

# Parish of St. Sylvester

## Fifth Sunday of Lent March 13, 2016

I consider everything as loss  
because of the supreme good of knowing  
Christ Jesus my Lord.

-- Philippians 3:8

Total  
commitment  
to Christ



### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

#### March 12 - Vigil Mass - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. = Marion and Angelo Martorano

#### Sunday, March 13 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

(Daylight Savings Time begins)

7:30 a.m. = Rita Montelione

10:00 a.m. = Giuseppe Impeduglia

12 noon = deceased members of the McCoy family  
and Mary Bhatia

#### Monday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Macolyn Flormata

12:00 noon = \_\_\_\_\_

#### Tuesday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Gilmartin and Dicks family

12:00 noon = Eulalia Portu

#### Wednesday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Joseph Dicks

12:00 noon = Marie Cavagnaro

#### Thursday, March 17 - St. Patrick, Bishop

8:30 a.m. = Brian Doyle and Hope

12:00 noon = Tina Harris

#### Friday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. = David De La Rosa

12:00 noon = \_\_\_\_\_

12:30 p.m. = Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic  
Adoration 'til 4 PM (in the church)

7:00 p.m. = Stations of the Cross in church

#### Saturday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

9:00 a.m. = Joseph Foresta

#### March 19 - Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion

4:00 p.m. = Patricia Fennell

#### Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday of the Passion

7:30 a.m. = Anthony Mobilia

10:00 a.m. = Anthony Marracini

12 noon = Israel Santiago, Sr. (happy ann. in heaven)



The **Bread and Wine** offered this week  
are presented for the wellbeing of

**Shamsunder Gyan**

**and Raja Bhatia**

as requested by **Anne**



### Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's  
Support. . .

March 6, 2016

First Collection - \$5,948.00

Bishops' Overseas Appeal - \$1,138.00



**PLEASE PRAY** ...for those anticipating a hospi-

tal stay, recuperating, the  
homebound in our parish, and in our families. Please keep  
this list near the place where you pray each day so that you  
remember them throughout the week.

**Victor Andrea, Frances Cirincione,  
Nicholas Clansignan, Jr., Stephen Cucci,  
Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Brian Doyle,  
Connie Gorrasi, John Gostel, Richard Hassel,  
Agnes Jennings, Bridget Kehley,  
Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos,  
Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia, Amy O'Donnell,  
Joseph Palumbo, Lee Poyntz, Lee Rhatigan,  
Carmela Rogan, Annette Scardigno,  
John Shea, Louise Stanley**



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving  
hands, especially those from our parish  
family and community . . .*

**SR Francis S. Cummings - USN**

**SR Michael J. Cummings - USN**

**Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - USAF**

**Francesca DiSimone-Reich - US Army**

**Lucia DiSimone-Biggins - USMC**

**Ryan Foley - USMC**

**Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore - USAF in Japan**

**Col. Patrick J. Mahaney, Jr. - US Army**

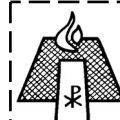
**Prescod Montgomery - US Army in Iraq**

**Ensign II Steven Pasignajen-Trimble - US N/Persian Gulf**

**Samuel Rios - USAF**

**Darrin Sack**

**Major Michael Volpe - US Army**



the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning before the  
Tabernacle this week is given in memory of  
**Edward Koynin, Jr.**

requested by  
**The Samuel family**



**Pastor's  
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel—telling us the story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery—is sometimes considered as a put-down of the scribes and Pharisees. They were hoping to get Jesus to cause a scandal by refuting the law, or, if he upheld the law, the woman would be killed with Jesus' approval. Jesus had a better idea. He shows that God's justice is mercy and forgiveness. He also knew that someone whose sins were forgiven would be willing to forgive the woman.

That's what St. Paul means in the second reading. He says he has given up the idea of making himself righteous (right with God) by keeping the laws of his people. Now he depends on his faith in Christ and Christ's forgiveness, which was shown in his death and resurrection. Why did Paul come to this kind of faith? Because he had been forgiven for persecuting Christians. He had persecuted them, not because he was evil, but because he thought he was keeping the law.

So...is keeping the law a bad thing? No, but the important thing is *why* we keep the law. We can do it like the Pharisees--keeping the law as a status symbol: *"I'm too good (or too important) to break the law."* Or we can choose to follow Jesus' way of love. Then we still keep the laws and commandments, only it's because they are examples of how to love God and love each other.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*



Students of our 2nd grade class will be receiving the sacrament of **Reconciliation** next Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their **first Confessions**.



**8th ANNUAL LENTEN SERIES-2016—**

*St. Rita's Church, 281 Bradley Ave.*

**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m.

**"A Lenten Choral Meditation"**

The Choir of Communion and Liberation directed by Christopher Vath is composed of high school and university students. Their repertoire extends from Gregorian chant to the 20th century. The Choir performs throughout the New York area and was chosen to sing for Pope Benedict XVI. They sing each year for the **Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge** on Good Friday.

**Saint Francis Catholic Singles (SFCS)**

Saint Francis Catholic Singles, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will meet on **Thurs., March 31** at **7:15 PM** at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd. Our topic is *Forgiving Others*. Forgiveness doesn't mean we minimize the wrong done to us; it means **letting go in love** so that we can be **reconciled** to God and move forward. Thérèse Saulnier (MA in Theology) helps us to explore the need for and nature of forgiveness and leads us in a Guided Meditation meant to help us forgive. Cost: \$10 appreciated.

more info.-find us on Fb: StFrancisCatholicSingles. or <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mfreda>  
Also-check our website: [www.sgspsi.org](http://www.sgspsi.org)  
or e-mail [sfcssi@gmail.com](mailto:sfcssi@gmail.com)

*Suggestion for Lenten reading...*

**THE SEVEN LAST WORDS:**

**AN INVITATION TO A DEEPER FRIENDSHIP**

James Martin, SJ's new book based on his talks at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Good Friday 2015 offers a portrayal of Jesus using his last words on the cross to reveal how deeply he understood our predicaments, what it means to be fully human and why we can turn to Christ completely. Fr. Martin explains why Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross is an important teaching moment in the Gospels. Jesus' final statements, words deeply cherished by his followers, exemplify the depth of his suffering but also provide a key to his empathy and why we can connect with him so deeply.

**National Shrine of the Divine Mercy  
Shrine Tour & Pilgrimage**

[www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)

2 Prospect Hill Rd., Stockbridge, MA 01263

**Sunday, April 3, 2016 ~ 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

A day of prayer, meditation and the sacraments celebrating the **Feast of Divine Mercy**

Round Trip bus fare-\$50. Bus leaves 6:30 a.m. SHARP from St. Joseph Church, Rosebank, S.I.  
*Breakfast in bags will be handed out on the bus;  
Please bring a packed lunch.*

For full info. call: Elaine Gorbeo-718-720-6425;  
Lolita Peralta-347-863-4759; Nancy Zapanta-718-420-0865