

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

JUNE 17, 2018 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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| | SATURDAY, JUNE 16 |
| 5:00 PM | Grace Gallo (decd) <i>req. by Eugene Gallo</i> |
| | SUNDAY, JUNE 17 |
| 8:00 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| 10:00 AM | Frank Mastrangelo Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i> |
| 12:00 PM | Charles Troiano (decd) <i>req. by his daughter Marie</i> |
| 6:00 PM | The Dedvukaj Family (lvq) For health and peace <i>req. by Victoria Dedvucaj</i> |
| | MONDAY, JUNE 18 |
| 6:45 AM | Jean-Marie Saint Louis & Pascal Saint Louis (decd) <i>req. by Rose Saint Louis</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| | TUESDAY, JUNE 19 |
| 6:45 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| 9:00 AM | Louisa & Gino Gandolfi (decd) <i>req. by Diana & Gabriel Gandolfi</i> |
| | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 |
| 6:45 AM | Paul J. Henshaw (living) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i> |
| 9:00 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| | THURSDAY, JUNE 21 |
| 6:45 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| 9:00 AM | Fay Tonto (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i> |
| | FRIDAY, JUNE 22 |
| 6:45 AM | Father's Day Novena |
| 9:00 AM | Joe Cipollina (decd) <i>req. by Angela Coco</i> |
| | SATURDAY, JUNE 23 |
| 9:00 AM | Father's Day Novena |



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Ezekiel 17:22-24 I have lifted high the lowly tree.

Psalm 92 "Lord, it is good to give thanks to You."

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord.

Mark 4:26-34 It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants.

As we approach the first day of summer, we hear readings today that are set in nature. Ezekiel has a vision of God cutting a tender shoot from the top of a cedar and planting it on a lofty mountain where it grows into a majestic tree. Mark relates two of Jesus' parables involving sowing seeds, one being the tiny mustard seed, which grows into a shady, hearty plant. As we listen to today's readings, may the Lord's word take root in 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 \$10.00 a week is requested.

TABERNACLE CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF DONALD TORRE
REQ. BY DOLORES TORRE



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF NORA KERR
REQ. BY PATRICIA SMITH

BREAD AND WINE

SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

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| Adoration Chapel | Natalie Philpin | 713-4831 |
| | 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:

| June 10 | 2018 | 2017 |
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| Weekly Collection..... | \$9375 | \$10565 |
| Monthly Collection..... | \$1885 | \$1574 |

“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.”

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

In addition to the prayers we offer together at each Mass today, may we share this prayer together for the one we call **Father**.

May God bless you and guide you in your special role as a father. May it always be for you a joy and a privilege. May you cherish your children from birth through adulthood as unique and precious gifts from God. May you always love and forgive them as God loves and forgives you. May you be quick to praise and slow to find fault, and may you be wise in all your decisions. At the end of your life, may God reward you abundantly for your fatherly love and care.

And may God bless all our fathers who have gone to their rest. May they now find comfort and joy in the arms of their Heavenly Father.

On this Father's Day, let us not forget
OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS

Lord Jesus, great High Priest who upon Calvary and at the table of the Last Supper prepared for the sacrifice of the Mass, I beg Thy blessing upon those priests whom Thou hast chosen to carry on Thy priestly work. They are human, but they must occupy a divine office. They must stand as Thy substitute before the eye of the people. Their hands must be pure enough to draw Thee down from Heaven and strong enough to lift the people to Thy heights. They must speak the truth with courage. Their lives must be Christ like, their mercy and tenderness modeled on Thine. I pray that Thou, who in the Eucharist depend on them, will give Thy priests the graces that they need. Give to young men a compelling vocation to serve Thee. Give to priests the desire to do well their work, Thy work. Make us respectful, reverent, and appreciative toward them. Grant them the grace to be priests, not unworthy of Thee, our High Priest. Amen.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel located in the vestibule, is open daily Mon-Fri from 9:30am to 4pm, unless noted on schedule.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary at the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses and on Wednesday evenings at 7PM through October.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Martina Parisi at (914) 400-3634 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome.

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, Cora Lucy Sannella, Ann McMahan, Andrea Dworken, Anthony McCauley, Baby Elizabeth Laski, Mary Sweeney, John Sweeney, Joseph A. Collins, 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, Thomas Kilgannon, Jennifer Ingoglia, Louis Ingoglia, Carol Russo, George Georgiadis, Peggy Collins, Michael O'Sullivan, and those recently called home to God, especially Camille Marie Nicolosi. 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, 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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
OF SAINT EUGENE PARISH**

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.

The recipe for the chicken legs and thighs is as follows: Wash and clean chicken, season, place chicken in large tray, add ½ cup water. Bake at 375 degrees skin side down for 45 minutes, turn chicken over, season and bake skin side up for an additional 45 minutes. When the chicken is done sprinkle with paprika.

Please drain all juices and transport the chicken in Ziploc bags. 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.”

Dear Parishioners:

Father's Day: I would like to wish all of our Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Spiritual Fathers... a Blessed Day.

The Cardinal's Appeal: The Cardinal Appeal is progressing. Your gift to the Appeal helps to fund many Charities to the people in our archdiocese and throughout the world. To date our parish has received \$51527.00 in pledges and gifts towards the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal from 210 families. Our parish has 1582

registered households with multiple families living within those homes. This appeal is extremely important to our parish and other organizations in the Archdiocese. The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal assists our aging priests in nursing homes, works of charity, and assists our catholic schools missions and evangelization, as well as needy parishes. The goal for Saint Eugene Parish is \$96,000.00. If every household that remains gave just \$100.00 per household that would net us \$142,700.00. Every dollar that we receive over our goal is given back to the parish. Please pray about giving a gift, it can be given at once or in installments. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Saint Eugene School: The 2017-18 school year will end officially on Tuesday, June 19th. On behalf of Fr. Fernan and myself we would like to thank our school principal *Mrs. Fox*, our school secretary *Mrs. Dratch* and all of our teachers and staff for a wonderful school year. We pray that everyone has a restful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you all in September. *At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom, For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced; For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed; For the respect and care that has been given. We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown. For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles, for the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days and for the love that has kept us going. We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord - Bless our students as they have taken exams: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Saint Eugene School News: On-Line Registration for the 2018-2019 is open for all students. For more information please visit www.steugene.education or call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.

