

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	
5:00 PM	Matteo & Victoria Pisacane (decd) <i>req. by James & Patricia Domini</i>
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30	
8:00 AM	Michael Mullee (decd) <i>req. by Daniel Sharkey & Rosa Wu</i>
10:00 AM	Michael Kenny (decd) <i>req. by The Kenny Family</i>
12:00 PM	Marie Gentile (decd) <i>req. by The Kennedy Family</i>
6:00 PM	Natividad Reyes Aurellano (decd) <i>req. by Linda Dombish</i>
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1	
6:45 AM	Robert & Luigi (living) For Health & Peace <i>req. by Victoria Dedvukaj</i>
9:00 AM	Paul Hrasbsky Sr. (decd) <i>req. by Christine Walsh</i>
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2	
6:45 AM	PT John (decd) <i>req. by Rojy Joy</i>
9:00 AM	Vikki Phillips (decd) <i>req. by Augusta Scari</i>
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3	
6:45 AM	Johnny Hartnett (living) <i>req. by Betty Madden</i>
9:00 AM	Fr. Benedict Groeschel (decd) <i>req. by Dolores Bellitto</i>
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4	
6:45 AM	Robert & Luigi (living) For Health & Peace <i>req. by Victoria Dedvukaj</i>
9:00 AM	Living & Decd Members of the O'Donnell Family <i>req. by Maura Ferguson</i>
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5	
6:45 AM	Norma Nieves (decd) <i>req. by her daughter</i>
9:00 AM	Frank Bowen (decd) <i>req. by Ellen & Richard Califano</i>
7:30 PM	Mark Honigsberg (decd) <i>req. by Kate Donato</i>
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6	
9:00 AM	Thomas Dickerson (decd) <i>req. by Vivian & Joseph Riccoboni</i>

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Numbers 11:25-29 Are you jealous for my sake?

Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!

Psalms 19 "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."

James 5:1-6 Your wealth has rotted away.

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 Whoever is not against us is for us. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

For years the Israelites looked to Moses to speak on the Lord's behalf. Similarly, the disciples looked to Jesus to drive out demons. But today we hear first of God bestowing the gift of prophesy on seventy elders and then of a stranger driving out demons in Jesus' name. Moses and Jesus respond the same way to the objections of others: the spirit of the Lord is upon these people. They are on our side.

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 EUFEMIA AURELLANO
REQ. BY LINDA DOMBISH



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
IN MEMORY OF EUFEMIA AURELLANO
REQ. BY LINDA DOMBISH

BREAD AND WINE

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	Marisol Natiello	337-2147
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 23	2018	2017
Weekly Collection.....	\$8384	\$8688

"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. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

The second collection today is for St. *Joseph's Seminary*, which provides critical funding to support the seminarians for the archdiocese. The needs of the Seminary, its students and programs need your continued support prayerfully and financially. Your support during their time of preparation is deeply appreciated

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

In September 1883, Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical, *Supremi Apostolatus Officio* urged Catholics to increase their devotion to Our Blessed Mother through the use of the Rosary. To foster devotion to Our Lady, he dedicated the month of October to the Rosary.

Sunday, October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

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.

"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 note that the stationary kneeler will not be replaced in the chapel due insurance concerns regarding ease of exiting the room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Any man interested in the Knights of Columbus please join us on October 2nd at 7:30 PM. Our council meeting is held in the St. John the Baptist classroom entry from Clayton Place. For more information please call 914-457-3865.

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 Rita C. Messar, Angelo P. Morra and Frank Marchese. 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.

SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

Saint Eugene Seniors will meet on Wednesday, October 3rd at 12:30pm in the Kindergarten room of the Church Office. For more information about the St. Eugene Seniors call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

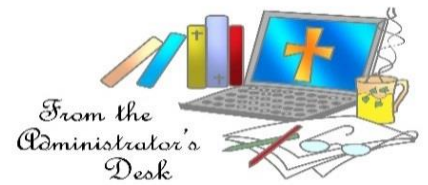
Beginning on October 14th Anointing of the Sick will be offered every second Sunday of the month at the 12 o'clock Mass.

Dear Parishioners:

- **October is dedicated to praying the Rosary:** *The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world.” Pope John XXIII.* The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. Our Lady of the Rosary feast was instituted by Pope St. Pius V, in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day in the year 1570, a favor due to the recitation of the Rosary. A second victory



gained on the Octave of the Assumption determined Pope Clement XI to command the Feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church. Leo XIII added the invocation "Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us," to the Litany of Loretto. The Feast is in reality a great festival of



thanksgiving for the signal and countless benefits bestowed on Christendom through the Rosary of our blessed Queen. In modern times successive popes have urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. It is a form of contemplative prayer, mental and vocal prayer, which brings down God's blessing on the Church. It is a biblically inspired prayer which is centered on meditation on the salvific mysteries of Christ in union with Mary, who was so closely associated with her Son in his redeeming activity. *“The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.” – Archbishop Fulton Sheen. – From the USCCB.* Let us all take time every day to pray the Rosary for our church, her priests, illness, famine, unemployment, and for world peace.

