

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24	
5:00 PM	Jim Joe Brady (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25	
8:00 AM	Nora Kerr (decd) <i>req. by Kathy Klett</i>
10:00 AM	Rose & Raffaele Mellusi (decd) <i>req. by Linda Magdits</i>
12:00 PM	Lucy Sunshine (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
6:00 PM	Jose E. Vidal (decd) <i>req. by Onofre &amp; Josephine Manzano</i>
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
6:45 AM	Eulito Maghuyop (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
9:00 AM	John L. Coppola (decd) <i>req. by Mother, Angela Coppola</i>
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
6:45 AM	Oscar & Valeria Orig (decd) <i>req. by Faith Maghuyop &amp; Family</i>
9:00 AM	Lynn Alessi (decd) <i>req. by George Alessi</i>
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
6:45 AM	Madeline V. Kilgannon (decd) <i>req. by Maureen Kilgannon</i>
9:00 AM	Cookie Dina (decd) <i>req. by Her Children</i>
THURSDAY, MARCH 1	
6:45 AM	Theresa Virga (lvg) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo &amp; Paul Henshaw</i>
9:00 AM	Nora Kerr (decd) <i>req. by Kathy Klett</i>
FRIDAY, MARCH 2 FIRST FRIDAY	
6:45 AM	Maria Galve (decd) <i>req. by Maghuyop Family</i>
9:00 AM	Gerard Sweeney (decd) <i>req. by John McKeon</i>
9:30 AM	<b>Stations of the Cross-if no funeral</b>
7:00 PM	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
7:30 PM	Hector Torres (decd) <i>req. by Maghuyop Family</i>
SATURDAY, MARCH 3 FIRST SATURDAY	
9:00 AM	Patrick & Winnie Nolan (decd) <i>req. by Ita Yager</i>

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18** The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

**Psalm 116** "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."

**Romans 8:31b-34** God did not spare His own Son.

**Mark 9:2-10** This is my beloved Son.

The faith of Abraham is tested in a most extreme way in the First Reading today. So too will the faith of the disciples be tested during the time leading up to Jesus' death a resurrection. We know what awaits us at the end of Lent, but the disciples did not and their faith wavered. But Paul tells us that because of Christ's death and resurrection, we can easily have faith in our salvation. After all, if God was willing to allow Jesus to die for us, "how will he not also give us everthing else along with him?"

## 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 \$10.00 a week is requested.

### TABERNACLE CANDLE

**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR BABY ELIZABETH LASKI**

*REQ. BY GRANDMA & GRANDPA*

### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

**IN MEMORY OF NORA KERR**

*REQ. BY KATHY KLETT*

### 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
H. S. A.	Toni-Ann Licatesi	879-3956
Holy Name	Frank Giacoio	793-5392
Legion of Mary	Josephine Bitetti	337-1372
Living Rosary	Natalie Philpin	793-4757
Music Director	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:

<b>February 18</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Weekly Collection.....	\$7626	\$10942

"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."

## LENT

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday's immediately following 9:00AM Mass (unless a funeral is scheduled at 10AM) and Friday's at 7:00PM.

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence** - During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

**Fasting** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity nor is there eating between meals. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

**Abstinence** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

## 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](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."*

## ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary at 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.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel located in the vestibule, is open daily Mon-Fri from 9:30am 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.

## 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, Grisha Balaj, Eileen Brasiel, John McGarry, Serette Bernadin, Franzgermain Bernadin, Lisette Abraham, Joan Pinto, Frank Azaltovic, Frankie Delosso, Mary Ann R. Encarnacion, Fr. Terence Lee, Cora Lucy Sannella, Ann McMahan, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Baby Elizabeth Laski, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, Francis Bowen, Geraldine Gluck, Albert Casico, Leonor Abanilla, Jerry Weber, Carmen Delia Rivera, Teagan Maria Farrah, Helene Layman, Aimee Rizzi, Martha Jane, Margaret Fleming, Charles Saumell, Lucille Layman, Vincent Scardino, and those recently called home to God. 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, Kevin Jones, Brian Grealy and Joe Kelly. 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

## SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

The St. Eugene Seniors have a trip planned for Thursday, May 3, 2018 to see Sister Act, The Musical at the Westchester Broadway Theater. The cost is \$55, which includes lunch, parking and tip. (Going by car, Para Transit.) This trip is open to all St. Eugene parishioners. For more information about the St. Eugene Seniors call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847.

