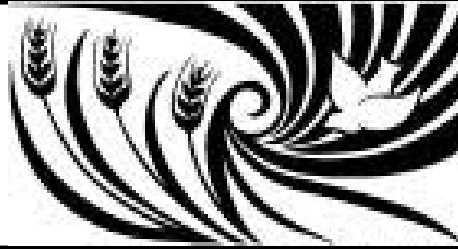


Parish of St. Sylvester

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020



Truth
shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down
from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 8 – Vigil Mass-19th Sun. in Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Anthony Maratea

Sunday, August 9 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = deceased mem. of De Paraspolo family
10:00 a.m. = Bob Golden
12:00 noon = Robert V. Koeth, Sr. (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

Monday, August 10– St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
8:30 a.m. = in thanksgiving for Rosa Lee

Tuesday, August 11 – St. Clare, Virgin
8:30 a.m. = James Tierney

Wednesday, August 12 – 19th Week in Ord. Time;
[St. Jane Frances de Chantel, Religious]
8:30 a.m. = Jane Morrison

Thursday, August 13 – 19th Week in Ord. Time;
[St. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs]
8:30 a.m. = Michael P. Donahue

Friday, August 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
8:30 a.m. = Lucille Chatznoff

Friday, August 14 – Vigil of the ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.
7:00 p.m. = Filemon Magracias

Saturday, August 15 – ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)
9:00 a.m. = Gloria P. Ripotola

Saturday, August 15 – Vigil Mass - 20th Sun. in Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Joseph and Victor Cirincione

Sunday, August 16 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = deceased members of the Dente family
10:00 a.m. = Annette McKean
12:00 noon = deceased members of the McCoy and
Bhatia families



**Justine Marie Daquila
and
Ricardo Michael Glossc**



*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.*

**Dr. S. D. Bhatia, M.D.
Margo Moran**

Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

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

August 2: 1st Collection - \$3,740.
Reserve Fund - \$ 121.

*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, Frances Cirincione,
Conley family, Stephen Cucci, Maureen De Meo,
Maria Erlinger, Kathy Feldman, Robert Forlenza,
Virginia Gallagher, Thomas Galvin, Rosemarie Garlisi,
John Gostel, John Andrew Hunton, Debra S. Iammatteo,
Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr.,
Louis Matos, Travis Mayhew, Joseph Messineo,
John Miles, George Moresca, Delia Murguia,
William Murphy, Amy O'Donnell, Patrick Moroney,
Sr. Carrie Portu, Lee Poyntz, Sharon Poyntz,
Elizabeth Rhatigan, Irene Reilly, Eulah Ryan,
Paul Sabella, Alice Santamays, John Savarese,
Annette Scardigno, Robert Sheppard, Louise Stanley,
Tom Varisi, John Vincenzo, Joan Walter, Robert Williams

Please let us know if anyone for whom we are praying has

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,

As we consider today's Gospel [Mat. 14:22-33], whether we see the disciples' boat as symbolizing the Church or our own lives, we can relate to Matthew's image: a tiny boat, big waves, roaring wind, disciples left alone throughout the night. We can't see Jesus or the shore we left or the port we seek. When Jesus finally does appear, it's in night's deepest, darkest hours, and he seems unreal, "a ghost." Seeking proof, we echo Peter's challenge: "Lord, if it *is* you, if you're really with us, do this, or that, or both!"

As always in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading illumines the Gospel. Elijah's encounter with God begins with a catalog of the "special effects" associated with divine epiphanies: wind, earthquake fire. But God's actual self-revelation is not in anything that dramatic, and Jesus' question to Peter (and us) is quite simple: "Why did you doubt?" Why, after centuries of wind and waves, do we fail to see the countless forms Jesus' outstretched hand takes? Too easily impressed by life's "special effects," we, much like Elijah, can hardly hear the "tiny whispering sound."

Yet the sound is there, or rather, here. So is Jesus. "It is I," literally, **I AM**, the Divine Name. "**I AM** with you always" Jesus promises, "until the end." However perilous the waves or chaotic the wind, Jesus, right here, whispers in night's silence, "Take courage; it is I; do not be afraid." We have only to stay right here, in the storm-tossed but infinitely precious boat, the Church, the community Jesus never abandons.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



The Staten Island Council
of Churches
has awarded a college level scholar-
ship grant to

Michael DeCanio

a member of our parish family and the
St. Sylvester Youth Group.

SAVE
THE DATE

April 30, 2021

Dinner Dance celebrating
100th Anniversary of
St. Sylvester Parish

Celebrate!
WITH US

the 100th
Anniversary of
St. Sylvester Parish

Much is planned for the coming year and we need your help as we start work on our **100th Anniversary Journal**. Search your files—paper and digital—for pictures of the Parish events you may have worked on/attended. Then label each (on the back, or with a post-it, or on-line with accompanying description). Bring/send to the Parish Office or e-mail to us:

stsylvesterschurch@yahoo.com

The Journal will also have pages for **Reflections** where *your* family memories of parish activities, sports, sacraments, school and perhaps a family picture may be presented.

Since there will be no ads, the Journal will be funded by these **Reflections** pages (full page-\$500; half page-\$300) and donations. [cks. payable to St. Sylvester Church]

As with the rest of the world, our plans and printer deadlines have been shaken, stirred and rearranged, so...

Your deadline for sending **Reflections** and pictures is Monday, Sept. 14! Send to **stsylvesterschurch@yahoo.com** or bring/send to the Parish Office.



Basket
Raffle

Do you remember back in March 2020, when you might have purchased a ticket on Raffle Baskets to raise money for activities at CCD and

the Youth Group? At the drawing this month, two lucky winning tickets, belonging to **Mike O'Connell** and **Rose Deluccio**, were picked. Gratitude to everyone who supported this fundraiser—and special thanks to the creativity and generosity of **Judy O'Donnell** and **Lorraine Romano** who took a few donated items and produced two wonderful gift Baskets!