

Parish of St. Sylvester

*15th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017*

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Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 8 - Vigil Mass for 14th Sunday Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Vincent and Lawrence Capelli

July 9 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Michel and Anne Curcio

10:00 a.m. = Giuseppe Impeduglia

12:00 noon = Robert Koeth, Sr.

Monday, July 10 - 14th Week, day in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Linda Ballard

Tuesday, July 11 - St. Benedict, Abbot

8:30 a.m. - Mr. Mendoza

Wednesday, July 12 - 14th Week, day in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Domidor, Trinidad, Delfin Galsim

7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Thursday, July 13 - St. Henry-Holy Roman Emperor

8:30 a.m. = Felicisima Bucuo

Friday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:30 a.m. = Hans Hollenstein

**Saturday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of
the Church**

9:00 a.m. = José Compuesto

Saturday, July 15 - Vigil Mass for 15th Sunday Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Nicholas Lettiere (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

July 16 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Ligaya Sapico Lanni

10:00 a.m. = Elanora & Ismael Holipas- *in thanksgiving*

12:00 noon = deceased members of the McCoy family
and Mary Bhatia

*Bread and Wine at all the Masses
this week are offered in memory of*

_____ requested by _____



*This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns
before the tabernacle with prayers for*



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support on . . .

July 2, 2017

1st Collection - \$5,390.00

African Missions - \$ 802.00

July 9, 2017

1st Collection - \$

Reserve Fund - \$



PLEASE PRAY . . .

*. . . for those anticipating a
hospital stay, recuperating,
and 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, Nancy J. Bushman,
Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione,
Stephen Cucci, Fr. Paul Duffy, MM,
Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Jean De Santis,
Thomas Galvin, Connie Garbarino,
Richard Hassel, Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano,
Louis Matos, George Moresca,
Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell, Linda Orber,
Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Annette Scardigno,
Louise Stanley, John and Ann Vincenzo**



*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. M.C.
Lucia DiSimone-Biggins - U. S. M.C.
Ryan Foley - U.S. M.C.
Alvin S. Joseph II - U. S. Navy
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
Ens. 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**



**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

The American labor force is working longer hours and producing faster than ever before. Some say that the strongest incentives are threats of job or benefit loss if production is not adequate. Others credit increased productivity to the attractive monetary rewards built into the corporate system. Either way, most analysts agree that it is not a positive trend. People of every income bracket are sacrificing too much of their leisure and family time to make more room for work in their lives.

This week all three scripture readings illustrate the reward system that **God offers** for those who make worthy sacrifices. Unlike the sacrifices of overwork, these sacrifices bring **eternal rewards**. The story of Elisha and the helpful woman illustrates the rewards of generosity. She acts not out of self-interest, but out of respect for God's servant, the prophet Elisha. Her generosity is rewarded with new life in her womb, a son to care for her in her old age. Paul tells us that all who die to sin shall live with Christ "in newness of life" (*Romans 6:4*). Finally, Jesus says that "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it . . . and whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones" will be rewarded (*Matthew 10:39, 42*). Sacrifice is at the heart of Christian discipleship, but then, so is the Resurrection.

As I reflected on how I might apply this Sunday's readings I was reminded of at least 4 recent losses for the long-time members of our parish family. I knew only one of them but, from what many have told me, they all lived lives of worthy Christian service and sacrifice. Consistently generous with their time for others and for their Church, they exemplified that Christian discipleship to which I referred. If we look for a model upon which to pattern lives so that we too might be "...living for God through Christ Jesus" (*Romans 8:11*), We need not look far.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



St. Sylvester Youth Group

Our annual "Spring-into-Summer Bash," a family affair held in the Parish Hall on Friday, June 23rd was '*gift-catered*' by

CANLON'S RESTAURANT with delicious trays of Greek salad, pasta and vegetable salad. From PASTOSA'S on Richmond Road we had scrumptious chicken marsala, ziti, rice and vegetables, and potato croquets. As usual, Frank Quinn had the Hall ready, the coffee prepared, and all in place for our arrival. Marie Stewart (and her daughter Donna – who came to visit her Mom but instead put her chef's skills to work) and Peter Tesoriero made sure the food was hot, in place, and then helped to serve

Entertainment was provided by DJ's Jovi and Tito Marfa. Briana and Justine Marfa created and MC'd a program of *Hula Hoop contests*, *Musical chairs*, the *Newspaper dance* and the crowd favorite - the '*Bring Me*' game (the first to bring Briana a specific object called for, such as a left shoe, a driver's license, a Mom - even "*bring me Fr. Jacob*") was rewarded with a \$1 bill.

Thanks are given to our Parish Family for the OK Water Project's total of 7,642 bottles and cans donated and recycled. We sent \$390 to the Project. Awards were given to members who worked hard all year getting those nickels. First place, for recycling 3,900 bottles went to Matt Tesoriero, 2nd place - Julian Gotiangco, 3rd place - Brianna Marfa, honorable mention - Aleah & Clara Vilorio and Manny Arzu.

The **Altar Servers** and **Youth Group members** were recognized for their hard work all year. Thanks were given to this year's Youth Group Co-Directors Brianna Marfa & Julian Gotiangco and Communications Director Matthew Tesoriero; and congratulations to Brianna Marfa and Aleah Vilorio who start college in the fall. Aleah will also be joining Julian as a Co-Director of the Youth Group next year.

Be sure to bring the family and join us *next JUNE* for our family "Spring-into-Summer Bash!"



ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

Daughters of the Divine Charity

850 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10305

12 Step Spirituality for Everyday Life

Tuesday, July 11 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Facilitated by Grace Conte

Fee: \$20

Each month, you're invited to join us in an environment of trust and safety that enables us to be transparent and receptive. We will rely on the original 12 Step approach to integrate the universal principles of patience, forgiveness, compassion, acceptance, trust and love in order to be motivated and inspired to carry hope forward. One does not have to have a substance addiction to join. One may be struggling with another addiction or may be part of a dependency relationship. Each month's session stands alone and will focus on a Step from the 12 Step Recovery Program.