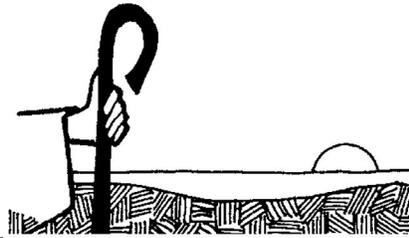


Parish of St. Sylvester

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020



The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want

— Psalm 23:1

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Schedule Change

As the Archdiocese of New York announced on March 14th, with reference to the COVID-19 medical alert: parish Masses will not be celebrated in any New York City parish until further notice.

Previously arranged daily Mass intentions will be commemorated at the Pastor's private Masses. All others may be rescheduled at a later date.



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

Monday, March 23 - Lenten Weekday;

[St. Turibius of Mogrovejo]

8:30 a.m. = Stanislaw Rogalska

Tuesday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday;

[St. Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr]]

WORLD DAY FOR TRUTH CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

8:30 a.m. = Linda Kochilas

Wednesday, March 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:30 a. m. = Israel Santiago, Sr. (*happy anniversary in heaven*)

Thursday, March 26 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 a. m. = Andres Cuestas

Friday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = James Garnato

12:00 noon = STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



Abstinence

Saturday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. = good health & wellbeing for Miriam Lumberras

Saturday, March 28 - Vigil Mass-5th Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. = Joseph and Victor Cirincione

Sunday, March 29 - 5th Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. = Wilma M. Cintula

10:00 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = Lorrain Maher

SPRING WEATHER

In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours. —Mark Twain

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support:

Report of collections will be published once the celebration of parish Masses has resumed.



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

AVAILABILITY

God does not ask for our ability

or our inability, but our availability.

—Anonymous

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,

“A man turning from an evil life is bound to be rendered desperate by the knowledge of his sins, if he does not know how good God is, how kind and gentle, and how ready to forgive.”

—Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153)

A well-known priest had been invited to speak at a parish mission. The church was packed and all eyes were on him as he started his presentation. He looked around the congregation and took something out of his pocket. Everyone could see he was holding up a one-hundred-dollar bill. He asked, “Who would like to have this hundred-dollar bill?” People looked at each other and wondered if this was some kind of trick, but hands started going up. He said, “I am going to give this one hundred dollars to one of you, but first, let me do this.” Holding both hands up high he crumpled the bill up into a small tight ball. He then asked, “Who still wants it?” More hands went up in the air. “Well,” he replied, “What if I do this?” And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe as hard as he could. When he picked it up, everyone could see the money was all crumpled and dirty. “Now who wants it?” Almost every hand was in the air. “My friends, today you have all learned a very valuable lesson because, in spite of what I did to it, this bill has not lost any of its value. It is still worth one hundred dollars. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. When you don’t live up to God’s love for you, you may even feel as if you are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen in your life, you will never lose your value in God’s eyes. Whether you are dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to God.”

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



Religious Education Program February Students of the Month

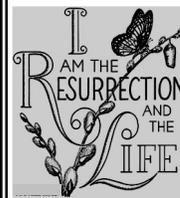
Grade 1 - Chelsea Manzanillo
Grade 2 - Anthony Cake
Grade 3 - Sophia Marie Albino
Grade 4 - Gwen Pascual
Grade 5 - Liv Hilton
Grade 6 - Anna Lisa Sabatino
Grade 7 - Ricardo Leyva



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

Where do our contributions go?

- Your patronage of the Stewardship Appeal ensures that the 23 seminarians currently studying at St. Joseph's Seminary receive the spiritual formation, comprehensive education, and theological training that will prepare them to shepherd the next generation of Catholics.
- St. John Vianney Center is the Archdiocese's home for our retired priests. They live in community, celebrate daily Mass, and share in a variety of activities on the bank of the Hudson River, in facilities designed for those with limited ability. There is an enhanced care unit for those requiring specialized medical assistance and end of life care.



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

**Italo Anthony 'Frank' DeSimone
Benjamin Santos**

have returned to the Lord's embrace.



March 25 is International Waffle Day. In Sweden, what started long ago as a Christian holiday (Varfrudagen, or Our Lady Day) sounded like Vaffeldagen, or Waffle Day, and so a delicious celebration began! Since then, it has caught on in other Scandinavian countries. Try waffles as Swedes do, with fruit and whipped cream instead of syrup. Next comes **National Scribble Day** on **March 27** so get out those pencils and crayons!

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Eileen Mullcahy at 646-794-2949. Mrs. Mullcahy may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.