

# Parish of St. Sylvester

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time**

**August 25, 2019**



Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

—Hebrews 12:12-13

## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, Aug. 24 - Vigil Mass –21<sup>st</sup> Sun. in Ord.Time**

4:00 p.m. = Frank Buttermark

**Sunday, Aug. 25 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. = John Roselle

10:00 a.m. = Kathleen Coughlin (1st ann.)

12:00 noon = Mary Bhatia happy 4th ann. in heaven)

**Monday, Aug. 26 – 21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. = Veto and Sophie Catalano

**Tuesday, Aug. 27 –St. Monica**

8:30 a. m. = Dolores Weir

**Wednesday, Aug. 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m. = Maureen Henning

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

**Thursday, Aug. 29- The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

8:30 a. m. = Maryann Peteroy

**Friday, Aug. 30 - 21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a. m. = healing for John Cataneo

**Saturday, Aug. 31 - 21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. = Joan Bruno [happy 1<sup>st</sup>ann. in heaven]

**Saturday, Aug. 31 - Vigil Mass –22<sup>nd</sup> Sun. in Ord.Time**

4:00 p.m. = Johnny Riviera

**Sunday, Sept. 1 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. = Catherine Fornal Castell

10:00 a.m. = Theresa A. Havell

12:00 noon = Joseph Falleti



## Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

**Aug. 18, 2019 –20<sup>th</sup> Sunday- Ord. Time - \$3,040.  
Reserve Fund- \$ 314.**

*Last Year: Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018 – \$2,958.  
Reserve Fund – \$ 653.*

**Assumption: 2019-\$658. 2018- \$675.**

*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.*

## GRACE AND STRUGGLE

**The gift of grace increases**

**as the struggles increase.**

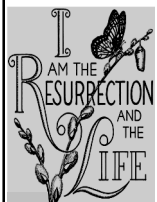
—St. Rose of Lima



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

**George Negas**

*requested by his dearest wife Joan honoring their 60th anniversary*



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

**Joseph P. Gallagher  
Rose Schneider**

*have returned to the Lord's embrace.*

**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, 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,

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship, or the Rams beat anyone? Although soccer's my game, I don't get to watch much of any sports; however, when I do see a game—even if the *my* team isn't playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That's what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was referring to the Jews, God's chosen people, whom Jesus called first to be his disciples. When they rejected him, the call went out to the Gentiles, who became followers. Or perhaps in Jesus' time, he was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. As long as they could decide who could enter the temple, they had a nice income flow. They were smart enough to include the poor, by asking them for smaller offerings. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Do we respect all people, or just the ones we like? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we give good example to the people we work with? Do we follow our conscience or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*



### Religious Education Program

#### Planning for Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at St Sylvester Church on November 22, 2019 at 4pm for those who have completed the required study.

Students who have received their instruction at private schools must register at St Sylvester Religious Education Program office (in Rosary Hall) on Sept 10, 2019 (between 4:30 and 7:30). The Students and their Parents must then attend the Parent meeting on September 17 at 6pm.

For information, please call 718-816-0093.

### SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCs)

For those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s—we will be hosting our annual **Mass and Social on Wed., Sept. 25th**. Join us as we begin the 19th year of SFCs with Mass celebrated by Fr. Joseph McLafferty at 7 p.m. in St. Christopher's Church, 130 Midland Ave., S.I. Confession available 6:15-6:45 p.m. After Mass join us for a wine and cheese social in St. Christopher Communication Center, just down the block. We'll meet/re-meet, mingle and enjoy one another's company. \$10 appreciated at the door.

For more info. - check our website:

<http://www.sfcssi.wixsite.com/website>

Find us on Fb/[StFrancisCatholicSingles](https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisCatholicSingles)

or e-mail: [sfcssi@gmail.com](mailto:sfcssi@gmail.com)

*Mission: Catholic Singles (SFCs) is a contemporary circle of men and women in their 30s, 40s, and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like-minded peers. New and returning members always welcome.*

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Put yourself in Jesus' real presence for a mid-week hour of prayer, music and meditation, closing with Benediction.

**Wednesday evenings — 7 to 8 p.m.**



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TimeBank

### A Volunteer Program

The ArchCare Time Bank is a FREE program and open to people of all ages.

Members share their time helping each other. When someone needs a hand, the ArchCare Time Bank makes a member-to-member connection to fill that need. The Time Bank is a great community resource that offers services and workshops that interest our members.

If you're interested in learning more about ArchCare's Time Bank please let Fr. Jacob & the Parish Office know!