

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | |
|-------------------------|---|
| 5:00 PM | Luigi Dedvukaj (living) St. Anthony for Health <i>req. by Victoria Dedvukaj</i> |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | |
| 8:00 AM | Josephine Campson (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo and Paul Henshaw</i> |
| 10:00 AM | Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd) |
| 12:00 PM | Christopher P. Barry (decd) One year anniversary <i>req. by Lucia Barry</i> |
| 6:00 PM | Fr. James Smyth (decd) <i>req. by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Fernan</i> |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | |
| 6:45 AM | Rose Joseph (decd) <i>req. by Theresa Sebastian</i> |
| 9:00 AM | James Paul Franggos <i>req. by Jean Cioppia</i> |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | |
| 6:45 AM | Gilbert DiAndrea (decd) <i>req. by Christine Sciandra</i> |
| 9:00 AM | George O'Brien (decd) <i>req. by Janet O'Brien</i> |
| WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | |
| 6:45 AM | Helen Durkin (decd) <i>req. by Martin & Lucy Regan</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Priscilla S. Lara <i>req. by Elsie Lara</i> |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | |
| 6:45 AM | John J. Lysaght (decd) <i>req. by Russell Wasp</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. James Smyth (decd) <i>req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro</i> |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | |
| 6:45 AM | Louis & John Bastone (decd) <i>req. by Theresa Bastone</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Helen Matthews (lvg)-special Int. <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i> |
| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 | |
| 9:00 AM | Marie Canon (decd) <i>req. by the Madden Family</i> |
| 5:00 PM | Fr. James Smyth (decd) <i>req. by Theresa & Jack Virga</i> |

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

All boys and girls from the 3rd Grade on who wish to be Altar Servers are asked to attend a meeting/practice October 6th, from 4:00-5:00 PM in the Church. All current servers must also attend.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Woe to the complacent rich!

Psalm 146 "Praise the Lord, my soul."

1 Timothy 6:11-16 Seek after virtues with lasting value.

Luke 16:19-31 There once was a rich man, and at his gate lay the beggar Lazarus.

The rich man did nothing to Lazarus. He didn't even know Lazarus existed. That was his problem. His sin was not in directly causing the suffering of another, it was in overlooking and ignoring his suffering. For us in our consumer culture today, this is an easy trap to fall into. As we listen to these readings today, what do they tell us about how to avoid that trap?

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

SPECIAL INTENTION - GOOD HEALTH FOR GEORGE GJELAJ

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF GRACE R. CENNERAZZO

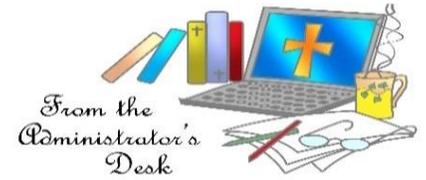


BREAD AND WINE

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Adoration Chapel | Natalie Philpin | 793-4757 |
| | Patricia Finan | 961-0146 |
| Altar Guild | Jennie Sepe | 776-9847 |
| Bereavement Group | Sr. Florence Mallon | 337-1660 ext.120 |
| 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 |
| | Dolores Tenzer | 262-8146 |
| 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 | Walter Whitmore | 779-1826 |

Dear Parishioners:



- Saint Eugene Religious Education – Registration for the upcoming year has been ongoing. Classes begin this Wednesday, September 28th. The schedule is as follows: Grades 1-6, 3:45-5:15, Grades 7-8 6:30-8:00. For the opening of the session this week only, we will be meeting in the church. If you have not registered yet please do so by Tuesday, September 27. Forms are available in the church office.
- Feast of Saint Francis: Next, Sunday, October 2, at 1:00 PM, we will have a blessing of the animals at the St. Francis Statue located at the rear of the office/convent building in the lower parking lot. All families with pets are invited to attend. Please have your pet in either a cage or leash so that everyone is protected.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



