

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

FEBRUARY 12, 2017 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11	
5:00 PM	Tom & Kitty Fitzgerald (decd) <i>req. by John McKeon</i>
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12	
8:00 AM	Dominick Cerrone (decd) <i>req. by Florence & Jerry Vaccaro</i>
10:00 AM	Dominick Joseph Cerrone (decd) <i>req. by the Pointer Family</i>
12:00 PM	Wayne D'Ascoli (decd) <i>req. by the Savio Family</i>
6:00 PM	Gina Perri Frascione (decd) <i>req. by George Frascione</i>
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13	
6:45 AM	Sara S. Keenan (decd) <i>req. by Ann Mary, Tom and Emma Farrell</i>
9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14	
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Michael Miliziano (decd) <i>req. by Maria Miliziano</i>
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15	
6:45 AM	Msgr. James Doyle (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Eira Fatima Maghuyop (decd)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16	
6:45 AM	James French (decd) <i>req. by Eileen Power</i>
9:00 AM	Santo Alessi (decd) <i>req. by Leonora Alessi Khan</i>
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17	
6:45 AM	Ann Fernan (living) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Nicholas Gagliardi (decd) <i>req. by Marie Troiano</i>
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18	
9:00 AM	Regelio Ramos Brey (decd) <i>req. by Reymondez & Ramos Fam.</i>
5:00 PM	Gina Perri Guarascio (decd) <i>req. by Carmela DeNitto</i>



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Sirach 15:15-20 There is set before you fire and water, life and death.

Psalm 119 "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has prepared for us.

Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 So it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you.

Our readings today address the laws that God has given us to live by. The First Reading and the Psalm present them as fulfilling and life-giving. Then along comes Jesus in the Gospel, and while He upholds the law, He calls us to a higher standard. No longer is it enough to observe the letter of the law. As we hear these words proclaimed today, it might be good to reflect on one area in our life where we can do more, and to pray for the grace to do so.

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 ROGER GAUBRON
REQ. BY GISELE GAUBRON



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
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
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:

February 5	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$10,329	\$12,006
Peter Pence.....	\$1,990	\$1,722

"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

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, 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.

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.

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

There are no scheduled meetings for January or February 2017. There is a trip planned for the Westchester Broadway Theater for April 28, 2017 for Mamma Mia. 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, Vincenzo Tramontozzi, 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, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion Fr. Terence Lee, Francis Bowen, Phil Smyth, Cora Lucy Sannella, John Duby, Tom Tucker, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Edmond Laprade, Joseph A. Collins and those recently called home to God, especially Richard Dosin Sr. Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen. 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.

AREA EVENTS

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement community that meet on the 3rd Thursday each month at 1PM in Father Anthony Hall of St. Ann's Church, 31 College Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. The next meeting is February 16th. New members welcome. For more information call (914) 423-5331.

Ancient Order of Hibernians Annual Communion Breakfast is being held Sunday, February 26th at St. Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY. The cost is \$20/adults and \$10/children when you RSVP before 2/22 (\$25 after). Cost includes a complete hot breakfast. Mass is at 10AM. For more information call Brendan Murphy (914) 237-9483, Kevin Ellis (914) 844-4123, Thomas Allison (914)548-5389, James Walsh (914) 961-4026.

Dear Parishioners:



Welcome, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan: We are very happy to have our Archbishop, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan preside at the 10:00 Mass today. One of the many responsibilities of the Cardinal is to make visits to a number of the parishes in the Archdiocese throughout the year. We welcome you, *Your Eminence*, and hope that this will be the first of many visits to our wonderful parish and we ask that you will keep our church and her parishioners in your daily prayers.



Renew & Rebuild: Last weekend we formally announced the *Renew & Rebuild Campaign* in our Parish. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be participating in this Campaign. We are in Phase One of the Campaign along with 50 other parishes. Renew and Rebuild is a \$200 million initiative for the parishes of the Archdiocese of New York. Our Parish goal is 1,200,000.00. As of today we have \$550,000.00



in pledges. Please pray and join us in the very important parish initiative.

Boy Scout Troop 25: Boy Scout Troop 25 will have a Valentine Bake Sale today after the Masses. This will help defray their cost of the National Jamboree next summer.

Feast Day Celebrations: Please join us on Sunday March 12, for our annual Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph celebrations. Please fill out the flyers which are located in the entrances of the church and return them ASAP. Reservations are required. There will be no admittance at the door on the day of the event.

