

Parish of St. Sylvester

**Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018**



Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

-- Mark 13:31



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Nov. 17 - Vigil Mass -33rd Sunday Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Madeline Costello (*happy ann. in heaven*)

Sunday, Nov. 18- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = = for all departed souls
10:00 a.m. = for all departed souls
12:00 noon = = for all departed souls

Monday, Nov. 19 - weekday -33rd week of Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = Mavis Waul

Tuesday, Nov. 20 - weekday -33rd week of Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = August, Philomena, and Angela Abbruzzi

Wednesday, Nov. 21 - Presentation of the B.V.M.
8:30 a.m. = Doris Tierney
7:00 p.m. = THANKSGIVING EVE MASS

Thursday, Nov. 22 - St. Cecilia, Martyr; THANKSGIVING DAY
8:30 a.m. = In thanksgiving & wishing good health
for Miriam Lumbreras

Friday, Nov. 23- St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
8:30 a.m. = Coughlin & O'Donnell families

Saturday, Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
9:00 a.m. = Andrew Nunziato

Saturday, Nov. 24 - Vigil Mass -CHRIST THE KING
4:00 p.m. = Carmelina Ruggiero

Sunday, Nov. 25- OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
7:30 a.m. = = for all departed souls
10:00 a.m. = for all departed souls
12:00 noon = = for all departed souls



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

Due to the federal commemoration of Veterans Day on Monday, 11/12 this report will be published in *next week's* bulletin.

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 Pasignajen-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.

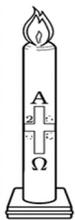
Anthony, Joseph Bertolini, Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci, Ellen Delaney, Maria Erlinger, Judy Forlenza, Robert Forlenza, Thomas Galvin, Connie Garbarino, Robert Golden, Debra Susan Iammatteo, Bridget Kehley, Judy Kempf, Nicholas 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, 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.

St. Sylvester Parish family welcomes . . .

**Ava Shea Cummings
Baptized on November 11, 2018**

daughter of
Alyssa M. Carrara and Francis S. Cummings
presented to the Lord by her godparents
Sean Meagher and Juliana Carrara



**World Day
of the Poor Sunday, November 18**

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

As human beings we are curious about the world and the universe we inhabit. We love puzzles, and solving them over thousands of generations has contributed to our survival as a species. In the last two hundred years particularly, scientists have been able to assemble a huge quantity of data that suggests that the universe came into being about 13 billion years ago with a cosmic explosion and that the earth was formed about 4.5 billion years ago. The Church sees no contradiction between this scientific account and the creation stories. Indeed, one of the developers of this creation theory was a Belgian priest and scientist, Monsignor Georges Lemaître. The Genesis account in the Bible is about a mystery—the mystery of our existence and our relationship to God, the creator and sustainer of life. A mystery in this sense is a sacred reality that goes beyond logical explanations. Another mystery we see in today's readings involves the question of when and how it will all end. The historical record shows that for centuries people have claimed that the end of the world is at hand. Nowadays, if you start an Internet search for "end of the world" you will turn up over 16 million results. Yet in today's Gospel, although Jesus tells us he will return at the end of time, he states quite clearly that no one can puzzle out when that end will be, neither the day nor the hour. Only God knows. In the meantime, our time is better spent on living our lives well now. As today's psalm says, "You will show me the path to life, / fullness of joys in your presence, / the delights at your right hand forever" (*Psalm 16:11*). Isn't that promise enough?

Fr. Jacob

Keep smiling,

Note re Thanksgiving Eve: for our 7 PM Mass all are invited to bring contributions of boxed, canned, or non-perishable food to be brought up to the altar during the Offertory Procession.

On Thanksgiving Day the 8:30 AM Mass will be celebrated as usual. However, the Parish Office will be closed for the holiday.

Pastor's *w/*sh list for **Hospitality Sunday** is back!
- coffee -dessert-size plates



The **DIVORCED AND SEPARATED** group meets at St. Christophe's Hall on Midland Ave., S.I. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. This group helps grieving separated and divorced individuals emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. It helps move these individuals into the future with new hope. The program—open to all faiths—helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity through God to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. For further information please call Santa at 718-987-3795.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too. Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all!

--Rev. James Field, (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Healing After Abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is help and hope available, and the pain and sorrow of abortion need not endure for a lifetime. A "Day of prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion.

For dates, location, and confidential registration—or to talk to a Sister—please call the Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 (toll free) or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Days of Prayer and Healing for Men - for more info. or to register please call Lumina at 877-586-4621 or Lumina@postabortionhelp.org