

# St. Sylvester Church

*A Roman Catholic Praying Community*

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**Janet Samuel**

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**Carmela Rogan**



## Masses

Saturday evening vigil—4:00 PM

Sunday—7:30, 10:00 AM (Choir), 12 noon

Holy Days—7:00 PM Vigil, 9:00 AM, 12 noon, 7:00 PM

Weekdays—Mon through Fri at 8:30 am-Rosary Chapel

Weekdays of Lent also at 12:00 noon

Saturday at 9:00 AM

## Devotions

Monday through Saturday—Rosary following Mass

Mondays—Miraculous Medal following 8:30 AM Mass

Tuesdays-St. Anthony of Padua following 8:30 AM Mass

Wednesdays—Eucharistic Holy Hour: 7—8 PM

Fridays of Lent-Stations of the Cross: 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM,  
and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: 1 PM - 4 PM

## Parish Activities

Men's Holy Name Society, Women's Guild, Golden Age,  
Eucharistic Ministers, Funeral Ministry, Ushers/Greeters, Teen  
Youth Activities Group, A.C.A., Cub Pack & Boy Scout Troop 85,  
Manresa Christian Life Community, Lectors, Altar Servers

## **Parish Registration**

Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is requested to register at the Rectory. You may fill out the adjacent form and drop it in the collection basket next weekend →

## Baptism

We rejoice with families on the occasion of the birth of a new child. Please call 718-727-4639 and speak to a member of the parish staff to arrange for an interview and registration for the required baptismal preparation class.

## Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturdays—3:00 pm to 3:45 PM

## Matrimony

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and prior to making any plans for the reception. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest. All couples are expected to attend a Diocesan marriage Preparation Program.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ listed/unlisted?

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send parish census card for my family registration

I would like to receive Offering Envelopes

I would like a Priest to contact me **May 22, 2016**

# Parish of St. Sylvester

## Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity May 22, 2016

[T]he love of God has been poured out  
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.  
-- Romans 5:5b



### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**May 21 - Vigil for Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity**  
4:00 p.m. = Frank E. Mulligan-55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, May 22 - Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity**  
7:30 a.m. = Katherine Donovan  
10:00 a.m. = Doug O'Connell  
12:00 noon = Rita Shelley

**Monday, May 23 - Weekday-8<sup>th</sup> Week of Ord. Time**  
8:30 a.m. = birthday blessings for Bobby Golden

**Tuesday, May 24 - Weekday-8<sup>th</sup> Week of Ord. Time**  
8:30 a.m. = Mary Gilmartin

**Wednesday, May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin**  
8:30 a.m. = birthday blessings for Krystyna Garncarz

**Thursday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest**  
8:30 a.m. = Mary Cyphers

**Friday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**  
8:30 a.m. = Donaro Cruz and Rosario Barretto

**Saturday, May 28 - Weekday-8<sup>th</sup> Week of Ord. Time** 9:00 a.m. = Kathy Donovan

**May 28 - Vigil for Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
4:00 p.m. = Salvatore Siclari

**Sunday, May 29 - Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
7:30 a.m. = Mothers' Day intentions  
10:00 a.m. = deceased members of the Dalessio Post 1310 American Legion  
12:00 noon = Mario Peralta

### Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support . . .

**May 15, 2016 - Pentecost Sunday**

**First Collection - \$4,491.00**

**Reserve Fund - \$1,275.00**



### Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Our goal: 232 pledges  
Received To Date: 188 pledges

**PLEASE PRAY** . . . for those anticipating a hospital stay, recuperating, the home-bound in our parish, and in our families. Please keep this list near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.

