

Parish of St. Sylvester

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020



“Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.”

— John 20:29b

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 18 - Saturday within Octave of Easter
Pastor's Mass: 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



Monday, April 20 – Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Andrew Lee

Tuesday, April 21 – Easter Weekday;

[St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church]

8:30 a.m. = Stanislaw Rogalska

Wednesday, April 22 – Easter Weekday

8:30 a. m. = Larry Andrea (happy 2nd ann. in heaven)



Thursday, April 23 – Easter Weekday; [St. George,
Martyr;

St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr]

8:30 a. m. = Catherine and Felix Jerolino

Friday, April 24 – Easter Weekday;

[St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr]

8:30 a. m. = for all medical and 1st responders



Saturday, April 25 – St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 a. m. = in thanksgiving for Vicilia Ernst & Gerald Love

[4:00 p.m. = Felice and Elizabeth Maneggia]

Sunday, April 26 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. = Theresa Ballard & deceased members of
the Necco family

10:00 a.m. = good health of our parish family

12:00 noon = Joseph Falletti (1st ann. in heaven)

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:

rec'd. as of April 5th - Palm Sunday-\$3,361.

rec'd. as of April 11th - 1st Collections-\$3,426

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

To contribute via WeShare, our online program for weekly parish contributions, go to our parish website:
<http://StSylvesterSI.org>



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,

Have you ever watched people as they come back from receiving Holy Communion? I know what all the books say about that—what my teachers taught, and what the priests I've listened to have preached, what even I have said—you're supposed to be praying; but I can't help it. I sometimes like to watch all the folks. I think God may even like it as much as I do.

As I see them, I think about how we're all believers of one sort or another. Harry, who every week comes alone, without his family. And Melissa, who flirts with all the boys more than she should, and whose parents hardly ever seem to smile. And Mr. P., who always casts his eyes downward and folds his hands upward. And Agatha, who seems to have been caring for her aging mother for as long as anyone in the church can remember and who herself is now beginning to show signs of aging as well. And the lanky high schooler who must play basketball well, because he's certainly tall enough and wears a letter proudly on his school jacket. And Arthur, whose wife just died. And a couple hundred other believers as well. They were all here, every Sunday, and they're all part of the Body of Christ. They also enrich my own believing, because they're believers.

Now they/you are no longer in church with me....*But you are!* As I look out from the altar table at the empty pews I can still see you all clearly in my mind's eye.. I remember where each of our parish family sat for Sunday Mass and, I pray for each of you.

Thomas of this week's Gospel couldn't be a believer on his own. Having missed the Sunday gathering, he just couldn't say *yes* on his own. But one week later when he was there with all the others, that made all the difference in the world. In fact it made him a believer. So that's why, these days, I see you all at Communion time and offer you a spiritual communion. You enhance my believing. May *your* believing also be enriched.

As we wait and pray...Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

Even in the midst of this national dilemma 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 healthy and soon reunited.



Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.
O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world
and empty Yourself out upon us.
O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us,
I trust in You.
Amen.



**ADMINISTRATIVE
PROFESSIONALS DAY
APRIL 22ND**

*Thanks for holding
everything together*

ENCOURAGE

EnCourage is a Catholic Apostolate for those who have family members with same ex attraction.

➡ Visit www.encourageny.com for information about Encourage, the Church's teachings on same sex attraction, and spiritual support.



We hope all of you are safe and healthy. Looking forward to when we can gather together again.

If interested, visit our website

<https://sjretreatcenter.org/>

to view our full 2020 calendar of events, programs and retreats. Private bookings available. Please call us at (718) 720-1097 for further information about upcoming events or to book your visit at the St. Joseph Retreat Center.