

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018... TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	
5:00 PM	Alice Gewargis (decd) <i>req. by Dennis Gewargis</i>
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	
8:00 AM	Terence Clarke (decd) <i>req. by Betty Madden</i>
10:00 AM	Pasquale Petrucci & Ida Maggio (decd) <i>req. by Josephine &amp; Amadio Maggio</i>
12:00 PM	William & Roma Mautschke (living) 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary <i>req. by Patricia Lilly</i>
6:00 PM	Elba Rivera (decd) <i>req. by Rosa Smith</i>
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	
6:45 AM	Thomas Donatone (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Maria Mastrangelo (decd) <i>req. by Mario Mastrangelo</i>
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	
6:45 AM	Sr. Eugenia (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:00 AM	Anna Boria (decd) <i>req. by Jeanne Grillo</i>
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	
6:45 AM	Jean Max Saint Louis-Gue For Thanksgiving <i>req. by Rose Saint Louis</i>
9:00 AM	Richard Zuccaro (decd) <i>req. by Coughlan &amp; Lepidi Families</i>
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20	
6:45 AM	Mary & Angelo Napoli (decd) <i>req. by their daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Teodoro Salvilla (decd) <i>req. by Lito Salvilla</i>
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	
6:45 AM	Augustin Nieves (decd) <i>req. by his daughters</i>
9:00 AM	Anthony Milosevic (decd) <i>req. by Mom &amp; Dad</i>
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	
9:00 AM	Adrienne Mahoney (living) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>

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**Isaiah 50:4c-9a** I gave my back to those who beat me.  
**Psalm 116** "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."  
**James 2:14-18** Faith, if it does not have works, is dead.  
**Mark 8:27-35** You are the Christ...The Son of Man must suffer greatly.

Today's readings are challenging. Isaiah accepts God's call to prophecy, but he suffers terribly at the hands of his persecutors. Saint James insists that Christians are obligated to put their faith into action, clothing and feeding the needy. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." As we listen to the readings, let us reflect on how we take up our cross and put our faith into action.

## 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 FATHER FERNAN**  
 REQ. BY JOAN & MARGARET



**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**  
**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR FATHER FERNAN**  
 REQ. BY THE STAFF & PARISHIONERS

**BREAD AND WINE**  
**SPECIAL INTENTION FOR FATHER FERNAN**  
 REQ. BY GINA & PAUL

## SOCIETIES AND ACTIVITIES

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
Knights of Columbus	John Fuoco	774-0527
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:

September 9	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$7,958	\$10,735
Monthly Collection.....	\$1,703	\$1,785

"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 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.

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."*

## CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF YONKERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place in Yonkers at 1PM in the afternoon. Their next meeting will be, Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

They will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mass will be at Sacred Heart Church, 40 Convent Avenue (near Shonnard Place in Yonkers, at 9:45AM. Breakfast will follow immediately at the Fairway at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23. All are welcome. Reservations are preferred.

For more information, call (914) 423-5331.

## ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The recitation of the Rosary of the Divine Mercy Chaplet takes place after the 9AM weekday Masses.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes will begin on September 26th, if you have not yet registered, forms are available at the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mastrangelo at [ginamastrangelo@csey.org](mailto:ginamastrangelo@csey.org).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 McMahon, 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, Charles Saumell, Lucille Layman, Thomas Kilgannon, Jennifer Ingoglia, Louis Ingoglia, Carol Russo, George Georgiadis, Peggy Collins, Michael O'Sullivan, Baby Sean, James J. Virga, Sadie Turner, Liz Pitre, Fr. Richard Pereira, Lucia Langworth, Gloria Saccone and those recently called home to God especially Father Charles Szivos, Catherine Thomas and Glen C. D'Ambrosio. 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 Joe Kelly and Jimmy Sullivan. 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:

**Catechetical Sunday:** This Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is Catechetical Sunday. We thank God for our catechists who volunteer every week to teach the faith to our parish children. **Catechists Prayer** - *Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family*

*as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families. Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened. Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family. Amen. -from the USCCB.*

**Religious Education:** Religious Education classes will begin on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The times for the classes are as follows: grades 1-6 3:45-5:15 and grades 7-8 6:30-8:00. If you have not registered yet, please call the rectory secretaries for the registration forms.

