

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MARCH 3, 2019 – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, MARCH 2	
5:00 PM	James Virga (decd) <i>req. by Margaret Blackwell</i>
SUNDAY, MARCH 3	
8:00 AM	Brunetta Albanese (decd) <i>req. by Maria Autorino</i>
10:00 AM	Marie Coles (decd) <i>req. by Clare Davis</i>
12:00 PM	Jared Balquin (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
6:00 PM	Douglas Redder Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Elma Reeder</i>
MONDAY, MARCH 4	
6:45 AM	To Liong (decd) <i>req. by Giacoio Family</i>
9:00 AM	Blanche & Alfred DiJoseph (decd) <i>req. by Gloria Saccone</i>
TUESDAY, MARCH 5	
6:45 AM	Juanita Martinez (decd) <i>req. by Torres Family</i>
9:00 AM	Nicholas Mosca (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6	
6:45 AM	Ann & Donald Deighan & deceased members of the Deighan family <i>req. by Carol Killeen & Bridie Deighan</i>
9:00 AM	Maria Tarantino (decd) <i>req. by Giovanni Vairo & Family</i>
12:00 PM	Josie Mullen (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo & Paul Henshaw</i>
4:00 PM	Service
7:00 PM	Service
THURSDAY, MARCH 7	
6:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory <i>req. by Ita Yager</i>
9:00 AM	Maria & Victor Notaro (decd) <i>req. by their daughter, Maria lazurlo</i>
FRIDAY, MARCH 8	
6:45 AM	Dolores Alvarez (decd) <i>req. by Torres Family</i>
9:00 AM	Thomas P. Smyth (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
9:30 AM	Stations of the Cross (if no funeral)
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY, MARCH 9	
9:00 AM	Josephine Georgio (decd) <i>req. by Phyllis Romano</i>

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Sirach 27:4-7 Praise no one before he speaks.

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

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 6:39-45 From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

Wisdom literature is chock full of aphorisms—short, pithy statements of truth—and the opening reading from Sirach is typical. Jesus shares some of His own with His disciples, and even the psalmist and Saint Paul's letter include a few. These oft-heard sayings come from seldom-heard passages, however. Due to variability of the liturgical seasons, these particular readings have not been proclaimed at Mass for over twenty years. Let us seize this opportunity to listen to these wise words.

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.

TABERNAACLE CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF JAMES J. VIRGA

REQ. BY THERESA VIRGA



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE CENNERAZZO FAMILY

BREAD AND WINE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MARASH MRNACAJ

REQ. BY HIS CHILDREN

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:

February 17	2019	2018
Weekly Collection.....	\$8,539	\$7,626

February 24	2019	2018
Weekly Collection.....	\$7,660	\$8,874

"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 faith 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.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

FLOWERS AND LENT

As is explained in the ORDO... *Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2016*, "During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers." On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, a day of Rejoicing, they are permitted. Therefore, except for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, during this Season of Penance and Penitence, there will not be any flowers in church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick will be offered every second Sunday of the month at the 12 o'clock Mass. The next anointing Mass will be March 10th.

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, Liz Pitre, Fr. Richard Pereira, Lucia Langworth, Gloria Saccone, Christina Suarez, Joseph Grippo, Sophia Sperry, Judy Felipe, Josephine Maggio, Al Sheehy, George Alessi, Daniel Maloney, Terri Mullee 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 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.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on Ash Wednesday.

ANTI-ABORTION LEGISLATION

Last week a faithful parishioner offered me a Petition Sign-up Sheet addressed to our governor with regards to the most recent ghoulis and heinous Third Trimester Abortion Bill. I was told that a pastor in another parish was asking his parishioners to sign it and then it will be sent to Albany. Please know that NONE of these type of petitions will ever see the governors' desk. After consultation with our Archdiocesan Offices, our parish will not put together any action that will not bear fruit. As the Sacred Scriptures said this week on Monday... Mark 9:29... "Jesus said to them, "This kind (of demon – of evil) can only come out through prayer." **PETITIONS WILL DO NOTHING!!!** **Prayer must come first...** then **CHANGE THE FUTURE BY YOUR VOTE...** Father Fernan

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Please contact Martina Parisi at (914) 400-3634 to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. All women of the parish are welcome. Catholic Daughters meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:15pm.

LEGION OF MARY

We meet every Tuesday morning immediately after 9 AM Mass or Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 PM. For more information please contact Marisol Natiello at (914) 337-2147.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Next weekend, Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.

Dear Parishioners;

Ash Wednesday, March 6th: Many have asked: what is Ash Wednesday, why do we



have ashes on our foreheads, and do we have to receive? The official name is **The Day of Ashes**. It is called Ash Wednesday because, being forty days before Good Friday, it always falls on a Wednesday and because on that day at Church the faithful have their foreheads marked with the

sign of the cross with ashes. The symbol of ashes or cross is because in the Bible a mark on the forehead such as this is a symbol of a person's ownership. By having our foreheads marked with the sign of the cross, it symbolizes that we belong to Jesus Christ, who died on the cross. This is in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on us in Baptism, Confirmation and Last Rites; "when he is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil and made a slave of righteousness and Christ". (Rom.6:3-18). Receiving Ashes is not required. However, it is to

be strongly encouraged as it is a fitting and visible spiritual reminder that encourages one to adopt an attitude of prayer, repentance, and humility. As Saint James has said, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:10) Let us remember that if we want to receive all that our Lord has for us we must participate, and we must open our hearts and minds to Him.