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

**THE 63RD ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MCLEAN AVENUE**  
Saturday, March 24, 2018 – Starting at 1:00 p.m. The Parade Committee is proud to announce that former Irish Ambassador to the United States **Anne Anderson** is the 2018 Grand Marshal and she will lead the Parade, starting at 1:00 p.m. Before the Parade, at 11:15 a.m., the Parade Committee will participate in a Mass at St. Barnabas High School Chapel. All are welcome. Please join us at the parade, either as a marcher or a spectator. If you are interested in attending the Annual Dinner on March 10th at the Empire City Casino, please contact Jean Tickell the Dinner Chairman at (914) 419-3611 or at [paradedinner@gmail.com](mailto:paradedinner@gmail.com), or visit the Parade website at <http://www.yonkersstpatricksparade.org>.

**Dear Parishioners:**

**Lenten Novena:** Father, all powerful and ever-living God, during this Holy Season of Lent You call us to a closer union with Yourself. Help us to prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed. Give us a spirit of loving service to our neighbors. As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, bring the image of Your Son to perfection within our souls. This great season of grace is Your gift to Your family to renew us in spirit. Give us the strength to purify our hearts, to control our desires, and so to serve You in freedom. Teach us how to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end.... We ask for the grace to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We want to show to those in need Your goodness to us by being kind to all. Through our observances of Lent help us to correct our faults and raise our minds to You, and thus grow in holiness that we may deserve the reward of everlasting life. In Your mercy grant us this special favor.

**(Mention your request)** The days of the life-giving Death and glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Your Son, is approaching. This is the hour when he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time when we celebrate the great event of our Redemption, the Suffering and Death of Your Son brought to life to the whole world, moving our hearts to praise Your glory. The power of the Cross reveals Your judgement on this world and the kingship of Christ crucified. Father through His love for us and through His sufferings, Death and Resurrection, may we gain eternal life with You in Heaven.

**Feast Day Celebrations:** Please join us on Sunday March 11th, 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.**

**Flu Season:** During the winter season if you are not feeling well please make the right decision about attending Mass. If your illness continues and you would like to have a visit by a priest or our deacon, please call the church office. In Church if you see that someone is ill next to you, or if you are not feeling well, please wave or nod during the sign of peace. Not transferring germs is the nicest thing we can do for each other.

**Religious Education:** Religious Education Classes will resume on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**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 or news12.com.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Next Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am our second grade children as well as other children in our religious education program as well as the children from our school will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation. The children with the guidance of their parents and teachers, are studying very hard as they prepare for Penance, and First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Religious Education Lenten Project:** Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It started on Ash Wednesday and ends on Spy Wednesday, lasting for 40 days. We prepare for Easter by fasting and practicing spiritual discipline during this time, to reflect on his sacrifices. Basically, Lent is a time for "Spring Cleaning" our lives while giving thanks to God and strengthening our relationship with him. The Religious Education Students will again collect money through the Rice Bowl donations. If you should have any questions, or would like to donate, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

**Thank you, thank you:** We would like to thank parishioner *John Fuoco* owner of Divine Construction Corp. for donating the materials and the personnel in patching the large pothole at the exit area of our parking lot.

**Communications:** Please do not call the school office if you are unable to contact someone in the church office. The school cannot answer any questions regarding the church, its schedules or religious education. Thank you.

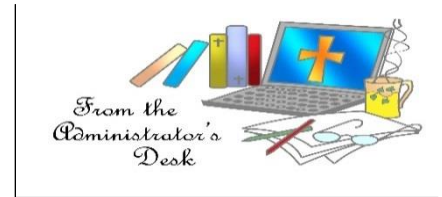
**Altar Server Practice:** The next Altar Server Practice for new and experienced servers will be held on Thursday, March 15th at 4:00 in the church.

