

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

APRIL 23, 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY



	SATURDAY, APRIL 22
5:00 PM	Ethel & Richard Furguele (decd) Richard Doyle
	SUNDAY, APRIL 23
8:00 AM	Carmel Finnegan (decd) <i>req. by Frank & Jackie Finnegan</i>
10:00 AM	Abronzino Family <i>req. by Angela</i>
12:00 PM	Sara Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Linda & Joseph Farrugia</i>
6:00 PM	Alberto Pullo (decd) <i>req. by Pietro & Assunta Cacchiani</i>
	MONDAY, APRIL 24
6:45 AM	Sara S. Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Ann Mary, Tom and Emma Farrell</i>
9:00 AM	Prestipino & Zingone Family (decd) <i>req. by Maria Prestipino</i>
	TUESDAY, APRIL 25
6:45 AM	Josephine Villa (decd) <i>req. by Annith Sinclair-ChenHeu and Cornel ChenHeu</i>
9:00 AM	Dan, Gabe & Martha Marketto (decd) <i>req. by Dolores Bellitto</i>
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
6:45 AM	Kathleen Scanlon-Special Intention <i>req. by Betty Madden</i>
9:00 AM	Dominick Lignore (decd) <i>req. by his Children & Grandchildren</i>
	THURSDAY, APRIL 27
6:45 AM	Mary & Edward Macken (decd) <i>req. by Eileen Barone</i>
9:00 AM	Helen Woska Jacobell and Elisa Correia (decd) <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>
	FRIDAY, APRIL 28
6:45 AM	Gina Mastrangelo-Special Intention <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Richard Granelli (decd) <i>req. by Marion Granelli</i>
	SATURDAY, APRIL 29
9:00 AM	Chris Fernan (living) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
5:00 PM	Fr. Tom Clarkin (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>

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Acts 2:42-47 Those who believed shared all things in common.

Psalm 118 "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, his love is everlasting."

1 Peter 1:3-9 God has given us new birth.

John 20:19-31 "My Lord and my God!"

Saint Peter in today's Second Reading speaks directly to us about our faith: "Even though you do not see Him now yet believe in Him." This prepares us for Jesus' final Beatitude: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." As we hear these Sacred Scriptures today, especially the story of Thomas the Doubter, let us listen for the passages and words that speak to our own faith so that we may grow in loving Our Lord.

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

DECEASED & LIVING MEMBERS OF THE GEORGE FAMILY

REQ. BY MERCY GEORGE

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 St. 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:

April 9	2017	2016
Weekly Collections	\$12,246	\$10,160
	Palm Sunday	

April 14	2017	2016
Holy Land.....	\$ 1,408	\$ 1,630

April 16	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 9,595	\$ 9,809

"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. MICHAEL HYMNALS

While the hymnals have been a blessing for a number of years at Saint Eugene, because many of them are damaged and replacing them is not only extremely costly, but since there is a new edition we couldn't just replace some, we'd have to replace them all, and because there aren't enough for the entire congregation to use, and because they are very heavy and those with arthritis can't lift them, the new Music Issue hymnals are in place. The Music Issue are much lighter and have a greater selection of music for the Holy Mass. Also, knowing that the St. Michael Hymnals were dedicated to Loved Ones, they are in the long hallway of the church for the next few weeks for anyone who would like to take one home.

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, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Joan Pinto, Celia Torres, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion, Fr. Terence Lee, Cora Lucy Sannella, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Francis Bowen, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Analiza Gilbert, Charlie Saumell, Leonor Abanilla and those recently called home to God, especially Rev. Msgr. Howard W. Calkins and Harry Gerhardt. 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.

A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear friends in the Lord,

Next weekend our archdiocese takes up the special *Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE)*. This collection provides vital funding for our brothers and sisters living in countries that were once under communist rule. Restoring the Church, in both its structures and its spiritual life, has been difficult, but with your support we can help build a brighter future for this region.

In Estonia, for instance, religious observance is rare, and very little funding is available to assist youth in learning about Christianity or the Catholic faith. Last year, the collection for *CCEE* provided support to a summer camp program for youth. Some thirty middle-school aged boys attended the camp where they not only learned about the Catholic faith but also had opportunities to attend Mass and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once they are in high school, the boys who previously attended are excited to return as staff members to lead and help the new group of campers grow in their faith. With your support, the faith is able to flourish through this younger generation.

Your generous donations will make the difference for those who are still struggling in the aftermath of communist rule. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the *Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe* this year. For more information about the collection and those supported by it, visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Thank you for your assistance in restoring the Church and in building its future in Central and Eastern Europe.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

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

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.

EASTER FLOWERS

The following intentions have been added to our Easter Flower intentions.

IN MEMORY OF:

*Anthony Dragonetti
Libera & Giovanni Zeolla
O'Rourke & Forde Family
Ahern Family
Frank Stilo
Fr. Bernard Dazzi, OFM*

REQUESTED BY:

*Mrs. Josephine Dragonetti
Nicolina Zeolla Ankudavich
Oliver & Phyllis Forde
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ahern
Barbara Stilo
Guy & Dorothy Pontillo*

We gratefully acknowledge the following parishioners for their Easter Flower Donations:

Melissa & Marie Solis Timothy G. Doyle John & Carol Fuoco

AREA EVENTS

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 April 28th/29th from 8PM-7AM. For more information call (914) 761-3523.