**Feast Day** –Friday, September 21, is the Feast of Saint Matthew, please join us as we honor this beloved apostle and evangelist and the namesake of our Pastor, Father Matthew Fernan. *O Glorious Saint Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in His Church and to follow His teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with Him in heaven.- from catholic saints online.*

**Saint Eugene Choir:** If you are interested in joining our adult or children's choir and raising your voice with the melodious sounds that enrich our liturgical experience please see our Music Director, Mr. Celestino. He is available at the 5:00 pm and 10:00 am and 12:00 noon masses. The children's choir sings at the 10:00 mass, and the adult choir sings at the 12:00 mass.

**Advocates of Life:** During the months of May and June we collected monies through the baby bottles that were located in the bassinet adjacent to the Baptismal area. We received a letter stating that Saint Eugene Church donated over \$2,100. Thank you. The donations are used to save our children. It is the Lord's work of grace that changes hearts and minds but he uses all of us to prepare people for his grace. We are called in obedience to communicate His Word through words and deeds. Christ wants the Church to bring the Gospel to the streets to meet people everywhere. The generosity from the baby bottles enables the Advocates of Life to bring the Gospel to thousands of people every year, many who have no connection with the church. Many lives are touched. Thank you again for your prayers and generosity.

**Saint Eugene CYO:** Saint Eugene Parish has a vibrant CYO with competitive boys and girls basketball teams and Cheerleading squads. All are coached by parent and student (18 and over) volunteers. All must be cleared through the Safe Environment Office of the Archdiocese of New York. Registration will be the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> for basketball and cheer weeknight practices starting in October and continuing through February. The basketball season begins in November and games are played throughout Westchester County. Cheerleading is done at home games. Parents of CYO participants are asked to support the program by attending games, volunteering during the games, and cheering for the players as well as being models of sportsmanship. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joan Deluca.

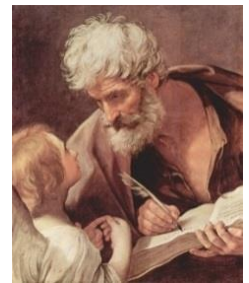
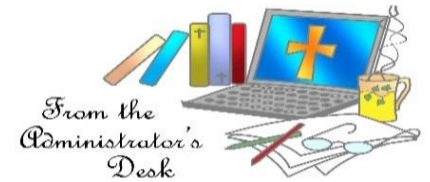
**Archdiocese of New York Upcoming Events:** Cardinal Dolan will be conducting a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the national Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The event is from 6:00AM -10:00PM. Buses will be departing from various locations including Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. For more information please contact [www.eventbrite@archny.org](mailto:www.eventbrite@archny.org), or call the Adult Faith Formation Office at the Archdiocese of New York.

On Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> will be the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Columbas Day Mass at Saint Patricks Cathedral. If you would like to reserve free tickets please contact [www.adnycolumbusday.eventbrite.com](http://www.adnycolumbusday.eventbrite.com) by September 17<sup>th</sup>.

New York Catholic Youth Day will be on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Westchester County Center. The office of Youth Ministry is hosting New York Catholic Youth Day. Bringing over 1500 high school students together for a day filled with music, speakers, service and fun. This year's theme **Be Bold**, focuses on Pope Francis' 2018 World Youth Day Message from Luke 1:30 "Do not be afraid, Mary for you have found favor with God." As we know, God has a plan for each of our students and His love for them is unlimited. This event is open to all High School Students. For more information: [www.oymny.org/nycyd](http://www.oymny.org/nycyd) or call 914-367-8329.