- Catholic Daughters - The Catholic Daughters book club will be reading *Arise from Darkness* written by Fr. Benedict Groeschel. The book is available for purchase on Amazon. They will be meeting on Monday, October 24th at 7:15 pm in the Blessed Mother Meeting Room to discuss the book. All members of the parish are welcome to read the book and join in the discussion.
- Knight of Columbus: Members from our council of the knights will be selling raffles outside the church this weekend. On behalf of the members, thank you for your generosity.
- Rosary Crusade: On Saturday, October 15th at 12:00, we will be participating in a Rosary Crusade, a public prayer chain to pray for an end to violence, for peace in our world. When we pray to our Father in Heaven, he hears us especially through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary chain will be on the grass in front of the Saint Eugene Sign on the corner of Tuckahoe Road and Central Avenue. All are welcome to attend!
- CYO – Registration has begun. Any student grades 3-8, who attends Saint Eugene School or Saint Eugene Religious Education and is a registered member of our Parish, and would like to join our CYO basketball or cheerleading teams please contact Joan DeLuca at (914)497-9798 ASAP.
- Feast of the Archangels: September 29 is the Feast of the Archangels; *Michael, Gabriel and Raphael*.



The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. **Gabriel** (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. **Raphael** (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

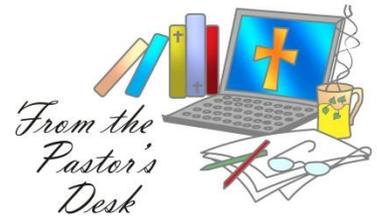
O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. – *from the USCCB*

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,



“And people were bringing children to Jesus that He might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this He became indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Then He embraced them and blessed them, placing His hands on them.” (Mark 10:13-16)



As we begin Religious Education Classes this week, my mind goes, (you may be surprised) not to the children who are such a great joy to us, but firstly to the parents. Why the parents, you may ask? You parents are in such a difficult place these days with so many pressures on you... work, mortgage payments, loss of a job, layoffs, foreclosure, morality being dictated by society, children drinking or on drugs, your own parents who are in need of care, living at home or in a facility, travel sports teams, choosing the right or successful path for your child in schools, sports and other activities. There are so many roadblocks or walls, much like a video game, that constantly pop up out of nowhere that you must steer around. These hindrances Jesus warns us all about in the passage from Mark's Gospel, above. Jesus tells us, *“Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them.”* My dear parents, as you entrust your children to your Religious Education Program, I commend you for continuing to fulfill your responsibility of *bringing your children to Jesus*. Your children's religious education and growth in their spiritual relationship with Almighty God is your primary duty before God since God has entrusted these little souls of His to you. You are the first teachers of your children in the ways of the faith. We, as secondary educators, are so pleased to assist you in this task. We are honored that you trust your child's spiritual development to us. Please know, we take this role very seriously, from our dedicated Teachers, to the chosen text books, to a *Safe Environment* for Children and Teachers regarding the *Crisis in the Church*, to a cleaned and polished school plant from top to bottom.

We ask, that as you have chosen to bring your children to Jesus through the religious education program at Saint Eugene, that you please assist us in doing the best we can for your children. Firstly, I would like to offer the possibility of attending *as a family* the Sunday 10:00 AM which will become *the Family Mass*. What better lesson can parents teach their children... it is not only about the Religion Class but more importantly the Holy Mass... as well as going all together a family before Almighty God. As I have said on many occasions, Religious Ed is Mass and Class. It doesn't mean that you *have* to go to 10:00 AM Mass, but that you do have to go to a Sunday Mass. Also, I would ask your cooperation in two areas (1) not pulling your children early from class because of some sports program or other event and (2) arriving on time so that the teacher can begin the curriculum with an entire class before them. What ultimately is the lesson you are teaching your children when you do? That nothing is more important than their religious and spiritual development. Remember what Jesus said, *“Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*

We promise to do the very best we can in keeping your children safe, in telling your children how much Almighty God loves them, in teaching them the teachings of God's Catholic Church and in developing their spiritual relationship with their God.

God love you... Father Fernan