

Parish of St. Sylvester

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 7, 2018



Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

-- Mark 10:14



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Oct. 6 - Vigil Mass - 27th Sunday Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Msgr. John Esposito

Sunday, Oct. 7 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. = Peter Kocan

10:00 a.m. = Elmer Holipas

12:00 noon = Joan Bruno

Monday, Oct. 8 - weekday in 27th week of Ord. Time

COLUMBUS DAY

8:30 a.m. = Amadeo Garingo - happy b'day. & ann. in heaven

Tuesday, Oct. 9 - St. Denis, Bishop, & companions, martyrs;

St. John Leonardi, Priest

8:30 a.m. = Edward Balletto

Wednesday, Oct. 10 - weekday in 27th week of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = the Lord's blessings for Andrew Lee

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

Thursday, Oct. 11 - St. John XXIII

8:30 a.m. = Maritza Marrero

Friday, Oct. 12 - weekday in 27th week of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = Rose and Tony Fortunato

Saturday, Oct. 13 - BVM; weekday in 27th week of Ord. Time

9:00 a.m. = Edward Balletto

Saturday, Oct. 13 - Vigil Mass - 29th Sunday Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = _____

Sunday, Oct. 14 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. = Rosemarie Brescia

10:00 a.m. = James and Julia King

12:00 noon = Thomas McCoy, Sr.;

Mary Bhatia, happy b'day. in heaven

Respect
Life
Sunday



Columbus Day



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

on
Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018

First Collection - \$2,853.00

St. Joseph Seminary - \$ 938.00

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, Patricia Mulligan De Respino, 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.

October 14th
10 AM Mass

**Holy Name
Society**

Monthly
meeting
follows



Well Done for September!

50/50 Winner - \$175.00

Sonia Pascual



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

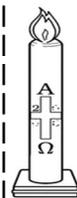
In today's Gospel Jesus tries to lead his questioners beyond the letter of the Law, with its many human interpretations, to the spirit in which it was given. The basic law from the beginning, he says, is that all human beings were created equal in the image of God. Thus, a man and woman in marriage have equality and a fullness that is expressed in their relationship with each other. (In speaking against divorce, Jesus is actually protective of women, who at that time could be divorced by their husbands, but could not obtain a divorce themselves.) The disciples attempt to keep some children and their parents from disturbing Jesus, probably thinking that women and children were not important enough to disturb the Master! Jesus is indignant at their lack of understanding. For him, the children and their parents have as much right to be with him as anyone else. In fact, he looks at the children gathered around him and says that they are the example that self-important people should imitate. He embraces and blesses them. Young children, in general, accept the rules of life without questioning every little detail. They are open to the love of their parents and trust that rules are imposed for their well-being, even if they do not fully understand them. We are offered the gift of faith by a loving Father. Jesus is asking us to be child-like, not childish, in accepting this gift in simplicity and trust. Learning and discussing issues of faith are fine, but we cannot stop there. Since we do not earn faith—it is freely given to us—we are called to express this faith in how we live our lives. We are equal in God's sight and equally responsible to live up to our calling.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

Living That Responsible Stewardship Now

We have an equal responsibility to serve, yet in the average parish 20 percent of the parishioners do 80 percent of the work and the giving. What can you do, beginning today, to change that percentage?



St. Sylvester Parish family welcomes . . .

Averie Noelle Smith

Baptized on September 30, 2018

daughter of

Timothy & Samantha Fawcett Smith
presented to the Lord by her godparents
Daniel Fawcett and Lauren Mina

Join us . . .  . . . **THIS Sunday, 10/07**

Hospitality Sunday - Parish Hall - after 10 AM Mass

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This month, parishes around the country will conduct the "October count," a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. The measure has been taken for many centuries, and in some European dioceses it is possible to measure the level of engagement in worship by the population over the course of many centuries. Long ago, it was also the custom to track "Easter duty" by a statistical report. Penitents would receive a kind of chit at confession, which they would then turn in at their parish church when they received Holy Communion during Easter time. Long ago, of course, Communion was fairly rare in the life of a Catholic Christian, perhaps only once a year. The chits would be tallied by parish priests and reported to the chancery, which in turn would hold on to the records and include the statistics in a report to the Vatican every five years. Nowadays, the October count has proved especially critical in the life of our Church as bishops use the figures to measure the vitality of church life, to sketch parish boundaries, and even to decide when to close, merge, or form new parishes.

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