

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MAY 1, 2016 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, APRIL 30	
5:00 PM	Louis & John Bastone (decd) <i>req. by Theresa Bastone</i>
SUNDAY, MAY 1	
8:00 AM	Angie Morzillo (decd) <i>req. by Rosemarie Giusto</i>
10:00 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
12:00 PM	Raymond Henshaw Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina &amp; Paul</i>
6:00 PM	Gail Napolitano (decd) <i>req. by Annie Devish</i>
MONDAY, MAY 2	
6:45 AM	Alice Marie Bourgault Desjarlais (decd) <i>req. by Michael Carey</i>
9:00 AM	Serafino Lifrieri (decd) <i>req. by Lou Lifrieri</i>
TUESDAY, MAY 3	
6:45 AM	Joan Mulcahy – Special Intention <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Antonino Coffaro & Family (decd) <i>req. by Enza Coffaro</i>
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4	
6:45 AM	Alice Marie Bourgault Desjarlais (decd) <i>req. by Michael Carey</i>
9:00 AM	Aniello Esposito (decd) <i>req. by Rosa Esposito</i>
ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 5	
6:45 AM	Pierre Abdon Casthely (decd) <i>req. by Rose Saint-Louis</i>
9:00 AM	Sr. Regina Rosaire–Sp. Intention <i>req. by Wayne &amp; Maureen Modrovsky</i>
12:00 PM	Elizabeth Monana & Larry Fernandez (decd) <i>req. by Leticia Getubig</i>
7:30 PM	Raymond Henshaw Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Smyth</i>
FRIDAY, MAY 6	
6:45 AM	Patrick Graham (decd) <i>req. by Maura Ferguson</i>
9:00 AM	Restina Lucarelli-Brown (decd) <i>req. by Lena Lucarelli</i>
7:30 PM	Giuseppina Costanza (decd) <i>req. by Carmela Gogliormella</i>
SATURDAY, MAY 7	
9:00 AM	James T. Daly (decd) <i>req. by John F. Daly</i>
5:00 PM	Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro <i>52th Wedding Anniversary</i>

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29** Faced with controversy, the disciples reach a decision under the Holy Spirit's guidance.

**Psalm 67** "O God, let all the nations praise You!"

**Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23** John sees the city of God illumined in splendor.

**John 14:23-29** Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to guide his followers.

Our readings from the Acts of the Apostles today shows us how the early church learned to listen to the Holy Spirit and work together to bring about peace of mind to the members of the community. As we hear God's holy words today, let us listen for what God is telling us about how to be messengers of peace and unity within the Church and beyond.

### 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 MARY KILGANNON**

*REQ. BY THE MAUREEN KILGANNON*

#### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR DELORES BELITTO**

*REQ. BY JOSEPHINE & AMADIO MAGGIO*

#### BREAD AND WINE

**IN MEMORY OF MARTINO BERNARD**

*REQ. BY MARIE JULIE BERNARD*

### SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

Adoration Chapel	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
	Patricia Finan	961-0146
Altar Guild	Jennie Sepe	776-9847
Bereavement Group	Carolyn Walsh	961-8689
Boy Scouts	Donna Ragusa	472-7567
Religious Education	Parish Office	961-2590
C.Y.O.	Joan DeLuca	497-9798
Catholic Daughters	Rita DiPippo	793-3065
	Catherine Blanco	793-1539
Cheerleaders	Lori Fox	325-0333
Couples for Christ	Cesar Tipwan	343-0914
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 Activities Committee	Father Fernan	961-2590
Parish Council	Father Fernan	961-2590
Respect Life Society	Jackie Barton	793-9322
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:

**April 24**

Weekly Collection..... \$11,444  
Maintenance & Repair Collection..... \$ 1,595

"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."

## ASCENSION THURSDAY

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is Thursday, 6:45AM, 9:00AM, 12 Noon and 7:30PM.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

With spring upon us, 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. 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."*

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The next meeting and elections of new officers for the Catholic Daughters is Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. All women of the parish are welcome. For more information contact Rita DiPippo at (914) 793-3065 or Catherine Blanco at (914) 793-1539.