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.

On-Line Giving - Online giving is a big help to our parishes for those who cannot attend mass every week but would like to donate to their church. No matter how much you give, your gifts are always appreciated! If you have not yet made the switch from online giving, we invite you to consider doing so. Online giving offers our parish a stable, sustainable future. Thank you for your support. For more information please go to our church website www.csey.org. and click on Give Online.

Church Attire: As we are entering the hot, hazy days of summer, please remember that when attending Mass a proper dress code is recommended. Please no bathing suits, or beach attire.

Tag Sale June 24th: Next Sunday, there will be a tag sale from 9-2 as part of a St. Eugene Eagle Scout Project. Sebastian is raising money to install outdoor Stations of the Cross, which the church has already purchased, to be placed in front of the church offices. The tag sale will be held in the lower conference rooms of the convent. Please enter through the doors in the lower parking lot.

May God bless you always; Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

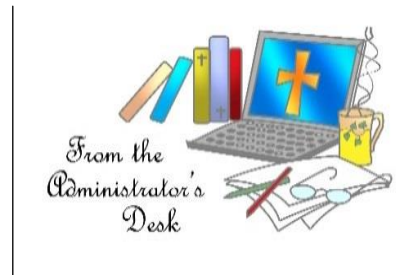
For Fathers, who have given us life and love that we may show them the love and affection today and all days ... we pray to You, O God, Our Father.

For Fathers, who have lost child through death, that they may find hope, and solace in your never ending love, ... we pray to You, O God, Our Father.

For Fathers, who have died, that God may welcome them into that peaceful place that is without ending... we pray to You, O God, Our Father.

Dear Lord, please bless and comfort him. Help his loving heart to continue to love and give himself to others. Strengthen him when he is down and give him hope when he is discouraged. Most of all, Lord, on this Father's Day, give my Father and all Fathers the graces he needs and desires. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Savior, forever and ever. Amen.

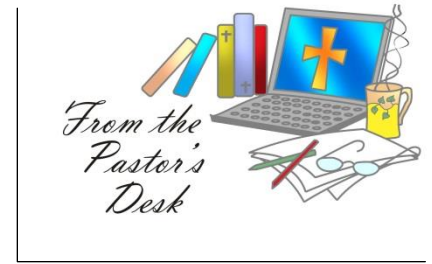
Happy Father's Day in Heaven, Dad, I love and miss you – Gina



Beloved of God,

Meditation for Father's Day

"Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven."
(Matthew 23:9)



Quarterly, at least four times a year over the past twenty-nine years, some Christian of another faith, or someone who has issues with the Catholic Church, will use this quote... *"Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven..."* to attack the Catholic Church and attempt to undermine my faith or that of others... *"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."* (Matthew 18:6) This may have occurred to you as well with the natural reaction of defensiveness over what has become for the Catholic Church a normal way for the faithful to refer to Her clergy. Quite possibly there may also be doubt in your own minds because, after all the priests are only human, have made many mistakes and some egregious atrocities, and the quote is from the Bible, the inspired word of God.

Well then, let's just cancel *Father's Day* completely, since we cannot in any way call a man on earth "our father." Any reasonable person would see how ludicrous this statement is. The reasonable would say, obviously, God did not mean that we were not allowed to call our earthly male parent "father," or some form thereof. Recall that when Jesus was asked by His disciples how to pray, He said... *"This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."* (Matthew 6:9) The word for father was "abba" which is a familiar form of the word more like "daddy." Those arguing the case might bring up next these words of Jesus in attempt to confuse us and undermine the humanity of Jesus, *"Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"* (Matthew 12:48) This quote is both incomplete... *"And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, 'Here are My mother and My brothers. For whoever does the will of My heavenly Father is My brother, and sister, and mother...'"* (Matthew 12:49-50) with Jesus intending to teach that obedience to the will of God supersedes all other relationships in this world.

So let us not only keep *Father's Day* but turn once again to the scriptures for a deeper meaning of our Fatherhood and an example of what fathers should strive to emulate. At the Last Supper, Our Blessed Lord was praying...

"Father, they are Your gift to Me. I wish that where I am they also may be with Me, that they may see My glory that You gave Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know You, but I know You, and they know that You sent Me. I made known to them Your name and I will make it known, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them and I in them." (John 17:24-26)

A Father's Prayer...

Dear God, these children are Your gift to me. May I realize that as gift, they were carefully chosen by You for me. They were entrusted to me by You. As You are their heavenly Father, and as You continually extend Your care to them, may I learn from Your example of how I am to be their father. When Your Son Jesus said, "I wish that where I am they also may be," may I understand that the most important task I have is to fulfill these words of Jesus, "Let the children come to Me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) It is for me to bring them to You so that You in turn will bring them to the Father. In order for this to be done, I must know You. I must learn about You. And, then, in turn, I must teach what I have learned and what I know and how much I love You, to my children. May nothing I do, may none of the choices I make, make them feel second in my heart or in my day. May I realize that You must always be first in my life and may that lesson be the most important one I will teach my children – these gifts You have given me. Amen.

God love you... Father Fernan