

# Parish of St. Sylvester

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017



"I came baptizing with water that He might be made known to Israel."

—John 1:29



### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, Jan. 14 - Vigil Mass - 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 p.m. = Nicholas Lettiere (5<sup>th</sup> ann. in heaven)

**Sunday, Jan. 15 - 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

10:00 a.m. = Theresa and Joseph Marzano

12:00 noon = Ann Pinto

**Monday, Jan. 16 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. = Emillana, Goringo, Amadeo,  
Julian (ann. in. heaven)



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Tuesday, Jan. 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:30 a.m. = Charles Tompkins

**Wednesday, Jan. 18 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. = good health for Ronald Guerrara



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

**Thursday, Jan. 19 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. = good health for Robert Forlenza

**Friday, Jan. 20 - St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr**

8:30 a.m. = good health for Rosemarie Pallidino and  
Mary Anne Brennick

**Saturday, Jan. 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

9:00 a.m. = good health for the Whittmans and family

**Saturday, Jan. 21 - Vigil Mass - 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 p.m. = Dr. Dennis Leung

**Sunday, Jan. 22 - 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 a.m. = Victoria Somma

10:00 a.m. = Grace Roselle

### Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support . . .

**Christmas Collection** - \$19,845.00

**January 1, 2017: First Collection** - \$ 3,784.00

**Mary, Mother of God** - \$ 1,278.00

**January 8, 2017: First Collection** - \$3,450.00

**Catholic Communication** - \$ 605.00



December winner — \$235.00

**Mrs. Patricia Campbell**



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

Seaman Daniel Brennan - U.S. Navy  
SR Francis S. Cummings - U.S. Navy  
SR Michael J. Cummings - U.S. Navy  
Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - U.S. Air Force  
Francesca DiSimone-Biggins - U.S. Army  
Lucia DiSimone-Biggins - U.S. Corps  
Ryan Foley - U.S. Marine Corps  
Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore - U.S. Air Force in Japan  
Col. Patrick J. Mahaney, Jr. - U.S. Army  
Prescod Montgomery - U.S. Army in Iraq  
Ensign II Steven Pasignajen-Trimble - U.S. Navy/Persian Gulf  
Samuel Rios - U.S. Air Force  
Darrin Sack  
Joseph Somma - U.S. Marine Corps  
Major Michael Volpe - U.S. Army



**PLEASE PRAY . . .** for those anticipating a hospital stay, recuperating, the homebound 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, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff,  
Frances Cirincione, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr.,  
Stephen Cucci, Jean De Santis, Robert Forlenza,  
Thomas Galvin, Connie Garbarino,  
Connie Gorrasi, Richard Hassel, Agnes Jennings,  
Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese,  
Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell,  
Joseph Palumbo, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan,  
Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley

### HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

**THIS SUNDAY AFTER THE 10 O'CLOCK MASS**  
*Please come and join us for friendship, conversation and refreshments in the Parish Hall.*

*Bring your clean recyclable bottles & cans for our Youth Group's redemption Project.*



**Pastor's  
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

Recently I have seen TV ads for an animated film, *The Little Prince*. In the 1940s, Antoine de Saint Exupéry wrote that story for children, and many adults appreciate it as well. The Little Prince inhabits a small asteroid where he spends his time caring for one beautiful rose and rooting out baobab trees, which threaten to destroy life around them. The Little Prince visits other planets and then comes to Earth, where he meets the Fox. The Fox asks the Little Prince to tame him, explaining that taming means being responsible for someone. The Little Prince says he understands taming because of the rose that he loves, cares for, and protects. The Fox says the rose must be special because of all that time devoted to it. The Fox also tells the Little Prince that the most significant things in life are seen only with the heart, and he warns him not to forget a key truth: You are responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.

We have each established ties with our parish on some level, and whatever time and abilities we devote to God and to each other make those connections stronger. We obviously need our parish, or we wouldn't be here. Our parish is our spiritual home and a source of life through worship, friendships, and shared labor. The ties that we establish with our fellow parishioners form that essential connection, invisible to the eye. The parish, in turn, needs our time, our devotion, care, and protection, and our monetary support to fulfill its mission. The good news is that God has "tamed" us and is responsible for us in the here-and-now and on into the future. It seems only right that all of us, in turn, are responsible for God's church, God's people, and God's world.

It is evident that many are doing their part. Most have received the pledge request for the Archdiocesan **RENEW+REBUILD** program, which includes the 2017 Annual Stewardship Appeal goal within this plan. Therefore, you can see the 2017 Stewardship Appeal is not  *canceled* . For those who have not pledged for **RENEW+REBUILD** there still remains a responsibility to that 2017 Stewardship Appeal. I'll be explaining this more fully in the coming weeks. Now, at start of the year—the time for resolutions and recommitments—I hope to remind our parish family of our parish's need for *"our time, our devotion, care, and protection, and our monetary support to fulfill its mission."*

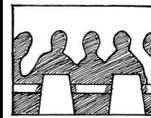
Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*



The season's holidays are over and students are back at their school desks. In about 10 days they will receive report cards testifying to their accomplishment during the first semester of this year's Faith Formation studies.

Since the Parish is the hub of lifelong Faith Formation, we recommend these children to your prayers.



**MEETINGS**

**A.C.A.**, A 12-step program for adults who grew up in a dysfunctional home, meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Rosary Hall. Call Larry at 718-619-5545 for more information.

*"Remember to love people and use things, rather than love things and use people." — Bishop Fulton Sheen*



**St. Sylvester's Youth Group**

will be collecting all recyclable, rinsed, clean soda cans and bottles at **THIS Sunday's Hospitality Sunday** in the Parish

Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.  
*(Please do not leave these items in church or at the Parish House)*

In February [2/5], the Youth Group meetings will return to the first Sunday of the month. Since it is also recycle day we'll be meeting in the Parish Hall.

All teens – 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up – are welcome to come—bring your ideas—meet the group—

**R-E-G-I-S-T-E-R:** New Parishioners - - and those who have not already registered - - please complete the form on this bulletin's cover. Without such registration it is difficult to attest to issue certificates for Baptism and confirmation sponsorship.

**Saying Amen**

*In the Prayer After Communion we ask God to make us one in mind and heart.*

Where am I not "one in mind and heart" with others in my life? How can I help bring about reconciliation?

*God of forgiveness, help me find the courage and wisdom . . .*