## LEGION OF MARY

We meet every Tuesday morning immediately after 9AM Mass or Tuesday evening at 7:00PM. For more information please contact Josephine Bitteti at (914) 337-1372.

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Eugene's Bereavement Group meets the 3rd Thursday each month. Our next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Through caring support, we hope to lessen the pain and confusion brought on by the death of a loved one.

## 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.

## 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 7:00pm from May through October. Please join us near the outdoor statue of Our Lady as we honor the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

## MAY IS DEVOTED TO MARY, OUR BLESSED MOTHER

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven". During this month Christians both in church & in the privacy of the home offer to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayers and veneration. In this month the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance. PRAY THE ROSARY

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially Helen Sheedy, Nicholas Gardini, Andrew Moraitis, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Eugene Fernan, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Ralph Grillo, Fr Smyth, Joseph Kelly, Betty Cirillo, Victor Cirillo, Anna Lisa Miranda, Fr. Brian Brennan, Fr. Smyth, and those recently called home to God especially Luca Lipidi and Bill Hyland.....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 and Matthew Fishwick. 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

## FAMILY LIFE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30PM or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact, our Parish Administrator, *Gina Mastrangelo* at (914) 961-2590 to register. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

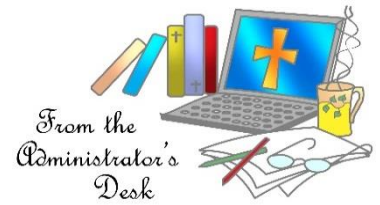
## EVENTS IN THE AREA

**Mount Hope Cemetery Memorial Service:** A Memorial Service will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM for all our loved ones laid to rest in Mount Hope. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Riordan of St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, Manhattan. Mount Hope is located at the intersection of Saw Mill River Rd and Jackson Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson.

**The Higher Achievement Program (HAP):** This program is for girls entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to help them prepare for the TACHS (The Archdiocesan Catholic High School) entry exam. It is a 3 week (July 5<sup>th</sup>-July 22<sup>nd</sup>) Higher Achievement Program focusing on English, Math & Reading skills. The program will be held at St. Catharine Academy, 2250 Williamsbridge Rd, Bronx, NY and the program fee is \$500. For more information contact the Program Director, Mrs. Tracy Keelin at (718) 882-2882 ext. 122 or [tkeelin@scahs.org](mailto:tkeelin@scahs.org).

Dear Parishioners:

- The Cardinal's Appeal: The Cardinal Appeal is progressing. The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. To date our parish has received \$69,921.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal from 227 families. Please consider a gift to the appeal on behalf of your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and as always, thank you!



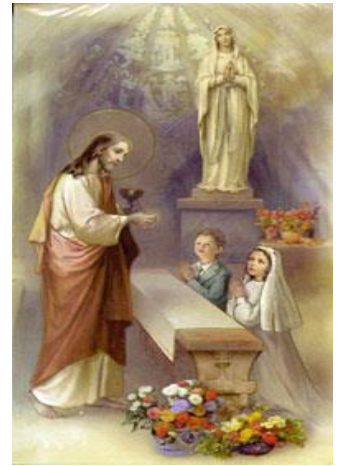
- First Holy Communion – Our communicants from our religious Education Program and School received the sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend in the church. Thank you to our Pastor, *Father Fernan* and all our priests, their parents, their teachers, especially, *Mrs. Gelsomina Ahearn, Mrs. Walpurga Fox, Mrs. Rosemary Petrovich, Mrs. Teresa Sesil, and Mrs. Susan Valentino*, and all the family members who helped make the day so beautiful for them.

*Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of Your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for their first time. May Your Eucharist presence keep him/her ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue, that he/she may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen. - From the USCCB.*

- May Crowning: This morning at the 10:00 Mass we invite our communicants to participate in the offertory procession as we crown Mary on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May.

