

# St. Sylvester Church

A Roman Catholic Praying Community

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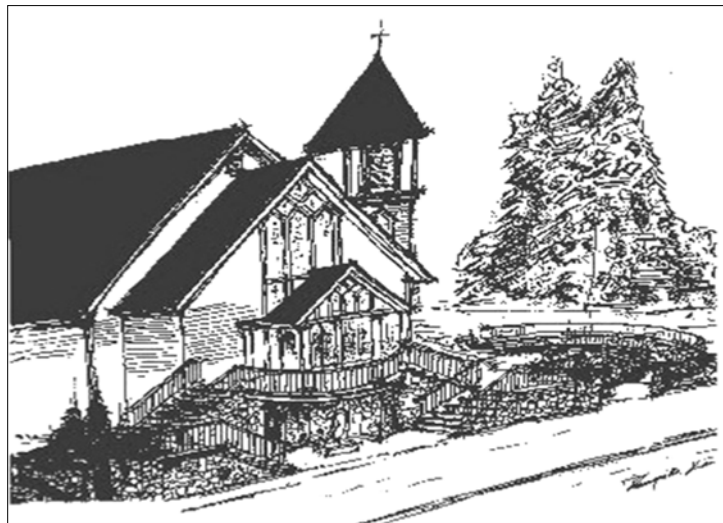
**Janet Samuel**

Religious Education Coordinator:

**Neale Steiniger (718-816-0093)**

**Parish House Office Hours:**

**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

## 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

**Dec. 8, 2019**

# Parish of St. Sylvester

December 8, 2019



The earth shall be filled  
with knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.

— Isaiah 11:9

## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, Dec. 7 - Vigil Mass -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
4:00 p.m. = Edward Bauer

**Sunday, Dec. 8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> of Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 a.m. = Louise Milza  
10:00 a.m. = Vinnie Avitabile  
12:00 noon = Jimmy McCoy [*happy birthday in heaven*]  
5:00 p.m. = TREE LIGHTING, CAROLING & REFRESHMENTS

**Monday, Dec. 9 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M. [*not a day of Mass obligation*]**  
9:00 a.m. = August, Filomena and Angela Abbruzzi  
12 noon = \_\_\_\_\_  
7:00 p.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday, Dec. 10 - Advent Weekday**  
8:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, Dec. 11 - Advent Weekday;**  
*[St Damasus I, Pope]*  
8:30 a.m. = \_Denis Kelleher  
7:00 p.m. = EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

**Thursday, Dec. 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
8:30 a.m. = Michael O'Donnell [*happy birthday in heaven*]

**Friday, Dec. 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
8:30 a.m. = Stanislawa Rogalska

**Saturday, Dec. 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church**  
9:00 a.m. = Victor Mormile

**Saturday, Dec. 14 - Vigil Mass -3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
4:00 p.m. = Anna Makar [*happy birthday in heaven*]

**Sunday, Dec. 15 - 3<sup>rd</sup> of Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 a.m. = Carmela Petosa  
10:00 a.m. = Ruben H. Vedar  
12:00 noon = Leonita Garcia [*happy birthday in heaven*]

## Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support:

Nov. 24, 2019 -Christ the King - \$2,950.00  
Catholic Charities - \$ 586.00

*Nov. 25, 2018—1st Collection - \$3,317.00  
Catholic Charities - \$ 932.00*

## Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support:

Dec. 1, 2019 -1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Advent - \$4,288.00  
Reserve Fund - \$ 958.00

*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  
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 Passignajen-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.*

**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,  
Ed Cintula, Frances Cirincione, Conley family,  
Stephen Cucci, Maria Erlinger, Robert Forlenza,  
Thomas Galvin, Robert Golden, John Andrew Hunton,  
Debra S. Iammatteo, Bridget Kehley, Nicholas Kinahan,  
Frank Labano, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Louis Matos,  
Travis Mayhew, John Miles, George Moresca,  
Delia Murguia, William Murphy, Amy O'Donnell,  
Sr. Carrie Portu, Lee Poyntz, Sharon Poyntz, Eulah Ryan,  
Paul Sabella, Alice Santamays, John Savarese,  
Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley, Tom Varisi, John Vincenzo,  
Joan Walter, Barbara Wesby, Robert Williams

