

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MARCH 17, 2019 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



| SATURDAY, MARCH 16  |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 5:00 PM             | Gaetano Moretti (decd)<br><i>req. by Lucarelli Family</i>                               |
| SUNDAY, MARCH 17    |   |
| 8:00 AM             | Maureen Burns (decd)<br><i>req. by Wayne &amp; Maureen Modrovsky</i>                    |
| 10:00 AM            | Marion Manzo (decd)<br><i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>  |
| 12:00 PM            | Mary Guerin (decd)<br><i>req. by Family</i>   |
| 6:00 PM             | Joe & Betty Usis (decd)<br><i>req. by Elma Reeder</i>                                   |
| MONDAY, MARCH 18    |   |
| 6:45 AM             | Spencer Reames (liv)<br><i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>                                       |
| 9:00 AM             | Danielle & Michael McDonald (liv)<br><i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo &amp; Paul Henshaw</i> |
| TUESDAY, MARCH 19   |   |
| 6:45 AM             | In Thanksgiving -<br>For Favors Received<br><i>req. by Ita Yager</i>                    |
| 9:00 AM             | Francesco & Maria Licatesi (decd)<br><i>req. by Toni &amp; Joe Licatesi</i>             |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 |   |
| 6:45 AM             | Agneo Neville (decd)<br><i>req. by Ita Yager</i>  |
| 9:00 AM             | Michael Kenny (decd)<br><i>req. by Kenny Family</i>                                     |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 21  |   |
| 6:45 AM             | Special Intention<br><i>req. by Ita Yager</i>   |
| 9:00 AM             | Antonio & Filomena DeMarinis (decd)<br><i>req. by Maria Iazurlo</i>                     |
| FRIDAY, MARCH 22    |   |
| 6:45 AM             | Angelo & Mary Napoli (decd)<br><i>req. by daughters</i>                                 |
| 9:00 AM             | Angelo Martinelli (decd)<br><i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>                                   |
| 9:30 AM             | <b>Stations of the Cross if no funeral</b>  |
| 7:00 PM             | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>  |
| SATURDAY, MARCH 23  |   |
| 9:00 AM             | Ann & Tom Farrell (liv)<br><i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>                                    |

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18** In a holy covenant, God promises Abram a homeland.

**Psalm 27** "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

**Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1** Christ will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body.

**Luke 9:28b-36** His face changed in appearance and His clothes became dazzling white.

Today we hear two dramatic encounters with God. In the dark of night, God leads Abraham into a covenant, promising that Abraham's descendants will be as numerous as the stars of the sky and live in what will appropriately be called the Promised Land. In the Gospel, God speaks to Peter, John and James through the shadow of a cloud. Saint Paul, who had a dramatic encounter of his own with God, assures the Philippians—and us—that we will share in Christ's glory in Heaven.

## 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 JAMES J. VIRGA  
REQ. BY THERESA VIRGA



**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**  
SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE CENNERAZZO FAMILY

**BREAD AND WINE**  
SPECIAL INTENTION FOR PHYLLIS FIORENZA  
REQ. BY MARY ANN DELLACAMERA

## 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:

| <b>March 3</b>          | <b>2019</b> | <b>2018</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Weekly Collection.....  | \$9,193     | \$11,478    |
| Monthly Collection..... | \$1,880     | \$1,934     |

| <b>March 10</b>                 | <b>2019</b> | <b>2018</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Weekly Collection.....          | \$7,517     | \$8,360     |
| Catholic Relief Collection..... | \$1,375     | \$1,499     |

"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.**

## 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.

## ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Recitation of the Rosary at the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9AM weekday Masses.

## 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, 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, and those recently called home to God especially, Anna E. Mikulskey. 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.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 21st at 1 pm. For more information call 914-423-5331. New members are welcome.

## AREA EVENTS

St. Bartholomew's Parish, 15 Palmer Road in Yonkers, will conduct a Lenten Parish Mission on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm each evening. Fr. Robert J. Abbatiello will preach the mission. The theme of the Mission will be "Conversion: I'm Not Done Yet!" All are welcome to attend. For directions or information please call 914-965-0566.

Dear Parishioners;

Saint Patrick, Patron Saint of The Archdiocese of New York: Sunday, March 17th we celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of The



Archdiocese of New York. *Prayer to Saint Patrick Apostle sent by God to Ireland, in your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Savior. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.*

Feast of Saint Joseph: Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Foster Father of our Lord, Saint Joseph. *Prayer to Saint Joseph, O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of*

*God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me.*

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 \$24,127.00 from 86 parishioners. For more information please visit [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org) and as always, thank you.

