

# Parish of St. Sylvester

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*January 26, 2020*



They left their nets  
and followed Him.

— Matthew 4:20

## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, Jan. 25 - Vigil Mass - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

4:00 p.m. = Ernestine and Julius Bertolini

**Sunday, Jan. 26 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;**

'SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD'

7:30 a.m. = Grace Roselle

10:00 a.m. = Andrea Murphy

12:00 noon = John Peres

**Monday, Jan. 27 - Weekday-3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

[St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder]

8:30 a.m. = Thomas Montoya Nocon

**Tuesday, Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor  
of the Church**

8:30 a.m. = Joseph Dicks [happy b'day. in heaven]

**Wednesday, Jan. 29 - Weekday-3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. = Nathan Lapin [happy ann. in heaven]

7:00 p.m. = hour of Eucharistic prayer, music & adoration

**Thursday, Jan. 30 - Weekday-3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. = Arlene Egan

**Friday, Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest**

8:30 a.m. = Hector Felbarg, M.D.

**Saturday, Feb. 1 - Weekday-3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time;  
BVM; First Saturday**

9:00 a.m. = Elizabeth Ruperto

**Saturday, Feb. 1 - Vigil Mass - Presentation of the Lord**

4:00 p.m. = Gerri Pandolfo

**Sunday, Feb. 2 - Presentation of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. = for our parish family

10:00 a.m. = Charles Messina

12:00 noon = Laurie Murphy Keller



## Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

Jan. 19, 2020 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. Ord. Time - \$2,927.00  
Aid for Puerto Rico - \$1,468.00

Jan. 20, 2019 - \$3,230.00  
Reserve Fund - \$ 605.00

*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 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., Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci, Maureen De Meo, Maria Erlinger, Robert Forlenza, Thomas Galvin, Rosemarie Garlisi, Robert Golden, John Andrew Hunton, Debra S. Iammateo, Bridget Kehley, 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, Camille Quaglia, Irene Reilly, Eulah Ryan, Paul Sabella, 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.*

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

**Gerry Lonkart Kessler**

requested by

**Patricia Mulligan De Respino**



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

**Marjorie T. English Mulligan**

requested by

**Patricia Mulligan De Respino**



## KINDNESS

Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place. —Chinese proverb



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Back in the "old days", when our Church confirmed children in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade, a Religion Teacher I knew had her Confirmation students write a final essay. I have saved this one because it says SO MUCH. . .

"One of God's main jobs is making people. God makes babies because they are smaller and easier to make. God's other important job is listening to prayers. God doesn't have time to watch TV or see a movie on account of this. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps God pretty busy. So don't waste God's time asking for something your parents said you couldn't have. Jesus is God's Son. He was good and kind and did all the hard work like performing miracles and trying to teach people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Jesus and they crucified him. Jesus told God that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad (God) appreciated everything that Jesus had done and all his hard work. God said that Jesus didn't have to go on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. Now he helps his Dad out and you can pray any time and they are sure to hear you because one of them is always on duty. You should always go to Mass on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's any body you want to make happy, it's God. Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in our town. At least they don't come to our church. It's good to know God's always around when you're scared in the dark or when you get thrown in deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. God put me here and God can take me back any time. So it's up to me to figure out what I can do for God."

Talk with your children about what you and they believe. Pray with them, read the Bible and stories of faith to them. Show them in your actions and words how to live as followers of Christ. Your own example carries more weight than any other teacher.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

## TEACH ✦ SERVE ✦ SANCTIFY

Join our parish in supporting the work of the

### **Cardinal's Appeal 2020**

*Why the Appeal?*

Each year our generous support towards the **Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal** promotes the health and vitality of the Archdiocese of New York through the works of the pastoral and charitable efforts of our parishes, schools and more.

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**Msgr. Farrell High School's** inaugural **Vir Fidelis Ball** honoring **Bishop Edmund Whelan's** immeasurable impact on the lives of so many on Staten Island will be held on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Vanderbilt South Beach. Tickets to this black tie preferred event are \$300. For those wishing for a less expensive way to express their congratulations and thanks, look for journal ad opportunities and event details on the school's alumni website: [monsignorfarrellalumni.org/](http://monsignorfarrellalumni.org/)

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP FOR STATEN ISLAND YOUNG**

**CATHOLIC ADULTS (ages 21-39) Tuesday, Feb. 11,**  
doors open at 7 PM-**The Liberty Tavern, 382 Forest Ave.**

Meet other young  
interest in our  
Join **Catholic Staten  
Tap** to find out  
the "WHAT" of the



Catholics who have  
Church's teachings  
**Island's Theology on  
the "WHY" behind  
Church's teachings.**

*A Ministry funded by the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*

*Were you at our Christmas Eve Night Mass to hear the  
Choir sing this?*

### **A Christmas Song**

The time has come for Mary to give birth.  
But there's no room for them at the inn.  
Finally they find a stable with a manger full of hay  
Where they can lay Baby Jesus.  
Far and near the angels sing good news:  
The mighty one, the savior has been born.  
(The time has come, the time has come.)

Christmas is the promise of life.  
Christmas is the promise of eternal glory.  
Christmas is the wonder of wonders.

God's promise is fulfilled.

Sing alleluia to God on high!  
The time has come. God's promise is fulfilled.  
Alleluia!

*And did you know this was a gift to our parish family...*

Poetry by **Tita Payomo**,  
adapted BW; music by Barbara Wesby

*Thank you!*