

Parish of St. Sylvester

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!

— Psalm 130:1

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 28 - Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. = good health & wellbeing for Miriam Lumbreras

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

Monday, March 30 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. = _____

Tuesday, March 31 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. = _____

Wednesday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. = Andrew Lee Family

Thursday, April 2 - Lenten Weekday
[Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit]
8:30 a.m. = Michael Grannis

Friday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday; FIRST FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. = Mamerta & Felix dela Cruz
12:00 noon = STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 p.m. = STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Abstinence

Saturday, April 4 - Lenten Weekday; FIRST SATURDAY
[Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]
9:00 a.m. = _____

Saturday, April 4 - Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday
4:00 p.m. = Joseph Bertolini

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:30 a.m. = Asha Middendorf
10:00 a.m. = Andrea Murphy
12:00 noon = Ryszard Pogorzelski

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support:

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

NOTE: As you must realize, the current crisis does not stop the bills needing to be paid—yours and the parish's. Please either mail in your contribution envelopes or put them in the Rectory mail slot.



PLEASE PRAY... for those anticipating a hospital stay, recuperating, and the homebound 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

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,

Well, hard decisions have been made. For the safety and protection of God's beloved children—all of us—the liturgical preparations of Lent and the public celebrations for this coming Easter are canceled.

However, we now have time to enrich our prayer lives at home. It can also be a good time to refresh our knowledge of this season's history. How much of this is new to you?

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI* in *Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

You are in my prayers and I urge you to...

Keep smiling,

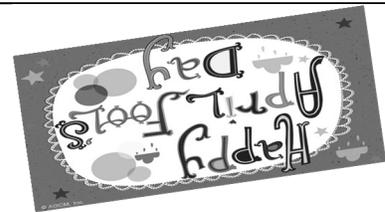
Fr. Jacob



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Have you completed your 2020 U.S. Census?

Census data is used to determine how many seats our state gets in the U.S. Congress and how \$675 billion in federal funds is allocated among the states, including funding for our hospitals, schools, senior centers, public transportation, roads and bridges. Respond online, by mail or by phone, but do it **NOW! A.S.A.P.!!**

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made as the end of life approaches. Efforts are being made in our state to offer the false solution of assisted suicide, which will only endanger disabled and vulnerable people. Go to www.CatholicEndofLife.org for assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones might face.