

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MAY 7, 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 The promise is made to all.
Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."
1 Peter 2:20b-25 Jesus bore our sins upon the cross.
John 10:1-10 Jesus is the gate for the sheep.

In our first reading today, Peter has clearly taken on the role of shepherd, encouraging conversion and faith among his listeners. As we hear all these readings today, let us listen for God's invitation to follow the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and to emulate Him in leading others to growing faith as well.

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 JOHN RUSSO
 REQ. BY DOLORES RUSSO & FAMILY



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	Gina 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

SATURDAY, MAY 6

5:00 PM Marie Grace Grandville (decd)
req. by Joanne & Joe Delucchi

SUNDAY, MAY 7

8:00 AM Kenneth P. Geiger Sr. (decd)
req. by Family

10:00 AM Gemma Macri (decd)-2nd Anniversary
req. by Husband, Daughter and Granddaughter

12:00 PM Barbara Stanley (decd)
req. by Patricia Stanley

6:00 PM Joseph & Marian Ivanisko (decd)
req. by Francis & Nancy Ivanisko

MONDAY, MAY 8

6:45 AM Deann Cartwright (decd)
req. by Fr. Fernan

9:00 AM Mario Discepola (decd)
req. by Virginia Castaldo & Family

TUESDAY, MAY 9

6:45 AM Sean Columb (decd)
req. by the Madden Family

9:00 AM Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro (lvg)
 53rd wedding anniversary
req. by Vincent & Marilyn Montemurro

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

6:45 AM Edmond Laprade (decd)
req. by the Korzeniowski Family

9:00 AM Anna Boria (decd)
req. by Jeanne Grillo

THURSDAY, MAY 11

6:45 AM John Regan (decd)
req. by the Madden Family

9:00 AM Sara S. Keenan (decd)
req. by Ann Mary, Tom and Emma Farrell

FRIDAY, MAY 12

6:45 AM Edmond Laprade (decd)
req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw

9:00 AM Patrick Graham (decd)
req. by Maura Ferguson

SATURDAY, MAY 13

9:00 AM Fr. Fernan (lvg)-Happy Anniversary
req. by St. Eugene Staff

5:00 PM Rose Perer (decd)
req. by Richard Doyle

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:

April 30	2017	2016
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 9,933	\$10,685
Central & Eastern Europe.....	\$ 1,165	\$ 1,438
Easter.....	\$21,416	\$21,536

"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."

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations
O Jesus, Divine Shepherd of souls, You called the Apostles to be fishers of men. Send us holy priests O Lord through the intercession of Mary, Mother and Model of all vocations. Let Your call be heard and answered by generous and courageous men to meet the pressing needs of Your Church and the world. Come, Lord, do not delay. Send to Your Church holy priests. Amen.

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."

MAY IS DEVOTED TO MARY, OUR BLESSED MOTHER

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven". During this month Christians both in church & in the privacy of the home offer to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayers and veneration. In this month the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance. PRAY THE ROSARY.

EASTER FLOWERS

We gratefully acknowledge the following parishioners for their Easter Flower Donations: *Mr. & Mrs. James Meenan*

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS DATE CHANGE

Due to the upcoming Puerto Rican Day Parade, the Golden Jubilee Mass is changing the date to June 18th. Couples currently registered for the original June 11th date should contact the parish office to confirm their attendance for the new date. The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 19th. Pre-registration is required. 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 St. Patrick, Sunday, June 18th at 2:00PM. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of NY.

A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear friends in the Lord:

The completion of the Trinity Dome, in preparation for the one hundredth anniversary of the placing of the foundation stone of the *National Shrine* in 2020, is a monumental undertaking for which the bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place on this Mother's Day.

The Basilica of the *National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* is the patronal church of our nation, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This great Marian shrine exists today because of the generosity of American Catholics, the prayers of the faithful, and the hard work of the artisans and laborers who began building it nearly one hundred years ago. Mary's Shrine, also known as America's Catholic Church, is an authentic reflection of the diversity of the cultures and ethnicities of the United States and the unity and universality of the Catholic Church as evidenced in the more than eighty chapels and oratories dedicated to Our Blessed Mother.

This One-time national collection for the Trinity Dome offers all of us an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy by honoring our Catholic heritage and entrusting ourselves and our families to the Mother of God.

