

Parish of St. Sylvester

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020



You have made known to me
the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

— Acts 2:28

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 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 Falleti (1st ann. in heaven)

Monday, April 27 – Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. = all medical personnel responding to the Crisis

Tuesday, April 28– Easter Weekday;
[St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest]
8:30 a.m. = all 1st responders to the COVID-19 crisis

Wednesday, April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
8:30 a. m. = Msgr. Richard Guastella

Thursday, April 30 – Easter Weekday; [St. Pius V, Pope]
8:30 a. m. = Lisa Leeds & Carmela Pugliese

Friday, May 1 – Easter Weekday; **FIRST FRIDAY**
[St. Joseph the Worker]
8:30 a. m. = for all medical and 1st responders

Saturday, May 2 – St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; **FIRST SATURDAY**
9:00 a. m. = _____
[4:00 p.m. = Joseph Bertolini]

Sunday, May 3 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m. = Lorraine Rizzo
10:00 a.m. = Edwardo, Thelma and Elmer Holipas
12:00 noon = Robert Koeth, Jr. (happy b'day. in heaven)

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

Sometimes new worlds unexpectedly slip up over our horizon and catch us off guard. One morning we get up, stand at the foot of our bed, look out the window, and oh-so-briefly think how good it is to be alive; and for a moment we smile to ourselves before resuming the arranging of our day. Or we sat with a friend at a noontime lunch, telling stories and laughing over what our lives have been; and somewhere in the midst of it all we think to ourselves that what is happening right at this moment is worth all the struggles and tears of life. Or we sit by ourselves in the rare quiet of a house that is hardly ever so, and daydream, and think about what has gone on in this house over all the days and years, and realize that more than living has happened here, that love has, and maturing; and then the back door slams and our day returns to its tumultuous chaos.

These are all moments of grace, moments when the shadows part if only briefly, and we see more clearly than we ever have before that it's the very presence of God in which we live and move. Then of course the moment disappears, and we'd like to tell someone about it and maybe we try, but in the end our words fall short. After all, how does one find words to explain how for a brief while we walked life with God more consciously than ever before?

I find myself wondering if that was part of what took place as Cleopas and his friend found themselves joined by a stranger on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. How could they not know this stranger was Jesus? Maybe the grace of it was that through faith they came to recognize the Lord Jesus among them, and it didn't much matter whether that dawning of light came quickly or slowly. What did matter was that it happened.

As many have said, life is a journey. Faith, too. And journeys take us to all sorts of unexpected places, or else they're not really journeys. Look where we are at this moment—Faith can be one of those unexpected turns in the road that make the journey new, challenging. Yet, if we lean into it, it will teach and challenge, support and comfort . . . have Faith and—

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord,
along the road of resurrection!
Explain for us, so slow to believe,
the things that Scripture says of you.
Break the bread of the Eucharist with us
whenever we share our lives
with our brothers and sisters.
Stay with us
each time night approaches
and the daylight fades in our hearts!

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp



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For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



Have you completed your 2020 U.S. Census?

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