# THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

APRIL 7, 2019-FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT





#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Isaiah 43:16-21** The mystery of the Passover will be made new. **Psalm 126** "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with jov."

**Philippians 3:8-14** Paul desires a share in the paschal mystery of the Lord.

John 8:1-11 No one is without sin except our Merciful Judge.

Isaiah rhapsodizes about what God has done for us, providing dry land through the sea and a way through the desert. In the Gospel, Jesus finds a way to save the adulterous woman's life, then forgives her for the path she had taken. Saint Paul attests that in Christ he has found the only way that matters. As we listen to today's readings, let us examine the path we are on in our own lives..

#### **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 MARIO IAZZETTI

REQ. BY ERNEST & GINA DIAZ

### BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE CENNERAZZO FAMILY

# BREAD AND WINE IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL MOYLES

REQ. BY IRENE MOYLES

#### **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:

March 31	2019	2018
Weekly Collection	\$8,110	\$9,844

"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."

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

#### Monday - April 15

Reconciliation Monday

3:00PM-9:00PM - Confessions

## Holy Thursday - April 18

9:00 AM – Tenebrae 12:00 Noon – Simple Mass

7:30 PM – Mass of Our Lord's Supper

#### **Good Friday - April 19**

9:00 AM -Tenebrae

12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM - The Passion of Our Lord

6:00 PM - Seven Last Words of Christ

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross with Veneration

#### **Holy Saturday – April 19**

9:00 AM - Tenebrae

10:30 AM - Blessing of the Easter Baskets in the Church Office Conference Room 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM Confessions

#### (There will be no 5:00PM Mass)

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass

#### Easter Sunday - April 21

8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass

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12:00 Noon Mass

(There will be no 6:00 PM Mass)

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. "Fasting" requires that only one full meal be taken per day. It obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. "Abstinence" prohibits individuals from eating a meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline to the extent that they are able.

#### **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.

#### 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, Lucas Cohen and those recently called home to God especially, Guillermina Torres, Victoria Joseph and Cataldo Falco. 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.

#### **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. Catholic Daughters meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:15pm.

#### **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.

#### **CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon at San Martino Restaurant, 12 Young Avenue in Yonkers on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The cost is \$25 payable at the luncheon. Members and guest are welcome but reservations are required. For more information call Desta Revans at 914-423-5331.

#### OFFICE OF LITURGY - CHANT WORKSHOP

Learn more about the Church's beautiful history and practice of sung prayer. Traditional chants in both English and Latin will be introduced. Presented by: Dr. Jennifer Donelson on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 at Saint Mary's Church in Wappinger Falls. Registration fee: \$15 (payable via cash or check at the door.) More information and registration: nyliturgy.org/workshops Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200, x817

#### Dear Parishioners:

<u>The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal:</u> The appeal for 2019 is progressing. The goal Saint Eugene is \$91,000. As of this week we have received \$41,132 from 127 parishioners. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.cardinalsappeal.org">www.cardinalsappeal.org</a> and as always, thank you.

<u>Golden Wedding Jubilee:</u> 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 <u>ginamastrangelo@csey.org</u> to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 13, at 5:00 PM.

<u>Religious Education Lenten Project</u>: 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.

<u>The Emmaus Ministry:</u> 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, <a href="https://www.emfgp.org/2019-archny">www.emfgp.org/2019-archny</a> or contact Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191.

<u>Cardinal Hayes Council #3995:</u> Join the Knights of Columbus, become a member of the Cardinal Hayes Council #3995. You can join on —line at kofc.org/joinus, or call Ted Reiper 914-457-3865 or John Fuoco 914-774-0527. Open to men 18 years and older. Monthly meetings are at St. John the Baptist. VIVAT JESUS

<u>Palm Sunday, April 14:</u> We invite all the children on the Parish to join us at the 10:00 Mass on Palm Sunday to be part of the grand procession.

<u>Reconciliation Monday:</u> On Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in all of the churches in the Archdiocese of New York, confession will be available from 3-9 pm. All are welcome.

<u>Saint Eugene School News:</u> 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 <u>www.steugene.education</u> and go to the admissions tab and follow the prompts. Please call the school office at 914-779-2956 for additional information.

<u>Saint Vincent DePaul Society of Saint Eugene Parish</u>: As we are now in the Lenten season, instead of giving up something, why not give to those in need. We have containers at three of the entrances to collect non –perishable items.

