

Parish of St. Sylvester

**Easter Sunday
of the
Resurrection of the Lord**
April 12, 2020

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



Christ has risen, and the angels re-
joice. Christ has risen, and life reigns.
Christ has risen, and not one dead
rests in the grave. For Christ having
risen from the dead became the first-
fruits of them that slept. To him be
glory and majesty to ages of ages.
Amen.
—Byzantine Pentekostarion

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

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



Saturday, April 11 - HOLY SATURDAY

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord
Pastor's Mass for the Parish Family

Monday, April 13 - Monday within Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. = Susan Catalano

Tuesday, April 14 - Tuesday within Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. = Tony Fortunato

Wednesday, April 15 - Wednesday within Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. = _____

Thursday, April 16 - Thursday within Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. = _____

Friday, April 17 - Friday within Octave of Easter
8:30 a.m. = _____

Saturday, April 18 - Saturday within Octave of Easter
9:00 a.m. = _____
4:00 p.m. = Joseph Bertolini

Sunday, April 19 - 2nd Sunday of Easter;
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Pastor's Mass: in fond memory of James Tierney,
a patriarch of our parish family



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses
are presented with prayers in memory of

Mary Rapp

requested by **daughter Joy Przybyla**



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

**the deceased members of the
McCoy and Bhatia families**

requested by **Anne**



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support:

\$1,675. rec'd. as of March 25th

\$5,688. rec'd. as of April 3rd

\$451. rec'd. for Reserve Fund as of April 3rd

NOTE: As you must realize, the current crisis does
not stop the bills —yours or our parish's. Please ei-
ther mail in your contribution envelopes or put them
in the Rectory mail slot.

Watch for news about using WeShare, the online
program for weekly parish contributions

Thank you!

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

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,

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Then his friends would rejoice and those who had put him to death would repent (or run as fast as they could). Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Jesus did not appear to Herod or Pilate or Caiaphas. The Pharisees and scribes did not see him, either. Even the disciples did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.

So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31). I used to think that Jesus was invisible to non-believers, but Mary of Magdala saw him, thinking he was the gardener. Then she believed and recognized him. What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. St. Francis saw him not only in the poor but in all creation. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies. That is why it is so important to spread the faith; if we don't see Jesus in everyone, we may never have true peace.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

Even in the midst of our personal dilemmas we must remember our

responsibilities as stewards for Christ.

Our **Stewardship Appeal** achievement as #1 on Staten Island for the last 4 years is thanks, not to large amounts given by a few but, to the total of our parish families who contribute.

Please consider your part in the stewardship of our parish...if you don't have the pledge form at home, go online to: **2020 Cardinal's Appeal Pledge Form - Cardinal's Annual ...** and fill out your pledge.

Thank you for your stewardship and please pray that our parish family may be soon reunited.



THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK
Apostleship of Prayer United States

Intention for April 2020

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

AS OF MARCH 20:

A message from Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden

It is with an abundance of caution that we have decided to postpone all of our public programming, including operating hours for the Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art and the New York Chinese Scholar's Garden, until further notice.

Snug Harbor's main outdoor grounds and gardens will remain open to all. We hope that despite the disruptions to daily life that this situation presents, you will still be able to enjoy the beauty and comfort of springtime at Snug Harbor.



Looking for Mass and good Catholic programming? **The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)** is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area.

THERE'S ALWAYS A REASON TO CELEBRATE . . .

April 2—**National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day** (*isn't that every day?!*)

April 7—**National No Housework Day** (*oops! missed a good one...OR, maybe you didn't?*)

April 15—**Take A Wild Guess Day** (*no comment*)