

# Parish of St. Sylvester

Twenty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018



Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.

-- John 6:69



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

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

**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 = Pablo R. and Caridad Alfecha

**Monday, Aug. 27 - St. Monica**  
8:30 a.m. = Mellie Cardona

**Tuesday, Aug. 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
8:30 a.m. = blessings for the Andrew Lee family

**Wednesday, Aug. 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
8:30 a.m. = Antonio Masullo  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION AND BENEDICTION

**Thursday, Aug. 30 - Weekday in 21<sup>st</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**  
8:30 a.m. = Marie Palumbo

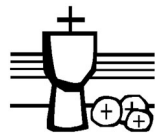
**Friday, Aug. 31 - Weekday in 21<sup>st</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**  
8:30 a.m. = Margaret Hornyack

**Saturday, Sept. 1 - Weekday in 21<sup>st</sup> Week of Ordinary Time;**  
*First Saturday*  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION  
9:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, Sept. 1 - Vigil Mass - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**  
4:00 p.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, Sept. 2 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
10:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
12:00 noon = Santino Gallo

The **Bread and Wine** offered  
at all Masses this week  
are presented in memory of  
**Marie Palumbo**  
requested by the **Ballard Family**



Pope Francis recently declared **September 1** as the "**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**", offering a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in our vocation as custodians of creation, invoking his help for the protection of creation, and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

## Weekly Collections

## Our Parish Family's Support

**Sunday, August 19, 2018**

1st Collection - \$2,958.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 653.00

Assumption - \$ 675.00

*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.*



**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.*



**Pastor's  
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

In today's gospel we see people beginning to realize that Jesus' teaching is difficult and many choose to leave his company. Turning to Peter, Jesus asks, "Do you also want to leave?" Peter answers, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Notice that Peter is not particularly happy with Jesus' teaching. He knows it can be difficult and burdensome. However Peter decides to stay. But he stays not as an enthusiastic disciple but because he sees nowhere else to go.

The good news here is that Jesus is willing to accept Peter as a disciple. Peter's choice clarifies what discipleship and faith are about. Sometimes we think we believe in God because it will make us happy. Indeed, sometimes it does. But that isn't why we believe. We hold onto faith because it is true, even though that does not guarantee our life will be easy. Sometimes we think that we believe in God because it will answer all our questions. At times faith does give us a good deal of insight. But that is not why we believe. We believe because God is real.

Faith neither provides all the answers nor promises that we will be pleased with the answers we receive. Peter's attitude toward discipleship assures us that we can believe in Jesus even though we are discouraged, even though we have doubts, even though we are afraid. Faith is as much about persevering as it is about celebrating, and it is much more about trusting than understanding.

There is, then, no shame in praying: *Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the freedom to say that following you can be difficult and that I sometimes wish there was another option. But even though it is difficult, even though I'm confused, even though it hurts, I still believe in you. Amen.*

Keep smiling,  
*Fr. Jacob*

**BUILD THE BLOCK MEETING**

The NYPD invites you to join us for the upcoming meeting hosted by our Neighborhood Coordination Officers.

**Wednesday, August 29, 2018**  
**Meeting starts at 7:00 pm**  
**St. Sylvester Parish Hall**

The meeting will address any specific community concerns or issues that pertain to our neighborhood.

**The University of Notre Dame  
Alumni Club of Staten Island**  
invites you to the 17<sup>th</sup> annual  
**SOLEMN EVE OF REMEMBRANCE**  
of the events of September 11, 2001

**Church of Our Lady of Pity**  
**1616 Richmond Avenue**  
*ample parking behind the church*

**Sacred Music by Maura Molloy begins at 7:00 p.m.**

**7:30 p.m. Concelebrated Mass,**  
**with reading of the names of Staten Islanders lost**  
**on 9/11, and Candlelight Reflection**  
**Bishop John O'Hara, Celebrant and Homilist**

**ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER**

**850 Hylan Blvd. [SJRETREATCENTER.ORG](http://SJRETREATCENTER.ORG)**



**WOMEN OF WISDOM**

**Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30 am — \$25.**

*Facilitated by Sister Barbara Ann Gondek*

Sts. Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux and Hildegard of Bingen, were named Doctors of the Church in the 20th and 21st centuries. They were formed by their family, church and the society of their day yet were guided by the Spirit to challenge the status quo of their day and ours. Together we will plunge into the mystery of some insights concerning God's plan for the church and world, God's continuing providence and God's timeless promises discovered in their lives and still at work in ours.



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