

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MAY 28, 2017 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, MAY 27	
5:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY, MAY 28	
8:00 AM	Peter George (decd) <i>req. by the George Family</i>
10:00 AM	Albert Frey (decd) <i>req. by Ed Leahy & Patricia Falciano</i>
12:00 PM	Mary Carter (decd) <i>req. by Linda & Joe Farrugia</i>
6:00 PM	Josephine Villa (decd) <i>req. by Deacon Duffy</i>
MONDAY, MAY 29	
6:45 AM	Deann Cartwright (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
9:00 AM	Yolanda Merlino Montemurro (decd) <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>
TUESDAY, MAY 30	
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Kevin McAuley (decd) <i>req. by Gretta Evers</i>
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31	
6:45 AM	Mrs. Eileen Courtney (decd) <i>req. by Peter James & Michelle Clarke & Family</i>
9:00 AM	Ellen Reilly (decd) <i>req. by John McKeon</i>
THURSDAY, JUNE 1	
6:45 AM	Consuelo Gemora (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>
9:00 AM	Janis Reda Di Rienzo (decd) <i>req. by Adrian Reda</i>
FRIDAY, JUNE 2	
6:45 AM	Edmond Laprade (decd) <i>req. by St. Matthew's Religious Education Friends</i>
9:00 AM	Kevin Rooney (decd) <i>req. by Betty Madden</i>
7:30 PM	Vito Buonsante (decd) <i>req. by Bagen Family</i>
SATURDAY, JUNE 3	
9:00 AM	Special Intention <i>req. by Leticia Getubig</i>
5:00 PM	Roger Forand (decd) <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i>

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:12-14 They devoted themselves to prayer in the upper room.
Psalm 27 "I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living."

1 Peter 4:13-16 Rejoice that we share in the sufferings of Christ.
John 17:1-11a Father, glorify Your Son.

Today we will hear one more passage from Jesus' Last Supper discourse. If we believe that we are the body of Christ here on earth, then the wonderful prayer of Jesus in today's Gospel proclamation must be written on our own hearts. Let us allow Jesus to pray for us today as He did on that night so long ago for the apostles.

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



THANK YOU!

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:

May 21	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$8332	\$9904

"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."

MEMORIAL DAY

On this long weekend, let us not forget the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women to safeguard our nation while we also pray for a safe return of all our troops.



St. Eugene Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

"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 Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day. The Adoration Chapel, located in the vestibule, is open daily Mon-Fri from 9:30am 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. We will pray the Rosary weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7pm from May through October. Please join us near the outdoor statue of Our Lady as we honor the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

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.

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

Saint Eugene Seniors next meeting will be Friday, June 16th, 1:30pm at Pastina's in Hartsdale. We have a trip planned for October 5th to see Annie Get Your Gun at the Westchester Broadway Theater, the cost is \$55. 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, Joseph Kelly, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Joan Pinto, 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 Miranda, Charlie Saumell, Leonor Abanilla, Jerry Weber, Carmen Delia Rivera and those recently called home to God, especially Anna Guiliano and Dr. John J. Heaney Ph.D. 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.

CAMP VERITAS

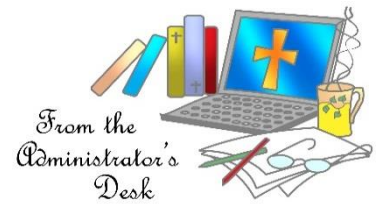
Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th Grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017; July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD, and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. The enrollment price for each week is \$450 per camper. Visit www.campveritas.com for details.

Dear Parishioners:

Memorial Day, May 29: Please remember in your prayers all those members of the



Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. **The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.** As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our service men and women in Your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops, and ask for Your unique blessings to fill their homes and Your peace, provision and strength to fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. Amen.



