

Parish of St. Sylvester

Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2017



*The heavens proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.*

--Psalm 97:6



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Aug. 5 - Vigil Mass - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
4:00 p.m. = Anthony Sciavolino

Aug. 6 - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
7:30a.m. = for good health of Salvatore & Louie Di Forte
10:00 a.m. = Mary D'Auria (*happy birthday in heaven*)
12:00 noon = Robert H. Moore

**Monday, Aug. 7 - Pope St. Sixtus II and Companions,
Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest**
8:30 a.m. - Angelo and Marion Martorano

Tuesday, Aug. 8 - St. Dominic, Priest
8:30 a.m. - Virgilio Talaid

**Wednesday, Aug. 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Virgin and Martyr**

8:30 a.m. = Elsie Capitano
7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Thursday, Aug. 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
8:30 a.m. = Antonio Condé

Friday, Aug. 11 - St. Clare, Virgin
8:30 a.m. = _____

Saturday, Aug. 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious
9:00 a.m. = Robert Koeth, Sr.

Saturday, Aug. 12 - Vigil Mass - 19th Sunday-Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Salvatore Siclari

Aug. 13 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30a.m. = for our parish family
10:00 a.m. = Michael P. Donahue
12:00 noon = deceased members of the McCoy family
and Mary Bhatia

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support on . . .

July 30, 2017

1st Collection - \$4,169.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,084.00



**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, Robert Golden,
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, Phyllis Savarese,
Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley,
John and Ann Vincenzo**

*Please let us know if anyone for whom we are praying
has recovered from illness/surgery so that we may
rejoice with you and then make room for others in need
of prayer. Thank you.*



*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**

*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning
before the tabernacle this week
are offered in memory of*

Salvatore Siclari

*requested by wife **Rosalie** and Children*



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

Salvatore Siclari

*requested by wife **Rosalie** and Children*



Staten Island, NY



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

As you all know I am on vacation, visiting my Mother, siblings and family here in India. Nonetheless, my thoughts and concerns turn so very often to my parish family at St. Sylvester's. Who can be more blessed than I, having 2 families to hold close in my heart?

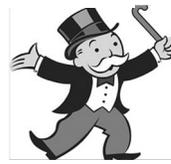
In preparing my letter to you for this Sunday I read today's gospel and was reminded of a story my Fordham professor told my Pastoral Counseling class:

"Jennifer decided to go on her first retreat. She was exhausted from looking after three young children and her ailing mother-in-law; at the very least she would get some rest! The first few hours were spent unpacking, settling in, and getting acquainted. The retreat leader announced that after dinner and prayers, silence would begin and would be kept for the rest of the weekend. Jennifer happily complied and slept soundly until the morning bell. During breakfast, Jennifer felt uneasiness begin to rise in her. She was used to the noise of her children, her mother-in-law's endless conversations, her friends' cell phone calls, and the constant sound of the TV in the background. This silence was unnerving. By mid-afternoon Jennifer was almost panicking. She couldn't stand all the quietness; she would have to leave. Seeking out the retreat director, she blurted out her distress. He took her aside into a small sitting room and closed the door. "What are you running from, Jennifer?" he asked quietly. Without thinking about her reply, Jennifer said, "God." Her own answer startled her and she realized that she had let noise fill her days. There was no quiet for God's voice in her life. Jennifer began to relax and allowed the silence to envelop her for the rest of the weekend. As the retreat came to an end, she listened carefully to the stories of Elijah and Peter. Elijah heard God not in windstorm or earthquake, but in a tiny breeze. Peter heard Jesus invite him to walk on the sea, but wind and waves distracted Peter and he began to sink. Jennifer made two changes in her life. The TV was turned off except for certain programs, and she made time simply to be alone with God in weekly Eucharistic Adoration."

May I suggest—make room for a silent time and place in *your* life for God to speak to your heart? Start slowly—say fifteen minutes twice a week, then increase to fifteen minutes once a day. Let nothing else intrude on this special time.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



July 50/50 Winnings

\$195

Congratulations!

Isaac Mennoh

(Are you the far-seeing sort—already planning a month or 2 ahead? If so, the following might be just what you need as you update your calendar. . .)



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The Rite of Christian initiation of Adults, more commonly known as the 'RCIA', is a process for people who either want to learn about our Catholic faith and traditions, desire to become a Catholic, or for those Baptized Catholics who wish to complete their sacraments.

The next sessions of St. Sylvester's RCIA will begin in September.

If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or completing their sacraments please invite them to call the Parish Office.



REGISTRATION:

- Wednesday, Sept 6 from 2:30 to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, September 7 from 5 to 7p.m.
- Monday, Sept 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

YEARLY TUITION - \$130 for 1 child, \$195 for 2 children in the same family and \$225 for 3 or more children in the same family

All must register for the 2017-18 year including those returning from previous years.

CLASSES BEGIN:

- Grades 6-8** on Monday Sept 11 at 6 p.m
- Grades 1-5** on Wednesday Sept 13 at 3 p.m.



St. Sylvester Youth Group

The *next meeting* of the Youth Group will be on **Sunday, October 1st** in the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. Mass. All teens—7th Grade and older—welcome! Come plan the year's activities.

Orientation for New Altar Servers

—grades 4 and up—will begin on **Thursday, Oct 5 at 6 p.m.**



Sign-up forms available in the Sacristy after Mass or in the Parish Office.