

# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MARCH 31, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



	<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 30</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Gemma Macri (decd) <i>req. by her husband, daughter and granddaughter</i>
	<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 31</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Gaetana & Antonio Giuliano & Vincent J. Grieco (decd) <i>req. by Grieco Family</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Marion Manzo (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo &amp; Paul Henshaw</i>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Lucy Delarosa (decd) <i>req. by Gina Diaz</i>
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Nessie Param (decd) <i>req. by Elma Reeder</i>
	<b>MONDAY, APRIL 1</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Angelina Mastrangelo (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Katie Lopez (living) <i>req. by Gina Diaz</i>
	<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 2</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Marisa Bellamoli (decd) <i>req. by Gojcaj Family</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Kevin O'Sullivan (liv) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
	<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Angelo Martinelli (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Philip Mathew (decd) <i>req. by Annie Wilson</i>
	<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 4</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Julia Davis (liv)
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Silvio & Tomasina Iazurlo (decd) <i>req. by Maria Iazurlo</i>
	<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 5</b>
<b>6:45 AM</b>	Leonard Spano (decd) <i>req. by Staff of St. Eugene</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Frank Mastrangelo Jr. (decd) <i>req. by Gina Mastrangelo &amp; Paul Henshaw</i>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Stations of the Cross if no funeral
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Patricia McGovern (liv) <i>req. by Dolores Torre</i>
	<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 6</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Larry Iazetti (liv) <i>req. by Gina Diaz</i>

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12** The people celebrate the first Passover in the Promised Land.

**Psalm 34** "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21** Jesus reconciles us to His Father.

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32** Forgiveness and reconciliation are reasons for celebration.

A new day has dawned in each reading today. The Israelites have finally reached the Promised Land and can celebrate the Passover in their new home. Saint Paul tells us that in Christ, we are a new creation. The prodigal son is welcomed home as someone who has been dead and is now alive again. As we listen to the readings today, let us imagine we are there as each new day dawns.

## 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 THE CENNERAZZO FAMILY

### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF GEMMA MACRI

REQ. BY 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 24</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Weekly Collection.....	\$8,048	\$12,383

Palm Sunday 2018

“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.”

### 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.

### ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Eugene's is one of the parishes of the Cardinal Hayes Council. Any man interested in the Knights of Columbus, please join us on April 2th at 7:30PM. Our council meeting is held in the St. John the Baptist classroom entry from – Clayton Pl.

For more information – 914-457-3865

### SAINT EUGENE SENIORS

The Saint Eugene Seniors will meet on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at **12:30pm in the** For more information about the St. Eugene Seniors call Jennie Sepe at (914) 776-9847

### AREA EVENTS

The Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester will have a Day Of Reflection on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Seminary from 9 am to 3 pm. Continental breakfast and lunch offered, the cost is \$35 per person. Fr. Robert A. Quarato, Chaplain. For more information call Mel Ficara at 718-798-7176.

### 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.

### 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, Emelba Forman, Larry Vandack, Charles Troiano, Eugene Martinez 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.*

### THE GRACE OF REPENTANCE

First of all, it must be emphasized that nothing is more personal and intimate than (the Sacrament of Confession) in which the sinner stands alone before God with his sin, repentance and trust. No one can repent in his place or ask forgiveness in his name, There is a certain solitude of the sinner in his sin, and this can be seen dramatically represented in Cain with sin “crouching at his door,” as the book of Genesis says so effectively, and with the distinctive mark on his forehead; in David, admonished by the prophet Nathan; or in the prodigal son, when he realized the condition to which he has been reduced himself by staying away from his father and decides to return to him. Everything takes place between the individual alone and God. But at the same time one cannot deny the social nature of this sacrament, in which the whole Church-militant, suffering, and glorious in Heaven-comes to the aid of the penitent and welcomes him again into her bosom, especially as it was the whole Church which had been offended and wounded by his sin. As the minister of penance, the priest by virtue of his sacred office appears as the witness and representative of this ecclesial nature of the sacrament...Second, it must be emphasized that the most precious result of the forgiveness obtained in the Sacrament of Penance consists in reconciliation with God, which takes place in the inmost heart of a son who was lost and found again, which every penitent is. But is has to be added that this reconciliation with God leads, as it were, to other reconciliations which repair the breaches caused by sin. The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being, where he regains his own true identity. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way attacked and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation. As a result of an aware of this...there arises in the penitent a sense of gratitude to God for the gift of divine mercy received, and the church invites the penitent to have a sense of gratitude, Every confessional is a special and blessed place from which, with divisions wiped away, there is born new and uncontaminated a reconciled individual-a reconciled world!  
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Dear Parishioners;

