

# Parish of St. Sylvester

*Easter Sunday  
of the Resurrection  
of the Lord  
April 16, 2017*



*When Christ, your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.*  
—Colossians 3:4



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

7:00 p.m. = EASTER VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION  
**April 16– EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
 7:30 a.m. = for the parish family  
 10:00 a.m. = for the parish family  
 12:00 noon = for the parish family  
**Monday, April 17 - Monday in the Octave of Easter**  
 8:30 a.m. = Dante and Marie Mione  
**Tuesday, April 18 - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**  
 8:30 a.m. = Carol Pittari  
**Wednesday, April 19 - Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**  
 8:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = Hour of Eucharistic Adoration  
**Thursday, April 20– Thursday in the Octave of Easter**  
 8:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Friday, April 21 - Friday in the Octave of Easter**  
 8:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Saturday, April 22 - Saturday in the Octave of Easter**  
 9:00 a.m. = Nicholas Pandullo  
**Saturday, April 22 - Vigil Mass for Sunday of the Divine Mercy**  
 4:00 p.m. = Joseph and Victor Cirincione  
**April 23– Sunday of the Divine Mercy/2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 7:30 a.m. = Louis and Margaret Curcio  
 10:00 a.m. = Catherine and Felix Jerolino  
 12:00 noon = Marie Gagliardi

## Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support on . . .

April 2, 2017:

First collection - \$5,543.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,015.00



**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, Cecilia Brennan, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Stephen Cucci, Fr. Paul Duffy, MM, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Jean De Santis, Thomas Galvin, Connie Garbarino, Richard Hassel, Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell, Joseph Palumbo, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley**



After the 10 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday children are invited to bring their baskets to Our Lady's Grotto area to join St. Sylvester's Parish Family Annual Egg Hunt. The Youth Group and Lifestyles have prepared a wonderful event with games and prizes as well.



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

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  
 Francesca DiSimone-Biggins - U.S. M.C.  
 Lucia DiSimone-Biggins - U.S. M.C.  
 Ryan Foley - U.S. M.C.  
 Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore - U.S. Air Force in Japan  
 Col. Patrick J. Mahaney, Jr. - U.S. Army  
 Prescod Montgomery - U.S. Army in Iraq  
 Ens. Il Steven Passignajen-Trimble - U.S. Navy/Persian Gulf  
 Samuel Rios - U.S. Air Force  
 Darrin Sack  
 Joseph Somma - U.S. Marine Corps  
 Major Michael Volpe - U.S. Army



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

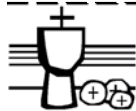
**Israel Santiago, Jr.**

*requested by  
his sister, Janet Samuel*

*The Bread and Wine offered  
this week are presented with prayers for*

**Connie Gorrasi**

*requested by Patricia Mulligan De Respino*



## CATECHIST FORMATION-LEVEL 2-STATEN ISLAND Christology

May 2, 9, 16, 23 (Tuesdays) @ St. Joseph-St. Thomas School, 50 Maguire Ave., 7 to 9 PM w/Elizabeth Brim

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED: CALL 347-286-0508**



**Pastor's  
Corner**

*Easter Blessings!*



My Dear Parishioners,

Easter is a big deal —a *very* big deal. Every one of the four Gospels provides an account of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which makes perfect sense because the bodily resurrection of Jesus has always been the foundation of the Christian faith from the very beginning. It is an ancient tradition, based on the evidence of scripture and on the writings of the early church, that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on a Thursday, died on a Friday, and rose from the dead on a Sunday. Thus, today's Gospel tells us that Jesus rose from the dead on "the first day of the week" (*John 20:1*). Within about a hundred years of Jesus' resurrection Christians were celebrating the great Easter Vigil, beginning after dark on Holy Saturday and continuing until dawn on Easter morning. During this vigil, Christians heard salvation history through scripture readings, celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, and looked forward to his return. At the vigil men and women who had gone through three years of instruction were baptized and received First Communion. Without his death and rising to new life Jesus would have been merely another Jewish teacher and failed messiah. His teachings would be just a code of ethics and our worship in vain. We celebrate the Resurrection for fifty days, and for the rest of the year every Sunday is a kind of "mini-Easter." Easter is the culmination of Christ's life, death, and resurrection that we celebrate "with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (*1 Corinthians 5:8*). If you have not been to church for a while, we invite you to come back again and know that you are welcome in this parish family of faith. Please speak to the priest after Mass or call the parish office and let us help you feel at home.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

*Snow is gone, and good weather is finally here. Join us to celebrate at*



on **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
our bus leaves the parish at 10 a.m.  
Make seat reservations in person  
at the Parish Office (cost-\$35 ea.)  
At the Casino you will receive \$20 cash for play  
and \$5 for food (*so your round trip will be \$10!*)

*Put this on your calendar:*

**St. Sylvester Parish  
Red Cross  
Spring Blood Donation Drive**  
scheduled for Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>



**SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCS)**

for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s will meet on Sunday, **April 30, 1:30 PM** for a **High Rock Park Hike** (RSVP by Sunday, April 23 by e-mailing [sfcssi@gmail.com](mailto:sfcssi@gmail.com)). An Environmental Educator with the Greenbelt will lead us on a moderately difficult hike as we learn about the Park's bodies of water, birds and foliage. We'll meet at 1:15 p.m. in the parking lot at 200 Nevada Ave. (10306) off Rockland Ave. Wear sneakers or hiking boots and comfortable clothing. Admission \$6. For more info. find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, e-mail: [sfcssi@gmail.com](mailto:sfcssi@gmail.com), or check our website: [www.sgspsi.org](http://www.sgspsi.org)



**MEETINGS**

A.C.A. , A 12-step program for adults who grew up in a dysfunctional home, meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Rosary Hall. Call Larry at 718-619-5545

**Youth Group Reminder:** Members of the Youth



Group will be attending the March of Dimes Walk on April 30th. Anyone interested should meet in the parish parking lot at 8 AM.

The Youth Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 7, following the 10 a.m. Mass. This will be the last meeting until September. Our final collection of clean redeemable bottles and cans for the **OK Clean Water Project** will take place on this date. Many thanks to all who have gone out of their way to support this project. When we have a Final Report it will be printed here.

Fr. Jacob's Hospitality Sunday **wishlist**

Supplies needed: hot-coffee cups (*no Styrofoam*), paper plates - small and large, paper napkins, clear juice cups  
You may bring donations to the Parish House Office, or to the next Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Hall (5/07).