

Parish of St. Sylvester

20th Week
in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2017



*Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.*

--Isiah 56:1



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Aug. 19 - Vigil Mass - 20th Sunday-Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. = Robert F. Griffin

Aug. 20 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. = for our parish family

10:00 a.m. = Vincent Radgow, Sr.

12:00 noon = Mary Bhatia (2nd anniversary in heaven)

Monday, Aug. 21 - St. Pius X, Pope

8:30 a.m. = Dr. Emelita R. Mendoza

Tuesday, Aug. 22

8:30 a.m. = Belen Leano



Wednesday, Aug. 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:30 a.m. = Erlinda Lona (happy b'day. & good health)

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

Thursday, Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 a.m. = Lisa and Craig Leeds

Friday, Aug. 25 - St. Louis IX (King); St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:30 a.m. = Veto and Sophie Catalano

Saturday, Aug. 26 - Weekday of 20th Week in Ord. Time

9:00 a.m. = Judith Barretto

Saturday, Aug. 26 - Vigil Mass - 22nd Sunday-Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = John Roselle

Aug. 27 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. = for our parish family

10:00 a.m. = Vincent Radgow, Sr.

12:00 noon = Mary Bhatia (2nd anniversary in heaven)

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support on . . .

August 13, 2017

1st Collection - \$3,756.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,098.00



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, Joseph Bertolini, 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



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

Mary Bhatia
requested by Anne

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

Mary Bhatia
requested by Anne



*From Death
to New Life*

*May the soul of our dearly departed rest in
the peace of God, and may loved ones find
comfort and reassurance in God, our Father.*

Michelle Rachel Puig



**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

I have been having a fine time visiting with my mother and reconnecting with family. But when I recently learned of the plumbing catastrophe and accompanying water damage in our Parish House, my concern took the edge off the vacation fun. Happily however, it is very reassuring to know that our newly degreed Parish Manager has the situation well in hand. Janet tells me that when I return I won't even be able to spot the repairs!

Now for some thoughts I pondered when reading today's scripture: At one time or another, we have all been rejected or ridiculed, left out of a conversation, or not invited to a party. It hurts to be excluded. God makes all things new, though, and our scriptures today invite us to turn over our aching hearts to the Lord. Some of us might feel reluctant to give our hearts to the Lord, especially if our suffering somehow involves God or the Church. Why pour out hearts to God, after all, if God seems to be the cause of our troubles? A tragic loss, a painful death, or an unavoidable catastrophe can disrupt or destroy our life plans. When people clumsily console us then, saying, "It's God's will," we can easily become suspicious of God and the almighty will. If we suffer from the sinful structures or actions of God's representatives and ministers in the Church, we might look with skepticism at the prayers of that same Church.

Even so, our Canaanite woman today persuades us not to lose hope. The disciples scorn her, complaining that she "keeps calling" out for help. Like irritable children, the disciples ask Jesus to "send her away." And just when we might expect Jesus to take her side—to scold the disciples and reward the woman's persistence—he shocks us by implying she is a dog. Undaunted, the woman accepts Jesus' remark and parlays its aggression into her own forceful plea: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

The woman's faith is irresistible--to Jesus, and to us. Jesus grants her heart's desire, healing her daughter from that very moment. We too are won over by her indomitable confidence in the Lord. Truly, this woman is one of the heroes of the New Testament. When difficulties suffocate us and we feel turned away like a stray dog, we can recall the Canaanite woman's simple words: "Lord, help me."

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



**Lifestyles
for the Disabled**



8th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, Sept. 8, 2017

Silver Lake Golf Course

1 PM Shot Gun Start

Registration Deadline - August 29, 2017

Full info: Greg Mikalauskas

@ 718-983-5351, Ext. 118 or 347-695-7078

Honoring
**THE S. I. KIWANIS
Community Partnership**

**JOANNE CERTO
Conrad Whitehead
Award**



**St. Sylvester - St. Teresa
Community Food Pantry**

needs non-perishable food to assist the needy in our community. Please think of the less fortunate when you shop. When you come to Mass donated non-perishable items may be placed in the boxes at the back of our church near the elevator. Donations of supermarket gift cards will also enable the welcome purchase of *FRESH* produce.

Food Pantry Distribution @ St. Teresa Parish

First and Third Week of the Month
Monday - Wednesday - Friday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



**Patricia Campbell
Memorial**

This Scholarship Fund has been created to continue the work begun by Mrs. Campbell to provide

a religious education for every child. The Fund will provide full or partial scholarships to parish families for payment of their children's religious education at St. Sylvester's School of Religion. Donations are welcome. Make checks to **St. Sylvester's Religious Education.**



'STAY-CATION' FUN

BIRD AND NATURE WALK

**1-2 MI. GUIDED HIKE AT CONFERENCE HOUSE PARK
WED., AUG. 30 — 10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

**Meet in front of the Visitors Center on
Satterlee St. at the end of Hylan Blvd.**



**WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR SOUTHBOUND MIGRANTS.
DRESS COMFORTABLY AND BRING WATER.**

Free/Donations welcome

FOR MORE INFO. CALL 718-727-1135



CORRECTION: 12 noon Mass on August 15, Solemnity of Assumption was celebrated in memory of **Lydia Algarin**