	Jerry Celestino – Happy Birthday <i>req. by Fr. Fernan-Gina Mastrangelo</i>
6:00 PM	Josephine Metlicke (decd) <i>req. by DiCaprio Family</i>
MONDAY, MARCH 13	
6:45 AM	Sara Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Fr. John Knapp</i>
9:00 AM	Jean Melora (decd) <i>req. by Carol Killeen &amp; Eileen Power</i>
TUESDAY, MARCH 14	
6:45 AM	Beau, Alice & Abby Carbu-Healing <i>req. by Maura Ferguson</i>
9:00 AM	Thomas O’Sullivan (living) <i>req. by Eileen O’Sullivan</i>
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15	
6:45 AM	Sara Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Juliette &amp; William</i>
9:00 AM	Scott Frey (decd) <i>req. by Loretta Dratch</i>
THURSDAY, MARCH 16	
6:45 AM	Peter O. Chime, Alex Akporji & Paul Agu (decd) <i>req. by Jane Chime</i>
9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory <i>req. by Vincent &amp; Marilyn Montemurro</i>
FRIDAY, MARCH 17	
6:45 AM	Sara Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Ann &amp; Gene Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Aniello Esposito (decd) <i>req. by Rosa Esposito</i>
9:30 AM	<b>Stations</b> – if no funeral
7:00 PM	<b>Stations</b>
SATURDAY, MARCH 18	
9:00 AM	Spencer Reames - Happy Birthday <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
5:00 PM	Danielle & Mike <i>req. by Gina &amp; Paul</i>

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Genesis 12: 1-4a** The call of Abraham.

**Psalm 33** “Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.”

**2 Timothy 1:8b-10** “Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel.”

**Matthew 17:1-9** Jesus is transfigured.

Just as God’s promise to Abraham indicated the greatness to come, so too was Jesus’ glory prefigured in his Transfiguration. As Saint Paul says, Christ Jesus “destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.” As we hear these Sacred Scriptures proclaimed, let us heed the Words of God about the beloved Son, and listen to Him.

## 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

### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

### BREAD AND WINE



## SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	Gina 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		
Of Saint Eugene Parish	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:

<b>March 5</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Weekly Collection.....	\$10,573	\$11,289

"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 OF SAINT EUGENE PARISH

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."*

## ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel will be closed Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of St. Patrick. 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.

## 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.

## A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Parishioners; Fasting and abstinence from meat on Fridays are important Lenten obligations for every Catholic bound by age and health. This year, the Solemnity of Saint Patrick, our patron, falls on a Friday, and I have decided to dispense our people from abstaining from meat.

## 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.

## MARIAN MONDAYS FOR LENT

Join us as we travel through Lent with Our Blessed Lady. All the Mondays of Lent, except Holy Week, there will be prayers and reflections from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Church dedicated to Our Holy Mother, praying especially that we can learn from Her some of the mysteries of Her Immaculate Heart as we endeavor to draw closer to Her Son's Sacred Heart.

## ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

## 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, 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, Anthony McCauley, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Joseph Zarukuk, and those recently called home to God, especially Rev. Fr. Robert J. Duane and Faith J. Sancimino. 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.campveritas.com).

## AREA EVENTS

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. New Members are welcome. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.

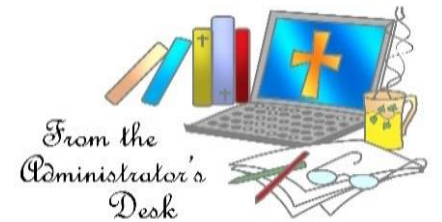
Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester Annual Day of Recollection will be taking place on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Seminary from 9AM to 3PM. Program is lead by Rev. Fr. Robert Quarota. Cost \$30. per person which includes a Continental Breakfast on arrival and lunch at noon. For more information or reservations – Mel Ficara (718) 798-7176 or e-mail [mficara@optonline.net](mailto:mficara@optonline.net)

Dear Parishioners;

Saint Patrick, Patron Saint of The Archdiocese of New York: Next Friday, March 17th we celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of The Archdiocese of New York. As stated in the bulletin Cardinal Dolan has dispensed all Catholics in New York from abstaining from meat if you should choose so because this day falls on a Friday in Lent. **The office will be closed on Friday, March 17 in observance of Saint Patrick's Day, the Patron Saint of Our Archdiocese. The office will reopen on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.**



*Prayer to Saint Patrick Apostle sent by God to Ireland, in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Savior. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.*



Boy Scout Troop #25: Boy Scout Troop 25 will have a Saint Patrick / Saint Joseph Bake Sale next weekend before & after all the Masses. They will be selling scones, biscotti, cannoli and Irish Soda Bread. The cost of the Irish Soda Bread will be \$10 for large and \$6.00 for small. Preorders can be sent to [troop25yonkers@gmail.com](mailto:troop25yonkers@gmail.com). This will help defray their cost of the National Jamboree next summer. Thank you.

