

Parish of St. Sylvester

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



"I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . . .
the Spirit of truth."

— John 14:16-17

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 16 – Easter Weekday
[4:00 p.m. = Mother's Day intentions]

Sunday, May 17 – 6th Sunday of Easter
"LAUDATO SI" WEEK

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

Monday, May 18 – Easter Weekday; [St. John I, Pope & Martyr]
8:30 a.m. = Andrew Lee family

Tuesday, May 19 – Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. = Gerry Villaggio

Wednesday, May 20 – Easter Weekday;
[St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest]

8:30 a.m. = Scott Salinardi

Thursday, May 21 –
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
[St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs]

8:30 a.m. = our parish family

Friday, May 22 – Easter Weekday; [St. Isidore the Farmer]
8:30 a.m. = Gloria Ripotolo

Saturday, May 23 – Easter Weekday;
[St. Rita of Cascia, Religious]

9:00 a.m. = _____

4:00 p.m. = Mother's Day intentions

Sunday, May 24 – 7th 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]



Ascension



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us
in battle, be our protection against
the wickedness and snares of the
devil. May God rebuke him we hum-
bly pray; and do thou, O Prince of
the Heavenly host, by the power of
God, cast into hell Satan and all the
evil spirits who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support:

rec'd. as of May 7th - 1st Collections - \$3,695.
Reserve Fund - \$ 690.

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 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,
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.



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

The other day, as I was talking on the phone to one of our parish family I was asked, "Do you ever feel alone?" During these days of isolation and social spacing it's an often-asked question. We all do, even in the most normal of times; but in today's gospel we are reminded that we are never truly alone. The Advocate, the Spirit of truth, has been given to us by God and is abiding with us, inclining our hearts to make the right choice about where to go, what path to take, what decision to make at any given moment.

"Abide" is one of the most beautiful words in Scripture. With the noise of the world surrounding us through TV newscasts, radio 24/7 reports, computer facebook, tweets, etc., and perhaps an agitated spirit (which is *not of* the Spirit) circulating in us, it is not always easy to hear this abiding Spirit of truth. But knowing God is with me, and I am in God—what can be more beautiful or life-affirming?

How can we know this Spirit of truth? We need to ask the Holy Spirit to lead us to the deepest desire of our hearts, to show us where the Spirit dwells—and then the truth will be revealed.

The Spirit of truth is not temporary or passing—it is a promise forever. In these times where a commitment for "forever" is rare, it is comforting to know that we can count on the Holy Spirit in this ever-changing, sequestering, and yet ever-challenging world.

This coming week we move to the end of the Easter season with Jesus' ascension and the anticipation of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus reminds the disciples that he must end his human time on earth and return to God, but he promises that when he goes he will send the Holy Spirit to help the disciples to carry on his work.

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our isolating lives.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



So far, 105 of our parish family have given/pledged to this year's Campaign. *THANK YOU!*

Each gift is essential in supporting the vitality of the Church in New York as it works to aid those enduring the medical and economic effects of COVID-19 pandemic. To add your help visit cardinalsappeal.org



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.**"

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."

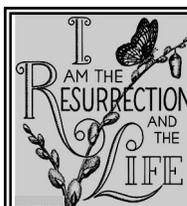
"The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" cannot go unheeded, the pope said. "Let's take care of creation, a gift of God, our good Creator." Visit the website—laudatosiweek.org for information

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457)

May 22

Once the world rights itself, if you're ever in Philadelphia on a May 22, forget parking anywhere near St. Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for.

"Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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

Jane Loretta Morrison
has returned to the Lord's embrace.