The Visitation of the Blessed Mother, May 31: The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the visit of Mary with Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (LK 1:39-56) It is also the name of Christian Feast Day commemorating this visit, celebrated on May 31st in the west and March 30 in the east. Mary visits her relative Elizabeth; they are both pregnant. Mary is pregnant with Jesus and Elizabeth is pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary left Nazareth immediately after the Annunciation and went “into the hill country...into the city of Judah” (Lk 1:39) to attend her cousin Elizabeth. There are several possibilities as to exactly which city this was, including Hebron, south of Jerusalem, and Ein Karem. The journey was about 100 miles, and Elizabeth was in her sixth month before Mary arrived. (Lk 1:36) Mary stayed three months and departed just before John was born. Catholics believe that the purpose of this visit was to bring divine grace to both Elizabeth and her unborn child. Even though he was still in his mother’s womb, John became aware of the presence of his Divine Saviour; he leapt for joy as he was cleansed from original sin and filled with divine grace. Elizabeth also responded and recognized the presence of Jesus. Thus Mary, now for the first time, exercised her function as mediatrix between God and



man. Elizabeth remarks to Mary: “And she spoke with a loud voice and said, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord (Luke 1:42-55). It is also at this point, in response to Elizabeth’s remark, that Mary proclaims the Magnificat (My soul doth magnify the Lord), (Luke 1:45-55), for which reason this canticle had traditionally been reserved for this feast day. – *from the USCCB.*

Feast of Saint Eugene, June 2: Eugene I was a Roman priest who had held various positions in the Church and was known for his charity and his sanctity. He was consecrated Pope on August 10, 654, while his predecessor, Pope St. Martin I, was still alive (he died on September 6), an exile and prisoner in the Crimea by order of Monothelite Emperor Constans II. Martin is reported to have approved the election, but many believed Eugene was a puppet of Constans. Eugene soon asserted his independence by refusing the Emperor's demands that he acknowledge Peter as Patriarch of Constantinople and allow toleration of the Monothelites. Constans was furious, and only the capture of Rhodes by the Moslems in 654 and their defeat of Constans at the naval battle of Phoenix in 655 saved Eugene from sharing the fate of his predecessor. Nothing more is known of Eugene except that he consecrated twenty-one bishops for different parts of the world, and that he was buried in Basilica. He died in 657 and was acclaimed a saint, his day being the 2nd of June.



Father’s Day Cards: Father’s Day cards and offering envelopes are available in the back of the church for all to give their fathers, grandfathers godfathers (living or deceased) a special remembrance on Father’s Day. Please return your intentions in the collection or to the church office by June 15th in order to be included on the altar at all of the Masses on Father’s Day.

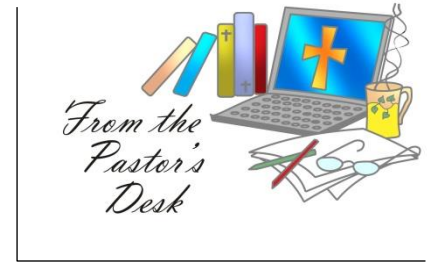
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May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Eucharist Heart of Jesus Litany – Part 6C

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



In the previous meditation we were able to establish by sources outside the Sacred Scriptures the physical reality of Jesus the Nazarene. The introductory paragraph from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) then takes the this established fact and initiates for us a conversion in our minds and souls of seeing Jesus as not only human but also divine.

1373 “Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us,” is present in many ways to His Church... But “He is present . . . most especially in the Eucharistic species.”²⁰⁰

The Church is asking us to *move from fact to faith*. “Hebrews 11:1 gives a simple and elegant definition of faith: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Saint Thomas Aquinas in the *Summa Theologiae* (II.II.q2.a.9) gave us the classic theological definition of faith: Faith is the act of the intellect when it assents to divine truth under the influence of the will moved by God through grace.” (Catholic Bible Dictionary pp.277-8) This has been the challenge from the beginning. Recall Nicodemus’ visit with Jesus... “*Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that You are doing unless God is with Him.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother’s womb and be born again, can he?”* (John 3:1-4) Recall as well the *Bread of Life Discourse*... “*The Jews murmured about Him because He said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven... The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?”* (John 6:41-43, 52)

The challenge the Church is offering to us is to move from the practical to the fantastic as well as going beyond the skepticism that normally accompanies the unusual or the different. The challenge is to have faith, a faith that moves us from being individuals living lives of self-interests to becoming and being a community that gathers because of a belief or “conviction of things not seen...;” a community that not only believes in a god but believes in the One True God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; a community that not only believes in the One True God, but also believes in the Son of God, “*who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross...;*” (Philippians 2:6-8) a community that not only believes in the Human and Divine Nature of Our Savior, Jesus of Nazareth, but one that believes that same Jesus, who “*while they were eating (Jesus) took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to His disciples said, “Take and eat; this is My body...”* (Matthew 26:26) “is present... most especially in the Eucharistic Species.”

Jesus is most truly present under the form of bread and wine.

What an awesome gift is our faith.

God love you... Father Fernan