

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

NOVEMBER 6, 2016 – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5	
5:00 PM	Patrick and Mary Moyles (decd) <i>req. by Catherine Dwyer</i>
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6	
8:00 AM	Julia & Argavino Toriello (decd) <i>req. by Eugene & Family</i>
10:00 AM	Helen Durkin (decd) <i>req. by Linda Cenner Martin and Family</i>
12:00 PM	Susan LaMorte (decd) 10 th Anniversary <i>req. by Janet Fitzpatrick</i>
6:00 PM	Wayne D'Ascoli (decd) <i>req. by Marie Coviello</i>
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7	
6:45 AM	Naoko & Spencer Reames (living) Special Intention <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Decd members of the Ciboso, Veltri and DiMuro Families
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	
6:45 AM	Raffaele Mellusi (decd) <i>req. by Linda Magdits</i>
9:00 AM	Helen Durkin (decd) <i>req. by Patrick & Mary O'Connell</i>
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9	
6:45 AM	John Courtney (decd) <i>req. by Patrick & Angela Clarke</i>
9:00 AM	Helen Durkin (decd) <i>req. by Jean Guerin</i>
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10	
6:45 AM	John Courtney (decd) <i>req. by Peter & Michelle Clarke</i>
9:00 AM	Aley Matthew (decd) <i>req. by the George Family</i>
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11	
6:45 AM	Ann Guerin (decd) <i>req. by Tom Guerin</i>
9:00 AM	Jack Davis (decd) <i>req. by Clare Davis</i>
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12	
9:00 AM	Franz Germain Bernardin (living) Special Intention <i>req. by Lisette Abraham</i>
5:00 PM	Seamus O'Neill

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2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 God will raise us to live again forever.
Psalm 17 "Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full."
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 May the Lord encourage your hearts.
Luke 20:27-28 or 20:27,34-38 In God there is no death.

Jesus' response to the legalists trying to trip him up today is simple. Don't sweat the details of eternal life – just have faith. There are times when we too can get caught up in the trivia and miss the important things in life. As we hear God's holy word today, let us try to set aside inconsequential things and focus on God's message of faith and life for each of us.

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 MARIO PAZIENZA
REQ. BY THE KOMAREK FAMILY



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF THE ROMAN FAMILY

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:

October 30	2016	2015
Weekly Collection.....	\$9,820	\$13,350

"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. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

With autumn 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. 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."

BOX TOPS-BOTTLE CAPS-SODA FLIP TOPS

The school would like to thank all those who have taken the time to collect box tops, plastic bottle caps, aluminum can flip tops and yogurt cup lids. The school only collects BOX TOPS at this time. Any box tops can be put in a special box in the school hallway by the church door.

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.

SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

Reminder: December's meeting will take place Wednesday, December 14th at Buon Amici. 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, Frank Azaltovic, Jennie Sepe, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion Fr. Terence Lee, Francis Bowen, Ann Fama, Phil Smyth, Cora Lucy Sannella, John Duby, Tom Tucker, Shirley Smith, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Brian Dosin, Beverly Joan Ryan and those recently called home to God, especially Rev. Fr. Richard Arold, Rev. Fr. Vincent Lancellotti, Dominick J. Cerrone, Jose Navedo and Agatha Esteves. 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

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.

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state, and country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

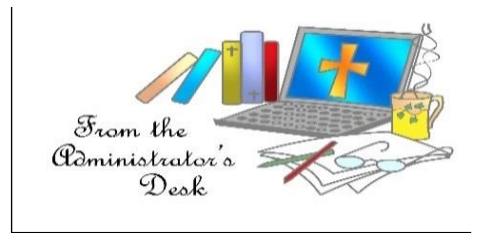
EVENTS IN THE AREA

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their next meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 1PM at St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. New members welcome. For more information call (914) 423-5331.

CHURCH SAFETY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

This past Tuesday was the Feast of All Saints. Many asked as to why the side door for the school was not unlocked as well as the entrance into the church from the school hallway. The reason is that the school was open, and due to Safe Environment regulations we are not to have the doors open or the bathrooms available while children are in session. There is a bathroom in the sacristy that is available. Safety for all of our parishioners and students is first and foremost. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners:



- **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** As we are in the month of November and the Thanksgiving Season, let us remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The parish food drive, working with our Saint Vincent DePaul Society, will be November 1-20. We are collecting nonperishable items. They can be placed into the containers located at the church entrances. All the food collected will be distributed to Saint Joseph's Food Pantry in Yonkers. We will also be collecting frozen turkeys (10-14lbs.) and hams to be distributed to the Sharing Community. We will be collecting those on Tuesday morning, November 22, in the lower parking lot. **Give thanks in all circumstances: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

