

# Parish of St. Sylvester

Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018



Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood, you do not have life  
within you.

-- John 6:53



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, Aug. 18 - Vigil Mass - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**  
4:00 p.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, Aug. 19 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. = Delfin Gargantiel, Jr. (*happy 2<sup>nd</sup> ann. in heaven*)  
10:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy family and  
Mary Bhatia

**Monday, Aug. 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**  
8:30 a.m. = August, Philomena, and Angela Abbruzzi

**Tuesday, Aug. 21 - St. Pius X, Pope**  
8:30 a.m. = Doris Tierney

**Wednesday, Aug. 22 - THE QUEENSHIP OF THE B.V.M.**  
8:30 a.m. = good health & wellbeing for Charissa Cariño  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION AND BENEDICTION

**Thursday, Aug. 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**  
8:30 a.m. = Mary Bhatia

**Friday, Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle**  
8:30 a.m. = Lisa and Craig Leeds

**Saturday, Aug. 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**  
9:00 a.m. = Glenn Hogan

**Saturday, Aug. 25 - Vigil Mass - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**  
4:00 p.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, Aug. 26 - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. = John Roselle  
10:00 a.m. = Victoria Somma  
12:00 noon = \_\_\_\_\_



## Weekly Collections

## Our Parish Family's Support

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

1st Collection - \$3,878.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 693.00

*Lord, hold our troops safe in your loving hands—*

Staff Sgt. Victor L. Andrea, Jr. - U. S. Air Force  
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.*



The effect of receiving the body and blood of Christ is to  
change us into what we receive. --Pope Saint Leo the Great

**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,  
Maria Erlinger, 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.*

St. Sylvester Parish family welcomes . . .

**James Vincent Ferraro**

Baptized on Aug. 12, 2018

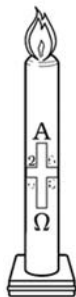
son of John and Lauren Pacifico Ferraro  
presented to the Lord by her godparents  
Kevin and Catherine McPartland

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**Luc Alexander Ha**

Baptized on Aug. 12, 2018

son of Sieu Duong and Katie Jane Gallagher Ha  
presented to the Lord by his godparents  
Joseph Patrick and Rosemary Thompson Gallagher





My Dear Parishioners,

Last week we celebrated the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** into heaven. This *feast*—a Holyday of Mass obligation—is a *Solemnity*. Some in our parish family asked me, "Feast/Solemnity—What's the difference?"

A Solemnity is a day of greatest significance on our Catholic Church calendar. We commonly call any special day a "*feast day*," but "*Feast*" is only one category of celebration and a *Solemnity* is more important than a feast.

Solemnities resemble Sundays. However, not all Solemnities are days of obligation. Catholics begin observing a Solemnity on the evening before its date, with a vigil Mass. Unlike on usual weekdays, we hear 3 scripture readings at Mass. We recite the Creed and include the *Glory to God* (even if the Solemnity occurs during Advent or Lent when this hymn/prayer is omitted from Sunday Mass). On solemnities flowers may adorn the altar when these practices are otherwise forbidden. If an event such as a wedding takes place with a Mass on a Solemnity, the prayers and readings of the Solemnity are used.

Some events and titles honored by a Solemnity are associated with Jesus (*Christmas, Epiphany, Sacred Heart, Christ the King*), Mary (*Immaculate Conception, Annunciation, Mother of God, Assumption*), key biblical saints (*Joseph, John the Baptist, Peter, Paul*), and other days of religious significance (*All Saints, Most Holy Trinity, Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*).

Locally, solemnities include the patronal day of the state or city (*St. Patrick for us*); the anniversary of the church's dedication; the day of the church's title (*i.e. St. Sylvester on Dec.31/New Year's Eve!*).

So, as you can now see, the Solemnity of the Assumption is a very exceptional occasion.

Perhaps later on we may go back to school again to learn a bit more about the feast vs. solemnity puzzle.

Keep smiling,  
*Fr. Jacob*



**Fr. Raj Kumar** will be with us at all Masses next weekend, August 25-26. He will speak to us about the many challenges missionaries face daily which we might take for granted. The Second Collection at each Mass next weekend will be sent to the **Propagation of the Faith** Office to support the needs of mission Dioceses and Religious Communities. Evangelization is at the heart of the Church's mission throughout the world, and we ask you to be as generous as your means allow in next week's Second Collection.

Remember our



*Who is the **patron saint of laughter**? Do you know?*

*Saint Sarah's original name was Sarai. According to the Book of Genesis, God changed her name to Sarah as part of a covenant. The name of her husband, Abram was changed, as well, to Abraham.*

*He was 99 years old when God made a covenant with him, promising him land and numerous progeny. When Abraham's wife Sarah was told that she was to bear a child in her old age, scripture says that "she laughed."*

*Genesis tells us that Sarah did give birth to a son, Isaac, whose name means "laughter."*

*"Melissa Musick at The Catholic Catalogue states, "Sarah believed in God's promises and rejoiced in them, but she also got the joke."*

*Although not recognized in the General Roman Liturgical Calendar, St. Sarah's feast day is August 19<sup>th</sup>.*



The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy of Brooklyn, formerly Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic school, Class of 1968, is hosting a 50th reunion to be held on October 20, in Notre Dame at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Cost is \$25 per person and includes pizza, beer, wine and soft drinks. Family and friends of the Class of 1968 are welcome. If interested please contact Gerri Fanelli Nobile at 908-256-5000 or via e-mail at [gerri.nobile@comcast.net](mailto:gerri.nobile@comcast.net). Please forward this info. to other former classmates who have moved away from Bay Ridge. Thank you.



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# **BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING**

The NYPD invites you to join us for our upcoming  
Build the Block meeting hosted by your  
Neighborhood Coordination Officers. The meeting will address  
any specific  
community concerns or issues that pertain to your neighborhood.

We look forward to your attendance.

**Wednesday**

**August 29, 2018**

**Doors open at 6:30 pm**

**Meeting starts at 7:00 pm**

**St. Sylvester Parish Hall Gymnasium**

**864 Targee Street, S.I., N.Y.**

**Light refreshments & snacks will be served**

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT**

**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATION OFFICERS**

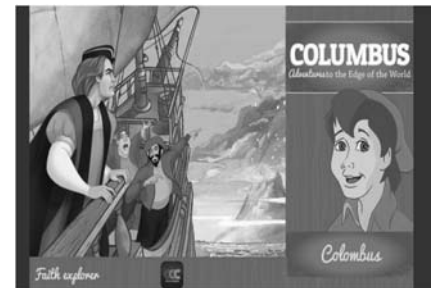
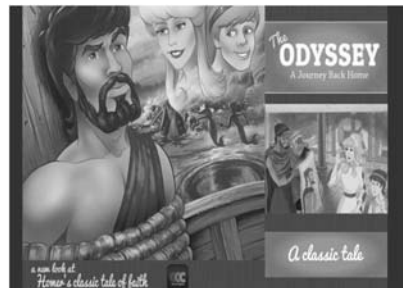
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***Get the popcorn and enjoy the day and the viewing!***