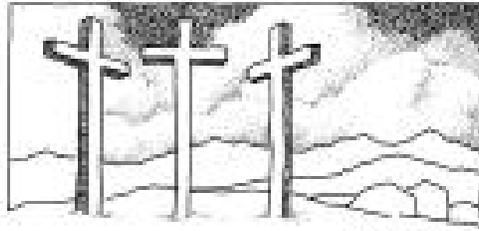


Parish of St. Sylvester

Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020



While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

—Romans 5:8

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

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. = Harold Napoleon

12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy
and Bhatia families

Monday, March 16 – Lenten Weekday;

8:30 a.m. = good health for Sean Xavier Lee

Tuesday, March 17 – Lenten Weekday

[St. Patrick, Bishop]

8:30 a.m. = Gilmartin & Dicks families

Wednesday, March 18 – Lenten Weekday

[St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

8:30 a.m. = Nancy & Michele Iammatteo

7-8:00 p.m. = Hour of Eucharistic Worship, Prayer, Music

**Thursday, March 19 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 a.m. = Karen Bruno

Friday, March 20 – Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Concetta Gorrasi [3-year anniversary]

12:00 noon = STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 p.m. = STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. = _____

Saturday, March 21 - Vigil Mass—4th Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. = Anthony R. De Respino

Sunday, March 22 – 4th Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. = deceased members of the Paraspolo family

10:00 a.m. = _Emilio and Gerald Alimon

12:00 noon = Joseph Decorato



Welcome Spring



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

March 8, 2020: 2nd Sunday of Lent - \$3,233.00
Reserve Fund - \$ 748.00

March 10, 2019: 1st Collection - \$3,703.00
Catholic Relief Services- \$ 667.00

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



Join us after the 10 a.m. Mass
this weekend
for **Hospitality Sunday**
in the Parish Hall



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.

Schedule Change

Due to the current precautions recommended for protection from possible

coronavirus contagion, the following events have been **postponed**:

➤ **St. Sylvester Youth Group's
March 20—Annual Spring Bash**

➤ **Religious Education Program's
March 21—Annual Family Day Carnival**

Please watch for new dates to be announced





Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Vicar General Rev. LaMorte has written to the priests of our Archdiocese concerning a potential outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19 disease), and I feel it important to share some of his points which will clarify the abundance of information circulating in the mainstream media, online, and other social spheres regarding the spread of this virus.

The recently confirmed cases in the U.S. have been mild—as of this writing one older and previously ailing patient has succumbed.

Symptoms generally include fever, tiredness, shortness of breath and dry cough. Some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. As you must already know, the disease is spread mainly through coughing or sneezing. People are infected by touching something carrying flu viruses and then touching their mouth or nose.

Best protection procedures include:

- avoid close contact with sick people
- implement respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette and wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and water/alcohol-based cleanser (benefit of mask-wearing in these situations has not been established)
- if feeling sick stay home—away from work, church, public places—so as to save others from catching your illness.
- if feeling sick **CALL** your doctor from home for advice, **do not go** to the doctor's office or an emergency care center unless so advised.
- forego any shaking hands or exchange of kisses when greeting others, or during the sign of peace at Mass.

It is suggested that a 2-week supply of food, provisions and medications be maintained in case a quarantine is implemented by civil authorities.

First and last, during this Lenten season our prayers for the recovery of victims of this scourge and a prompt end to the disease are very important so bring all into your prayer each day.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

St. Sylvester's
Parish family



welcomes

Adam Sawyer Cordero

son of

Stephanie Luz Nazario and David William Cordero

presented to the Lord by his Godparents

Russell Joseph Krakower and Christina Mia Nazario

on Sunday, March 8, 2020



As we seek ways to improve our **prayer, almsgiving and penance** during Lent, consider what our parish offers us—

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at noon and 7 PM; **Bible Study** on Tuesdays at 3 o'clock; an hour of **Eucharistic Prayer with Benediction** at 7 PM on Wednesdays; **Sacrament of Penance** : Confessions heard each Saturday from 3 to 3:45PM; and the Catholic faith internet site **FORMED** which supports thousands of movies, children's programs, and e-books, for all ages. Lastly, our **Food Pantry** collection box stands near the elevator for your contributions.



Musical notes

On our 1st Sunday of this Lenten season the Old Testament Reading told us "*The LORD God ...blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.*" Breath and breathing are so essential to our humanity. Take a moment to draw a deep full breath, and release it. Feels good, doesn't it? Breath is also the foundation of all good singing. In Choir we work on posture and breathing so that our sound is well supported. All that deep breathing and singing can have surprising health benefits as well, including an improved immune system; the hyper-oxygenated blood is great for your circulatory system and may even help prevent and/or treat Alzheimer's. Let's be grateful for the breath of life—and maybe use that breath to sing in our **church Choir**.



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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. Additionally, as we share God's gifts to us we bring support to our own parish needs as well.