

ASCENSION



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Roman Catholic Church of Saint Eugene
YONKERS, NEW YORK

THE PARISH OF SAINT EUGENE

MAY 9, 2021 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SATURDAY, MAY 8	
5:00 PM	Raffaele Sozio (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
SUNDAY, MAY 10	
8:00 AM	Grace Marx & Lillian Liebman (decd) <i>req. by Family</i>
10:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
12:00 PM	Elsa, Clara & Lola Castello (decd) <i>req. by Anna Serrao & Family</i>
6:00 PM	Jo-Ann Edgar (living) <i>req. by Family</i>
MONDAY, MAY 10	
6:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena
9:00 AM	Msgr. Mazza (decd) <i>req. by Fr. Fernan</i>
TUESDAY, MAY 11	
6:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena
9:00 AM	Louis Grimaldi (decd) <i>req. by Grimaldi Family</i>
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12	
6:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena
9:00 AM	John Kilroe (decd) <i>req. by Eileen O'Sullivan</i>
THURSDAY, MAY 13	
9:00 AM	Gerry Corcoran (decd) <i>req. by Ellen O'Sullivan</i>
12:00 PM	Fr. Fernan – Happy Anniversary <i>req. by Margaret & Joan</i>
7:30 PM	Mother's Day Novena
FRIDAY, MAY 14	
6:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena
9:00 AM	John B. Kilgannon (decd) <i>req. by Maureen Kilgannon</i>
SATURDAY, MAY 15	
9:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena

ASCENSION THURSDAY

May 13th – Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is Thursday, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:30 PM.

The Church Office will be closed.

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 GEORGE RICHTER

REQ. BY PHYLLIS RICHTER

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

IN MEMORY OF FR. JAMES GRIFFIN

REQ. BY ST. EUGENE PARISH

BREAD AND WINE

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE RICHTER

REQ. BY PHYLLIS RICHTER



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:

May 2	2021	* 2020	2019
Weekly Collection.....	\$7384	\$5417	\$9826
Monthly Collection.....	\$576	\$83	\$1802

*2020 numbers reflect the collections during the pandemic

"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.

LEGION OF MARY

Beginning this month, on each Wednesday evening at 7pm, The Legion of Mary will pray the Rosary near the Blessed Mother statue in the church parking lot. All are welcome.



Reading I Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. (cf. 2b) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known:

in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power..

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading II 1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Alleluia Jn 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

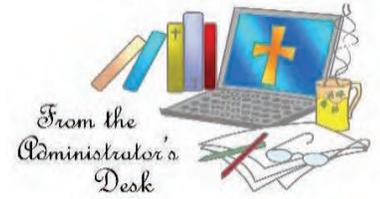
Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Dear Parishioners:



Happy Mother's Day: I would like to wish all of our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers, a Blessed Day. *God, Our Creator, we pray; for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for all mothers who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and living not for themselves alone, but that they may lead their children to know what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen. Thank you, Danielle and Michael, for making me a grandma, it's the greatest gift.*



The Ascension of Our Lord: The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day, commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches. Following the accounts of Acts 1:3, that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension, Ascension Day is traditionally observed on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter. The Church office will be closed on Thursday, May 13th in observance of the Holy Day and will reopen on Friday, May 14 at 9:30 am.



Anniversary of Ordination: Thursday May 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, we congratulate our Pastor, **Father Matthew Fernan** on the 32th Anniversary of his Priesthood. Father Fernan was ordained May 13, 1989 by John Cardinal O'Connor. We thank Father Fernan for his dedication to all his parishioners, and for guiding us as we all try to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord. There are so many wonderful priests in the world and we are so blessed to have them and it is important that we pray for them. May God Bless You, Father, **Ad Multos Annos**. *A Prayer for Priests by John Cardinal O'Connor*; O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled

them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know too that they are tempted to sin and discouragement as are we, needing to be ministered to, as do we, to be consoled and forgiven, as do we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for Your priests and for ours. Amen.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: The appeal for 2021 has begun. The goal for Saint Eugene is \$80,500. We already have \$ donors. We are asking that *each family* make a pledge of at least \$100.00. That would bring us above and beyond our goal. All monies that are collected above the goal, a percentage is given to the parish. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. For more information, please visit www.cardinalsappeal.org.

