

Parish of St. Sylvester

Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018



"Whoever receives one child such as this
in my name,...
receives the One who sent me"

-- Mark 9:37



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Sept. 22 - Vigil Mass - 25th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Dolores V. Cruz

Sunday, Sept. 23 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Mary Foremsky

10:00 a.m. = Carmelina Ruggiero

12:00 noon = Ann Marie Deuble

Monday, Sept. 24 - Weekday - 25th Week of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Andrew Lee family

Tuesday, Sept. 25 - Weekday - 25th Week of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = the Lord's blessings for Anna Kim

Wednesday, Sept. 26 - Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. = Kathleen Coughlan

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION AND BENEDICTION

Thursday, Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30 a.m. = Matthew E. Cintula, Jr. (38th ann. in heaven)

Friday, Sept. 28 - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. = Gilmartin and Dicks family

Saturday, Sept. 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,

9:00 a.m. = _____ **Archangels**

Saturday, Sept. 29 - Vigil Mass - 26th Sunday Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Marie Dente

Sunday, Sept. 30 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = _____

10:00 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = Bambino DiPlacido



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support on

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018

First Collection - \$3,827.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 816.00

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.



*Life isn't about how to survive the storm,
but how to dance in the rain.*

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, Debra Susan Iammatteo, Bridget Kehley, Judy Kempf, Nicholas Kinahan, 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



*the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning before the Tabernacle this week is given in memory of*

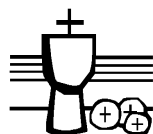
**Josephine Diogo
and
Jonathan Semabia**

*requested by **Melanie Semabia***

*The **Bread and Wine** offered at all Masses this week are presented in memory of*

Felix Gilroy

*requested by
his wife, **Rosanne***





Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

I had been planning to give you a summary report of our 9-11 Memorial Blood Drive. Then Ben Brescia's report arrived on my desk and I find, happily, that there's nothing for me to do—Thank *YOU*, Ben.

"I am pleased to announce that the 9-11 Memorial Blood Drive on Monday, September 10th was a great success.

"Our friends at the New York Blood Center hoped to collect 76 units but our parishioners, undeterred by the inclement weather, surpassed that and even established a new record of 84 units. Our parish was blessed to welcome 83 'heroes' who donated 84 units of life saving blood. Of those 83 13 were able to donate a double red cell unit via a special process using an Alyx machine.

"The tremendous benefit our blood drive produced for the community is a fitting tribute to our beloved lost parishioners Mr. Paul Barbaro and Firefighter Brian Cannizzaro. I know their families will take comfort in the sacrifice by our donors to commemorate their loved ones.

"What I witnessed at the drive was an awe-inspiring example of faith, sharing, service and love. St. Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:16 *'Make the most of the opportunity because the days are evil.'* When we come together as one— when there is no *"Me"* and only *"WE"*—there is no mountain high enough, no canyon deep enough that cannot be overcome by our faith in and love for our Lord through that service to others. Many of the donors from our parish family brought friends or neighbors. It was inspiring to see whole families arrive together to donate blood.

"In praise and gratitude the Staten Island Account Manager for the NYBC, Ms. Jennifer McCorry said of our Parish efforts, "Awesome job, St. Sylvester's! That's 252 lives you helped change for the better." For me this drive has such a community feel— ☆ for Lifestyles for the Disabled and the ladies who step up to help at every drive. Thank you! And that's just the start; there are, fortunately, many more in our parish family deserving of acknowledgement: ☆ our friends in Lifestyles who setup the tables and chairs and provided sandwiches and cookies for the donors—Specifically Richie Salinardi, Joanne Certo, Danny Corrado and Elisa Lopez. ☆ Much appreciation for the expert staff of the NYBC. ☆ Thanks to Janet and Jacob Samuels for bringing us enough cakes and cookies to fill a bakery. ☆ As in past drives there was a steadfast core of volunteers—Pat Bertolini, Rose DeLuccio, Pat De Respino, Terry Dicks, Margaret Donahue, Adele Fernandes, Anne Orton, Marie Stewart, Teresa Strianese and Peter Tesoriero.

"Now we must look to the future. The need for blood will always be with us so we have committed our Parish, as we have in past years, to a Drive in the spring which will begin our tenth year of blood drives. the Spring Drive will be on Monday, April 29th. Please mark your calendars with the event."

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



With our Religious Education students and teachers we celebrated Catechetical Sunday at the 10 AM Mass last weekend. This year's theme is *"Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ"*. Those who have been designated to serve as catechists were commissioned and blessed for their ministry.

Catechetical Sunday was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel— an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. We invite you to hold our School of Religious Education in prayer as the year proceeds.

The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION will be administered at St Sylvester Church on November 16, 2018 at 4 PM for those who have completed the required study. Students who have received their instruction at private schools must register at St Sylvester Religious Education Program office (in Rosary Hall) on Sept 25 from 4:30 to 6 PM.



All in our Parish Family are welcome to attend the next Parish Council meeting on Monday, Sept. 24th in the Moore Conference Room at 7:00 PM