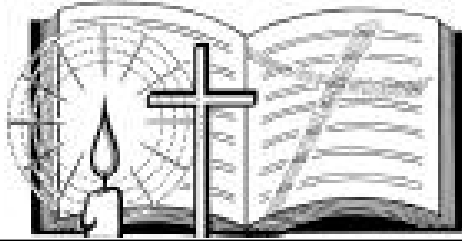


# Parish of St. Sylvester

## Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020



Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

—2 Timothy 1:10b

### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, March 7 - Vigil Mass—2nd Sunday of Lent**  
4:00 p.m. = Larry Andrea

**Sunday, March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

7:30 a.m. = for our parish family  
10:00 a.m. = Harold Napoleon  
12:00 noon = Joseph Decorato

**Monday, March 9 – Lenten Weekday;**

[St. Frances of Rome, Religious]

8:30 a.m. = Andrew Le family

**Tuesday, March 10 – Lenten Weekday**

8:30 a.m. = Dominic Battista

**Wednesday, March 11 – Lenten Weekday**

8:30 a.m. = Marion and Angelo Martorano  
7-8:00 p.m. = Hour of Eucharistic Worship, Prayer, Music

**Thursday, March 12 – Lenten Weekday**

8:30 a.m. = Carmen McMahon [happy b'day. in heaven]

**Friday, March 13 – Lenten Weekday**

8:30 a.m. = Rodolfo & Nita Fontanilla  
12:00 noon = STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
7:00 p.m. = STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Saturday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday**

9:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, March 14 - Vigil Mass—3rd Sunday of Lent**

4:00 p.m. = Joseph Bertolini

**Sunday, March 15 – 3rd Sunday of Lent**

7:30 a.m. = for our parish family  
10:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy  
and Bhatia families



Abstinence

### Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support:

March 1, 2020: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - \$4,901.00  
Reserve Fund - \$4,111.00

March 3, 2019: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection - \$4,111.00  
Reserve Fund- \$1,150.00

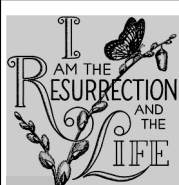
**PLEASE PRAY**... for those anticipating a hospital stay, recuperating, and the home-bound in our parish and in our families. Keep this list near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.

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, Virginia Gallagher, 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, Robert Shepherd, 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

God does not ask for our ability  
or our inability,  
but our availability.

—Anonymous



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

**Dr. Guido J. Di Benedetto**  
**Gerald Jacilla**  
**Carolyn Viggiano**

have returned to the Lord's embrace.

SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020**

**Opening Mass celebrating start of  
St. Sylvester Parish's  
100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year**

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,

Lent is an invitation to journey more deeply into the heart of God. What God asks of Abram is a willingness to trust that God will lead him. Abram is called from the very beginning to place his trust in the Lord and in the Lord's promises. We are told that Abram is seventy years old at the time he goes forth. I remember someone remarking, "Imagine coming in the house and saying to your wife, 'Honey, we have to pack up and go I know not where.'" We are told simply: "Abram went as the LORD directed him" (*Genesis 12:4a*). Abram's faith translates into trust that God is leading him.

Jesus brought the three apostles up a high mountain. Mountains often served as the meeting place of God and the prophets—Moses and Elijah come to mind. When Jesus and the three reach their destination, Jesus is transformed before them, face and clothes shining. Suddenly Moses and Elijah are talking with him. You can understand Peter wanting to stay there. But this is not journey's end. That will happen on a hill outside Jerusalem. For now they hear words meant also for us this day: "This is my beloved Son . . . listen to him" (*Matthew 17:5*).

We are asked to journey with Jesus for forty days—sometimes it may be into the desert of testing, sometimes up a mountain for a moment of blinding clarity. In both places we know Jesus as the beloved Son who trusts in the Father's will. Lent invites us to make that same journey into trusting the Father.

God has called *us* to a holy life (*1 Timothy 1:9*). This week, as we journey with Jesus into the presence of the Father, listen for how the Father may be speaking to you now. Ask God to open your ears and eyes to recognize the beloved Son's presence.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

Valentine Raffle - \$190

Winners - Mr. and Mrs. Moses Roberto

*Congratulations!*

50/50  
RAFFLE

NEWS

February Monthly Raffle - \$150

Mr. and Mrs. William Cintula

### News from the Religious Ed. Program - - -



#### Annual Family Day Carnival

**March 21** —12 noon to 3:30 PM—Parish Hall

The Event will be held 'under the tent' created, as usual, by Mr. Bob Campbell, and will include games, races, face painting, animal balloons, food (of course!), raffles and more! This event sponsored by the Religious Ed Program, is free and open to all Parishioners but *reservations are required*.

Reservation deadline is March 13.

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### St. Sylvester Youth Group

presents

### The Annual Spring Bash

open to all

(from toddlers to octogenarians)

**Friday, March 20—6 PM**

**Reservations Deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup>**

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"Fasting" doesn't mean eating fast food!

