

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

APRIL 2, 2017 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 PM Kevin O'Sullivan (living)
req. by Eileen O'Sullivan

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 AM Wilson J. Morallo (decd)
req. by Timmy & Jasmine Lopez

10:00 AM Fr. James Shevlin (decd)
req. by Fr. Fernan-Gina Mastrangelo

12:00 PM Thomas Fasano (decd)
req. by the Grizzaffi Family

6:00 PM Gjlosh Dedvukaj – Special Intention
req. by Mom

MONDAY, APRIL 3

6:45 AM Blessed Mother – In Gratitude
req. by Elvira Castillo

9:00 AM Julia & Argavino Toriello (decd)
req. by Eugene Toriello

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

6:45 AM Josephine Villa (decd)
req. by Fr. Fernan

9:00 AM Sara Keenan (decd)
req. by Ann & Gene Fernan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

6:45 AM Mary Carter (decd)
req. by Ann Mary, Tom & Emma Farrell

9:00 AM Frank Mastrangelo Jr. (decd)
req. by Gina Mastrangelo

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

6:45 AM Blessed Mother – In Gratitude
req. by Elvira Castillo

9:00 AM Sara Keenan (decd)
req. by Ann & Gene Fernan

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

6:45 AM Eulalio Salvilla (decd)
req. by Lito Salvilla

9:00 AM Mario Discepola (decd)
req. by Angela

9:30 AM Stations of the Cross if no funeral

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM All Souls in Purgatory
req. by Reymondez-Ramos Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM Josephine Villa (decd)
req. by Dolores Torre

5:00 PM Ralph Grillo (decd)
req. by Rita, Georg & Marie

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37:12-14 The Lord says: I will open your graves.

Psalm 130 "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

Romans 8:8-11 The life-giving Spirit dwells in us.

John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 The Lord says: Lazarus, come out!

What Ezekiel speaks of figuratively, Jesus does in reality! Lazarus' grave is opened and he rises from it, in the greatest miracle recorded in the Gospels. Saint Paul assures us that "if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in (us)," we too will have new life. As we hear these sacred words of Scripture, let us reflect on the places of death in our own lives and how God can bring them to life again.

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

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
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		
Of Saint Eugene Parish	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:

March 26	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$9,504	\$8,908
Catholic Relief Service.....	\$1,518	\$1,672

"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.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses.

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.

SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

The Saint Eugene Seniors meet the first Wednesday of the month at 12:45PM in the Kindergarten room of the Church Office. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5th. For more information about the St. Eugene Seniors call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847.

MARIAN MONDAYS FOR LENT

Join us as we travel through Lent with Our Blessed Lady. All the Mondays of Lent, **except Holy Week**, there will be prayers and reflections from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Church dedicated to Our Holy Mother, praying especially that we can learn from Her some of the mysteries of Her Immaculate Heart as we endeavor to draw closer to Her Son's Sacred Heart.

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.

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, Joseph Kelly, Anna Lisa Miranda, Grisha Balaj, Julia Duffy, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Joan Pinto, Celia Torres, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion, Fr. Terence Lee, Cora Lucy Sannella, Lucille Mallon, Ann McMahan, Anthony Battista, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Francis Bowen, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Analiza Gilbert, Charlie Saumell, Leonor Abanilla and those recently called home to God....especially Deann Cartwright. 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.

CAMP VERITAS

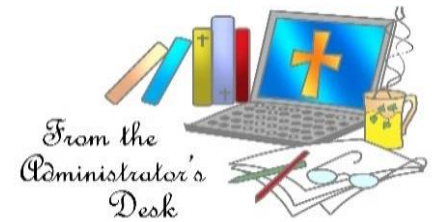
Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7th to 12th Grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017; July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD, and August 13-19 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment opens 1/1/17 and the enrollment price for each week is \$450 per camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/17) are \$400 for all sites. There is no additional charge for the dance and basketball program options (at Mount Saint Mary College only). Volunteers (must be over 18 years old) are needed and free! More details can be found at www.campveritas.com.

AREA EVENTS

Catholic Widows & Widowers of Yonkers are celebrating its 25th anniversary. Join us on April 20th at 1PM for a luncheon at San Martino Restaurant, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers, NY. The cost is \$25 (payment can be made at the door). For reservations call (914) 423-5331. New and former members welcome.