*Please let us know if anyone for whom we are praying has recov-  
ered from illness/surgery so that we may rejoice with you and  
then make room for others in need of prayer. Thank you.*

## Congratulations

**Maria Cos**

Winner of **\$100.00**



Join us this **Sunday, Dec. 8**  
**Parish Tree Lighting**  
and caroling celebration at **5 PM**,  
followed by refreshments  
in the Parish Hall.



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Here in our parish church, on Friday, November 22, 2019, I welcomed 23 eighth grade students who have for the past 2 years studied and prepared to strengthen their faith.\* The following then received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** from Bishop John J. O'Hara, Episcopal Vicar of Staten Island:

Shadrach Akakeya, Kristen Anne Badichek,  
Sophia Grace Caccamo, Danielle Cardoza,  
Emily Marta Ciozbek, Lawrence Cummings,  
Sofia Marie DeRobertis, Christian Paul Donato,  
Bruno Antonio Frustaci, Maya Bridget Hilton,  
Lily Bei-Yi Januszka, Jessica Jezewska,  
Joseph Laureano, Gia Danielle Longo,  
Maria Rose Martorano, Isabella Jacqueline Parente,  
Braeden Tyler Perez, Kiara Quinn, Salvatore Scalici,  
Giana Antonia Spagnuolo, James Sulley,  
Matthew Vecchione, Vienna Dianna Wiseman.

Our Musical Director Barbara Wesby with Cantor Gabrielle Tricorico led the singing.

Assisting 8<sup>th</sup> grade Catechist Michael Kullman were our School of Religion Instructors Carol Davila, Judy O'Donnell and Joy Przybyla.

Bishop O'Hara was aided by 7 of our Altar Servers— Valeria Mendez, Vincent Wiseman, Sam Januszka, Nicole Paguay, Maggie Hill, Stephanie Druda and Maya Salidis-White, and Usher Joseph Lamantia welcomed and guided all our visitors.

It was a truly fine and blessed day for our Parish Family!

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

### **\*Catechism Refresher:**

*the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.*

*From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:*

- it roots us more deeply as daughters and sons which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!";
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ.

## Notice to 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

### attending Private Schools:

at St Sylvester Parish **First Holy Communion** will be held on May 2, 2020. Students attending private schools and wishing to participate should register by February 20, 2020 in order to take part in the Parent Information Meeting concerning First Penance, First Communion Retreat and First Holy Communion. To register, please call the Religious Education Office at 718-816-0093 or the Parish Office at 718-727-4639.

**The deadline for registrations is  
February 20, 2020.**



St. Sylvester's  
Parish family



welcomes

*Isabella Danielle Gonzalez Aro*

daughter of

*Angelina W. Gonzalez and Michael V Aro*

presented to the Lord by her Godparents  
*Robert Aro and Frances Marie W. Gonzalez*  
on Sunday, November 24, 2019



*Dahlyse Fernandez*

daughter of

*Migdalia Aponte and Luis Fernandez*

presented to the Lord by her Godparents  
*Victor Garcia and Mildred Garcia*  
on Sunday, November 24, 2019



*Dehlany Fernandez*

son of

*Migdalia Aponte and Luis Fernandez*

presented to the Lord by her Godparents  
*Victor Garcia and Mildred Garcia*  
on Sunday, November 24, 2019



*Delila Luna Fernandez*

daughter of

*Migdalia Aponte and Luis Fernandez*

presented to the Lord by her Godparents  
*Victor Garcia and Mildred Garcia*  
on Sunday, November 24, 2019

## A FAMILY CLASSIC : Staten Island Ballet's

### "The Nutcracker"



Sat., Dec. 21 - 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 22—2 p.m. & 5 p.m.  
Charge by phone-718-980-0500.

All seats reserved—\$50/\$40.

CSI Center for the Arts, 2800 Victory Blvd., S.I.