

St. Sylvester Church

A Roman Catholic Praying Community

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Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Faith, Family and Community

Pastor:

Rev. Jacob Thumma

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Rev. Deogratias Lingao

Parish Business Manager:

Janet Samuel

Religious Education Director:

Neale Steiniger (718-816-0093)

Parish House Office Hours:

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.

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 me

Aug. 23, 2020

Parish of St. Sylvester

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020



“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

— Matthew 16:19

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 22 – Vigil Mass - 21st Sun. - Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Carmella Rogan

Sunday, August 23 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = John Roselle
10:00 a.m. = Asha Middendorf
12:00 noon = Mary Bhatia (*happy 5th Ann. in heaven*)

Monday, August 24– St. Bartholomew, Apostle
8:30 a.m. = Bob Golden

Tuesday, August 25 – 21st Week in Ord. Time;
[St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest]
8:30 a.m. = Kathy Coughlin (*2nd anniversary*)

Wednesday, August 26 – 21st Week in Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = Veto and Sophie Catalano

Thursday, August 27 – St. Monica
8:30 a.m. = Geraldine Gibney Saffioti

Friday, August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor
8:30 a.m. = James Donahue *of th Church*

Saturday, August 29 – The Passion of St. John the Baptist
9:00 a.m. = Janet Jones

Saturday, August 29 – Vigil Mass - 22nd Sun. - Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Wayne Norman (*happy ann. in heaven*)

Sunday, August 30 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = Marie Palumbo
10:00 a.m. = Marita Holipas & Bartolomew Margalli
12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy and Bhatia family



This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burns before the Tabernacle with prayers in memory of **Juan Llivisaca** requested by **his wife and children**

The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are presented with prayers in memory of **Marie Palumbo** requested by **the Ballard family**



From Death to New Life

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.

Eileen Cintula
Margaret Gunsch

Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support

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

August 16: 1st Collection - \$2,440.
Reserve Fund - \$ 319.
Assumption of BVM - \$ 474.

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. Il 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,

When a company is recruiting for a top management position the process is detailed and thorough, with many interviews for each candidate and a full review of educational background, professional credentials, references, previous experience, and more. No company wants to take a chance on a person who is anything other than the best available. Contrast this with today's Gospel account. Jesus first questions his disciples. Who do people say Jesus is? They give him several answers. Then he asks them who *they* say he is. It is impulsive, big-hearted Peter who exclaims, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (*Matthew 16:16*). Think of Peter for a moment: a good Jew, but almost certainly illiterate and a fisherman by trade. Not exactly high up in the social order, is he? Nevertheless, Jesus saw not only what Peter was, but what he could become. He saw into the heart and mind of this man and said, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church" (*Matthew 16:18*). Jesus was not without humor, as this was a play on words. The name Peter comes from the Greek word for rock (*petros*). The beginning of our Church, which today embraces one and a half billion people worldwide, lay in the hands of this one man and his fellow disciples. With the authority of God and the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus promised that ultimate evil would never prevail against it. Nevertheless, the Church is made up of flawed human beings who sometimes fail as followers of Jesus. We must never forget that even Peter himself, after Jesus chose him as "the rock," failed spectacularly by denying his Lord three times.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



Justine Marie Daquila

and

III Ricardo Michael Glosse

100th Anniversary of St. Sylvester Parish

For our 100th Anniversary Journal designed to tell the story of St. Sylvester Parish, focusing on the last 25 years (since our last Journal) we invite you as parishioners and



friends of the parish for contributions of photos, stories, and mementos. We are especially interested in older photos which tell us about anything related to the parish, school, parish societies, Troop 85, social events, or anything that you want to share. Please don't assume we already have something, or that what you have is nothing special.

Photos can be scanned and returned if you don't want to donate your originals. If you have a story to share you can either write it out for us and mail, e-mail, or drop it off to the Parish Office, or we can do it interview style. **Contact us through the Parish Office** and we will arrange to accommodate whatever you have to share.

Since there will be no ads, the Journal will be funded by **Reflections** pages (full page-\$500.00; half page-\$300.00) and donations. [cks. payable to St. Sylvester Church]



Confirmation

8th Grade Students in private Catholic Schools who would like to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on November 20th are asked to call the Parish Office or our Religious Education Director, Miss Neale. The phone numbers are on the front page of this parish bulletin and on our parish website. The deadline for this registration is Sept. 15, 2020.

ANNUAL BISHOP AHERN MEMORIAL LIFE MOTORCADE

Join Us! Missioary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present!

Sat., Aug. 29, following 9 AM Mass

From: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

541 Amboy Rd., S. I., NY 10312

TO: Staten Island University South

375 Seguire Ave., S. I., NY

There is no justification for killing an innocent human being. Alternatives to abortion are available!

We should help women CHOSE LIFE

S. I. Right to Life League, Inc. - 646-662-3934 -

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