Renew & Rebuild: This week we received \$21,350.00 in pledges. We thank all those who have made their pledge, and ask those who have not yet to please consider a gift to our parish. Your generosity will help us to make necessary improvements to our facilities which include; replace the aging roof on the church and school, replace the air condition in the church, repave the upper school parking lot, remove and replace the original boiler in the church offices, as well as lighting and other projects. Thank you for the consideration.

Wedding Jubilee: Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Ms. Mastrangelo at 961-2590. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12, 2017. The event is being sponsored by the Family Life & Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

Saint Eugene School: The school will hold their annual Penny Social on Friday, March 31 at 6:00 in the school gym. Please come and support the school with this their biggest and best fundraiser of the year. For more information please call the school. Thank you.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents: Of all the pains that life can hand us, arguably one of the most is the death of a child. As Jesus joined his distraught disciples on the road to Emmaus after his crucifixion, we ask him to join each of us in this ministry as we continue on our difficult journeys from grief to the healing peace that we, like Jesus' disciples, can find in the Eucharistic community. To meet the spiritual needs of Catholic parents whose children of any age have died by any cause; no matter how long ago, the Family Life Respect Life Office offers the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents. A unique faith based program providing spiritual retreats for parents offered by grieving parents offers a safe place where you can find peace, comfort, and hope. There will be a one-day retreat at the *Church of the Magdalene, 525 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills, New York 10591* on Saturday, April 1. The cost is \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. To register online: [www.emfgp.org/archny](http://www.emfgp.org/archny) or contact Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191.

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. 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 Lenten Project: Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Spy Wednesday, lasting for 40 days. We prepare for Easter by fasting and practicing spiritual discipline during this time, to reflect on his sacrifices. Basically, Lent is a time for "Spring Cleaning" our lives while giving thanks to God and strengthening our relationship with him. We will again this year collect money through the Rice Bowl donations. If you should have any questions, or would like to donate, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

For Those In Need: The parish has been notified that we have a few items for seniors in need. We have a sit down walker with brakes, a three wheel walker large wheels, and two other walkers. If you are interested please call the church office.

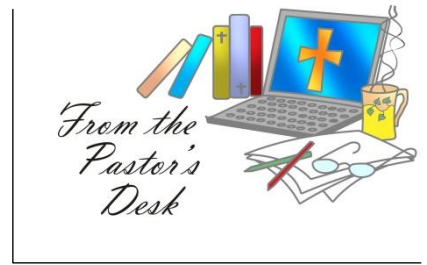
*May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator*

Lent IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS

Beloved of God,

**Eucharist Heart of Jesus Litany – Part 5B**

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



*“And Jesus said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died: this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world.””* (John 6:48-52)

In saying, *“Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert,”* Jesus is calling to mind to the thousands gathered the foundations of their faith, their scriptures, their religious and ritual experiences. For the Jewish people, their daily lives are centered on the Torah, the first five books of the Sacred Scriptures which they believe are written by Moses himself. Their daily practices in the fields, workshops or homes are centered on God from the cleansing of pottery and utensils (Matthew 15:2, Luke 11:38) to ritual cleansing (Exodus 19:10, 19:14, 29:4). And since Moses was the author of the Torah, his preeminence is key. *“Since then no prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses, whom knew the Lord face to face,”* (Deuteronomy 34:10) and by Jesus beginning His *Bread of Life Discourse* with this reference to Moses, Jesus is setting up in the minds of the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees and Holy People of God an implied comparison. *“Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, and died.”* Jesus is bringing the people to a new and deeper understanding of Who is the giver of the Bread of Life... *“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.”* (John 6:32) Jesus is bringing the people to a new and deeper understanding of Who is the Bread of Life... *“I am the bread of life... I am the living bread that came down from heaven,”* (John 6:48, 51a) and Moses’ role as compared to Jesus’.

Moses never called God “Father.” *“Everything that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to Me, because I came down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of the One who sent Me. And this is the will of the One who sent Me, that I should not lose anything of what He gave Me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”* (John 6:37-30) In the *Bread of Life Discourse*, Jesus is beginning to reveal His true nature to the Holy People of God. He, by mentioning Moses, is hinting to His pre-existence as the Son of God. Naturally the people are confused, *“Is this not Jesus, the Son of Joseph? Do we not know His father and mother? Then how can He say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”* (John 6:42) This revelation of His Divinity is staggering the people. They are taken aback because they have known Jesus, His father, His mother, His brothers and sisters (Matthew 12:46, Mark 3:32) for years. Recall that later on a return to Nazareth, Jesus was not able to perform any miracles there because *“no prophet is accepted in his own native place.”* (Luke 4:20:30)

Jesus new teaching on through the *Bread of Life Discourse* is beginning to open the minds of the Holy People of God to the Eucharist... the Bread of Life... not just manna and *“a food that perishes,”* but seek *“the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.”* (John 6:27)

More to come.

God love you... Father Fernan