

# Parish of St. Sylvester

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2017



*My eyes have seen  
your salvation,  
which you prepared in the  
sight of all the peoples.*

—Luke 2:30-31



### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, Dec. 30 - Vigil Mass for Sunday

4:00 p.m. = Tony and Dolores Amoroso

#### Sunday, Dec. 31 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

10:00 a.m. = Giuseppe Saiascia?

12:00 noon = Thomas McCoy, Jr.

#### Monday, Jan. 1 - MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:30 a.m. = Roberto Lopez

#### Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:30 a.m. = deceased members of the Doyle & Corrigan families

#### Wednesday, Jan. 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 a.m. = Greene-Hopkins Family

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

#### Thursday, Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30 a.m. = good health & wellbeing for Tita Payomo

#### Friday, Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop; FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. = Julia and Myron Krumm

#### Saturday, Jan. 6 - St. Andrew Bessette, Religious;

**FIRST SATURDAY**

9:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

#### Saturday, Jan. 6 - Vigil Mass for Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 p.m. = John Makar

#### Sunday, Jan. 7 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. = Grace Roselle

10:00 a.m. = Ester Vecchiarelli

12:00 noon = \_\_\_\_\_



*Bread and Wine at all the Masses  
this week are offered in memory of  
**Thomas McCoy, Jr.**  
requested by Anne*



### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Simeon and Anna rejoice because Jesus has come to them.

• **How can I share with others how Jesus' presence has changed me and my life? Jesus, help me to . . .**

### Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's  
Support on . . .

Dec. 24 and Christmas 2017

*Because of the holiday, contribution amounts will not be available until next week.*

**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, Karen Chardavoyne, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Stephen Cucci, Fr. Paul Duffy, MM, Robert Golden, Neil Hartnett, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., 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 safe in your loving hands . . .*

**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. Il 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**  
*Has someone here been transferred, demobilized, discharged, retired? Please let us know.*

# CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

## From

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballard, Sr.  
Mr. George Balletto  
Mr. and Mrs. James Barrett  
The Bauer Family  
Eduardo Bernales  
Vivian Bertoldo  
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bosco  
Mrs. Richard Brennan  
Mr. Benny Brescia  
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Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Ciaravino  
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Ms. Jaqueline Kelleher  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward La Grua  
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Landvogt  
Pauline and Jonathan Lee  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leoutsako

## In Memory of

Ballard & Buttermark Families  
  
Bauer & Thornton Families  
Topaio & Bernales Families  
  
Veronica Bosco  
  
Mrs. Mary & Rosemarie Brescia  
Mrs/ Patricia Campbell  
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Robert  
Beatriz B. Briz  
  
Frank Corrado  
Mario Peralta  
Charles & Rose Marchese  
  
Curatolla & Cibelli Families  
  
Ruth & Arthur Fox  
F. Barry Mulligan  
De Simone / Camera Families  
  
Bambino Di Placido  
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Elisa Young  
  
Daniel H. Lee  
Hugho Terzuion  
Richard Fernandes  
William Thomas Fraser  
John Garbarino  
  
Rey Gotiangco  
Iacono & Vitolo Families  
  
Janicki Family  
Kavanagh & McCahill Families  
  
Colela & La Grua Families  
Peter Landvogt  
Daniel Lee



Mr. Stephen Leung  
Miriam Lumbreras  
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Mr. and Mrs. Luis Matos  
Miss Maureen Maydick  
Mrs. Marion Mazzarella  
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John Miles  
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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Milza  
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Mrs. Salvatore Siclari  
Mr. and Mrs. John Slawenski  
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Somma  
Mrs. Ann Spinelli  
Mrs. Ann Spinelli  
Ms. Marie Stewart  
Ms. Teresa Strianese  
Mrs. Frank Swirski  
Tearose Tavio  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Valentin  
Jon Wiseman

Aracelis Leung  
Lauro & Concepcion Lumbreras

Jerome V. Giovinazzo

Meliton & Romana Arellano

departed of McCoy Family & Mary Bhatia

Lt. Col. John R. Miles

Anne Amari & William Pisara

Jean Muller

Murphy & Curcio Families

The O'Donnell Family

Michael O'Donnell

Chinelo Udeozoy

Jeffrey & Ed Orton

deceased of the Pelina & Miclat Families

Mr. and Mrs. John Pepe & Mrs. J. Grogan

Alex Pascual and Ben & Virginia Dayag

Mr. and Mrs. Marcelo Payomo

Di Forte and Dimino Families

Robert Romano

Rizzo / Rubertone Families

Anthony / Carmela Terruso

All who have passed on

Andrew Martucci

Mr./ Mrs. Joseph Somma & Mr./Mrs. Michael Brown

Carmela Alberto

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Mary & H. Albino

Mom, Pop, and Fr. Fred

Mary Esposito

Anna Cales

Mark and Diane Statile





**Pastor's  
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

On Christmas we celebrate God becoming human, when the face of creation was changed. We ponder that great mystery of the Incarnation: Jesus is true God and truly human. The divine has entered into communion with the human in the body and soul of Jesus of Nazareth.

Christmas is not a single day, however, but an entire season. Today, the Sunday after Christmas, we ponder the Holy Family. What difference does this mystery of the Incarnation make for families? Jesus came to bring together the children of Israel into a new family, a family united not by blood but by faith in him. So in today's Gospel we see some of the first members of that family.

Luke's Gospel has been called the Gospel of Jesus as the compassion of God, the Gospel of prayer, the Gospel of the Holy Spirit; we can also think of it as the Gospel of family. He first introduces us to Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, parents of John the Baptist. Then we meet Mary and Joseph.

Today we meet two other family members, Simeon and Anna, not related by blood, but only by faith in the promises of the God of Israel. Each sees in the child Jesus the glory of Israel and the light for the Gentiles.

Christmas reminds us that by baptism into Christ we are now part of God's family. As God's family, "God's chosen ones," as Paul reminded the Colossians (3:62), we are to put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.

Spend a few quiet moments in prayer, thanking God for calling us to be part of God's holy family, for giving us at baptism and at confirmation the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit has been poured into our hearts and dwells within us, binding us together.

Keep smiling,  
*Fr. Jacob*

**Winter Coat Drive**

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**in the Parish Hall**

**after 10 o'clock Mass**

**Help keep our neighbors in  
need warm this winter . . .**

**Please donate new or gently  
used coats—warm jackets—snowsuits**

*Sponsored by St. Sylvester Youth Group.*



**Holy Name + Highlights**

**Men of the Holy Name Society will meet**  
for the 10 a.m. Mass *NEXT* Sunday, January .  
After Mass the monthly meeting will be held in  
the

Moore Conference Room.

*Men of St. Sylvester Parish family are always  
most welcome.*

The feast of **The Most Holy Name of Jesus** is  
celebrated on Wednesday, January 3rd and during  
January **The Holy Name of Jesus** is specially  
honored by the men of the Society.



**Because the January 1 feast of  
Mary, the Holy Mother of God falls  
on a Monday this coming week we  
are dispensed from the holyday  
obligation of Mass attendance.**

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**Winter Overnight Retreat**

**New Beginnings with God**

**January 12—14, 2018** - Facilitated by Kathy M. Irr

Arrive Friday evening at 4:00PM for Supper

Depart Sunday after 2:00PM Closing Prayer

**Fee: \$250 Single/\$200 Double**

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due by January 9<sup>th</sup>.  
This weekend will give participants the quiet, space **and**  
**opportunity to ponder, pray** and encounter God.  
Reflective experiences during **retreat will sustain a  
deeper** relationship with God throughout the year.

