

Parish of St. Sylvester

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020



If you trust in God you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose,
stretch forth your hand.

— Sirach 15:16

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 15 - Vigil Mass—6th Sunday in Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Vincent Di Forte, Sr.

Sunday, Feb. 16 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = for our parish family
10:00 a.m. = Timothy Kavanagh
12:00 noon = Joseph Bertolini

Monday, Feb. 17 – 6th Week in Ordinary Time
[The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order]
8:30 a.m. = Michael Pasquarello

Tuesday, Feb. 18 – 6th Week in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. = Joseph and Jessica Pasquarello

Wednesday, Feb. 19 – 6th Week in Ordinary Time;
8:30 a.m. = Rose Fortunato
7:00 p.m. = hour of Eucharistic prayer, music & adoration

Thursday, Feb. 20 – 6th Week in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. = Maria Bucuo Lumbreras

Friday, Feb. 21 – 6th Week in Ordinary Time;
[St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church]
8:30 a.m. = Michael Pasquarello

Saturday, Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
9:00 a.m. = Stanislawa Rogalska

Saturday, Feb. 22 - Vigil Mass—7th Sunday in Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Salvatore P. De Respino [25th ann.]

Sunday, Feb. 23 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = Gabriel Pampilio
10:00 a.m. = Judge Manuel & Serafina Dalman
12:00 noon = deceased members of the McCoy family
and Mary Bhatia



GEORGE
WASHINGTON'S
BIRTHDAY

Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

Feb. 9, 2020 – 5th Sun. Ord. Time - \$3,452.00
Peter's Pence - \$ 742.00

Feb. 11, 2019- \$3,303.00
Reserve Fund - \$ 793.00

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. Iammatteo, 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, 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.



Join us.... this Sunday

for Hospitality in the Parish Hall, after 10 o'clock Mass

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

Joseph Gallagher
requested by
his wife **Rosemary**



Global Year of the

Basic
Information
Before
Leaving
Earth



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.





Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Occasionally Catholics ask, "Why is the Church always talking about money?" They may think that the Church is wealthy and can do without the financial support of individual Catholics. If the Church were supported by government grants or special funds from the Vatican that might be true. Thanks to the separation of church and state, the Church in the United States is able to govern itself without interference from secular authorities. So the principal source of funding for the Church to perform all its ministries must be all of us. Everyone can give, though not all can give the same amount. We are called to support the Church financially in three ways.

The first is with our commitment to God to support our local parish through our weekly offerings. Based upon the weekly collection, the pastor and finance committee must cover all parish expenses. Our money in the collection basket ensures that we can serve and be served as Christ calls us.

The second way is a donation or pledge to our diocese to fund ministries and programs that are too costly or complicated for any single parish to provide. For our parish family this would be through the **Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**. The more we support our diocese, the more we ensure that the Church can train future priests and provide education, social services, and marriage and family services—to name but a few.

The third way is through gifts that we choose to give to second collections, which benefit various causes in our parish, our diocese, or beyond. These are causes that the Church says are worthy of our support. We decide which ones we wish to support and with what amount as we are able.

We, as the Body of Christ, can only fulfill our mission if there is money to pay the way. Let's all do our part, for the love of God.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

Notice for 2nd 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 718-816-0093 or the Parish Office at 718-727-4639.

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

40 Days for Life is a 40-day campaign of peaceful, prayerful presence that aims to end abortion in our community by changing hearts and minds.

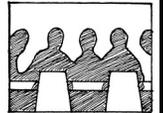
**Sun., Feb. 23rd - Kick-off Mass and gathering at
St. Charles Church**

**1:15 PM - Mass—Bishop O'Hara, main Celebrant
2:00-4:00PM—Orientation/Rally-School Auditorium**

A.C.A., A 12-step program for adults
who grew up in a dysfunctional home,
meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
in Rosary Hall.

Call Larry at 718-619-5545

for more information.



MEETINGS



Legislation has been introduced in the New York State Legislature that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a terminally ill patient. While proponents call these bills "death with dignity" and "patient self-determination," in reality they are unnecessary, flawed and dangerous. Legalizing assisted suicide would endanger elderly, disabled, and vulnerable people. It will send the message to others that suicide is acceptable and lead to an increase of suicides. It will leave people with depression and other mental illnesses untreated. And it will turn doctors and other health professionals from healers into killers. More info.:

nyscatholic.org,
lifeofficenyc.org/assisted-suicide



The biblical ideal of giving money back to God is the tithe (10 percent), of which is suggested that half go to our parish and local diocese and the rest to our favorite charities. If this amount seems impossible because, for example, you are unemployed or on a small fixed income, set an amount that works for you and try to give it regularly.