

# St. Sylvester Church

*A Roman Catholic Praying Community*

854 Targee Street, Concord  
Staten Island, New York 10304

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**Rev. Jacob Thumma**

Parochial Vicar:

**Rev. Balareddy Yeruva (Fr. Bala)**

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*new #*

**Mrs. Patricia Campbell (718 727-4689)**

Rectory Manager:

**Janet Samuel**

Counselor for Funerals:

**Carmela Rogan**



## Masses

Saturday evening vigil—4:00 PM

Sunday—7:30, 10:00 AM (Choir), 12 noon

Holy Days—7:00 PM Vigil, 9:00 AM, 12 noon, 7:00 PM

Weekdays—Mon through Fri at 8:30 am-Rosary Chapel

Weekdays of Lent also at 12:00 noon

Saturday at 9:00 AM

## Devotions

Monday through Saturday—Rosary following Mass

Mondays—Miraculous Medal following 8:30 AM Mass

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

Wednesdays—Eucharistic Holy Hour: 7—8 PM

Fridays of Lent—Stations of the Cross: 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM,

and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: 1 PM - 4 PM

## Parish Activities

Men's Holy Name Society, Women's Guild, Golden Age,  
Eucharistic Ministers, Funeral Ministry, Ushers/Greeters, Teen  
Youth Activities Group, A.C.A., Cub Pack & Boy Scout Troop 85,  
Manresa Christian Life Community, Lectors, Altar Servers

## **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 drop it in the collection basket next weekend.

## Baptism

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 (Confessions)

Saturdays—3:00 pm to 3:45 PM

## 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

**Dec. 18, 2016**

# Parish of St. Sylvester

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016



They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."

--Matthew 1:23



### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

#### Dec. 18 - Vigil for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = Nickolas Foremsky

#### Dec. 18 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. = Francesco Brascia

10:00 a.m. = Robert Fogliano

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



#### Monday, Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday

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

#### Tuesday, Dec. 20 - Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Robert Romano

#### Wednesday, Dec. 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. = Joseph Dicks (*Merry Christmas in heaven*)

#### Thursday, Dec. 22 - Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Mario Peralta

#### Friday, Dec. 23 - St. John of Kanty, priest

8:30 a.m. = Iacona and Di Orio family

#### Saturday, Dec. 24 - Late Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. = for our Parish Family

#### Dec. 24 - VIGIL FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00 p.m. = for our Parish Family

11:00 p.m. = Christmas Caroling in church

11:30 p.m. = MIDNIGHT MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
for our Parish Family



#### Dec. 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. = for our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. = for our Parish Family

12:00 noon = for our Parish Family



before the Tabernacle this week the  
**Sanctuary Lamp** burns  
in memory of  
**Ray Arcaroletta**  
requested by **Joe Corregan**

*Every Christian needs a half-hour of prayer  
each day, except when we are busy, then we  
need an hour.*

—St. Francis de Sales

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

**December 11, 2016**

1st collection - \$4,583.00

Retired Clergy & Religious - \$1,398.00

Immaculate Conception - \$ 868.00



*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 Pasignajen-Trimble - US N/Persian Gulf

Samuel Rios - USAF

Darrin Sack

Major Michael Volpe - US Army



Rite of  
Reconciliation

**Monday, December 19**

Confessions heard  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Be prepared to welcome the Christ Child*



**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 re-  
member them throughout the week.

Victor Andrea, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff,  
Frances Cirincione, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr.,  
Stephen Cucci, Jean De Santis, Robert Forlenza,  
Thomas Galvin, John and Connie Garbarino,  
Connie Gorrasi, Agnes Jennings, Bridget Kehley,  
Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos,  
Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell,  
Joseph Palumbo, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan,  
Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Well, I do believe we have outdone ourselves! Last Sunday's **ANNUAL**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE** exceeded all expectations with more than 275 people in attendance. We began at 3 p.m. and the last of the dancing celebrants left with me after the clean-up—just before 7 o'clock. I know they'd have stayed longer but, sorry to say, I had the keys and all *my* energy had been spent! Starting from the Saturday morning prep The Women's Guild volunteers were essential from that morning (thanks for that early start, Neale) to closing.

Our caterers, Pastosa's of Richmond Rd. quite outdid themselves in generosity. Despite having more than a few walk-in/pay-at-the-door guests we had more than enough food and were even able to put up "doggie bags" for those wanting to take a meal home.

*Santa John* made a splendid appearance for the more than 40 children who happily received the presents so carefully chosen and wrapped by Janet. The bountiful dessert table opened just as Santa arrived so, with dance music playing, everyone found themselves occupied. **CRYSTAL IMAGE** DJs Eddie and Matty gave us musical variety for each generation's enjoyment.

The men of our Holy Name Society lent their experienced help in the kitchen, at the beverage table pouring the good selection of (*donated*©) wine, and stepping in wherever a need called. Many thanks to Frank Quinn who began his assistance early Saturday morning with the initial set-up, spent some of his evening with Jacob Samuel running errands back and forth to the Parish House, and didn't finish 'til he was almost the last one out the door Sunday night!

Our Teen Group were there usual energetic selves. They were well received as they went from table to table selling 50/50 chances—winner received \$390!—and encouraged folks to stop by Pat and Judy's Raffle Baskets table of created and donated prizes. The ladies sold \$620 in chances!

Now, I've reached the bottom of my allotted space and I'm sure I've missed something/somebody. Suffice it to say: Everyone there helped to make a great event and, to coin a phrase—**"and a good time was had by all!"**

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*



Have you purchased your chances for our C.C.D. School of Religion's **Adult Tricycle Holiday Raffle?** excellent and practical exercise for the winner or an amazing holiday gift! Chances are available after weekend Mass, Wednesday afternoons in the C.C.D. Office, or call the Parish Office for other times/locations. \$5 ea. or 3 for \$10

**GRACE INSTITUTE** of NYC calling young women ages 18-24. We offer tuition-free job training & paid on-the-job training...Young Adult seminars, 5-month computer & professional training, 1-yr. job placement services w/80% placement rate. To **Attend an Open House** register at [admissions@graceinstitute.org](mailto:admissions@graceinstitute.org) Classes will begin March 2017.

### "KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" . . .

- ▶ Read Christmas scripture and stories to the children.
- ▶ Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ's birth.
- ▶ Use decorations & wrappings saying 'Merry Christmas' instead of 'Happy Holidays'.
- ▶ Place a candle (electric!) in a window symbolizing the light of Christ.

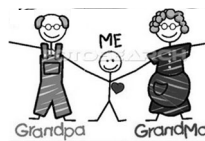
### PLANNING AHEAD . . . *save the date:*

ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL  
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
OCTOBER 22, 2017

Eucharistic Celebration @ St. Peter's R. C. Church-3 p.m.  
Timothy Cardinal Dolan-Celebrant  
Reception to follow - Hilton Garden Inn  
formal invitations will be sent at a later date  
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PARISH OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII  
25 CARMINE STREET, GREENWICH VILLAGE, NYC  
GALA REUNION DINNER DANCE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Go to their facebook page titled "OLP Reunion" for future and complete announcements



## Grandparents Corner

For Christmas—how about not giving a toy? Instead, share an activity...

**Staten Island Children's Museum**

@1000 Richmond Terrace has gift certificates for many activities and ages—Art Studio projects, Walk-In Workshops, Kidz Cook, Clay Day, Tots Time Plus...

Go to [info@sichildrensmuseum.org](mailto:info@sichildrensmuseum.org)  
or call 718-273-2060