Please be as generous as you can.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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, Fr. Anthony and those recently called home to God, especially Dorothy Tonti and Renato Pesce. Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

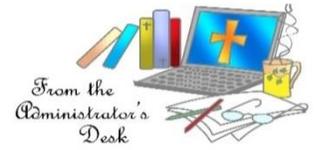
If you know of parishioners who are ill and would like to be visited by a priest, please contact the rectory at 961-2590.

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.

Dear Parishioners:

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Today, May 7, 2017 is the 54th anniversary of the World Day of Prayers for Vocations. The purpose of the day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his Harvest (Mt 9:38, Lk 10:2) As a climax to the prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries; *priesthood and diaconate*, to the Religious Life in all its forms male & female, contemplative and apostolic, to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission. "Ad Gentes" (which is Latin for "To the Nations," and is from the first line of the decree, as is customary with **Roman Catholic** documents) *from the USCCB*.



Our Lady of Fatima, May 13th 100 years: The famous apparitions of the Virgin Mary to the children of Fatima took place during the First World War, in the summer of 1917. The inhabitants of this tiny village in the diocese of Leiria (Portugal) were mostly poor people, many of them small farmers who went out by day to tend their fields and animals. Children traditionally were assigned the task of herding the sheep. The three children who received the apparitions had been brought up



in an atmosphere of genuine piety: Lucia dos Santos (ten years old) and her two younger cousins, Francisco and Jacinta. Together they tended the sheep and, with Lucy in charge, would often pray the Rosary kneeling in the open. In the summer of 1916 an Angel appeared to them several times and taught them a prayer to the Blessed Trinity. On



Sunday, May 13, 1917, toward noon, a flash of lightning drew the attention of the children, and they saw a brilliant figure appearing over the trees of the Cova da Iria. The "Lady" asked them to pray for the conversion of sinners and an end to the war, and to come back every month, on the 13th. Further apparitions took place on June 13 and July 13. On August 13 the children were prevented by local authorities from going to the Cova da Iria, but they saw the apparition on the 19th. On September 13 the Lady requested recitation of the Rosary for an end to the war. Finally, on October 13, the "Lady" identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary" and again called for prayer and penitence. On that day a celestial phenomenon also took place: the sun seemed to tumble from the sky and crash toward earth. The children

had been forewarned of it as early as May 13, the first apparition. The large crowd (estimated at 30,000 by reporters) that had gathered around the children saw the phenomenon and came away astounded. Official recognition of the "visions" which the children had at the Cova da Iria came on October 13, 1930, when the bishop of Leiria - after long inquiry - authorized the cult of Our Lady of the Rosary at the site. The two younger children had died: Francisco (who saw the apparition but did not hear the words) on April 4, 1919, and his sister Jacinta on February 20, 1920. Sister Lucia died on February 13, 2005, at her Carmelite convent in Coimbra, Portugal, after a long illness. *From the USCCB*

Anniversary of Ordination: This Saturday, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, we congratulate our Pastor, **Father Matthew Fernan** on



the 28th Anniversary of his Priesthood. Father Fernan was ordained May 13, 1989 by John Cardinal O'Connor. We thank Father Fernan for his dedication to all of his parishioners, and for guiding us as we all try to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord. May God Bless You, Father, **Ad Multos Annos**. There are so many wonderful priests in the world and we are so blessed to have them and it is important that we pray for them. Our priests make so many sacrifices and they pray for us so much! Below is a novena to pray for those special priests who are celebrating the anniversary of their ordination. Pray these prayers for 9 days, preferably leading up to the anniversary. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... *Dear Lord Jesus, You have given us a holy priest in Father Fernan. We are grateful for the many blessings of this good man who brings us Your holy sacraments of salvation. Father Fernan's hands and prayers bring us Your saving grace in the waters of baptism, Your infinite mercy in forgiving our sins and Your sustaining and saving grace in the most Holy Eucharist. We pray that he will have a long life with which to bless Your Church*

and a happy death as he is ushered into Your eternal bliss. Just as Father Fernan is there to anoint the dying, grant that he will receive the same grace at his death. We beg You, Jesus, that this holy priest will be protected from all spiritual and temporal attacks and that his fidelity to the Church and his faith in You will endure, unwavering, until the end. Father in heaven, bless and multiply Father Fernan's ministry so that Your Church will multiply for Your glory and for our salvation. Please shower this priest with your blessings every day. We praise and thank You, most Holy God, for the gift of Father Fernan! We thank You for his years of service and ask You to bless us with many more years with our beloved priest. Amen.