Dear Parishioners:

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. *St. John Paul II put the devotion on the Church's universal calendar for the Sunday after Easter. St. Faustina Kowalska is the Polish nun who promoted the Divine Mercy devotion and was canonized by St. John Paul II in 2000. The devotion began in the late 1930s by St. Faustina, who had a vision of Jesus where he asked for devotions to divine mercy.*



Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of GOD, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, fountain gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, better than the heavens, I trust in

You. Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of JESUS, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of JESUS for us, and especially for sinners, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in the founding of Holy Church, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in our justification through JESUS CHRIST, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of GOD, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, crown of all of God's handiwork, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls, I trust in You. Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope, I trust in You. Eternal GOD, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

First Holy Communion – Our communicants will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion next Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 am. The communicants and their parents will have a mandatory practice this coming Thursday, April 27th at 5:00 in the church.

Wedding Jubilee: Couples celebrating their 50th 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 11th at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact me 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.

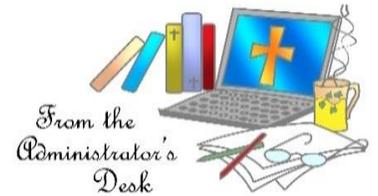
Mother Angeline, Ministry of Care: A representative from Archcare will be speaking at all of the masses this weekend about the importance of assisting those who are sick and homebound. Please see the flyer inserted in the bulletin.

Appalachia Habitat for Humanity: This summer parishioners Charlie & Hugh Dillon students at Fordham Prep will travel to Scott County, Tennessee to participate in Appalachia Habitat for Humanity. The students will be assisting in the construction of new homes. 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 *Charlie and Hugh Dillon*, 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. Please pray for these boys and their organizer, Mr. Nelson Ritter, for all of their hard work in this service project. Thank you.

Mother's Day Cards: Mother's Day cards and offering envelopes are available in the back of the church for all to give their mothers (living or deceased) a special remembrance on Mother's Day. Please return your intentions in the collection or to the church office by May 12th in order to be included on the altar at all of the Masses on Mother's Day.

St. Vincent de Paul: St. Vincent de Paul, was born on April 24, 1581, he was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was canonized in 1737. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity and is known as the "Great Apostle of Charity". We thank our own society members who are also dedicated to helping those in need.

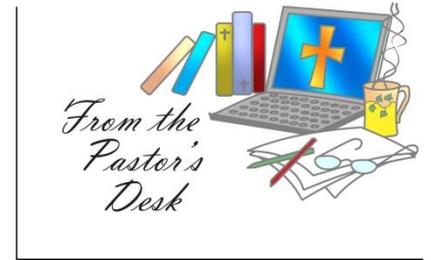
May God bless you always: Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



Beloved of God,

Eucharist Heart of Jesus Litany – Divine Mercy Sunday

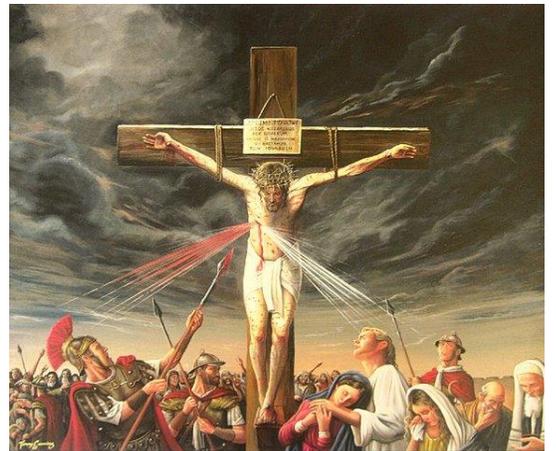
“Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist, sweet companion of our exile, I adore You.”



We have been meditating on the *Litany of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus* for a couple of months. While still continuing that thread, let us pause this weekend and contemplate on the *Eucharistic Heart* with regards to *Divine Mercy Sunday*.

“When Jesus had taken the wine, He said, “It is finished.” And bowing His head, He handed over the spirit. Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, for the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs, but one soldier thrust His lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.” (John 19:30-34)

Breathing while crucified is a labor for life. Whether a person’s arms and legs were tied or whether their hands and feet were nailed to the wood, to breath, the person would have to push down on their nailed feet while at the same time pulling up with their nailed hands to try and fill their lungs with air. This was the process our beaten and battered Savior went through while hanging from the “cursed tree.” (Deuteronomy 21:23, Galatians 3:13) As Christ was struggling to breathe, the lungs were, at the same time, filling with fluid. So each breath taken was smaller and shorter as the lungs were losing capacity. For most criminals, they could be hanging from the cross for days upon days. But as *“the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down.”* If their legs were broken, those on the cross would not be able to breathe for too much longer. One could hardly call this a merciful death as now they not only suffered from wounds, torture, and being nailed, they also had broken legs. Just imagine the scene. These soldiers, hired mercenaries, professional torturers were ordered to break the legs of those crucified. Neither a spear nor a whip would do it. So the soldiers would have to have used the mallet which was used to hammer the nails or spikes (similar to railroad spikes) through the hands into the wood. As they divvied up our Lord’s clothes by shooting dice, they were probably doing the same regarding this... vying to “have the honor or right” to smash the legs. Imagine the horror on the faces of the crucified when the soldiers starting swinging the mallet, taking practice shots... and then finally when the hammer came down upon their flesh, shattering their legs. Imagine as well the disappointment and anger of the soldier who won “the right” to break Jesus’ legs. “What do you mean He is already dead?” In his frustration, not being to break a bone of our Deceased Lord, he reached quickly for a lance... and in that one swift thrust... Divine Mercy was revealed to the world... *“but one soldier thrust His lance into His side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.”*



As the Son of God was revealed through the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism in the flowing waters of the Jordan, *“And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” (Matthew 3:17)* and the Son gave Himself up for us in the institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, *“For this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for forgiveness of sins, “ (Matthew 26:28)* so we see the Heart of God being revealed through the gift of Divine Mercy.

God love you... Father Fernan