The items we are in most need of are: pasta, rice, peanut butter, canned vegetables, tuna and cereal. Please think of those in need the next time you are out shopping. We are also in need of the cooking of chicken legs and thighs, which we collect on the last Thursday of the month. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35

<u>On-Line Giving</u> - A big "thank you" to all of those participating in online giving with We Share! Online giving has been a big help to our parish. Saint Eugene Church has received donations. No matter how you give, your gifts are always appreciated! If you have not yet made the switch from online giving, we invite you to consider doing so. Online giving offers our parish a stable, sustainable future. We know that you share in this vision and we're excited about giving our parishioners many ways to participate in our growth as a parish family. Thank you for your support!

<u>Lenten Prayer:</u> Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant Your people grace to love what You command and desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



#### VIII. THE MINISTER OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE ... from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

<u>1461</u> Since Christ entrusted to his apostles the ministry of reconciliation,<sup>65</sup> bishops who are their successors, and priests, the bishops' collaborators, continue to exercise this ministry. Indeed bishops and priests, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, have the power to forgive all sins "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

<u>1462</u> Forgiveness of sins brings reconciliation with God, but also with the Church. Since ancient times the bishop, visible head of a particular Church, has thus rightfully been considered to be the one who principally has the power and ministry of reconciliation: he is the moderator of the penitential discipline. 66 Priests, his collaborators, exercise it to the extent that they have received the commission either from their bishop (or religious superior) or the Pope, according to the law of the Church. 67

<u>1463</u> Certain particularly grave sins incur excommunication, the most severe ecclesiastical penalty, which impedes the reception of the sacraments and the exercise of certain ecclesiastical acts, and for which absolution consequently cannot be granted, according to canon law, except by the Pope, the bishop of the place or priests authorized by them. In danger of death any priest, even if deprived of faculties for hearing confessions, can absolve from every sin and excommunication.<sup>69</sup>

<u>1464</u> Priests must encourage the faithful to come to the sacrament of Penance and must make themselves available to celebrate this sacrament each time Christians reasonably ask for it.<sup>70</sup>

<u>1465</u> When he celebrates the sacrament of Penance, the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgment is both just and merciful. The priest is the sign and the instrument of God's merciful love for the sinner.

<u>1466</u> The confessor is not the master of God's forgiveness, but its servant. The minister of this sacrament should unite himself to the intention and charity of Christ.<sup>71</sup> He should have a proven knowledge of Christian behavior, experience of human affairs, respect and sensitivity toward the one who has fallen; he must love the truth, be faithful to the Magisterium of the Church, and lead the penitent with patience toward healing and full maturity. He must pray and do penance for his penitent, entrusting him to the Lord's mercy.

<u>1467</u> Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry and the respect due to persons, the Church declares that every priest who hears confessions is bound under very severe penalties to keep absolute secrecy regarding the sins that his penitents have confessed to him. He can make no use of knowledge that confession gives him about penitents' lives.<sup>72</sup> This secret, which admits of no exceptions, is called the "sacramental seal," because what the penitent has made known to the priest remains "sealed" by the sacrament.

#### IX. THE EFFECTS OF THIS SACRAMENT

1468 "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship." Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation." Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God. To

1469 This sacrament *reconciles us with the Church*. Sin damages or even breaks fraternal communion. The sacrament of Penance repairs or restores it. In this sense it does not simply heal the one restored to ecclesial communion, but has also a revitalizing effect on the life of the Church which suffered from the sin of one of her members. Re-established or strengthened in the communion of saints, the sinner is made stronger by the exchange of spiritual goods among all the living members of the Body of Christ, whether still on pilgrimage or already in the heavenly homeland:

It must be recalled that . . . this reconciliation with God leads, as it were, to other reconciliations, which repair the other breaches caused by sin. The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being, where he regains his innermost truth. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way offended and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation.<sup>78</sup>

<u>1470</u> In this sacrament, the sinner, placing himself before the merciful judgment of God, *anticipates* in a certain way *the judgment* to which he will be subjected at the end of his earthly life. For it is now, in this life, that we are offered the choice between life and death, and it is only by the road of conversion that we can enter the Kingdom, from which one is excluded by grave sin.<sup>79</sup> In converting to Christ through penance and faith, the sinner passes from death to life and "does not come into judgment." <sup>80</sup>