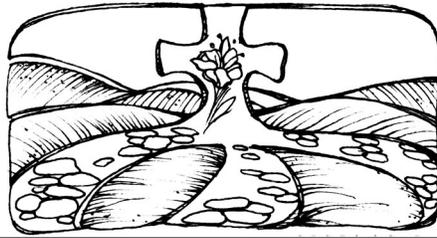


# Parish of St. Sylvester

**Fifth Sunday  
of Easter**  
*May 10, 2020*



"I am the way and the truth  
and the life.  
No one comes to the Father  
except through me."

— John 14:6

## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

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

### 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 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### Monday, May 11 – Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. = John Primo and Audrey Sheldon

### Tuesday, May 12 – Easter Weekday ; [Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr]

8:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

### Wednesday, May 13 – Easter Weekday;

[Our Lady of Fatima]

8:30 a. m. = Robert Romano (*happy heavenly ann. .*)

### Thursday, May 14 – St. Matthias, Apostle

8:30 a. m. = Elvira Girardi

### Friday, May 15 – Easter Weekday; [St. Isidore the Farmer]

8:30 a. m. = Joseph and Victor Cirincione

### Saturday, May 16 – Easter Weekday

9:00 a. m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
[4:00 p.m. = Mother's Day intentions]

### Sunday, May 17 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

[7:30 a.m. = Mother's Day Intentions]  
10:00 a.m. = deceased members of Dalessio Post  
[12:00 noon = Mother's Day Intentions]



## Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support:

rec'd. as of April 30<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday-\$8,106.  
rec'd. as of April 30<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Collections-\$11,589.

Thank you for supporting your parish family throughout these weeks of crisis.

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 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, Patrick Moroney, 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.

## MARY OUR MOTHER

What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

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

**Mary Rapp**

requested by *her daughter, Joy*





## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Over the years several television shows have focused on rebuilding and reshaping houses. For over thirty years PBS's *This Old House* has offered tips on repairing homes. More recently, *Extreme Makeover* takes a team into someone's home and transforms it to meet the serious needs of its occupants, often dealing with health or disability issues or trying to serve the larger community in some way.

From the beginning the church has been imagined as a house of living stones, built on Jesus Christ, a dwelling place where people come for shelter and sustenance, where they can set down their burdens and find comfort and consolation before being sent back out in the world to make it a better place to live.

The risen Christ is truly one who offers an "extreme makeover." He can be trusted to shape us into a dwelling place where the Spirit of the Lord takes up permanent residence, bringing gifts to benefit the world. From the beginning there have been challenges for those who form the church, and an ongoing need for renovation to meet the needs of the time.

Our efforts to make the church a home where love, mercy, justice, and peace will be found should lead us to build more firmly on Jesus our cornerstone. When the time comes, the home he promised to prepare for us and take us to should be easily recognizable. It should not be that much different from the church we have been living in all our lives.

We pray the Lord to give us confidence to trust in his word that he has gone to prepare a permanent dwelling place for us, where we will be with him and all those who have gone ahead of us. We pray that this assurance may strengthen us to live as if we were already there.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

### Pope Francis invites us . . .

to join the Week of Climate Reflection and Action

Wanting to renew his "urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis," he asks Catholics around the globe to participate in the international observance of "**Laudato Si' Week, May 16-24.**"

The Week is designed as an occasion for Catholics to look at steps they have taken to protect the environment, assist the world's poor people, and to come up with next steps.

The website—[laudatosiweek.org](http://laudatosiweek.org)—contains information, resources and a "toolkit" that includes several ideas such as conducting an "energy audit", planting a "pollinator garden", lobbying elected officials, and reviewing one's investment portfolio in favor of companies that protect the environment.

In a video message Pope Francis said that the Week is meant to mark the 5th anniversary of his encyclical on "Care for Our Common Home."

"The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" cannot go unheeded, the pope said. "Let's take care of creation, a gift of God, our good Creator."



### Register to Vote TODAY

This year we celebrate 2 milestones in the fight for voting rights: The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The best way to honor the men and women who fought and died for these rights is to exercise our right to vote. If you are not registered, visit [vote.nyc](http://vote.nyc). From there you can register online or download and print voter registration forms.



Your vote is your  
SUPERPOWER

There you can also find information on upcoming elections & polling locations.

### RELEASING THE HOLY

One day God noticed a huge racket going on around a man in Italy. He was hammering and chiseling stone as if something were alive inside and he was laboring to free it. "Michelangelo, what are you doing?" said God. "I am setting you free, Lord, so everyone will recognize you in this stone, as well as in everyone who suffers a violent, unjust death. I don't want people to forget what you did for us." The Lord replied to Michelangelo: "In times past I stayed in many different places. I don't remember living in that stone you're working on." "Lord," said the sculptor, "when your Son came to us, he left your Holy Spirit everywhere; we have to search it out, discover it, and reveal it to others." The Lord was pleased with Michelangelo's answer and left him to chip away. Slowly, very slowly, the sculptor set free the figure of a woman holding the body of her dead son in her lap.

"Genuine sacred art draws man to adoration, to prayer, and to the love of God, Creator and Savior, the Holy One and Sanctifier" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2502).