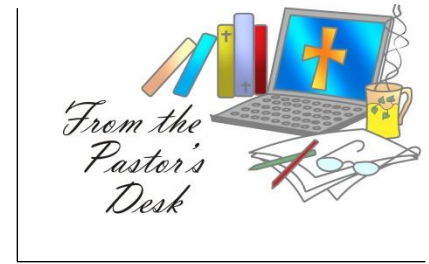
*"O Father, give us the humility which realizes its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognizes its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke. Help us always to praise rather than to criticize, to sympathize rather than to discourage, to build rather than to destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst. This we ask for thy name's sake."- USCCB*

May God bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator



Beloved of God,

**THE BIRTH OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER – September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**THE TRAGEDY OF 9/11 – September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS – September 14<sup>th</sup>**



*“Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. Simeon came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to Him, he took Him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for Your people Israel.” The Child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” (Luke 2:25-35)*

It has long been the tradition of the Catholic Church found in Her Sacred Calendar of Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials of Saints and Sacred Events (Christmas/Easter), that the holy people of God are to call to mind and incorporate into the movement of their day the *Birth of the Mother of God*, September 8<sup>th</sup>, and the *Triumph of the Cross*, September 14<sup>th</sup>. (The reason the Birth of Holy Mary is celebrated on September 8<sup>th</sup> is because it is exactly 9 months after Her *Immaculate Conception* which is celebrated on December 8<sup>th</sup>.) Within the space of a week, the Holy Church has given us the beginning of Divine Intervention in Salvation History where *“With us is God,”* (Isaiah 8:10, Matthew 1:23) to its culmination Our Savior offering Himself on the Cross of Life, *“It is finished.”* (John 19:30) This one week has captured the essence and fullness of the Love and Mercy of Almighty God. In His great love, God, Who had sent numerous prophets and judges to remind His Chosen People of Himself while at the same time drawing them back to Himself after their wandering. In His mercy, God, each time they wandered, opened His arms to His wayward flock to Shepherd them home. While these attempts were full of His love and mercy, they were not fully received by His people. So *“when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law so that we might receive adoption.”* (Galatians 4:4-5) The Son of God, becoming Human at the Incarnation, offered to those not born *“under the law”*, (the Hebrews), the possibility of salvation through the one Savior of all people, Jesus the Christ, the Son of Man.

There must be a Mother... *“Standing by the cross of Jesus were His Mother and His Mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw His Mother and the disciple there whom He loved, He said to His Mother, “Woman, behold your son.” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your Mother.”* (John 19:25-26) Mary, as Jesus’ Mother, is Queen of Heaven. Mary, as our Mother through the gift of Her to John the Beloved Disciple, is Queen of Earth. And as our Mother, She has never left us. She is aware of the great suffering we are enduring. Her Immaculate (free of sin) Heart hurts for all of us, Her children. We know this because of the numerous times Our Beloved Holy Mother has revealed Herself to us throughout history... Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Fatima, to name a couple. In Her revelations, She tells us of Her knowing our pain and She offers us remedies... most especially prayers – ever dear to Her Heart is the Holy Rosary. And any true apparition always carries with it a message where Our Lady points us not to Herself but to Her Son. In Her own words, She asked to children of Fatima to add the following phrase to the Holy Rosary... *“O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Your mercy.”*

So when the Evil One chose September 11<sup>th</sup>, 9/11 or 911, hoping to send a message of despair, destruction, domination and fear tied to the known distress call 911, it indeed was a distress call...not to our local first responders, but to the Ultimate Responder Who saves the body and more importantly the Soul. (Matthew 10:28) Please listen to the words of Our Lady of Fatima again... *“O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Your mercy.”* As we recall both September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> and celebrate the Triumph of the Cross on September 14<sup>th</sup>, please pray this prayer repeatedly. It applies to these days because both Jesus and Mary were there. *“O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Your mercy.”*

God love you... Father Fernan