Religious Education / Inclement Weather: Just a reminder, if there is any form of winter precipitation that should occur on Wednesday afternoons or evenings, which may interfere with Religious Education, or safety on the roads, please watch news 12 for cancellations.

Working Boys Center, Quito Ecuador: This spring parishioner and graduate of Saint Eugene School, *Michael Smith Jr.*, a junior at Fordham Prep will travel for two weeks to Quito, Ecuador on June 21, with several classmates and founder Fr. John Halligan, SJ. The students will have the opportunity to work at the center, tutor and utilize handyman skills to assist those in need. Fordham Prep is looking for donations to assist in this endeavor. If you are interested in making a donation, you can make a donation online at <https://fordhamprep.org/servicestrips> and please mark it on behalf of *Michael Smith*, or send the check to the rectory made payable to Fordham Prep, and send it to my attention, and I will forward them to Fordham. All donations need to be in by May 1st. Thank you, and may God bless all those who are participating in this wonderful service project.

Thank you, Thank you: We are very grateful for all of our clergy, Father Fernan, Father Anthony, Deacon Duffy and Our Mill Hill Associates; Fr. Brian Coffey and Fr. Terence Lee, who serve us, anoint us, bring us the sacraments, and pray with us. In these winter months let us remember all priests who travel to bring the faithful the sacraments. Please pray for them, thank them, we are lucky to have them. God Bless our Priests!

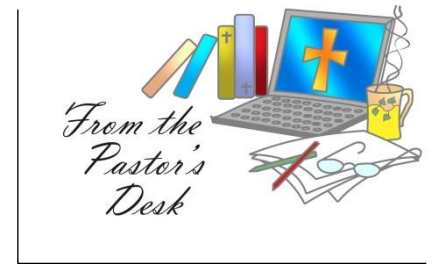
O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of our priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by our Church; they are needed by our souls; they are needed for the work of redemption. Amen



May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes



“Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God.” (1Corinthians 26-29)

Born in 1844 to desperately poor parents, the eldest of nine children, and quite sickly herself with asthma as the first born, Bernadette Soubirous found herself gathering wood with one of her sisters and her friend. At the Gave River, the others ventured in first, while Bernadette remained behind ever cautious about her health, not wanting to make her cold any worse by walking through the frigid waters.

There are no coincidences in God.

As the others wandered off for more than fifteen minutes Bernadette in her own words continues, *“I had hardly begun to take off my stocking when I heard the sound of wind, as in a storm. I turned towards the meadow, and I saw that the trees were not moving at all. I had half-noticed, but without paying any particular heed, that the branches and brambles were waving beside the grotto. I went on taking my stockings off, and was putting one foot into the water, when I heard the same sound in front of me. I looked up and saw a cluster of branches and brambles underneath the topmost opening in the grotto tossing and swaying to and fro, though nothing else stirred all around. Behind these branches and within the opening, I saw immediately afterwards a girl in white, no bigger than myself, who greeted me with a slight bow of the head; at the same time, she stretched out her arms slightly away from her body, opening her hands, as in pictures of Our Lady; over her right arm hung a rosary.”* Our Holy Mother appeared to Bernadette seventeen more times. This beautiful Lady spoke of Penance, Praying to God for sinners, and the need of the priests to build a chapel on the site. She also, when Bernadette, *“begged her once more to do me the favour of telling me her name...”* according to Abbe Trochu’s book, *“the apparition, who, until then, had kept her hands joined, opened her arms and lowered them... then she joined her hand again and brought them close to her breast... raising her eyes to Heaven”* she said, *“I am the Immaculate Conception.”* Bernadette, who seldom attended school, was not educated in the faith, and was unable to read, had no idea what the “Immaculate Conception” was. But her parish priest did.



Again there are no coincidences in God.

The Feast of the Annunciation, when Angel Gabriel appeared to Holy Mary and asked to be the Mother of God, had not only long been celebrated by the Catholic Church but was officially on the Church calendar as March 25 in the 7th Century. In God’s wisdom, the Holy Mother of God, on the day in which the Holy Church celebrates the Annunciation to Mary of being the Mother of God, She announces to the world through the “weak and lowly” that She is the Immaculate Conception. Holy Mary is pivotal in Salvation History. On the Feast of the Annunciation, another major announcement was made... *“I am the Immaculate Conception.”*

Mary opens her arms to embrace all God’s children... draw close to her especially through the Holy Rosary.

God love you... Father Fernan