*Mary the Crown of Creation*

*In the Marian Year, 1987, The Holy See (Congregation for Divine Worship) issued a ritual for honoring Images of Mary, Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It describes the honor of crowning as follows: The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is absolute "crown of creation". She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, The Word Incarnate... "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; the Lord will give him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there will be no end." (Lk 1:32-33). Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin pregnant with Jesus, as "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:41-43) Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God's Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, All the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus, in an eminent way she won the "crown of righteousness" (II Tim 4:8), "the crown of life" (Jas 1:12, Rev 2:10) "the crown of glory" (I Pet 5:4) that is promised to those who follow Christ. From the USCCB.*

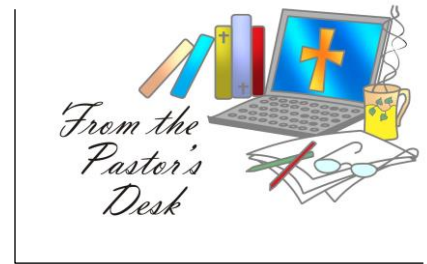


- Police Holy Name Society: Members of our Yonkers Police Holy Name Society will be joining us at Mass on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Please join us as we thank them for their service to us and the many residents of the City of Yonkers.
- Installation Mass: On Sunday, May 22 at the 12:00 Mass our *Pastor, Fr. Matthew Fernan*, will be officially installed as the Pastor of Saint Eugene Church by the Dean of the South Westchester Deanery, *Fr. Robert Grippo*, Pastor of Annunciation/Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Please join us for this special mass.
- Wedding Jubilees: Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm or Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. **Pre-registration is mandatory. If you are interested in participating in either of the Masses please contact me at 961-2590.** The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The event is sponsored by the Family Life, Respect Life office of the Archdiocese of New York.
- 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 6th in order to be included on the altar at all of the Masses on Mother's Day.

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

### The Month of May dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Holy Mary



*"During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where She entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard*

*Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in Her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." (Luke 1:39-47)*

"I'm the Mother of God!" "I'm the Mother of God!" "God chose me!" "I'm special!" "Look at me, I'm the Mother of God!" "Bow down and worship me!"

These are things that Mary *did not* say. The first words spoken by Our Blessed Lady upon Her visit to Her cousin Elizabeth point to *"the greatness of God"* and *"rejoic(ing) in God."* Our Blessed Mother, like Moses who was tempted to let God destroy the Jewish people just redeemed from Egypt and make of Moses a great nation (Exodus 32:10), could have turned the spotlight on and celebrated themselves. Instead they exercised humility... *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."* 'Even though I (Mary) was chosen, it is not about me, but about the greatness of God's actions (the savior to be born) that will come to pass through me.' Our Blessed Mother knew, and we hope to realize, that She could not have done this Herself. She could not conceive a child by Herself. Any child that would have been conceived through Her conjugal marriage to Joseph would have been only human and certainly not a savior. And, no matter how that child died, it would not have either risen from the dead nor redeemed the world. It is only through the action of God, that any of this is possible. So how could She and we possibly take any credit for ourselves, when it is only by God that we are saved.

Mary is not only the Mother of God, but also one of those redeemed by Him. In this we are co-heirs with Mary. We have been given the opportunity to be saved if only we follow the example of the Mother of Him who can save us. We must first realize we have a soul... *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."* This automatically brings our minds to realm of acknowledging the existence of God and the continuous involvement of God in our lives. Our souls, also, all the actions of our very selves should *"proclaim(s) the greatness of the Lord."* This is our purpose. Not to proclaim ourselves... but to proclaim God. And not just the existence of God, but because our *"soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,"* we are acknowledging God's supremacy over us and the need for us to submit our wills to God.

We, though, are not only acknowledging the existence of God and His primacy over us, we, in mirroring the words of Our Blessed Lady, are saying that we can only be saved with Him... *"my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."* There is nothing we can do to save ourselves. We are not God. We are not even gods. If we think we are, we are deluded and have succumbed to the Evil One, The Father of Lies, and are his children. (John 8:31f)

We are called to proclaim that God is Our Father in all the works of our day and all the beliefs we hold dear. It is only in professing the Truths of the Church and our submission of our wills to God and His Church that we will truly rejoice in God as Savior. Let us turn to Our Blessed Lady during this month dedicated to Her. Let us learn from Her as we pray the Rosary. Let us be humble before our God. Let us proclaim God in all we think, speak and do. Let us rejoice along with Our Blessed Mother that only God the Son, Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, is our Savior. God love you... Father Fernan