

St. Sylvester Church

A Roman Catholic Praying Community

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Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Eucharist..... *our life as a praying community*

Saturday evening vigil Mass—4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses—7:30, 10:00 a.m. (Choir), 12 noon

Holy Day Masses—7:00 p.m. Vigil, 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays—Rosary Chapel: Mon. through Fri. at 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Devotions

Monday through Saturday—Rosary following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Mondays—Miraculous Medal following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesdays—St. Anthony of Padua following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesdays—Eucharistic Holy Hour: 7 - 8 p.m.

Fridays of Lent—Stations of the Cross: 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.

Parish Activities

Men's Holy Name Society, Women's Guild, Golden Age,
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Funeral Ministry, Ushers/
Greeters, Teen Youth Activities Group, A.C.A., B.S.A. Cub Den
and Troop 85, Manresa Christian Life Community, Altar Servers,
Hospitality Sunday - 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, Sept.
thru June...Continental Breakfast and good conversation in
the Parish Hall following the 10 o'clock Mass.

Parish Registration →

Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is requested to register at the Rectory. You may fill out the adjacent form and mail it in or drop it in the Parish Office. front door mail slot.

Baptism... *our life as a Christian begins!*

We rejoice with families on the occasion of the birth of a new child. Please call 718-727-4639 and speak to a member of the parish staff to arrange for an interview and registration for the required baptismal preparation class.

Reconciliation... *the loving power of the Father's forgiveness*

Confessions on Saturdays—3:00 pm to 3:45 p.m.

Matrimony

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and prior to making any plans for the reception. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest. All couples are expected to attend a Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone # _____ listed/unlisted?
Email _____

Please send census card for my parish registration
 I would like to receive Offering Envelopes
 I would like a Priest to contact

July 19, 2020

Parish of St. Sylvester

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020



"Those who are just
must be kind."

—Wisdom 12:19

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 18 – Vigil Mass 16th Sun. in Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = James F. Donahue, Jr. (*Happy b'day. in Heaven*)

Sunday, July 19 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = _____
10:00 a.m. = James Donahue
12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy and Bhatia families

Monday, July 20 – St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
8:30 a.m. = Juan Llivisaca

Tuesday, July 21 – St. Lawrence of Brinidisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:30 a.m. = Bob Golden

Wednesday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene
8:30 a.m. = Maria Luisa Peralta [*Happy 19th Ann. in heaven*]

Thursday, July 23 – 16th Week in Ord. Time;
[St. Bridget, Religious]

8:30 a.m. = Joseph Dicks
10:00 a.m. = Frank Best memorial Mass

Friday, July 24 – 16th Week in Ord. Time;
[St. Sharbel Makhlūf]

8:30 a.m. = Bob Golden

Saturday, July 25 – St. James, Apostle
9:00 a.m. = Gloria P. Ripotola

Saturday, July 25 – Vigil Mass 17th Sun. in Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Carmella Rogan

Sunday, July 26 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = Rey Gotiangco
10:00 a.m. = Angelo and Marion Martorano
12:00 noon = Joseph Decorato

Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

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

July 12: 1st Collection - \$3,712.
Reserve Fund - \$ 698.
Black & Native American Missions - \$ 338.

WeShare Contributions will be reported monthly. 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, John Gestel, 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, 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



May the souls of our dearly departed rest in the peace of God, and may their loved ones find comfort and reassurance in God, our Father.

James F. Donahue

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



James F. Donahue
requested by
Patricia Mulligan De Respino

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.



My Dear Parishioners,

Children and youth easily learn from our example when we plant the "mustard seeds" of faith in their lives. Not too long ago, a group of our School of Religion young people shared their ideas on how to show the love of Jesus to others.

- I walk my neighbor's dog because she's too old to do it.
- Put money in a parking meter that ran out.
- Don't talk about anyone behind their back.
- Pick up around the house when Mom and Dad are out.
- I put out the trash without being asked.
- Help take donations to the food bank.
- Invite your friend to go to Mass with you.
- Don't yell at your sister.
- Hold the door open for people.
- Find something you're good at and do it for someone else.
- Save some of your allowance and give it to help poor people.
- If you're a bigger kid, just help out some of the little guys.
- Say prayers for people who are sick or in trouble.
- Give a surprise present to someone.
- I send notes to my parents at work just to tell them I love them.
- Stand up for an old lady on the bus.
- Wake up early and make breakfast.
- Parents clean up after you every day; you can pick up after them, too.
- I visit people in the nursing home who don't have family or are just plain lonely.
- If the classroom is really messed up, put things away before the teacher asks.
- If a friend looks sad, give them a nice warm hug.

There's a Danish proverb that sums this all up well:

"Whoever gives to me, teaches me to give."

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



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

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.

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.

What is the longest word in the English language?
[Answer at bottom]



Among the cruelties which this COVID-19 Pandemic has inflicted is the growing issue of hunger. Many families, until now the *givers* to Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens, are finding it necessary to join the lines of the needy outside the doors of these emergency sites.

Help feed your neighbors! Bring your non-perishable food donations to our Food Pantry Collection Boxes in the back of the church, or to the Parish House Office.

FORGIVENESS

And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin?

St. Catherine of Siena



If you cannot come to church the celebration of Mass at St. Sylvester can be found on our St. Sylvester website:

StSylvesterSI.org



Folks are staying home to *Flatten the Curve*—school is over and children are restless—we all know it's important to remain physically and mentally active, so... check out the

Total Fitness Challenge **"STAY FIT AT HOME."**

Learn more at: [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/TotalFitnessChallengeByMikeCusick)

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Smiles because there is a mile between the 1st and last letters.