

Parish of St. Sylvester

**19th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 11, 2019**

**We have been
blessed to
bless others**

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

—Luke 12:48

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Aug. 10 - Vigil Mass -19th Sun. in Ord.Time
4:00 p.m. = Salvatore Siclari (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

Sunday, Aug. 11 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = Carmela "Millie" Rogan
10:00 a.m. = Alex Li
12:00 noon = Robert Koeth, Sr. (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

Monday, Aug. 12 – 19th Week in Ordinary Time;
[St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious]
8:30 a.m. = good health & wellbeing of Sean Xavier Lee

Tuesday, Aug. 13 –19th Week in Ordinary Time;
[Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs]
8:30 a. m. = Michael P. Donohue

Wednesday, Aug. 14 - St. Maximillian Kobe, Priest & Martyr
8:30 a.m. = David Ruperto
7:00 p.m. = VIGIL MASS FOR ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

Thursday, Aug. 15- ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM
9:00 a. m. = deceased members of Necca family
12:00 noon = _____
7:00 p.m. = _____

Friday, Aug. 16 - 19th Week in Ordinary Time;
[St. Stephen of Hungary]
8:30 a. m. = Josephine Granato

Saturday, Aug. 17 - 19th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. = Doris Tierney

Saturday, Aug. 17 - Vigil Mass –20th Sun. in Ord.Time
4:00 p.m. = Ramon Reinoso (*12th ann. in heaven*)

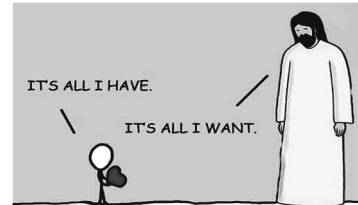
Sunday, Aug. 18 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = Albert Balletto
10:00 a.m. = Vincent Mastandrea
12:00 noon = deceased of McCoy family & Mary Bhatia

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support:

Aug. 11, 2019 -18th Sunday- Ord. Time - \$3,536.00
Reserve Fund - \$1,3 71.00

Last Year: Sunday, Aug. 3, 2018- N/A



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
Joseph Somma - U. S. Marine Corps
Lt. Col. Michael Volpe - U. S. Army-South Korea



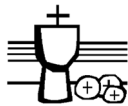
Has someone here been promoted, transferred, demobilized, discharged, retired? Please let us know.

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

Catherine Fornal Castell

requested by

Joseph and Gregoria Di Maria



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burns
before the Tabernacle
with prayers in memory of*

Bertram H. Gourdin, Jr.

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

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.

Daniela Agucia, Robert Ballard, Sr., Joseph Bertolini, Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci, Maria Erlinger, Joseph Falleti, Robert Forlenza, Thomas Galvin, Robert Golden, 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, Sr. Carrie Portu, Lee Poyntz, Sharon Poyntz, 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,

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about being prepared, using the parable of the servants waiting for their master's return from a wedding. Parables usually have a surprise twist and this one is no exception. Jesus pictures the master coming back at a late hour and finding the servants ready for him. The master is so pleased that he begins to wait on the servants—he serves them a meal. (I can almost hear the disciples saying, "No way!") Perhaps Peter was thinking, "Surely we will be prepared when Jesus comes again. He must be talking about the rest of the people." To answer Peter's question, Jesus warns that the servant who knew his duties would be punished more than one who was ignorant of those expectations. Peter and the disciples should have seen themselves as the servants who knew what was expected.

That warning is one for us to hear also. We may look down on non-Christians or wonder if they will get to heaven. But the Lord doesn't expect as much from those who don't know God. Instead of judging them, we would be better off looking at ourselves. Am I serious about my faith, serious enough to show it in my actions? Has my good example ever brought a non-believer to the Church? If I can see Jesus in someone who doesn't know the Lord, the respect I show that person could draw them to believe.

There are examples of this even in our own parish. If you have been in the parish for many years, you could be expected to notice a newcomer more readily. How do you welcome them? Do you get so comfortable with your friends that you don't think about reaching out to a visitor? I think Jesus would expect those of us who feel at home in our church to make an effort to bring new members into our circle. "So how much does Jesus expect of me?" The answer could be in how well you know Jesus.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



A Remember to catch up on your
N weekly contribution envelopes
D because our parish bills
never take a vacation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes. Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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Our Community Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food to assist the needy in our community. Please think of the less fortunate when you shop. When you come to Mass, your donated non-perishable items may be placed in the boxes at the back of the church near the elevator. Donations of supermarket gift cards will also enable the welcome purchase of *FRESH* produce.



"Nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor!"

*attributed to James Forbes, the pastor of Riverside Church,
New York City.*