

# St. Sylvester Church

*A Roman Catholic Praying Community*

854 Targee Street, Concord  
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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 29, 2016**

# Parish of St. Sylvester

## Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ May 29, 2016

*[A]s often as you eat this bread  
and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*  
-- 1 Corinthians 11:26



### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**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

**Monday, May 30 - Weekday-9<sup>th</sup> Week of Ord. Time**

8:30 a.m. = Rose Fortunato

**Tuesday, May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 a.m. = Trinidad & Dominador Galsim

**Wednesday, June 1 - St. Justin, Martyr**

8:30 a.m. = Wayne Norman

**Thursday, June 2 - Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs**

8:30 a.m. = Mary M. Harris

**Friday, June 3 - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; 1st Friday**

8:30 a.m. = Harry and Jane Forlenza

**Saturday, June 4 - Immaculate Heart of the BVM;  
First Saturday**

9:00 a.m. = Robert V. Koeth, Jr. (happy 3rd ann. in heaven)

**June 4 - Vigil for 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. = Michael P. Donahue (happy b'day. in heaven)

**Sunday, June 5 - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. = Anthony Pinto

10:00 a.m. = 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> & above Marriage Anniversary  
Celebrants for 2016

12:00 noon = Gregory Brucale

### Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's  
Support . . .

**May 15, 2016 - Trinity Sunday**

**First Collection - \$4,489.00**

**Reserve Fund - \$1039.00**



### Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Our goal: 232 pledges  
Received To Date: 197 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 Pasignajen-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 in memory of*

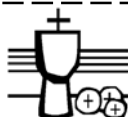
**Robert V. Koeth, Jr.**

*requested by his parents, Tess and Bob Koeth*

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

**Coleen Reinhold**

*requested by the Golden family*





## *Pro-Life Activities*

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

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### MEMORANDUM

Date: March 23, 2016

To: Diocesan Pro-Life Directors, State Catholic Conference Directors

From: Richard Doerflinger

Re: Update on Assisted Suicide Resources

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As you know, the group "Compassion & Choices" (the former Hemlock Society) has a very organized and heavily funded campaign to get more states to legalize physician-assisted suicide. The group scored a victory in California last year; it is promoting similar legislation in many other states this year.

The good news is that, at this writing, none of the 2016 bills has passed. Recently the Death with Dignity National Center reported on what it called its "state by state progress," which was actually a litany of failures. After noting defeats in Maryland and Hawaii, the Center admitted that "you will hear a lot of gloating from our opponents about bills in Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, Utah, and Wisconsin going down in defeat or sidelined in one legislative way or another." The Center nevertheless said this is "progress" because in some states the legislation received a hearing for the first time. See <https://www.deathwithdignity.org/news/2016/03/state-progress/>.

I do not want to be accused of "gloating," but I will note that voting against a bill after hearing all the arguments on both sides is generally seen as a more decisive rejection than simply not getting around to it. The grain of truth in our opponents' spin, though, is that they will definitely not go away but will keep working, and we have to do so as well.

In this context I want to recall to your attention the statement on this issue the full body of bishops approved in 2011, *To Live Each Day with Dignity*, which is part of our response to the challenge posed by C&C.

I invite you to visit the USCCB [web page](#) featuring this statement and related materials, and to promote this link to the Catholic faithful and sympathetic lawmakers in your area. The site includes:

- The bishops' statement itself, *To Live Each Day with Dignity*, with live links to documentation on factual points.
- Fact sheets citing primary sources on how existing laws on assisted suicide are really working and many other aspects of the issue (with the fact sheet on the Oregon and Washington laws recently updated to take account of Oregon's 2015 data);
- Catholic teaching documents on end-of-life issues, as well as helpful articles from our Respect Life Program and columns issued as part of our Life Issues Forum series, the last of these available free of charge for any Catholic publication (with our most recent LIF column commenting on the gap between the image of Brittany Maynard and the "true face of assisted suicide," <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/life-issues-forum/the-true-face-of-assisted-suicide.cfm>);
- New brief and appealing videos, with personal stories countering the image created by C&C's campaign about a "death with dignity" (these being distributed in cooperation with a non-religious group called the Patients' Rights Action Fund). Details on how the videos can be shared with others and embedded on state and diocesan web sites can be obtained from Deirdre McQuade at the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities ([dmcquade@usccb.org](mailto:dmcquade@usccb.org)). A new video making the connection between "physician-assisted suicides" and other suicides will be released soon.

I hope you will find our resources helpful in your advocacy and education. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, has also written to all U.S. bishops to share these resources. The Pro-Life Committee and its staff will keep working to be of every assistance to states facing this issue. Any request from a state for help with research, legislative analysis, messaging, etc. will be gratefully received and acted on to the best of our ability.



**Pastor's  
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

Recently I came across a little book that offered a selection of "B and Bs" (Bed and Breakfast residences) where travelers could stay in a certain state. The promise of a good "B and B" is a clean place, a good night's sleep, and a good meal to begin the day. In short, rest and sustenance.

Is it too irreverent to propose that today's feast is a reminder that we believers have available the "B and B" of all "B and Bs" in the Eucharist? This sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ offers an ongoing opportunity for rest and sustenance with the Lord.

Today's scriptures all deal with offering sustenance, beginning with Melchizedek presenting Abraham a little bread and wine along with a blessing. Then there is Paul reminding the fractious Corinthians how eating the bread and wine sustains them as they proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Finally, Jesus provides rest and sustenance for his disciples, along with five thousand others who show up.

One weekday afternoon many years and a distance ago, I came upon a man sitting alone in the church in which I served. He told me he worked off a truck, checking gas meters and doing repairs for the town's Gas and Electric Company. He used to stop in a church and have his lunch there. He said it provided him a chance to talk to the Lord and rest for a few moments in the Lord's presence. It sustained him over the years. Again, rest and sustenance.

God's ongoing hospitality in the Eucharist has continued over generations to offer rest and sustenance. What could be better than having the Lord coming to dwell within us, giving us the nourishment necessary to sustain us on our journey?

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*



*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.*

**Eileen M. Oliver**



*Happy  
Anniversary*

*On Sunday, June 5th 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.*



**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.



*Marriage  
Banns*

**Lucas Matthew Kalas  
and  
Karla Tzompa**



*CCD  
School  
of  
Religion*

**APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Grade 1- Gianna Pascual

Grade 2- William Fraser

Grade 3- Pamela Manzanillo

Grade 4- Gianna Spagnuolo

Grade 5- Elena Borrero & Danielle Lipari



**REMINDER**

Registration form for 2016-2017 has been distributed. Please fill out and return to the Office with payment fee for the coming year which is:  
\$130 - one student, \$195 - 2 students/same family,  
\$225. - 3 or more students/same family. There will be a \$20. discount applied to any category if you register now. Checks to be made payable to *St. Sylvester's Religious Education.*

**CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION Garden of Life Brunch and Fundraiser**

Sunday, June 5th ~ 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Excelsior Grand—2380 Hylan Blvd.

Tickets-\$30. per person

for full info. call 718-556-3474

*funds raised to assist expectant & new mothers in need*

**American Legion Dalessio Post 1310 meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in St. Simon's Church on Richmond Road, Concord (across from Columbia Ave.). Our next meeting will be June 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**All veterans who served during times of conflict are eligible to join and will be welcomed. Come to the next Post meeting a short time before 11:00 a.m. if you are interested.**

*George Balleto, Post Commander*