

# Parish of St. Sylvester

**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**December 9, 2018**



All people shall see  
the salvation of God.

-- Luke 3:6



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, Dec. 8 - Vigil Mass - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = Anna Makar

### Sunday, Nov. Dec. 9- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. = Louise Milza

10:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

12:00 noon = Jimmy McCoy (*happy b'day. in heaven*)



### Monday, Dec. 10 - Advent weekday

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

8:30 a.m. = for good health & wellbeing of Stephano Kim

### Tuesday, Dec. 11 - Advent weekday; St. Damasus I, Pope

8:30 a.m. = Andrew Lee family

### Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. = Michael O'Donnell (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & BENEDICTION



### Thursday, Dec. 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 a.m. = Virginia Regalbuto

### Friday, Dec. Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. = Josephine Diogō Semabia (*in memory-1st ann. in heaven*)

### Saturday, Dec. 15- Advent weekday

9:00 a.m. = Leonila Garcia (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

### Saturday, Dec. 15 - Vigil Mass - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = Brian Cannizzaro

### Sunday, Nov. Dec. 16- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

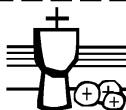
7:30 a.m. = Nicholas Foremsky

10:00 a.m. = Carmelina Ruggiero

12:00 noon = Mary Spataro



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



**Jimmy McCoy** (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

requested by **his sister, Anne**



**"Christ always seeks the straw of  
the most desolate cribs to make  
His Bethlehem."**

-Thomas Merton (*who died on Dec. 10, 1968*)

## Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

**Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018**

1st Collection - \$4,604.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 956.00

*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 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, Robert Ballard, Sr., 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, Robert Golden,

Debra Susan Iammatteo, Bridget Kehley,

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,

Thanksgiving is over. Santa is in all the stores, the Christmas CDs are brought out, and the radio has begun playing Christmas music all day long. As a result of all this I've found myself wondering what it is that's driven so many people toward such early visions of Christmas sugar-plums. Yes, the "word on the street" blames Amazon and commercialism. However, I've come to believe that beneath all the glitter draped and swagged with ribbons and bows over these days, deeper longings are at play, longings beyond desire for the newest cell phone or the latest piece of technology; longings for community or healed relationships, longings, too, for peace among nations and for some sort of equality among people.

Curiously, such deepened longings are never marketed by any hype. Yet like Christmas spirit, they just seem to sprout wherever the human spirit finds a niche. I suppose one could make the observation that a longing for Christmas is little more than leftover nostalgia for childhood Santas and once-upon-a-time daydreams. Maybe so. Yet Paul once wrote to the Philippian community that such urgings for goodness all begin with God and that ultimately *"the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 1:6). In other words, these deeper longings—they seem to be God's doing, and who are we to put them on a timetable?

Advent, here, where we are right now, is about the very place from which all of our dreams begin—in God. It's where gorges of human pain and suffering are filled and where mountains of injustice are brought low. It's the way God begins to lead the people (us) home to where it all began. Let's journey together then, and...

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

Pastor's w/sh list for Hospitality Sundays

- coffee      -dessert-size plates

Sacrament of



Confirmation

On Friday, November 16, 2018 Bishop John O'Hara officiated at the Confirmation of seven students in our Religious Education Program.

**Congratulations to our Confirmation Class . . .**

**Elena Borrero**

**Melanie Morris**

**Matthew Jones**

**Maritza Francisco Rivera**

**Danielle Lipari**

**Raphaelle Viau**

**Jeilyn Zarzuela**

### LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH



**THE SEARCH BEGINS FOR THE LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK**

To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of NY.

The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 10, 2019.

For further information, contact **Joan Brisson** at the Family Life Office—**646-794-3190**, or [Joan.brisson@archny.org](mailto:Joan.brisson@archny.org). E-mail entries can be sent directly to [Joan.brisson@archny.org](mailto:Joan.brisson@archny.org).

**Deadline for entries is 5:00 PM on Thurs., 1/ 24/2019.**

### Find *Peace* through *Forgiveness* on Reconciliation Monday

Confessions available in churches in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn

December 17<sup>th</sup>      ✦      4 - 8 p.m.



*"But the Lord has become my fortress, and my God in whom I take refuge." —Psalm 94:22*

Come gentle child, come let me love you. You have escaped from my heart and I must chase you and bring you home. Whenever you leave the safety of My embrace you cause yourself pain, and that cannot ever be My will or My desire.

Come gentle child, come back to the safety of My heart where you are held and loved, and rocked in tender peace. I hold you close and fill your heart with beauty and grace. Here is your safety and here is your home.

Stay safe in My heart, My beloved child. Let Me hold you forever, for you are the child I longed for and created and cherish. You are the child I would love in every moment into eternity.

Stay in My heart, My beautiful child. If you leave I must chase you, and gather you up, and carry you home.

—Linda Orber

**Hospitality Sunday next week  
in the Parish Hall  
after the 10 o'clock Mass**