50th Wedding Jubilee: Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2021 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilees Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 6 at 2:30 PM. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, seating is limited. Each couple may bring up to (2) additional guests. Pre-Registration is required. Please contact Ms. Mastrangelo to register. **The closing date to register is Monday, May 17 at 5:00 PM**

Saint Eugene School News: On-Line Registration for the 2021-2022 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.

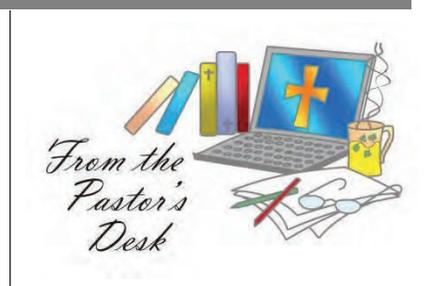
On-Line Giving - A big "thank you" to all of those participating in online giving with We Share! <https://csey.churchgiving.com/> Online giving has been a big help to our parish. Online giving offers our parish a stable, sustainable future. We know that you share in this vision and we're excited about giving our parishioners many ways to participate in our growth as a parish family. Thank you for your support!

May God bless you always,
Gina Mastrangelo, Parish Administrator

Beloved of God,

The Hail Mary, The Priesthood and Mother's Day

"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen."



This time, thirty-two years ago, a Friday evening found nine men anxious and eager as they waited either in their rooms, with their friends or in the chapel, for the sun to rise on Saturday, the day they would, standing before thousands of people in Saint Patrick Cathedral, pleading God to serve Him and Him alone for the rest of their lives. *All of this was made possible because of a Mother.*

These men came from a variety of backgrounds and in the Seminary of Saint Joseph they had studied and prayed for years, ever wondering (not if they would be found worthy because no man is) if after the course of any from four to six years of study after college, they would be accepted by the Archdiocese of New York as a servant of the Lord for the holy people of God. *All of this was made possible because of a Mother.*

There were classes in Canon Law (the law of the Catholic Church), Eschatology (the study of the end of time aka. The Book of Revelation and the Prophet Daniel), Sacred Scripture (both Old and New Testament), Sacramental Theology (in-depth study of the Sacraments), Church History (from the Saviour to the Present including the Sacred Councils of the Church), Practicums (the How To of hearing Confession, offering the Holy Mass, officiating at Weddings, Wake Services and Masses of Christian Burial), and so much more. *All of this was made possible because of a Mother.*

These men undoubtedly had either made a card out of construction paper and crayon or purchased some type of sentiment composed by another for that one who was the only one who could have done what she did. In joy or sorrow she made every effort to be what was intended by the Divine One. Each and every one of them and each and every one of us was blessed. *All of this was made possible because of a Mother.*

May I offer, though, a variation of that statement for your consideration? *All of this and so much more was made possible because of a Mother.* All of us fall short each and every day in what we are called to be by God. We are not the perfect brother. We are not the perfect aunt. We are not the perfect grandparent. We are not the perfect father. We are not the perfect sister. We are not the perfect uncle. We are not the perfect mother. There was only one Mother who was and is perfect... *and all of this was made possible because of a Her.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God is the ideal that Our Blessed Lord gave us. He asks all mothers to go in times of trouble to seek Her guidance... *"Do whatever He tells you."* (John 2:5) He asks all mothers to realize that gift of the child within them... *"Blessed is the fruit of your womb."* (Luke 1:42) He asks all mothers to constantly keep your children in prayer... *"Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety?"* (Luke 2:48) He asks all mothers to know what a gift it is to be a mother... *"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."* (Luke 1:30) He asks all mothers to lead their children and all those in Her care to Him... *"Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary of Magdala."* (John 19:25) He asks all mothers in their own personal prayer... *"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in Her heart..."* (Luke 2:19) and pray daily for their children no matter how close or far they seem to be from Her Son. He asks all mothers to know that truth, beauty and joy of their motherhood can be perfected as they come to know in their own hearts... the Heart of the Mother of God... the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

God love you... Father Fernan
