

# Parish of St. Sylvester

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 18, 2016

*No servant can serve two masters...  
You cannot serve God and mammon.*

— Luke 16:13



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Sept. 18 - Vigil for 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. = Charlie Martinez

**Sunday, Sept. 18- 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. = Dolores Florio

10:00 a.m. = Bambino Di Placido (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy family  
& Mary Bhatia

**Monday, Sept. 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

8:30 a.m. = Mary Cyphers

**Tuesday, Sept. 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and  
Paul Chöng Ha-Sang and Companions, Martyrs**

8:30 a.m. = Romana Arellano

**Wednesday, Sept. 21- St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

8:30 a.m. = Mario Pealta

**Thursday, Sept. 22- 25<sup>th</sup> Week—Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. = deceased members  
of the Ballard Family



**Friday, Sept. 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
(Padre Pio)**

8:30 a.m. = Patricia Paradiso

**Saturday, Sept. 24 - 25<sup>th</sup> Week—Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. = Alfredo Moldonado

**Sept. 24 - Vigil for 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday-Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. = Mary Foremsky

**Sunday, Sept. 25- 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday -Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. = Margaret and Louis Curcio

10:00 a.m. = Salvatore Siclari

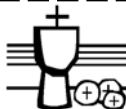
12:00 noon = Zofia M.



*before the Tabernacle this week the  
**Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of  
**Madalene Bertolini***

*requested by **Pat and Joe Bertolini***

*The **Bread and Wine** offered this week  
are presented in memory of  
**Michael O'Donnell**  
requested by **Judy O'Donnell***



## Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support . . .

Sept. 4, 2016

1st Collection - \$5,240.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,352.00

Sept. 11, 2016

1st Collection - \$4,903.00

St. Joseph Seminary support - \$1,355.00

**PLEASE PRAY** . . . for those anticipating a hospital 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, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Stephen Cucci, Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Jean De Santis, Brian Doyle, Robert Forlenza, John and Connie Garbarino, Connie Gorrasi, Agnes Jennings, Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia, Amy O'Donnell, Joseph Palumbo, Ann Pinto, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley



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

Seaman Daniel Brennan - USN

SR Francis S. Cummings - USN

SR Michael J. Cummings - USN

Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - USAF

Francesca DiSimone-Biggins - 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 Passignajen-Trimble - US N/Persian Gulf

Samuel Rios - USAF

Darrin Sack

Major Michael Volpe - US Army



**Pastor's  
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

The parable in today's Gospel is another one with a surprise ending. The crooked steward is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus did not condone dishonesty. He just wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (*Amos 8:4*). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" If all you can think of is to throw some change in the monthly collection for the poor, you're not being very clever. Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Imagine what you would do to help someone you loved who was laid off or on disability leave. Do you love Jesus enough to help the poor in His name? Do you ever think of praying for the poor? Not just a quick response to one of the Prayers of the Faithful for the homeless, but actually taking time to pray for those who are unemployed or with jobs that don't pay enough to support a family.

Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (*1 Timothy 2:2*). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Even the leaders with whom we disagree could use more guidance from the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (*1 Timothy 2:4*), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'm pretty sure we could spend some more time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (*Matthew 5:44*). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 24**

**10 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

**CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**

*St. Sylvester Parish's Parking Lot*

**to benefit our Boy Scout Pack/Troop 85**



**Sands Casino**



**Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**leave at 10 AM & be back by 8 PM**

Join us to try your luck

and shop at the Outlet Stores

Cost: \$35 with \$20 return & \$5 food coupon  
make your reservation at the Parish Office



AT  
THE

**SIGHT & SOUND  
THEATRE**

**LANCASTER, PA.**

Join the St. Sylvester Parish family on  
**October 25<sup>th</sup>** via chartered coach bus  
we will leave at 7:45 AM—arriving in time for a  
**catered lunch** and the **afternoon performance**—  
arriving back on S. I. approx. 8:30 PM  
An anonymous donor has paid for our bus so the  
cost of our day will be *only* \$90 each.

Sept. **WELCOME FALL!** 22



**ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER**

**Daughters of the Divine Charity**

850 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10305

**Overwhelmed by God's Mercy**

Monday, **September 26, 2016**

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm EDT - \$25

Facilitated by **Sister Gerrie Contento, MPF**

Pope Francis has designated 2016 as the Year of Mercy. As human beings, we are in need of mercy, forgiveness and unconditional love. This presentation will open our eyes to see intimate glimpses of the merciful face of God. It will open our ears to listen in a new way to the stories of healing and forgiveness in scripture. This day will open our hearts to receive the unconditional love of God.