Golden Wedding Jubilee: Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ginamastrangelo@csey.org) to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 13, at 5:00 PM.

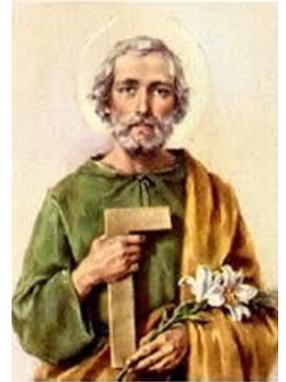
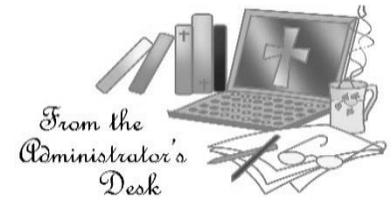
Religious Education Lenten Project: Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Spy Wednesday, lasting for 40 days. We prepare for Easter by fasting and practicing spiritual discipline during this time, to reflect on his sacrifices. Basically, Lent is a time for "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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Our Court of St. Therese the Little Flower #2644 will be hosting Operation Prom, on March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. 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: The troop will be conducting a Bake sale this Sunday at the 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 masses. Please stop by and purchase a tasty treat while supporting our scouts. Thank you.

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 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. Please call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.



*May God Bless you always, Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator*

#### IV. THE GRAVITY OF SIN: MORTAL AND VENIAL SIN ..... from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

**1856** Mortal sin, by attacking the vital principle within us - that is, charity - necessitates a new initiative of God's mercy and a conversion of heart which is normally accomplished within the setting of the sacrament of reconciliation:

When the will sets itself upon something that is of its nature incompatible with the charity that orients man toward his ultimate end, then the sin is mortal by its very object . . . whether it contradicts the love of God, such as blasphemy or perjury, or the love of neighbor, such as homicide or adultery. . . . But when the sinner's will is set upon something that of its nature involves a disorder, but is not opposed to the love of God and neighbor, such as thoughtless chatter or immoderate laughter and the like, such sins are venial.<sup>130</sup>

**1857** For a *sin* to be *mortal*, three conditions must together be met: "Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent."<sup>131</sup>

**1858** *Grave matter* is specified by the Ten Commandments, corresponding to the answer of Jesus to the rich young man: "Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and your mother."<sup>132</sup> The gravity of sins is more or less great: murder is graver than theft. One must also take into account who is wronged: violence against parents is in itself graver than violence against a stranger.

**1859** Mortal sin requires *full knowledge* and *complete consent*. It presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God's law. It also implies a consent sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice. Feigned ignorance and hardness of heart<sup>133</sup> do not diminish, but rather increase, the voluntary character of a sin.

**1860** *Unintentional ignorance* can diminish or even remove the imputability of a grave offense. But no one is deemed to be ignorant of the principles of the moral law, which are written in the conscience of every man. The promptings of feelings and passions can also diminish the voluntary and free character of the offense, as can external pressures or pathological disorders. Sin committed through malice, by deliberate choice of evil, is the gravest.

**1861** Mortal sin is a radical possibility of human freedom, as is love itself. It results in the loss of charity and the privation of sanctifying grace, that is, of the state of grace. If it is not redeemed by repentance and God's forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ's kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices for ever, with no turning back. However, although we can judge that an act is in itself a grave offense, we must entrust judgment of persons to the justice and mercy of God.

**1862** One commits *venial sin* when, in a less serious matter, he does not observe the standard prescribed by the moral law, or when he disobeys the moral law in a grave matter, but without full knowledge or without complete consent.

**1863** Venial sin weakens charity; it manifests a disordered affection for created goods; it impedes the soul's progress in the exercise of the virtues and the practice of the moral good; it merits temporal punishment. Deliberate and unrepented venial sin disposes us little by little to commit mortal sin. However venial sin does not break the covenant with God. With God's grace it is humanly reparable. "Venial sin does not deprive the sinner of sanctifying grace, friendship with God, charity, and consequently eternal happiness."<sup>134</sup>

While he is in the flesh, man cannot help but have at least some light sins. But do not despise these sins which we call "light": if you take them for light when you weigh them, tremble when you count them. A number of light objects makes a great mass; a number of drops fills a river; a number of grains makes a heap. What then is our hope? Above all, confession.<sup>135</sup>

**1864** "Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven."<sup>136</sup> There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit.<sup>137</sup> Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss.