

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

OCTOBER 2, 2016 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1	
5:00 PM	Fr. James Smith (decd) <i>req. by Theresa &amp; Jack Virga</i>
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2	
8:00 AM	Nicola Giliberto (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
10:00 AM	Vikki Phillips (decd) <i>req. by Augusta Scari</i>
12:00 PM	Carl Pugliese (decd) <i>req. by Sera Pugliese</i>
6:00 PM	William G. Cave (decd) <i>req. by Carol Dowd</i>
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3	
6:45 AM	Delia & Gerard McKee (decd) <i>req. by Helen Durkin</i>
9:00 AM	The Blanco Family (decd) <i>req. by Cathy</i>
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4	
6:45 AM	Brian Ferguson (decd) <i>req. by Mom</i>
9:00 AM	Michael Riccio (decd) <i>req. by Owen &amp; Rita Mallon</i>
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5	
6:45 AM	Emil Kettnecker (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
9:00 AM	Jerry O'Connell (decd) <i>req. by Tom &amp; Kathleen Ahern</i>
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6	
6:45 AM	Jaclyn McBride (decd) <i>req. by Russell Wasp</i>
9:00 AM	Augustine Capaccio (decd) <i>req. by Carmela Ottaviano</i>
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7	
6:45 AM	Joan Whalen (decd) <i>req. by Angela &amp; Angela</i>
9:00 AM	Jerry O'Connell (decd) <i>req. by the Mannon Family</i>
7:30 PM	Luigi Dedvukaj (lvg)-for peace, health and blessings <i>req. by Mom</i>
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8	
9:00 AM	Emma Farrell (lvg)-Special Intention <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
5:00 PM	Fr. James Smyth (decd) <i>req. by John &amp; Carol Russo</i>



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**Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4** How long, Lord, will You make me witness misery?

**Psalm 95** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

**2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14** Guard the rich deposit of faith you were given.

**Luke 17:5-10** When you have done everything for the kingdom, do more.

How often do we feel like the apostles in today's Gospel, that our faith is simply inadequate? Yet Jesus' answer is that even faith the size of a mustard seed can do great things. So often we feel helpless in the presence of the great problems of our day. But as we hear these readings, perhaps it will be best for us to listen for the message that says, "Do what you can. It will be enough."

### 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.

#### TABERNAACLE CANDLE

**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR FRED & WYATT**

*REQ. BY RICHARD ENOCH*



#### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

**FOR THE GILENA, SARRACCO, COYNE & TESORIERO FAMILIES**

**LIVING AND DECEASED**

*REQ. BY JOSEPH & MARGARET TESORIERO*

#### 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

## 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:

<b>September 25</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 9480	\$1983
Monthly Collection.....	\$ 8627	

"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."

## SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection, St. Joseph's Seminary Collection provides critical funding to support the formation the seminarians for the archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

In September 1883, Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical, *Supremi Apostolatus Officio* urged Catholics to increase their devotion to Our Blessed Mother through the use of the Rosary. To foster devotion to Our Lady, he dedicated the month of October to the Rosary.

Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

## 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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

With autumn here, 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](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."*

## 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.

## 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.

## CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The goal for our parish is \$95,500.00. To date our parish has received \$93,700.00 in pledges. We are only \$1800 from goal. All monies which go over goal are given back to the parish in full. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift to the appeal on behalf of your parish. Thank you!

## RED MASS

The Reverend Thomas E. Collins, President, Archbishop Stepinac High School, will celebrate the Annual Red Mass for the Judiciary, Attorneys, and Members of Law Enforcement and their families on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 6:00 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church, 148 Hamilton Ave, White Plains, NY. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the auditorium of St. John the Evangelist School, located next the Church. The public is invited to attend.

## SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

The St. Eugene Seniors meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Kindergarten room of the Parish office. The next meeting is October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:45pm. There is a trip planned for the Westchester Broadway Theater for April 28, 2017 for Mamma Mia. For more information 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, Andrew Moraitis, Michael Tomanelli, Elise Gelpi, Liam Frawley, Angelo Bavaro, John Hopkin, Deborah Mahon, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, Ralph Grillo, 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, Dante Riccoboni, Frank Azaltovic, Jennie Sepe, Marty Loftus, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion Fr. Terence Lee, Francis Bowen, Ann Fama, Phil Smyth, Cora Lucy Sannella, Colin Keenan and those recently called home to God, especially Jose Lucas Goncalves, James J. Van Braemer, Mary Schmidt, Msgr. Robert McCormick, Fr. Gerard O'Shea and FDNY Battalion Chief Michael Fahy, 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

**High School Open House:** Cardinal Spellman High School, 1 Cardinal Spellman Pl, Bronx, NY will hold an open house for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, parents & families on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11AM-3PM.

Dear Parishioners:

- Respect Life Sunday: Today is Respect Life Sunday. Please remember that every LIFE matters, and that we are all a miracle from God.