- **Election Day, November 8th:** "The Gospel of John reminds us that the truth, and only the truth, makes us free. We're fully human and free *only* when we live under the authority of the truth. And in that light, no issue has made us more dishonest and less free as believers and as a nation than abortion. People uncomfortable with the abortion issue argue, quite properly, that Catholic teaching is bigger than just one issue. Other urgent issues also need our attention. Being pro-birth is not the same as being pro-life. And being truly 'pro-life' doesn't end with defending the unborn child. But it does, and it must, *begin* there. ... In every abortion, an innocent life always dies. This is why no equivalence can ever exist between the intentional killing involved in abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, on the one hand, and issues like homelessness, the death penalty and anti-poverty policy on the other. Again, all of these issues are important. But trying to reason or imply them into having the same moral weight is a debasement of Christian thought." - **Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia**. "From the very beginning, Catholic teaching informs us that every human life is sacred from conception until natural death. The right to life is a fundamental, human right for the unborn, and any law denying the unborn the right to life is unequivocally unjust." — **Bishop Francis DiLorenzo of Richmond, Virginia** "When we vote, our choices must never be reduced to a mere calculation of self-interest. Each of us has a moral obligation to work toward the common good. Our vote should always be cast in favor of what is best for society." — **Bishop Edward Weisenburger of Salina, Kansas**



Prayer to Our Lady, Patroness of America

In 1959, the U.S. bishops once again solemnly entrusted the country to Mary. Their prayer is well worth our



consideration: *Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother; in union with Mary, we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority. Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor.*

Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners, on all who are in need. Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from all harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen. Please pray for our nation as we enter this election.

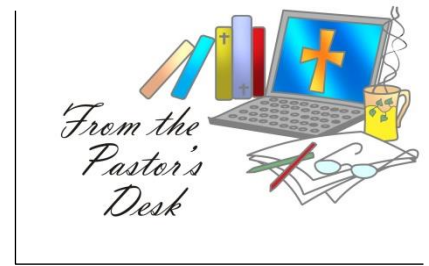
- **Veteran's Day:** Friday, November 11th is Veteran's Day and is a legal holiday. The church office will be closed. Let us remember all those who served so we can enjoy our freedoms. *Heavenly Father, we thank you for the selfless service of those who gave their lives to protect our nation, preserve our freedoms, and restore peace in the face of brutal aggressors. Grant relief to those who continue to experience emotional or physical agony from their days of combat. Give us a sense of responsibility for their welfare. Comfort those who mourn for loved ones who died while performing their duty to our country. Enlist all who are in our military forces into your church militant, that they may pledge eternal loyalty to Christ, our King, and know his Peace. Amen.*
- **Parking Lots Gates:** The gates in the parking area in the front parking lot of the church have been removed. The gates were hit hard by a car and the fence itself, as well as the posts were rusted and bent due to other accidents. Removal of the gates makes it easier for parking as well as snow removal.



May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Congratulations to the Chicago CUBS. After 108 years, the team and the town were able to celebrate a Championship. What an amazing series. Both teams played so well. I recall thinking during Game 7, that there really shouldn't be a loser. Couldn't both teams win? Wouldn't a *level playing field* be great? Isn't that what most people espouse especially regarding children's sports? A *level playing field*? If there was a *level playing field* between the CUBS and the INDIANS, there would not have been a winner... because *level* means equal in all aspects of talent. If both sides are exactly the same, how could one ever win over the other? The World Series, the Stanley Cup, the Olympics, your own workplace celebrate and reward a *playing field that is not level*.



Does having or not having *level playing field* apply to politics? Of course, and on many levels. First of all, each election will have a winner and a loser. For varied reason, one person will be chosen over another, whether that be for experience, personality, gender, ethnicity, stance on issues or party affiliation. These and many other realities make the playing field *uneven*.

But, there has been a tendency to put all the issues, since they are part of the one platform of their respective parties, on that same level playing field. As the USCCB stated in the included insert in preparation for voting... we must avoid "moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity." In other words, fracking is not nor can it be on the same level as Abortion. They are not equivalent.

When we are deciding on what person or party to affiliate ourselves with, LIFE ISSUES working to end Abortion must be at the forefront of all Catholics decision process. As the Divinely Inspired word of God says...

- "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Listen! I will make breath enter you so you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put breath into you so you may come to life. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 37:5)
- "Just as you do not know how the life breath enters the human frame in the mother's womb, So you do not know the work of God, who is working in everything." (Ecclesiastes 11:5)
- "I do not know how you came to be in my womb; it was not I who gave you breath and life, nor was it I who arranged the elements you are made of. Therefore, since it is the Creator of the universe who shaped the beginning of humankind and brought about the origin of everything, he, in his mercy, will give you back both breath and life, because you now disregard yourselves for the sake of his law." (2Maccabees 7:22)

"When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73).

Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support." (USCCB)

May God be with you as your struggle through your decision-making process, guided by His grace for the future of our great nation.

God love you... Father Fernan