

# St. Sylvester Church

*A Roman Catholic Praying Community*

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**Janet Samuel**

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**Carmela Rogan**

**Parish House Office Hours:**

**Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



## 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

**Jan. 1, 2017**

# Parish of St. Sylvester

Mary,  
Holy Mother of God



Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart.

—Luke 2:19

January 1, 2017



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 31 - Vigil Mass for the solemnity of  
MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

4:00 p.m. = Anne Pinto

Happy New Year!

Jan. 1, 2017 - MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

7:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

10:00 a.m. = Manuel and Serafina Dalman

12:00 noon = Carlos Nieves Hernandez



Monday, Jan. 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:30 a.m. = good health for Pat and George Doyle, Sr.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 a.m. = good health for Kathy and Mickey O'Brien

Wednesday, Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30 a.m. = good health for George and Megan Doyle, Jr.

Thursday, Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 a.m. = Myron J. Krum

Friday, Jan. 6 - FIRST FRIDAY; St. André Bessette, Religious

8:30 a.m. = Angelo Pittari

Saturday, Jan. 7 - FIRST SATURDAY;

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

9:00 a.m. = good health for Brian Doyle and Hope

Saturday, Jan. 8 - Vigil Mass for the solemnity of

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00 p.m. = John Makar

Sunday, Jan. 9 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. = Salvatore Siclari

10:00 a.m. = Stephen Huczko, Sr.

12:00 noon = Ferdinando and Lena Gioanucci

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

December 25, 2016

due to the holidays, this information  
was not available at early printing time



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



before the Tabernacle this week  
the Sanctuary Lamp burns

in memory of Stefano Vinci



**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, Connie Garbarino,  
Connie Gorrasi, Richard Hassel, 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



"...they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worth of Himself."

Columba Battista

John Garbarino

returned to the Lord's embrace.



**Pastor's  
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

Better than the usual new year's resolutions we often make on Jan. 1, why not make a short list of ways you can be like Mary in the year ahead toward family, neighbor, church, and community.

The title *Mother of God* was given by the Church to Jesus' mother, Mary, centuries ago. It translates the original Greek *Theotokos*, meaning "God-bearer." We celebrate Mary's motherhood today, since without her willing cooperation our Savior could not have entered this world as he did. She nurtured him, believed in him, and followed him all the way to the foot of the cross. The details about Mary in the scriptures are tantalizingly few, but certainly enough to show us what she was like. **She was a risk taker.** She trusted in God so much that she was willing to do whatever God asked of her. (*"I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word"* [Luke 1:38].)

**She was protective.** When her young son's life was threatened by King Herod, she and Joseph made the dangerous journey to Egypt to save him from certain death (Matthew 2:13-15). **She was prayerful.**

(*"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart"* [Luke 2:19].) **She was persistent.** When the boy Jesus was lost on the trip to Jerusalem, she and Joseph searched for three days until he was found

(Luke 2:43-46). **She was joyful.** Her song of praise to God, which we know as the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), shows a heart and mind rich with spiritual understanding. **She was courageous.** How many of us could stand by and watch our son die a slow and agonizing death (John 19:25)?

**She pointed always in Jesus' direction.** At the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11), when the wine had run out, Jesus said to fill the jars with water. Mary said simply and directly to the waiters, *"Do whatever he tells you"* (2:5). This is at the heart of what it is to be a disciple. Shouldn't we follow her example?

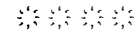
Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*



**Men of St. Sylvester's Holy Name Society will meet for the 10 o'clock Mass next Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The monthly meeting takes place in the Moore Conference Room after Mass.**

**Men of our parish family who are interested in knowing more about the Society's purpose and activities are welcome to attend the meeting.**



*Did you know . . . In 2002, Pope John Paul II restored the feast of the **Holy Name of Jesus** as an optional memorial for the 1st free day after January 1—i.e. January 3.*

*The feast had been celebrated in some local churches since the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century at various times throughout the liturgical year—; usually on the Sunday between January 1 and January 6. In 1721, the feast became part of the General Calendar of our Latin Church, only to be removed in 1969.*

*Traditionally, the month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**.*



**Happy New Year!**

Following our Christmas recess, all **classes resume this coming week, January 3 - 6, 2017**



January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

from the **Apostleship of Prayer:**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January**

**Universal: Interreligious Dialogue**

*That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.*

**Evangelization: Asia**

*That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.*