**PRO-LIFE PRAYER**

*O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, born and unborn, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life.*

*Despite your surprise and uncertainty as to how this could be, you accepted God's Will. Mary, we pray today for all mothers and fathers who may feel apprehensive and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say yes and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the lie of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to Your Word." Help also the Pro-Life movement that all people will come to value human life as God's precious gift to be accepted and loved rather*

*than a burden to be destroyed. Through your intercession may your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, bring about His definitive triumph of life over death. Amen.*

40 Days for Life – This year the 40 days of Life Campaign will be held from September 28- November 6. The campaign is a peaceful, highly focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. At least 11,796 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 days for Life Campaign, and 75 abortion facilities have closed. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life please visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com). For information about participating in the campaign in our Archdiocese, please contact Gerald Yeung at [broger8@gmail.com](mailto:broger8@gmail.com).

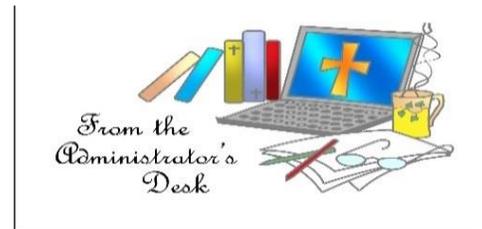
- Rosary Crusade: On Saturday, October 15th at 12:00, we will be participating in a Rosary Crusade, a public prayer chain to pray for an end to violence, for peace in our world. When we pray to our Father in Heaven, He hears us especially through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. The Rosary chain 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!
- 2016 Columbus Day Mass and Parade: The Italian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York invites you to join them for mass on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 9:30 am. Main celebrant will be *Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan*. To attend you must register at [www.archny2016columbus.eventbrite.com](http://www.archny2016columbus.eventbrite.com)
- 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.
- Thank you: A big thank you to our landscaper Carlo of Professional Landscaping in Yonkers for donating and planting the mums in front of our church.
- Mass Book: The 2017 Mass Book will open on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.
- October 1: Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus: *O wondrous Saint Thérèsa of the Child Jesus, who, in thy brief earthly life, didst become a mirror of angelic purity, of courageous love and of whole-hearted surrender to Almighty God, now that thou art enjoying the reward of thy virtues, turn thine eyes of mercy upon us who trust in thee. Obtain for us the grace to keep our hearts and minds pure and clean like unto thine, and to detest in all sincerity whatever might tarnish ever so slightly the luster of a virtue so sublime, a virtue that endears us to the heavenly Bridegroom. Ah, dear Saint, grant us to feel in every need the power of thy intercession; give us comfort in all the bitterness of this life and especially at its latter end, that we may be worthy to share eternal happiness with thee in paradise. Amen.*
- Feast of Saint Francis: This 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.
- Church Office Closed: The Church office will be closed next Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.



Feast of Saint Francis, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Feast Day in Heaven, Dad and Pops, Frank Mastrangelo Sr. & Jr. I miss and love you both.

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



Beloved of God,

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Matthew 6:21)*

I was truly saddened.

The day after returning from summer respite, and how restful were those eleven days, I found myself at the Metro North station taking the 8:15am into the city. This day was going to be a bit different for me, as one of the parishioners had pointed out that morning as we spoke briefly waiting for the train. It began with me not doing my prayers in our church, but on the train platform. (I am always amazed how people react when they do not see me "where I am supposed to be." "Ah, Father, good morning...?" with a look of "Why are you here?") The train ride was mostly uneventful as most commuters are hoping and maybe praying for. But again, I was saddened.

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."*

The Cathedral of Saint Patrick lay before me as my destination that morning. Just blocks up from Grand Central, a pleasant walk on most days. As I walked along Madison towards 50<sup>th</sup> there was briskness in the air, very similar to the morning of September 11, now 15 years ago. I'll never forget that cloudless sky and that cool autumn feeling that seemed just a bit early. As yet, I have not been down to visit the "memorial" or the site of so much pain, destruction and sorrow. When in Germany, visiting the concentration camp Dachau, the pall of death was so pervasive that more than 60 years later, it chilled your spine. That feeling stays with me to this day. But, I digress. My destination was Saint Patrick Cathedral.

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As I continued north up Madison I couldn't help but notice that everyone was *dressed for work*. Suits. Ties. Dress Shirts. Dress shoes. Skirts. Dresses. Blouses. High heels. I began to think back to the beginning of my trip that 90% of all the people on the platform, and those on the train and the rest hurrying past me on the streets of New York City were in various stages of *dressed up*. They looked great. You could tell that care was taken in the morning ritual, or even the night before, to make sure that they presented a certain persona at their place of employment. Faces were shaven. Hair was coiffed. Shoes were shined. Shirts were worn and pressed. Pants had but a single crease. Skirts were ironed. The work purse was being used. (This is not to say that there wasn't a fair share of laborers who were dressed appropriately as well.)

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And then I thought about....Sunday Mass....and I was saddened. Don't look around the church and pass judgement on others. Just look at yourself. Think about how you dress for work... and you are dressed now. How much time and effort do you spend in preparing yourself to see God this morning or any regular Sunday? Are your shoes polished? Is your shirt, skirt, blouse or pants pressed? Clean shaven? I will never forget the time I mentioned to a parishioner in another parish that "a bathing suit was not appropriate for Holy Mass" and his response of "You have no right to say anything to me."

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."* You may agree with that person, but if not me then who? Would you respond to Jesus in the same manner... "You have no right to say anything to me..." when He looks at your effort in coming to Holy Mass as compared to going to work and says... *"where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."*

God love you... Father Fernan

