

Parish of St. Sylvester

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018



My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect
in weakness.

-- 2 Corinthians 12:9



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 7 - Vigil Mass for 14th Sunday in Ord. Time

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

Sunday, July 8- 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Rachael Roselle

10:00 a.m. = Teresa Koeth

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

Monday, July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong - Priest, and

Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. = happy birthday & good health for Juliette Orinion

Tuesday, July 10 - Weekday in 14th Week-in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Linda Ballard

Wednesday, July 11- St. Benedict, Abbot

8:30 a.m. = Carol Cannizzaro

Thursday, July 12 - Weekday in 14th Week-in Ordinary Time

8.30 a.m. = good health & wellbeing for Bong and Edgar

Friday, July 13 - St. Henry II, Imperial Holy Roman Emperor

8:30 a.m. = Felicissima Bucio

Saturday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

9:00 a.m. = Maxima Jackson

Saturday, July 14 - Vigil Mass -15th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Guiseppe Impeduglia

Sunday, July 15- 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 a.m. = Carmelina Ruggiero

12:00 noon = Nicholas Lettiere (*happy birthday in heaven*)

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Due to the printer's early closing for the recent holiday this report will not be available until next weekend.

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 Pasignajen-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.



Pastor's summer wish list

Thank you for reading the Bulletin and for your generous contributions! We now have enough lighters to last 'til September—when "THE LIST" will be back. ☺

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.

Anthony, Joseph Bertolini, Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, 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 Varisi

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

Grace Puglia De Respino, (16th ann.)

requested by **Patricia Mulligan De Respino**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus' neighbors were unreceptive because they could not see beyond their rigid stereotypes.

• How might my familiarity with Jesus make me miss what he is calling me to discover?

Jesus, I am listening . . .



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Scientists and experts in astronomic affairs have proclaimed that summer is here! Fans and air conditioning assume *pride of place* and furnaces and boilers all step back. . . Except at St. Sylvester's!

After numerous discussions with the Finance Committee and 3 years of planning, gathering estimates, fund-raising (*Stewardship Campaigns*), more (*and rising*) estimates, more fund-raising (*Renew+Rebuild Capital Drive*), plus generous gifts totaling \$75,000 from 2 dedicated parishioners, we are ready to begin the replacement of the amazingly sturdy but *long-needing-to-retire* boiler system in the school building.

⇒ First I must proffer thanks to Rucci Oil Company, Inc. Backed by their 90 years of service and expert technical repairs, they enabled us to maintain our school building's old heating system as they guided us with good advice toward this point.

⇒ We are switching to an ecologically efficient gas system and National Grid is providing a discounted installation for a new and larger gas line from Rhine Ave. to the boiler room.

⇒ Necessary asbestos removal bids have risen each year (from \$20,000 to a high of \$32,000) just as have the other costs.

One of our decisions is to choose the most financially reasonable removal offer, whether combined with the boiler replacement or with a separate company.

⇒ After reviewing all the full and partial offers from several companies, we have signed contract with a local Staten Island company—Champion Combustion, Inc.—for "Boiler Replacement and Indirect Water Heater" which will include asbestos removal. Their staff of service and installation mechanics has combined experience of over 150-years, with members of the staff having over 30-years of personal experience. Our parish has found that working with local companies has been a wise and effective practice and we look forward to the successful achievement of this next venture.

⇒ Right now the 'bottom line' for this project is \$221,900. Circumstances which might affect cost will be the condition of the old oil tanks and/or their legally required treatment.

Please continue your prayers and support (through *Renew+Rebuild* and the Stewardship Appeal) for the renewal of the school building heating system, and thus the continued winter comfort of our good friends in Lifestyles.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

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A TIME OF GRACE

SUMMER GUIDED RETREAT

Sunday, Aug. 12th - Friday, Aug. 17th

Facilitated by Father Michael Sullivan, O.S.A.

A retreat is a special time of grace, a time to nourish our spirits and our relationship with God. During this "Year of Grace," proclaimed by Pope Francis, Father will awaken the wonderful gift of grace that God has given to each of us, and help us grow in our appreciation of God's unconditional love for us. Father's unique and humorous way of speaking will definitely leave us with smiles on our faces and a feeling of pride to be part of the body of Christ.

Overnight Retreatant's fee:

\$450-single occupant \$400-double occupant

NEW OPTION: Commuter Retreatants: \$300.

(non-refundable deposit of \$50 due 1 week prior to retreat)



Liking Staten Island?

Loving where you live?

**YOU are invited to a series of
FRIENDSHIP DINNERS**

*to get to know new people and places on
Staten Island*

Sun., July 15 - 5-7:30 pm - New Dorp Moravian Church
2205 Richmond Rd., S.I. 10306

Sun., Aug. 19 - 5-7:30 pm - Temple Israel
315 Forest Ave., S.I. 10301

Sun., Sept. 16 - 5-7:30 pm - Church of St. Clare
110 Nelson Ave., S.I. 10308

THESE ARE POT LUCK DINNERS

Please bring a food item to share

(no meat please - so all can share)

RSVP to attend any or all of the Friendship Dinners by
emailing Karen.Jackson@ProjectHospitality.org or
calling 917-859-4535

Staten Island Inter-Religious Leadership