Victor Andrea, Frances Cirincione,  
Nicholas Clansignan, Jr., Stephen Cucci,  
Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Brian Doyle, Robert Forlenza,  
Connie Gorrasi, John Gostel, Agnes Jennings,  
Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos,  
Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia, Amy O'Donnell,  
Joseph Palumbo, Vicky Pasignagen, Lee Poyntz,  
Carmela Rogan, Annette Scardigno, John Shea,  
Louise Stanley



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands, especially those from our parish family and community . . .*

Seaman Daniel Brennan - USN  
SR Francis S. Cummings - USN  
SR Michael J. Cummings - USN  
Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - USAF  
Francesca DiSimone-Reich - US Army  
Lucia DiSimone-Biggins - USMC  
Ryan Foley - USMC  
Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore - USAF in Japan  
Col. Patrick J. Mahaney, Jr. - US Army  
Prescod Montgomery - US Army in Iraq  
Ensign II Steven Pasignagen-Trimble - US N/Persian Gulf  
Samuel Rios - USAF  
Darrin Sack  
Major Michael Volpe - US Army



*the **Sanctuary Lamp**  
burning before the Tabernacle this week  
is given for the wellbeing of*

**Rose Marchese**

*requested by her daughter Lorraine*

*The **Bread and Wine** offered this week  
are presented in memory of*

**Antonietta Chioda**

*requested by her sister, Nicolina Di Placido*





**Pastor's  
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

Today's liturgical title is **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**, one of the universal

Church's most awe-inspiring doctrines . . . but our communities are not local franchises of some international corporation. We are family, brothers and sisters baptized not in the name of a doctrine, but in the name of a community of Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Pope Francis said recently that faith is personal, not a theoretical idea. Our God is indeed almighty and everlasting, but also intimate and personal, a community of Persons, personally encountering us.

In the Nicene Creed, we declare Jesus "Only Begotten . . . born of the Father before all ages." Paul calls Jesus "the power of God and the wisdom of God (1Corinthians 1:24). But today, our reading from Proverbs communicates that same truth less abstractly, much more personally: "Then was I [Wisdom] beside [God] as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race." (Proverbs 8:30-31). Paul also "*personalizes*" the Spirit: "the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

Today Jesus promises that "the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). Part of that guidance is Pope Francis's declaring this year a Jubilee of Mercy. For mercy, Francis writes, reveals the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, showing us that God is a life-giving, love-sharing personal community and filling our hearts with assurance that despite our sinfulness, we are loved—personally—forever.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

**Responding to the Word**

**Despite my faults and sins, God loves me personally forever.**

- ◆ To whom or to what situation is God inviting me to go, to share my love and forgiveness?



*From Death to New Life*

*May the souls of our dearly departed rest in the peace of God, and may their loved ones find comfort and reassurance in God, our Father.*

**Peter Cundari, Jr.**



*Marriage  
Banns*

**Lucas Matthew Kalas  
and  
Karla Tzompa**



**Youth Group News**

Mr. Peter Tesoriero has invited interested Youth Group members to attend the S.I. YMCA Annual Brunch, therefore, we will not meet for the scheduled June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

During the summer break the Group will be visiting the Carmel Rehab. and Senior Center.

The next Youth Group meeting will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The Group will begin collecting rinsed plastic bottles and cans to recycle in support of the OK Clean Water Project. The goal is to support the production of water delivery systems in villages in Cameroon.



**St. Anthony of Padua  
Annual Novena and Feast**

June 11, Saturday - 4 p.m. Mass & Novena  
June 12, Sunday - 7 p.m. Mass & Novena  
June 13, Monday - 7 p.m. Mass & Novena followed by the marching band with St.

Anthony's statue leading our procession through the neighborhood. Then, refreshments in the Parish Hall.

**ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL**

Invites all incoming Freshmen and 7th Graders to our annual **BBQ-Party/Field Day** Wednesday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>** ~ 3:30-5:00 PM at **Viking Park** ~ Sports/Games/DJ Music Rain or shine Casual attire Parents' meet-and-greet at 4:30 PM in the Cafeteria. for further info.: 718-984-6500, ext. 5341



Next Sunday, May 29 **American Legion Dalessio Post 1310** will meet for the 10:00 AM Mass for the repose of the souls of deceased members.

After Mass all are invited to cross Clove Rd. to the American Legion Memorial and join our veterans in a ceremony honoring the members of our community who gave their lives in defense of our country.



**On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the ten o'clock Mass we will honor those couples in our parish family who will be married for 25, 50 or more years during 2016. Reception by invitation follows in the Parish Hall. Please call the Parish Office if you, your spouse, and guests would like to participate.**