

# Parish of St. Sylvester

Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 30, 2018



The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.

-- Psalm 19:8



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, Sept. 29 - Vigil Mass - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time**  
4:00 p.m. = Marie Dente

**Sunday, Sept. 30 - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
10:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
12:00 noon = Bambino DiPlacido

**Monday, Oct. 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin  
and Doctor of the Church**  
8:30 a.m. = Carmelina Ruggiero

**Tuesday, Oct. 2 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin  
and Doctor of the Church**  
8:30 a.m. = good health and well being of Francesca  
Gargantiel

**Wednesday, Oct. 3 - weekday in 26<sup>th</sup> week of Ord. Time**  
8:30 a.m. = the Diaz family  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION AND BENEDICTION

**Thursday, Oct. 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi**  
8:30 a.m. = Julia and Myron Krumm  
3:00 p.m. = Blessing to the Animals

**Friday, Oct. 5 - FIRST FRIDAY; weekday in 26<sup>th</sup> week of**  
8:30 a.m. = Manuel Rayos Ord. Time

**Saturday, Oct. 6 - FIRST SATURDAY; Saint Bruno, Priest; USA:**  
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin;  
9:00 a.m. = Rose Galfo

**Saturday, Oct. 6 - Vigil Mass - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time**  
4:00 p.m. = Msgr. John Esposito

**Sunday, Oct. 7 - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 a.m. = Peter Kocon  
10:00 a.m. = Elmer Holipas  
12:00 noon = Joan Bruno



## Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support  
on

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018

First Collection - \$3,082.00

Reserve Fund—\$ 861.00

*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,  
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  
you and then make room for others in need of prayer. Thank you.*

The **Bread and Wine** offered  
at all Masses this week  
are presented in memory of  
**Myron and Julia Krumm**  
requested by their daughter



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

**Myron and Julia Krumm**

requested by their daughter



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

As we reflect on God's Word this week, let us focus on God's agenda, not our own. This message could be the link between the reading from the book of Numbers and the Gospel. When Joshua gets upset at the two men who are suddenly prophesying and wants Moses to stop them, Moses asks, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people . . . were prophets!" (*Numbers 11:29*). And Jesus responds to his disciple John, also upset that someone outside their group was casting out demons in Jesus' name, that "whoever is not against us is for us" (*Mark 9:40*).

Both Jesus and Moses recognized that God's spirit blows where it will. It sometimes ends up in the strangest places, working through very unexpected people. At the same time, no one can presume that the Spirit will always be working through a particular group or the proper channels. We must be careful of trying to box in or corral the spirit of God.

Being on the inside is no guarantee. Thus, we get Jesus' hard words about cutting off a hand or a leg or plucking out an eye rather than letting it cause us to sin and be cast into hell. Most say this is hyperbole, Middle Eastern exaggeration. However, I think Jesus is calling his disciples to look honestly at their lives and face whatever it is that leads them away from God. "Deal with it," he says. We must always watch what we hold, the path we choose to walk, and the vision that guides us.

Those on the inside can lose sight of, lose touch with, go off the path that takes us to the kingdom. And they can take others with them. What matters is that God's work be done. God will see to it; don't get in the way.

And so, we ask for the discernment to recognize when God is working in unexpected people who do unexpected things . . . and for the wisdom to distinguish the wise from the wacky, much less the wicked. And we pray both that we never let ourselves, fall from grace or lead another away from God.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

Please come and join us for light conversation and refreshments in our Parish Hall. We took the summer off, but Autumn is in the air, so come share some of your stories with us. Hope to see you on **Oct. 7** after the **10 AM Mass**, for **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**.



