

Parish of St. Sylvester

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020



"They have kept your word."

— John 17:6b

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 23 – Vigil of 7th Sunday of Easter

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]

Monday, May 25 – Easter Weekday;

[St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church;
St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin]

8:30 a.m. = 1st Responders for the COVID-19 crisis

Tuesday, May 26 – Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:30 a.m. = (2020 high school graduates)

Wednesday, May 27 – Easter Weekday;

[Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop]

8:30 a.m. = (2020 college graduates)

Thursday, May 28 – Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. = William Conte (happy b'day. in heaven)

Friday, May 29 – Easter Weekday; [Saint Paul VI, Pope]

8:30 a.m. = (essential workers providing critical services)

Saturday, May 30 – Easter Weekday;

9:00 a.m. = (food distribution crisis volunteers)

Saturday, May 30 – Vigil Mass for Pentecost Sunday

4:00 p.m. = Rose Fortunato

Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost Sunday

[7:30 a.m. = Frank and Jennie Buttermark]

10:00 a.m. = _____

[12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy and
Bhatia family]



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support:

rec'd. as of May 15th - 1st Collections - \$3,276.
Reserve Fund - \$ 306.

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.



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

William Conte

requested by **his wife, Angela**

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

William Conte

requested by **his wife, Angela**





Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

We all are given many blessings by God, but if we are not aware of what those blessings are, it requires some effort on our part to uncover them. This calls for periodic self assessment. How often do you take time to reflect on the things you're grateful for? Once a month? Once a week? Maybe you say grace at mealtimes. Many of us would agree—particularly during this time of isolation—that **counting our blessings is worthwhile**, and several scientific studies have found that gratitude is linked to positive emotions and attitudes. However, experiments to investigate whether showing gratitude *causes* these things are harder to come by. Recently two psychologists studied a group of healthy students, and a group of adults with neuromuscular diseases. Participants completed daily questionnaires. Just writing down the things they were grateful for each day appeared to cause an improved outlook. Those in the group with disabilities also reported getting more sleep and feeling more refreshed when they awoke next morning. The researchers speculate that simply creating a daily gratitude list might also ease mild depression. Another researcher conducted a study comparing the well-being of lottery winners with people who had become suddenly paralyzed. Following the initial excitement over their newfound wealth, the lottery winners were no happier than the accident victims. The paralyzed individuals had to adjust to the shock of their new physical limitations but, after this early distress eased, they were much better able to appreciate the small pleasures and victories of life than those who were overnight millionaires, and they felt more optimistic about the future. This research may offer some additional insight into earlier research that showed that people with religious faith tend to be happier than non-religious people. Perhaps simple gratitude to God is more powerful than we acknowledge.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



The *Cardinal's Appeal* provides parishes that are most in need with the resources they require to minister to all the faithful.

Over a decade ago WE were such a parish family. With the strong guidance of our Pastor, Fr. Jacob and the assistance of the archdiocese we are now a strong and financially healthy parish. It is now our turn to aid other parishes in need. To add your help visit cardinalsappeal.org

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

End-of-life decisions, for ourselves and for loved ones, are among the most challenging we will ever face. The movements in our nation to legalize assisted suicide is a false answer and a dangerous experiment. Our Church offers comfort and practical guidance to live and die with dignity. Visit www.CatholicEndofLife.org to watch the video and read the NY State Bishops' document "Now and at the Hour of Our Death." Learn why the Church favors palliative medicine and comfort care, and opposes physician-assisted suicide.

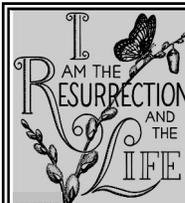


JUNE REGENTS EXAMS ARE CANCELED

to protect the health and safety of students and teachers. Graduation requirements have also been adjusted to ensure students aren't adversely impacted by this necessary change.

BLOOD DONATION...The Red Cross is calling on eligible donors to do their part and help prevent blood shortages. For information and to schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767.

SNAP Benefits: To help New Yorkers to provide for their families, the state made \$200 million in emergency funding available to **expand SNAP benefits**, enabling all eligible recipients to receive the maximum benefit amount in April and May. Visit otda.nygov/SNAP-COVID-19 for more information.



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

Robert Linderman

has returned to the Lord's embrace.

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you' that would suffice."

—Meister Eckhart (c. 1260–c. 1328), German theologian and mystic