Ashes will be distributed at the 6:45AM, 9AM & 12:00 PM, Holy Masses as well as at 4:00PM & 7:00PM Services.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: The appeal for 2019 is progressing. The goal Saint Eugene is \$91,000. As of today we have received \$20,532.00 in pledges from 65 parishioners. For more information please visit www.cardinalsappeal.org and as always, thank you.

Congratulations: Yesterday our second grade children and older children in our religious education program as well as the children from our school received the sacrament of Reconciliation. The children with the guidance of their parents and teachers, are studying very hard as they prepare for First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Golden Wedding Jubilee: Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2019 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact me at 961-2590 or ginamastrangelo@csey.org to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 13, at 5:00 PM.

Religious Education Lenten Project: Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It starts 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. We will again this year 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.

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.

Olive Wood Carvings: Representatives from The Gifts of Bethlehem will be here selling their religious olive wood carvings this weekend. They will be in the school corridor.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Our Court of St. Therese the Little Flower #2644 will be hosting Operation Prom, on March 16th & 17th. They will be collecting formal dresses. Bridesmaid dresses, and evening gowns appropriate for teenage girls going to the Prom as well as Tuxedos for teenage boys. They will also be accepting evening jewelry and evening handbags. Operation Prom is a nonprofit organization that helps low-income students attend their Proms by providing free Prom dresses and tuxedos. Operation Prom provides resources, opportunity and mentoring to at-risk teens, those who are homeless, sick or disabled.

Saint Eugene Boy Scout Troop 25: Our Boy Scout troop will be collecting items for our military for "Operation Desert Comfort" assisting VFW Post 1666 in Yonkers. The items needed, will be posted on the doors as well as our church website. Please let us help those who serve and protect us every day so that we can have the freedoms that we all enjoy. This collection will be continually, just like our food collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Saint Eugene School News: On-Line Registration for the 2019-2020 is open for all students in Pre-K 3, and Kindergarten to 8th Grade. For more information please visit www.steugene.education and go to the admissions tab and follow the prompts. Please call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.

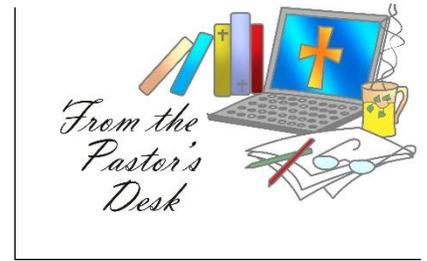


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May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

Some of the Steps the Holy See of the Roman Catholic Church is making to Safeguard Children...



Communication from the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith... 2/16/19

“On 11 January 2019, the *Congresso* of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, at the conclusion of a penal process, issued a decree finding Theodore Edgar McCarrick, archbishop *emeritus* of Washington, D.C., guilty of the following delicts while a cleric: solicitation in the Sacrament of Confession, and sins against the Sixth Commandment with minors and with adults, with the aggravating factor of the abuse of power. The *Congresso* imposed on him the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state. On 13 February 2019, the Ordinary Session (*Feria IV*) of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith considered the recourse he presented against this decision. Having examined the arguments in the recourse, the Ordinary Session confirmed the decree of the *Congresso*. This decision was notified to Theodore McCarrick on 15 February 2019. The Holy Father has recognized the definitive nature of this decision made in accord with law, rendering it a *res iudicata* (i.e., admitting of no further recourse).” (Text from the Vatican News)

History of allegations

In September 2017, the Archdiocese of New York reported to the Holy See accusations against then-Cardinal McCarrick, for allegedly abusing a male teenager in the 1970's. Pope Francis ordered an in-depth investigation into the allegations, to be carried out by the Archdiocese of New York. At the conclusion of this inquiry, all relevant documentation was transmitted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which is charged with investigating cases of sexual abuse by the clergy. The results of the New York Archdiocesan Review Board investigation, were announced by Cardinal Timothy Dolan in June 2018. The Board found that the allegations against McCarrick were “credible and substantiated”. In his statement, Cardinal Dolan announced that, at the direction of Pope Francis, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State, had instructed McCarrick that he was “no longer to exercise publicly his priestly ministry”. The statement also noted that McCarrick had cooperated with the investigation, and accepted the decision of the Holy See, while maintaining his innocence. On the same day, the Diocese of Metuchen, and the Archdiocese of Newark, both in New Jersey, revealed that they were aware of past allegations of sexual misconduct by McCarrick, including two that had resulted in legal settlements. (Text from the Vatican News)

Commitment of the Holy See

On October 6, 2018, a statement of the Holy See strongly affirmed: “Both abuse and its cover-up can no longer be tolerated and a different treatment for Bishops who have committed or covered up abuse, in fact represents a form of clericalism that is no longer acceptable”. The statement reiterates Pope Francis’ “pressing invitation” to “to unite forces to fight against the grave scourge of abuse within and beyond the Church, and to prevent such crimes from being committed in the future to the harm of the most innocent and most vulnerable in society”. Ahead of the upcoming meeting in the Vatican of Presidents of Bishops’ Conferences of the world, set to take place from 21 to 24 February 2019, the statement emphasizes the words of Pope Francis in his Letter to the People of God: “the only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God. This awareness of being part of a people and a shared history will enable us to acknowledge our past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within” (20 August 2018). (Text from the Vatican News)

During this Lenten season, would you consider offering all your sacrifices for all those who were abused by the clergy? Some wounds never heal, but maybe our prayers might bring about some consolation. God love you... Father Fernan