

Parish of St. Sylvester

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

— 1 Peter 2:24a

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, 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 – 4th Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. = _____

[10:00 a.m. = Edwardo, Thelma and Elmer Holipas

12:00 noon = Robert Koeth, Jr. (happy b'day. in heaven)]

Monday, May 4 – Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Andrew Lee Family

Tuesday, May 5 – Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Felix Gilroy (happy 5th ann. in heaven)



Wednesday, May 6 – Easter Weekday

8:30 a. m. = Angelina Arnone

Thursday, May 7 – Easter Weekday

8:30 a. m. = John and Antoinette Segreti



Friday, May 8 – Easter Weekday

8:30 a. m. = Scott Salinardi

Saturday, May 9 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a. m. = in thanksgiving and God's blessings for Anna

[4:00 p.m. = Mother's Day]

Sunday, May 10 – 5th Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. = Mother's Day Intentions

10:00 a.m. = Mother's Day Intentions

12:00 noon = Mother's Day Intentions

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

Scott Salinardi

requested by

Patricia Mulligan De Respino



How else but through a broken heart
May the Lord Christ enter in?

—Oscar Wilde

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support:

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>

Thank you for supporting our parish family



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,

Does a TV viewing of Mass on Sunday leave you still yearning for the reception of Jesus in His Sacrament? An Act of Spiritual Communion can help! No matter what your day is like, Jesus can help make it better, or at least more bearable, if you ask him for His help and guidance in prayers such as this one, composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The best way to receive Christ is in Holy Communion at Mass. Yet in these times when you can't actively share in the Eucharistic Liturgy, and can't receive Christ in Holy Communion, you can still reach out to Him by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer!

St. Thomas Aquinas once defined a Spiritual Communion as *"an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament [in Communion at Mass] and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him."* You can make a Spiritual Communion whenever and wherever you'd like, using the prayer above, others like it such as the one below, or your own heartfelt thoughts anywhere the Spirit moves you.

Oh Jesus, In my 'mind's eye' I turn toward the holy tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.

Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Remember that you can "turn toward the holy tabernacle" and receive Jesus in your heart from anywhere, at any time, day or night!

Christ can and will respond to anyone who comes to Him in love and humility for His Divine assistance. After all, didn't He say, concerning the power of prayer, *"Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and you shall find"* (Matt 7:7)?

You just need to approach Him with sincerity, humility and a desire to follow in His footsteps in acts of faith and charity. And He's delighted when we do so!

St. Jean-Marie Vianney, a French priest famous for converting countless souls to Christ in the 19th century, once said *"when we feel the love of God growing cold, let us instantly make a Spiritual Communion. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God."* We can indeed be grateful for that!

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

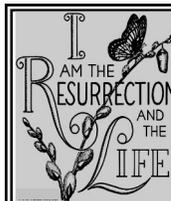


Our parish family's **Stewardship Appeal** achievement as #1 on Staten Island for the last 4 years is thanks, not to large

amounts given by a few, but to the total of our parish families who contribute.

Even in the midst of this national dilemma we must remember our responsibilities as stewards for Christ. 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.



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

Scott Salinardi

has returned to the Lord's embrace.

COUNTING SHEEP

When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.

—Anonymous

Looking for Mass? Join the daily and Sunday (10:15 a.m.) Mass streaming on your computer from **St. Patrick's Cathedral website** or on YouTube.

