

Parish of St. Sylvester

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017



What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

—1 Corinthians 2:9-10



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 11 - Vigil Mass - 6th SUNDAY - ORD. TIME

4:00 p.m. = Aracelis Leung

Sunday, Feb. 12 - 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. = Mary Brescia

10:00 a.m. = Andrew Martucci

12:00 noon = Victor and Maria Robert

Monday, Feb. 13 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Calogero Sorrentino

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

8:30 a.m. = Vincent Di Forte

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Colomba Battista

Thursday, Feb. 16 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Daniel Savino

Friday, Feb. 17 - Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:30 a.m. = Dominick Zazzinia

Saturday, Feb. 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. = Gloria Ripola

Saturday, Feb. 18 - Vigil Mass - 7th SUNDAY - ORD. TIME

4:00 p.m. = Anna Mae Griffin

Sunday, Feb. 19 - 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. = Tita Payoma (for her wellbeing)

10:00 a.m. = Sr. Marie Scanlon

12:00 noon = Charles Marchese



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support . . .

February 5, 2017

1st collection - \$4,740.00

Peter's Pence - \$1,072.00



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 Passignajen-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



The Sanctuary Lamp burns before the Tabernacle this week in thanksgiving and for good health of the Alfeche and Hugo family

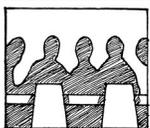


"...they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of Himself."

Marie Barone

August W. Van Pelt

returned to the Lord's embrace.



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.



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, Cecilia Brennan, 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, Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell, Joseph Palumbo, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

We live in a country where we prize our freedom, cling to our right to choose, and even define our homeland as "the land of the free." Today's scriptures remind us that along with rights come responsibilities. We are to respond to our God who made us and calls us to be a people of the new covenant, ratified by the saving death of God's Son on the cross.

"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you," says Ben Sira (*Sirach 15:15*). For the Jewish people the law was a blessing and those who chose to keep the law would be blessed with life. That choice is still before us today.

Jesus' teachings reveal his wisdom in understanding the law of the Mosaic covenant. His grasp of what was at the heart of the law can be clearly found in the long form of today's Gospel. While there is an option for a shorter version, spend some time with the longer reading (*Matthew 5:17-37*).

We are to live as kin in what has been called the "kin-dom" of God. In a world that justifies preventative strikes, Jesus forbids not only killing but even getting angry and bearing a grudge. He teaches that reconciliation takes priority over worship, that the prohibition against adultery extends even to looking with lust at another, reducing a person to an object for self-gratification. Finally, he asks us not to swear but to speak with simplicity and integrity.

Some might dismiss all this as impossible to achieve. But, as a young virgin was once told: "[N]othing will be impossible for God" (*Luke 1:37*).

We can pray for the Holy Spirit to open our minds to understand what is at the heart of Jesus' teachings, and that we both discern what God asks of us and respond wholeheartedly. Thus we witness to others what it means to walk in the law of the Lord.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



JOIN US . . .

NEXT SUNDAY
after 10 o'clock Mass
in our Parish Hall



The Jane B. Thompson PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

H. S. JUNIORS & SENIORS

* FIRST PRIZE - \$100 *

H. S. FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES

* FIRST PRIZE - \$100 *

7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

* FIRST PRIZE - \$100 *

WRITE AN ESSAY

on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide
or stem cell research

Mail original essay & keep a copy
on or before April 1, 2017 to:
S. I. Right to Life League Inc.
P.O. Box 60520, S. I., NY 10306
For information: 646-662-3914



Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS)

Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS) for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s will meet on Thurs., **Feb. 23rd @ 7:15 PM**
Confession 101: From the Early Church to the Present
at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd., 10314—
\$10 appreciated. Just in time for Lent, join us as Fr. Angelo Micciulla discusses how the sacrament of Penance began and how it has come from the early Church to what we have today. *Fr. Micciulla is Pastor of Holy Family and co-founder of the Terror of Demons, a motorcycle ministry of NY Archdiocesan priests who ride, pray for and give blessings to riders and their bikes.*



ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

850 Hylan Blvd. SJRETREATCENTER.ORG

Maturing in God: Continuation Series Fee-\$20

Thursday, Feb. 16th 1:00-3:00 PM

Facilitated by Nancy Bachman

Aging...the Opportunity of a lifetime - A course developed by Richard P. Johnson, PhD in living agelessly in 12 powerful lessons is given over a 2-year period. (Attendees do not need to attend all sessions) Each session will help you tap the wisdom and grace that comes with learning from the "Master Teacher". You'll discover the keys to maturing in the way God intended; changing your attitude, seeking love everywhere, accepting your true self, letting go of anger, forgiving yourself & others, delighting in connectedness, living in the now, celebrating faith, giving of yourself, making your feelings work, finding deep meaning and balancing your life—everything you need to develop your "spiritual vitality."

Fr. Jacob's Hospitality Sunday **wishlist**

Supplies needed: - paper napkins
- hot-coffee cups (*no Styrofoam*)
- paper plates - small and large
- clear juice cups

Bring donations to the Parish House Office, or to the next Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Hall (2/19).