Holy Name Society: The next Holy Name Society Mass will be the 5:00 this coming Saturday, May 13th: the monthly meeting will follow directly after the Mass. They will be discussing the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. All parishioners are welcome to attend the discussion. Any men, who are interested in joining the Holy Name Society, please see a member after the Mass.

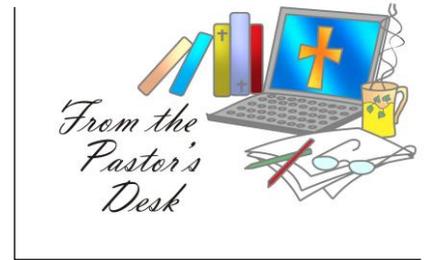
Legion of Mary: Recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses. We will pray the Rosary weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm from May through October. Please join us near the outdoor statue of Our Lady as we honor the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

Mother's Day Cards: Mother's Day cards and offering envelopes are available in the back of the church for all to give their mothers (living or deceased) a special remembrance on Mother's Day. Please return your intentions in the collection or to the church office by May 12th in order to be included on the altar at all of the Masses on Mother's Day.

May God bless you always: Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

The Month of May being dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary



“During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where She entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in Her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” And Mary said: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” (Luke 1:39-47)

“I’m the Mother of God!” “I’m the Mother of God!” “God chose me!” “I’m special!” “Look at me, I’m the Mother of God!” “Bow down and worship me!”

These are things that Mary *did not* say. The first words spoken by Our Blessed Lady upon Her visit to Her cousin Elizabeth point to *“the greatness of God”* and *“rejoic(ing) in God.”* Our Blessed Mother, like Moses who was tempted to let God destroy the Jewish people just redeemed from Egypt and make of Moses a great nation (Exodus 32:10), could have turned the spotlight on and celebrated themselves. Instead they exercised humility... *“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”* ‘Even though I (Mary) was chosen, it is not about me, but about the greatness of God’s actions (the savior to be born) that will come to pass through me.’ Our Blessed Mother knew, and we hope to realize, that She could not have done this Herself. She could not conceive a child by Herself. Any child that would have been conceived through Her conjugal marriage to Joseph would have been only human and certainly not a savior. And, no matter how that child died, it would not have either risen from the dead nor redeemed the world. It is only through the action of God, that any of this is possible. So how could She and we possibly take any credit for ourselves, when it is only by God that we are saved.

Mary is not only the Mother of God, but also one of those redeemed by Him. In this we are co-heirs with Mary. We have been given the opportunity to be saved if only we follow the example of the Mother of Him who can save us. We must first realize we have a soul... *“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.”* This automatically brings our minds to realm of acknowledging the existence of God and the continuous involvement of God in our lives. Our souls, also, all the actions of our very selves should *“proclaim(s) the greatness of the Lord.”* This is our purpose. Not to proclaim ourselves... but to proclaim God. And not just the existence of God, but because our *“soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,”* we are acknowledging God’s supremacy over us and the need for us to submit our wills to God.

We, though, are not only acknowledging the existence of God and His primacy over us, we, in mirroring the words of Our Blessed Lady, are saying that we can only be saved with Him... *“my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”* There is nothing we can do to save ourselves. We are not God. We are not even gods. If we think we are, we are deluded and have succumbed to the Evil One, The Father of Lies, and are his children. (John 8:31f)

We are called to proclaim that God is Our Father in all the works of our day and all the beliefs we hold dear. It is only in professing the Truths of the Church and our submission of our wills to God and His Church that we will truly rejoice in God as Savior. Let us turn to Our Blessed Lady during this month dedicated to Her. Let us learn from Her as we pray the Rosary. Let us be humble before our God. Let us proclaim God in all we think, speak and do. Let us rejoice along with Our Blessed Mother that only God the Son, Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, is our Savior.

God love you... Father Fernan