

St. Sylvester Church

A Roman Catholic Praying Community

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Monday-Friday — 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Eucharist.....our life as a praying community

Saturday evening vigil Mass—4:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses—7:30, 10:00 a.m. (Choir), 12 noon
Holy Day Masses—7:00 p.m. Vigil, 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 7:00 p.m.
Weekdays—Rosary Chapel: Mon. through Fri. at 8:30 a.m.
Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Devotions

Monday through Saturday—Rosary following 8:30 a.m. Mass
Mondays—Miraculous Medal following 8:30 a.m. Mass
Tuesdays—St. Anthony of Padua following 8:30 a.m. Mass
Wednesdays—Eucharistic Holy Hour: 7 - 8 p.m.
Fridays of Lent—Stations of the Cross: 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.

Parish Activities

Men's Holy Name Society, Women's Guild, Golden Age,
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Funeral Ministry, Ushers/
Greeters, Teen Youth Activities Group, A.C.A., B.S.A. Cub Den
and Troop 85, Manresa Christian Life Community, Altar Servers,
Hospitality Sunday - 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, Sept.
thru June...Continental Breakfast and good conversation in
the Parish Hall following the 10 o'clock Mass.

Parish Registration →

Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is requested to register at the Rectory. You may fill out the adjacent form and drop it in the collection basket next weekend, or stop into the Parish Office.

Baptism... our life as a Christian begins!

We rejoice with families on the occasion of the birth of a new child. Please call 718-727-4639 and speak to a member of the parish staff to arrange for an interview and registration for the required baptismal preparation class.

Reconciliation...the loving power of the Father's forgiveness

Confessions on Saturdays—3:00 pm to 3:45 p.m.

Matrimony

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and prior to making any plans for the reception. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest. All couples are expected to attend a Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ listed/unlisted?

Email _____

Please send census card for my parish registration

I would like to receive Offering Envelopes

I would like a Priest to contact me

Mar. 3, 2019

Parish of St. Sylvester

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019



The fruit of the tree
shows the care it has had;
so too does one's speech disclose the
bent of one's mind.

-- Sirach 27:6



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Mar. 2 - Vigil Mass - 8th Sunday in Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Dr. Gail Hepner De Respino

Sunday, Nov. March 3-8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = for the parish family
10:00 a.m. good health & wellbeing for Daniella Agucia
12:00 noon = Salvatore and Domenico Ruscitti
1:00 P.M.—MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON IN PARISH HALL

Monday, March 4- Weekday-8th Week in Ordinary Time;
[St. Casimir]
8:30 a.m. = for the health and wellbeing of
Francisco P. Gargantiel

Tuesday, March 5- Weekday-8th Week in Ordinary Time;
[Shrove Tuesday]
8:30 a. m. = Ramon Cos

Wednesday, Mar. 6 - Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence)
[sacramental of blessed ashes will be distributed at all liturgies]
7:00 a.m. = Neil Holterman
8:30 a. m. = Nina Tornabene
12:00 noon = happy b'day. & good health for
Estella Fransisco
3:30 p.m. = Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. = John Paul Norton

Thursday, March 7- Thursday after Ash Wednesday;
[Sts. Perpetua & Lucy, Martyrs]
8:30 a. m. = Angelo Scarola

Friday, Dec. March 8 -Friday after Ash Wednesday;
[St. John of God, Religious]
8:30 a. m. = Paul Cilione
12:00 noon = Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. = Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday;
[St. Frances of Rome, Religious]

9:00 a.m.= Vincent Iacona and Joseph Vitolo
Saturday, Mar. 9 - Vigil Mass -First Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. = Victor Andrea

Sunday, Nov. March 10-First Sunday of Lent
7:30 a.m. = Marcos Gonzalez
10:00 a.m. = Domenick Battista
12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy family and
Mary Bhatia



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support:

February 24, 2019: 1st Collection - \$3,133.00
Fuel Collection -\$ 985.00

NOTE: Feb. 25, 2018 - Sun.-Ord. Time:
1st Collection -\$3,374.00
Reserve Fund -\$1,083.00

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 home-bound 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.

Daniela Agucia, Robert Ballard, Sr., Joseph Bertolini, Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci, Maria Erlinger, Joseph Falletti, Judy Fortenza, Robert Fortenza, Thomas Galvin, Robert Golden, Gayle Greene, Debra S. 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, Irene Reilly, Carmela Rogan, Eulah Ryan, Alice Santamays, John Savarese, Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley, Tom Varisi, John Vincenzo, Joan Walter, Robert Williams
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,

As Catholics, we take up the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving every year. These practices help us remember the merciful love and compassion that God shows all people. Participating in these practices, we journey toward repentance with our community and God and toward the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of our Lord. We do not make this journey alone. The whole Church prepares for the celebration, and together, along with those who are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, we try to live more faithfully God's call to be merciful, loving, and compassionate to those around us. Our acts of love through sacrifice and prayer are a tangible witness of God's love to those around us.

1. Spend some time reflecting about why you choose to participate in the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of the Church during this Lenten season. Next time someone asks you why you aren't eating the chicken on Friday in the lunchroom, you'll be better prepared to share your belief in God who is merciful and compassionate

2. Share with someone what your Lenten practices will be this year. This is not to brag about how good you are at following Christ; rather, it allows us to each have something of an "accountability partner" so that we can strive to be a more credible witness to our faith.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



Valentine Day - \$245.00
Anna Jacona

February - \$145.00
Vivian Bertoldo



ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Chinese Auction

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

DOORS OPEN @ 6 PM - CALLING BEGINS @ 7:15 PM

ADMISSION: \$10 PER PERSON

NO CHILDREN UNDER 12 ADMITTED

CHILDREN 12-18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT



*"...they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worth of Himself."
Selma D. Giovinazzo
returned to the Lord's embrace.*



fast and abstinence

During Lent, the Church calls the faithful to bring a spirit of penance into their daily lives through fasting and abstinence. These practices include:

FASTING – requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other, smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting is an obligation for every Catholic from age 18 until age 59.

ABSTINENCE – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Those who are not specifically obliged to fast or to abstain are encouraged to join in those disciplines to the extent that they are able.

Therefore, take **NOTE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.**

Theodoro Francisco Llivisaca
and
Guadalupe Palomeque Alvarez



Daylight Saving Time
begins

Sunday, March 10



Why? Credit to DST is often attributed to Benjamin Franklin, who suggested the idea in 1784 as a joke. British born New Zealander George Hudson proposed the concept in 1885 but was ridiculed. The idea was revived in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed the system in a pamphlet *The waste of Daylight*. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during W.W. I. The British switched one year later, and the U.S.A. followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only 'til 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers (cows don't pay attention to clocks).

During W.W.2, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again (this time year-round) to save fuel. Since then DST has been used on and off, with different start & end dates. Current DST begins at 2:00 a.m. on the 2nd Sunday of March and ends at 2:00 a.m. on the 1st Sunday in November.