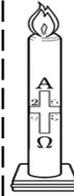
*St. Sylvester Parish family welcomes . . .*

**Nichols Elias Valentin**  
Baptized on **September 23, 2017**

son of

Nitlenav Valentin

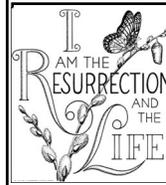
presented to the Lord by his godparents  
Nicholas Oliva and Saher Attal



The **2019 Memorials Book** is now open. Bring the names and dates for those you wish to

**Remember + Honor + Bless**

to the Parish Office—Monday - Friday, 10 AM to 3 PM.  
Openings are also available for the current year + 2019.



*"...they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worth of Himself."*

**George Negas**

*returned to the Lord's embrace.*

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

What is in your heart? Share the fullness of your heart with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.



The next weekends are Nov. 16-18, 2018 and Feb. 8-10, 2019; both are in Huntington, NY

For more information

call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963

or visit them at: <http://www.wwmeli.org>

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**.



**The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**  
APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER UNITED STATES

**INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**

**The Mission of Religious**

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Please find below and for your consideration a submission for your parish bulletin. This announcement may be published through the weekend of October 6/7.

Thank you,  
ADNY Office of Liturgy

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**Pray the Mass! Workshop**

Are you looking for ways to make going to Mass a more generating, inspiring, and enriching experience? Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray at Mass because of distractions? Do you wish you could connect Sunday Mass more closely to your life throughout the week? This workshop series will explore the rich spirituality of the Mass and offer practical tips to help attendees get more out of every celebration of Mass.

Saturday, October 13: "Finding the Hidden Treasures in Every Mass"

10am-11:30am

St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

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Presenter: Fr. Matthew Ernest, S.T.D, Director and Professor of Liturgy at St. Joseph's Seminary

Registration fee: \$10

Registration and more information: [nyliturgy.org/workshops](http://nyliturgy.org/workshops)

Contact: [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or 914.968.6200, x8177

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## ONE NATION UNDER GOD

*The Power of Prayer*

*On June 26, 2018 80 percent of eligible voters stayed home and did not vote in the primary elections. Will this happen on Tuesday, November 6, 2018? Keep the USA "One Nation Under God" and vote Christian values into the National, State, and Local levels of government at the mid-term elections on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Join the National Catholic Christian Mid-Term Election Prayer Campaign Contact Deacon Stahlnecker, Staten Island, NY (347-866-2040)*

*\* DeaconJim@PeaceForUSA.com*

*\* PeaceForUSA.com*

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of "Anglicizing" the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of "hedge schools." In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and "civil disobedience" ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.



## ST. SYLVESTER PARISH FOOD PANTRY

is a shared ministry with  
St. Teresa Parish  
at 1634 Victory Boulevard,  
Staten Island 10314

Coordinator - Maryann (718) 442-8777

For anyone in need...please note:

### Food Pantry Distribution Schedule

at St. Teresa's

First and Third Week of the Month

Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM

For anyone wishing to donate...please note:

### Items Always In Need:

white Rice— Brown Rice—Coffee—Stuffing  
Cup of Soup—Chef Boyardee Ravioli/Spaghetti  
Cheerios—Fruit Loops—Apple Jacks Cereal  
Bumble Bee White Tuna in Water  
Pennsylvania Dutch Noodles (large)  
Vanilla or Chocolate Cake Mixes and icings  
Orange/Strawberry Jell-O—Tetley Tea (box of  
48)

Skippy Peanut Butter (medium)

*Please leave your contributions in our church  
in box near elevator, or at St. Sylvester Parish  
Office.*

**\$** You may have heard about this before but, have you ever gone to the NY Comptroller's website ([www.osc.state.ny.us](http://www.osc.state.ny.us))? There is over \$14 billion of unclaimed money there and some might belong to you! The Comptroller hopes you'll check.

Requests to insert an item into the upcoming bulletin must be submitted at the Parish House at least 10 days before the Sunday desired.



*Welcome*

**Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Or asks about becoming a Catholic? Or wanting to complete their sacraments? Our next R.C.I.A. program begins this month. Please invite her/him to call the Parish Office for time and information.**

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY> Both are available 24 hours per day.