

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MARCH 19, 2017 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 18	
5:00 PM	Danielle & Mike <i>req. by Gina & Paul</i>
SUNDAY, MARCH 19	
8:00 AM	Wilson J. Morales (decd) <i>req. by Timmy & Jasmine Lopez</i>
10:00 AM	Mary Bohan (decd)
12:00 PM	Angela Dolan (decd) <i>req. by Thomas Dolan</i>
6:00 PM	Craig Kowalczyk & Ida Gorman-decd <i>req. by Richard Doyle</i>
MONDAY, MARCH 20	
6:45 AM	Mary Carter (decd) <i>req. by Ann & Gene Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Alessi & Costanza Families <i>req. by George Alessi</i>
TUESDAY, MARCH 21	
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their Daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Laura DeGiusto (decd) <i>req. by Rosemarie & Michael Giusto</i>
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22	
6:45 AM	Alfred Burfeind (decd) <i>req. by Rosemarie Giusto</i>
9:00 AM	Jacqueline Ciccarelli (decd) <i>req. by The Connors Family</i>
THURSDAY, MARCH 23	
6:45 AM	Ann & Tom Farrell (living) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Laura DeGiusto (decd) <i>req. by Rosemarie & Michael Giusto</i>
FRIDAY, MARCH 24	
6:45 AM	Naoko Reames (living) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	William Heaney (living) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
SATURDAY, MARCH 25	
9:00 AM	Antonella Morelli (decd) <i>req. by Giovanni Vairo & Family</i>
5:00 PM	Ralph Grillo (decd) <i>req. by Friends</i>

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Exodus 17:3-7 Water flowed from rock to quench the people thirst.
Psalm 95 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 God's love is poured into our hearts in the Gifts of the Spirit."
John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 The water Jesus gives is the wellspring of eternal life.

Water is the primary symbol in the sacrament of Baptism, and we have it in abundance in today's readings: Moses and the people in the desert longing for water, Saint Paul describing the love of God that "has been poured out into our hearts," and the story of Jesus and the woman at the well. Listening to these inspired Scriptures today, let us contemplate what the waters of our own Baptism means to us.

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 FRANK MASTRANGELO
 REQ. BY GINA



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
SPECIAL INTENTION FOR DANIELLE & MICHAEL
 REQ. BY DENIS & JOAN

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	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		
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:

March 12	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$8494	\$9462

"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

This is the recipe given to us by the Saint Vincent DePaul Society of Saint Eugene Parish. It is important that all of the chicken baked and donated is the same.

The recipe for the chicken legs and thighs is as follows: Wash and clean chicken, season, place chicken in large tray, add ½ cup water. Bake at 375 degrees skin side down for 45 minutes, turn chicken over, season and bake skin side up for an additional 45 minutes. When the chicken is done sprinkle with paprika.

Please drain all juices and transport the chicken in Ziploc bags.

"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.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Friends in the Lord:

By participating in the *Catholic Relief Service (CRSC)* collection, you are responding to Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. *Catholic Relief Service* collection provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Let us join together in this special collection to support those who are suffering and are on the margins of society.

For example, in Niger, changes in climate in Western Africa are adversely affecting poor and rural farmers. No matter how hard these farmers work, droughts are shortening the rainy season, leaving harvests too small to support families and communities. Your support of the *Catholic Relief Service* collection is helping connect businesses that provide drought-resistant seeds to these communities. These new relationships are providing hope to these communities for a sustainable future.

Your support of the *Catholic Relief Service* collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Lenten season, I am

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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, Geraldine Gluck, George Alessi, Philomena Batista and those recently called home to God especially Rev. James Clark. 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

The Serra Club of the Bronx & Westchester is having luncheon meeting Wednesday, 3/22/17 at noon. The lunch will be held at Eastwood Manor, 3371 Eastchester Rd, Bronx, NY. The cost is \$30. For reservations (718) 671-8915 by 3/20/17.

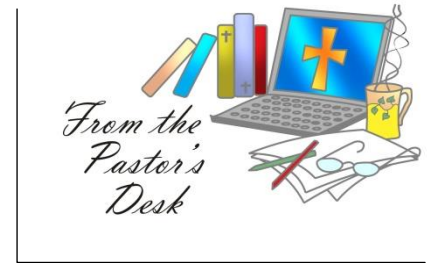
Eucharistic Vigil for the Holiness of Priests & Vocations: At Our Lady of Shkodra, For the Holiness of Priests & Holy Vocations. Located at The Holy Mountain, 361 West Hartsdale Ave, Hartsdale, NY on Friday & Saturday March 24th/25th from 8PM-7AM. For more information call (914) 761-3523.

Beloved of God,

Eucharist Heart of Jesus Litany – Part 5C

“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)



Jesus' new teaching in 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, “a food that perishes,” but seeking “the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” (John 6:27) From five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feed the more than 5000 people who were following Him at the time. (John 6:9-13) Christ kept revealing Himself more and more as the King He was and is, but the people still did not understand... “When the people saw the sign He had done, they said, “This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry Him off to make Him king, He withdrew again to the mountain alone.” (John 6:14-15) The Jewish people were under the rule of the Romans. They were looking for anyone to step forward to lead them out from under their control. When trying to understand the Kingship of Jesus, we must remember the conversation between Pontius Pilate and Our Blessed Lord on that first Good Friday...

“So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others told you about Me?” Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed You over to me. What have You done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If My kingdom did belong to this world, My attendants would be fighting to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, My kingdom is not here.” Pilate said to Him, “Then You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say I am a king.” (John 18:33-37)

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Those followers of Jesus, after He had fed the more than 5000 people, were ready to take a chance on Him. If He could feed all of us, what else could He do? So, they wanted to “come and carry Him off to make Him king.” Jesus had to prevent this so He withdrew to the solace of private prayer, and went “again to the mountain alone.”

But because He had fed all those people, and because it was evening, all of them did not return to their homes. Many stayed and looked for Jesus the next day... “When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.” (John 6:22) It must have been so impressive to see those scores of people and boats following after one Man. But our Blessed Lord reacted to them most accurately when He said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for Me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.” (John 6:22) Jesus knew well these souls. He knew that they did not only hunger for Spiritual Food but they really hungered for actual food. So the *Miracle of the Feeding the 5000* was the setup or introduction to the *Bread of Life Discourse*. So Jesus continued, “Do not work for food that perishes but for food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.” (John 6:27)

More to come...

God love you... Father Fernan