Lenten Novena: Father, all powerful and ever-living God, during this Holy Season of Lent You call us to a closer union with Yourself. Help us to prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed. Give us a spirit of loving service to our neighbors. As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, bring the image of Your Son to perfection within our souls. This great season of grace



is Your gift to Your family to renew us in spirit. Give us the strength to purify our hearts, to control our desires, and so to serve You in freedom. Teach us how to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end.... We ask for the grace to master our sinfulness and conquer our pride. We want to show to those in need Your goodness to us by being kind to all. Through our observances of Lent help us to correct our faults and raise our minds to You, and thus grow in holiness that we may deserve the reward of everlasting life. In Your mercy grant us this special favor. (**Mention your request**) The days of the life-giving Death and glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Your Son, is approaching. This is the hour when he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time when we celebrate the great event of our Redemption, the Suffering and Death of Your Son brought to life to the whole world, moving our hearts to praise Your glory. The power of the Cross reveals Your judgement on this world and the kingship of Christ crucified. Father through His love for us and through His sufferings, Death and Resurrection, may we gain eternal life with You in heaven.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: The appeal for 2019 is progressing. The goal Saint Eugene is \$91,000. As of this week we have received \$38,127.00 from 118 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.

The Emmaus Ministry: Losing a child under any circumstances is terrible. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Emmaus Ministry Retreats 2019: for parents whose child of any age has died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Please join us. All are welcome. The all-day retreats are from 9:30 am- 7:30 pm. The dates are: Sleepy Hollow, May 18<sup>th</sup> St. Thomas of Canterbury- St. Joseph, Cornwall on the Hudson, September 21 Church of St. Augustine, New City, October 19, St Patrick's-St. Mary's, Newburgh (Spanish Retreat). The cost is \$25.00 per person, \$40 per couple. The day includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. Scholarships are available. To register online, [www.emfgp.org/2019-archny](http://www.emfgp.org/2019-archny) or contact Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191.

Working Boys Center: Again this summer parishioner and graduate of Saint Eugene School, *Danny Smith* a junior at Fordham Prep will travel to Quito, Ecuador with a group of classmates and teachers to serve at the Working Boys Center; that assists poor families in the local community. If you are interested in making a donation, you can make a donation online at [www.fordhamprep.org/servicetrips](http://www.fordhamprep.org/servicetrips) and please mark it on behalf of *Danny Smith*, or send the check to the rectory made payable to Fordham Prep, and send it to my attention, and I will forward them to Fordham. Thank you, and may God bless all those who are participating in this wonderful service project.

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.



*O God, Who hast commanded us to honor our father and our mother; in Thy mercy have pity on the soul of my father, Frank Mastrangelo Jr., who died April 5, 2010, this his ninth anniversary in heaven, forgive his trespasses; and make me to see him again in the joy of everlasting brightness, through Christ our Lord.*

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

## **The confession of sins . . . From the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**1455** The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible.

**1456** Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly."<sup>54</sup>

When Christ's faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of the priest, "for if the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know."<sup>55</sup>

**1457** According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year."<sup>56</sup> Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession.<sup>57</sup> Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.<sup>58</sup>

**1458** Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church.<sup>59</sup> Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful.<sup>60</sup>

Whoever confesses his sins . . . is already working with God. God indicts your sins; if you also indict them, you are joined with God. Man and sinner are, so to speak, two realities: when you hear "man" - this is what God has made; when you hear "sinner" - this is what man himself has made. Destroy what you have made, so that God may save what he has made. . . . When you begin to abhor what you have made, it is then that your good works are beginning, since you are accusing yourself of your evil works. The beginning of good works is the confession of evil works. You do the truth and come to the light.<sup>61</sup>

## **Satisfaction**

**1459** Many sins wrong our neighbor. One must do what is possible in order to repair the harm (e.g., return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, pay compensation for injuries). Simple justice requires as much. But sin also injures and weakens the sinner himself, as well as his relationships with God and neighbor. Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused.<sup>62</sup> Raised up from sin, the sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: he must "make satisfaction for" or "expiate" his sins. This satisfaction is also called "penance."

**1460** The *penance* the confessor imposes must take into account the penitent's personal situation and must seek his spiritual good. It must correspond as far as possible with the gravity and nature of the sins committed. It can consist of prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service of neighbor, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, and above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear. Such penances help configure us to Christ, who alone expiated our sins once for all. They allow us to become co-heirs with the risen Christ, "provided we suffer with him."<sup>63</sup>

The satisfaction that we make for our sins, however, is not so much ours as though it were not done through Jesus Christ. We who can do nothing ourselves, as if just by ourselves, can do all things with the cooperation of "him who strengthens" us. Thus man has nothing of which to boast, but all our boasting is in Christ . . . in whom we make satisfaction by bringing forth "fruits that befit repentance." These fruits have their efficacy from him, by him they are offered to the Father, and through him they are accepted by the Father.<sup>64</sup>