**The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal:** The appeal for 2018 has begun. The goal for Saint Eugene is \$96,000.00. As of today we have 17,502.00 in pledges. For more information please visit [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org) and as always, thank you.

**Saint Eugene School News:** On-Line Registration for the 2018-2019 is open for all students in Pre-K 3, and Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. For more information please visit [www.steugene.education](http://www.steugene.education) and go to the admissions tab and follow the prompts. Registration is open. Please call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.

**May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator**

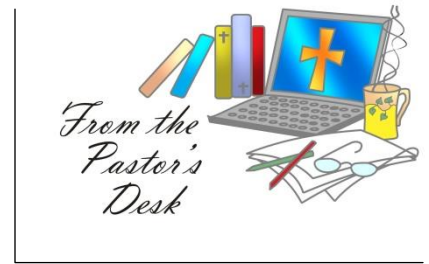
*Hanging as a vine upon the Wood, O Christ our Saviour, Thou hast made the ends of the earth to drink from the wine of incorruption. Therefore do I cry aloud: I am darkened always by the hateful drunkenness of sin; Give me to drink from the sweet wine of true compunction, and grant me now the strength, O Saviour, to fast from pleasures, for Thou art good to all mankind. Amen.*



Beloved of God,

### The Hail Mary... Meditation 3

*“Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen.”*



*“Hail Mary...”* There is another moment in these Sacred Scriptures where the salutation “Hail” is offered. The first time we see it in the New Testament is at the Annunciation as the Virgin Blessed is greeted by the holy angel... *“Hail Mary.”* The next time this unique salutation is used is in the Garden of Gethsemane, when Judas, as part of his betrayal, pointed out to the Roman and Temple guards which of the men gathered was Jesus... *“Immediately Judas went over to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and he kissed Him.”* (Matthew 26:49) The final three times “Hail” is used are found in three out of the four gospels during the same scene... *“Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on His head, and clothed Him a purple cloak, and they came to Him and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck Him repeatedly,”* (John 19 1-3) and *“Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on Jesus head, and a reed in His*

*right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews,”* (Matthew 27:29) and *“The soldiers led Jesus away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed Him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, place it on Him. They began to salute Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon Him. They knelt before Him in homage.”* (Mark 15:16-19) [As a note, there are no other instances in the entirety of Sacred Scripture where the salutation “Hail” is used... only for our Blessed Lord and His Holy Mother.]

From the actions of the Roman soldiers, we can gather that their connection of the salutation “Hail” with royalty or esteemed personages is understood or common place at the time... “Hail, Caesar!” And not only where the soldiers used to *vocally* saluting in this manner, but there was an understood or prescribed *posture* when in the presence of royalty or the esteemed as well... *“They knelt before Him in homage...”* and, *“And kneeling before Him...”* Although, the soldiers were using these words and taking these postures to mock Him, this is what they were supposed to do in the presence of royalty... bow down before the Emperor, Caesar. So, the prophecy spoken through the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation implying that the Virgin Blessed is royalty is thirty-three years later, however mockingly, fulfilled in Her Son... *“For He is Lord of lords and king of kings, and those with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”* (Revelation 17:14)

In the case of the Christ being mocked as royalty, who is speaking and who are they speaking for? It is very clear that Pontius Pilate was reticent about treating Jesus as a common criminal under Roman law... *“Pilate said to (the Jewish Leaders), “Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law...”* and *“(Pilate) went out to the Jews again, and told them, “I find no crime in Him.”* (John 18:31, 38b) So Pontius Pilate is not participating in the mocking of the Christ, and seemingly, not instructing the soldiers to mock Him either. It seems that the soldiers took it upon themselves, based upon His crime – Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews – to treated Jesus in this manner. Questions we need to ask ourselves are... Who was speaking at the Annunciation? Was it *just* the angel Gabriel?

God love you... Father Fernan