Feast Days: October 1: Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus: *O wondrous Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who, in thy brief earthly life, didst become a mirror of angelic purity, of courageous love and of whole-hearted surrender to Almighty God, now that thou art enjoying the reward of thy virtues, turn thine eyes of mercy upon us who trust in thee. Obtain for us the grace to keep our hearts and minds*



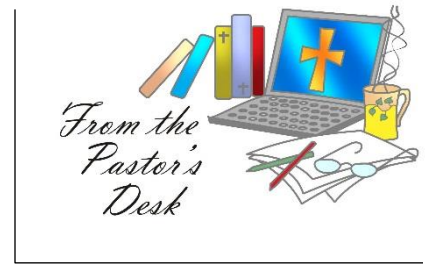
*pure and clean like unto thine, and to detest in all sincerity whatever might tarnish ever so slightly the luster of a virtue so sublime, a virtue that endears us to the heavenly Bridegroom. Ah, dear Saint, grant us to feel in every need the power of thy intercession; give us comfort in all the bitterness of this life and especially at its latter end, that we may be worthy to share eternal happiness with thee in paradise. Amen. **Feast of Saint Francis:, October 4th.** Lord, make me an instrument of your*

*peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. **Happy Feast Day in Heaven, Pop & Dad, Frank Mastrangelo Sr. & Jr. I miss and love you both. Pet Drive:** In conjunction with the Feast of Saint Francis, The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a drive to help the Yonkers Animal Shelter. The collection will take place on the weekends of October 6-7, and October 13-14. Please place your items in the bins marked pet drive. They are looking for donations of blankets, cat/ dog beds cat/ dog food, pine sol and laundry detergent. All new or cleaned items can be dropped off in the long school corridor*

- **Blessing of the Animals:** On Sunday, October 7th, at 1:00 PM, we will have the blessing of the animals at the St. Francis Statue located at the rear of the office/convent building in the lower parking lot. All families with pets are invited to attend. Please have your pet in either a cage or leash so that everyone is protected. The Feast of Saint Francis is October 4th
- **Rosary Rally:** On Saturday, October 13th at 12:00 noon, Saint Eugene will join the Nationwide Public Rosary Rally. A prayer service and the rosary will take place at the Saint Eugene sign which is located on the corner of Central Avenue and Tuckahoe Road. All are welcome!
- **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.
- **Saint Eugene CYO:** Saint Eugene Parish has a CYO program 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 on **Tuesday, October 2 from 6:00-7:30 PM** in the school gym 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.
- **Catholic School High School Open House:** Iona Preparatory Upper School (grades9-12) invites prospective students and their families to attend on of their upcoming Open Houses: Sunday October 21st 12:00-3:00 PM, and Wednesday, October 24th 6:00-8:00 PM. For More Information and to pre-register, please visit www.ionaprep.org or contact Barbara Robertson, Director of Admissions, at 914-600-6154.

Beloved of God,

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Jesus, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:16-20)



May I offer the following...

“Almost every time they (the priests) preach, priests have the daunting task of delivering a homily to a congregation composed of eighty-six year old widows and sixteen-year old boys. There are young mothers in the pews doing battle with their brood, and there are agitated bachelors sitting right behind them, glaring at those mothers as they do battle with their brood.

Every time a priest delivers a homily, he delivers it in the midst of a veritable mishmash of the human condition. He speaks not to people in general, but to people in particular, people with names, faces and stories. And, in order to craft a homily that speaks to each person looking up at him, he needs, as much as possible, to know their names, faces and stories. He needs to have a relationship with the people to whom he preaches. The closer a priest is to his congregation – the more aware he is of what’s going on in their daily lives – the more he can speak to them in the homily as a father and friend.” (The Sacred Conversation: The Art of Catholic Preaching and the New Evangelization, Fr. Joseph Mele, 2013, pg. 33)

“When priests step to the pulpit to preach, they can no longer assume they have an attentive congregation before them. They can’t assume people are listening. Rather, they should assume just the opposite – that people’s minds are racing with concerns about work, school, or the small children sitting next to them. Pressing deadlines, troublesome mother-in-laws, and the Pirates (Yankees) latest loss loom large, as do growling stomachs, aching heads, and tired bodies. Many want to pay attention to the priest’s homily. They really do. But for some it takes tremendous effort, and for others, it’s all but impossible.” (ibid, pg. 38)

“The homily is, in many ways, that dialogue (between the Church and the World) in miniature. It is Christ speaking to His people, giving them insight into His love, His hopes, and His desires for their life. For the priest to preach *in persona Christi* (in the person/place of Christ), he has to look upon his congregation as Christ looks upon them – with love and understanding, fully realizing the problems and opportunities before him. He needs to see his people clearly. Knowing he needs to earn and keep earning their attention, knowing that their knowledge of Christ and His Church is rarely what it should be, knowing that their view of the world is shaped by modernity and post-modernity, and knowing that, despite all that, they still desire the truths, opens up the channels of communication between the priest and the congregation.” (ibid, pg. 48)

Offering a homily to any congregation is truly a challenging ordeal. It is not like teaching a class to a specific group of people, be that all 7-year olds or 11th grade physics students. The point of the Holy Mass is not the homily...

“In the Catholic Church, it works just the opposite way. It is the liturgy that shapes the homily. It is the liturgy that gives Catholic preaching its context. It is the liturgy that gives people a reason to show up. The homily is important, very important, but as the U.S. Bishops tell us, the homily’s “primary purpose is to be found in the fact that it is, in the words of the Second Vatican Council, ‘a part of the liturgy itself.’” (ibid, pg. 51)

The homily must flow from the Holy Mass, the Sacred Scriptural readings, the Prayer of Consecration, the Words taught to us by the Son of God in the Our Father, with the intention of the Holy Church so that the preacher is not preaching himself but standing *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, teaching and loving the flock he knows so well.

God love you... Father Fernan