

Parish of St. Sylvester

**Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
November 4, 2018



You shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.

-- Deuteronomy 6:5



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Nov. 3 - Vigil Mass -31st Sunday Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = for all departed souls

Sunday, Nov. 4 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = Edward Balletto
10:00 a.m. = = for all departed souls
12:00 noon = = for all departed souls

Monday, Nov. 5 - weekday -31st week of Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = Garingo & Europa families

Tuesday, Nov. 6 - weekday -31st week of Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = good health & wellbeing for Stephano Kim

Wednesday, Nov. 7 - weekday -31st week of Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = Joseph Murguia
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION AND BENEDICTION

Thursday, Nov. 8 - weekday in 31st week of Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = Madelyn Costello

Friday, Nov. 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8:30 a.m. = John Scotto

**Saturday, Nov. 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope and
Doctor of the Church**
9:00 a.m. = Vitolo and Iacona families

Saturday, Nov. 10 - Vigil Mass -31st Sunday Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Salvatore Siclari

Sunday, Nov. 11 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = = for all departed souls
10:00 a.m. = deceased members of the Italian Club
12:00 noon = = for all departed souls



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018

First Collection - \$2,908.00

World Missions - \$ 775.00

Thank you all for your generosity

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

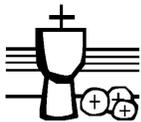
Lt. Col. Michael Volpe - U. S. Army-South Korea

*Has someone here been promoted, transferred, demobilized,
discharged, retired? Please let us know.*



*The **Bread and Wine** offered
at all Masses this week are presented
with prayers for birthday blessings for
Gregoria Di Maria*

*requested by **Patricia Mulligan De Respino***



*the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning before the
Tabernacle this week is given with prayers
for birthday blessings for
Gregoria Di Maria*

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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, Joan Walter, 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 light of today's gospel, this week I am sharing some insights which I feel, though not new, are worth pondering.

Not everyone who asked Jesus questions was trying to trap him. Some wanted him to explain things that puzzled them. Some were seeking Jesus' insights into Jewish law which had developed layers of interpretation since the time of Moses as people strove to be obedient God's will. There were so many regulations that people sometimes felt burdened by them all. Jesus had shown such freedom in his attitude to the Law that some people felt threatened and thought he was trying to overturn it. Instead, Jesus was bringing people back to a fresh observance of the Law, and showing that God was fulfilling in him what the Law only pointed toward.

The scribe who questions Jesus seems genuinely to want his opinion and listens carefully. He replies enthusiastically to Jesus that he too believes that loving God and neighbor are at the heart of everything. The exchange is likely to have been more than words; the unspoken understanding and sense of acceptance between Jesus and the scribe silenced the onlookers. When words of scripture jump into sharp focus, it can have an overwhelming effect on our lives. We hear something deeply personal, written hundreds of years ago, but spoken as if they are indeed intended for us here and now.

And so, from personal experience I can testify that spending some time reading the scriptures *before* going to Mass will lead to a more enriching Eucharist experience.

Upcoming readings may be accessed online at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Web site: usccb.org/nab/.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



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

INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Universal: In the Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.



Altar Servers

This Sunday, Nov 4th, the Investiture Ceremony for our 6 new Altar Servers—**Agustin Calli, Sam Januszka, Valeria Mendez, Chedubem Okeke, Nicole Paguay and Vincent Wiseman**—will take place during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

We offer grateful appreciation to our veteran Altar Servers who will guide them through their first Masses—**Deric, Elena, and Angelina Borrero, Rafael Dela Peña, big sister Lily Januszka, Tom Murphy, Mariedel and Edmar Pelayo, and big sister Vienna Wiseman.**



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

Jerome Orsino

returned to the Lord's embrace.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As election campaigns move into high gear, sometimes the phrase "the Catholic vote" is heard. It's an interesting concept, since Catholics started out in this country as a very fragile group: fewer than forty thousand of us at the time of the first census in 1790, and only about 2 percent of the population by 1830. It was a priestless church for all intents and purposes, lay-led clusters of Catholics waiting patiently for the occasional visit of a priest, sustained by gathering when they could on Sunday for devotional prayer like litanies and the rosary. They tried to hold on to their ancestral faith as best they could. Archbishop Jean-Louis Cheverus told one family in Maine to "every day say your prayers on your knees with affection, and every Sunday gather to hear the Gospel, to pray in common, and to quiz the children on the catechism."

Inevitably, some became Protestant, but many more stayed Catholic from generation to generation, with very little encouragement or sacramental ministry from the clergy. Archbishop John Carroll, the first American bishop, tried to make Church law flexible: shortening the length of the fast before Communion, easing the Lenten fast, and even relaxing the rule of Sabbath rest at harvest time. Catholicism in England had been quietly sustained in this way for two centuries, and the first American Catholics carried on as had their ancestors, providing a fertile soil for the unprecedented success and phenomenal growth of the Church in our country.



Prayer Vigil

Share with us an **all-night prayer vigil** on **Monday, Nov. 5** at the Church of St. Charles. The intention: That **all Christians exercise their God-given voting right** in the mid-term elections by voting for officials who hold precious their Christian values.

Auxiliary Bishop John O'Hara will **begin the Vigil** with Mass to the Sacred Heart at **7 PM**. At **5 AM** Fr. Louis Jerome, Pastor of St. Charles will close with Mass to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.