

Parish of St. Sylvester

11th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018



They that are planted
in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

-- Psalm 92:14



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 16- Vigil Mass for 11th Sunday-Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Father's Day Intentions

Sunday, June 17- 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Father's Day Intentions

10:00 a.m. = Father's Day Intentions

12:00 noon = Father's Day Intentions

Monday, June 18 - 11th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Ernesto and Rosita Clamor

Tuesday, June 19 - St. Romuald, Abbot

8:30 a.m. = Gloria and Carmine Lombardi

Wednesday, June 20- 11th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Doris Tierney

Thursday, June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8.30 a.m. = deceased member of the Bucao,
Nocon and Lumbreras families

Friday, June 22 - St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;

St. John Fisher, Bishop; and St. Thomas More, Martyr

8:30 a.m. = August, Philomena and Angela Abrbruzzi

Saturday, June 23 - 11th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. = Mary Gilmartin

Saturday, June 23- Vigil Mass for 12th Sunday-Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Giuseppa, Giovanni, Maria Berto

Sunday, June 24- 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Father's Day Intentions

10:00 a.m. = Father's Day Intentions

12:00 noon = Father's Day Intentions



SUMMER



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Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support.

Sunday, June 10, 2018

First Collection - \$5,113.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,237.00

FATHER

Father! To God himself we cannot give a holier name.

--William Wordsworth

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

Lucia Di Simone-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

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

Lt. Col. Michael Volpe - U. S. Army-South Korea

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



PLEASE PRAY . . . for those anticipating a hospital stay, recuperating, and the homebound in our parish and in our families. Keep this list near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.

Victor Andrea, Anthony, Joseph Bertolini,

Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino,

Karen Chardavoyne, Lucille Chatznoff,

Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci,

Ellen Delaney, Judy Forlenza, Robert Forlenza,

Thomas Galvin, Connie Garbarino, Robert Golden,

Bridget Kehley, Judy Kempf, Frank Labano,

Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Louis Matos,

Travis Mayhew, George Moresca, Delia Murguia,

William Murphy, Amy O'Donnell, Lee Poyntz,

Sharon Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Eulah Ryan,

Alice Santamays, Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley,

John Vincenzo, Robert Williams, Tom Varise

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.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns before the tabernacle in memory of

Walter Maslowski

requested by his friend, Louise Reeder



DALESSIO POST #1310, AMERICAN LEGION

Meeting on Thursday, June 21st at 11 a.m.
in the Moore Conference Room
(beneath Parish House).

All veterans of U.S. conflicts are welcome.



Pastor's Corner



My Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the first day of summer, we hear readings today that are set in nature. Ezekiel has a vision of God cutting a tender shoot from the top of a cedar and planting it on a lofty mountain where it grows into a majestic tree.

As we celebrate Father's Day today we honor our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and all those who have acted as fathers in our lives. How fortunate are we if we had or have a father who is like the majestic cedar Ezekiel describes, providing comfort and protection for all those in its care. Whatever our own circumstances, we can look to God, our Almighty Father, as the ideal of a fostering, loving, forgiving parent.

Trust underlies all of today's readings. Ezekiel prophesied during the time of Israel's exile when many had lost faith that God would care for them. He assured them that God would *"lift high the lowly tree...make the withered tree bloom"*. The message: keep trusting in God. St. Paul says we should *"walk by faith, not by sight"*, trusting in the Lord's vision. Finally Jesus speaks to the crowd about seeds planted in the earth. We cannot see what is happening in the soil, but we trust that they will sprout, flourish, and become grain for harvest or shelter for birds. Trust in the Lord.

Since Jesus is speaking in parables, we can think of these seeds taking root internally, in ourselves. How many seeds have been planted within us during our lives that we are not aware of anymore? Something our Dad said when we were growing up? An insight from a mentor or a boss? Then one day we encounter someone or something new and we recall what we heard. Now it has a chance to blossom, to flower.

We can also think of these 'seeds' taking root outside ourselves, germinating where we might not notice them sprouting. Among the poor, the impoverished, neglected, someone in need? Again and again in scripture we learn that the kingdom of God is built in unexpected places. Why would it be any different now? We need to let go and trust in the Lord.

Keep smiling,
Fr. Jacob

Join us.... ... **THIS Sunday-6/17**
Hospitality Sunday - Parish Hall - after 10 AM Mass



School of Religion Program Registration for 2018-2019

Wednesday Sept 5 - 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday, Sept 6 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept 18 - 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Yearly Fee for Classes: One Student - \$130;

Two students - \$195

Three or more students in same family - \$225.

Please make checks payable to 'St Sylvester Religious Education'

New students should bring copy of Baptism and applicable First Communion Certificates at time of registration.

Classes for **grades 1-5** will be held on Wednesdays from 3-4:30pm
for **grades 6-8** on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 pm

The **first day of class**

Grades 1-5—Wednesday, September 12

Grades 6-8—Tuesday, September 18

Pastor's wish list

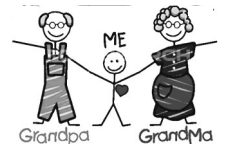
Napkins for Hospitality Sundays.
Butane ('barbecue') *lighters* for candles in our church



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. For info. call Larry at 718-619-5545

Grandparents Corner



Schools are closing for the summer (*which arrives this coming week!*)

and grandchildren are looking forward to backyard pools, picnics, and days and days of outdoor joys. However, reality reminds us that trees, flowers, grass, etc. need rain, so not *every* day will be sunny.

What to do when one of those *other* days arrives? Plan ahead. Stop in at the local LIBRARY to check their schedule of events. If your grandchild doesn't yet have a library card, that's the first adventure. Then introduce your grandchildren to all that's offered: story hour, films, presentations, videos, books-on-DVDs, and BOOKS, too. Why not also pick one to take home for you to read to them?