Dear Parishioners;

Confirmation: Our confirmation candidates will be receiving the *Sacrament of Confirmation* today, Sunday, April 2nd at 3:00 PM. *Bishop Gerald T. Walsh* will be officiating. Please join us in praying for our Confirmandi, their parents and sponsors. A special thank you to our Pastor, Fr. Matthew Fernan, Parochial Vicar, Fr. Anthony Gyamerah, Deacon, John Duffy our school Principal, Mrs. Lauren Lewis, Mrs. Anne Mulvey, our Religion Teacher in Saint Eugene School as well as Mr. John Fuoco our Religious Education teacher and all of the teachers who taught our Confirmandi the faith. Congratulations to all!



Reconciliation Monday: Next Monday, April 10th in all of the churches in the Archdiocese of New York, confession will be available from 3-9 pm. All are welcome.

Holy Week Office Hours: The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, April 12th and will reopen on Monday, April 17th.

Renew & Rebuild: As of this printing we have received \$827,607.00 in pledges towards our goal of 1,200,000.00 from 133 parishioners. We thank all those who have made their pledge, and ask those who have not yet to please consider a gift to our parish. Every dollar will make an impact on our campaign. Your generosity will help us to make necessary improvements to our facilities which include; replace the aging roof on the church and school, replace the air condition in the church, repave the upper school parking lot, remove and replace the original boiler in the church offices, as well as lighting and other projects. Thank you for the consideration.

Wedding Jubilee: Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Ms. Mastrangelo at 961-2590. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12, 2017. The event is being sponsored by the Family Life & Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

Palm Sunday: We invite all the children on the Parish to join us at the 10:00 Mass on Palm Sunday to be part of the grand procession.

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. 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.

Lenten Prayer: Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant Your people grace to love what You command and desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

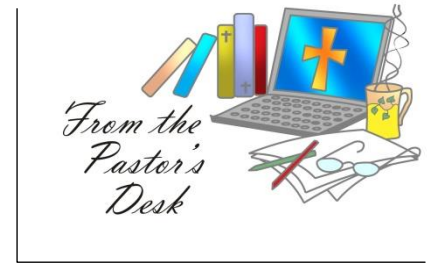
O God, Who hast commanded us to honor our father and our mother; in Thy mercy have pity on the soul of my father, Frank Mastrangelo Jr., who died April 5, 2010, this his seventh anniversary in heaven, forgive his trespasses; and make me to see him again in the joy of everlasting brightness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Beloved of God,

Eucharist Heart of Jesus Litany – Part 5E

“Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist, sweet companion of our exile, I adore You.”

“And Jesus said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died: this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world.”” (John 6:48-52)



The Last Supper at once recalls the freeing of the Jews from the Slavery of the Egyptians, a Slavery to Sin, while at the same time is a Eucharistic Salvific Meal redeeming the whole of humanity from and bringing them, not into a “Promised Land” still here upon earth, but the “Promised Land truly flowing with milk and honey...” the prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper would be fulfilled...

“I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, so that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that You sent Me, and that You loved them even as You loved Me.” (John 17:20-23)

In this Prayer of Jesus, we have captured in the Eucharistic Sacrifice the mystery and action of God’s Salvific Love. The plan of the Triune God was that the Son would be “sent” to offer His life on the Altar of the Cross so that the imperfect sacrifice offered by the priests of Moses would be perfected in the Sacrifice of the Son of God, The Son of Man, the Savior Jesus the Christ... *“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)* The Sacrifice of Jesus was “perfected” through the Paschal Mystery which is unfolded during the Paschal Triduum... the Three Days of Holy Week – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The Triduum is one mystery revealed over three days... *“Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.” (2Peter 3:8)* Just as time-lapsed photography is able to reduce any series of events down into moments to be experienced, the One Salvific Action of Jesus, the Son of God, reveals itself through a series of events and actions... The Last Supper, the Passion and Death of Our Blessed Lord and the Resurrection from the Dead of Our Savior.

The reason for the sending of the Son by the Father was beautiful and simple... *“You loved them even as You loved me.”* Our Blessed Lord says in another place, *“No disciple is above his teacher, no slave above his master.” (Matthew 10:24)* Just as the Son of God was sent, so too we who are His disciples must realize we will be sent as well. The sending does not sound bad in itself, but we must understand that Jesus was not just sent to Bethlehem but was ultimately being sent to Golgotha... sent to the Cross. *“Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.” (Matthew 16:24)* We, like our Savior, are being sent to the Cross. We, like our Savior, are being asked to Sacrifice ourselves... *“If any one comes after me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:26)* Just as the Love of the Father towards the Son and the Love of the Son towards the Father was so far-reaching and complete, so should our love of the Father, Son and Spirit be so far-reaching and complete.

The will of the Son was that *“they also may be in us... so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in Me.”* This is the desire of the Father and Son. This should be the desire of their sons and daughters... that We May All Be One.

God love you... Father Fernan