



# Parish of St. Sylvester

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
July 23, 2017



*Those who are just must be kind*

*--Wisdom 12:19*



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, July 22 - Vigil Mass for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time**

4:00 p.m. = Julia Krumm

**July 23 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30a.m. = Josephine Mattarazzo Jacobs

10:00 a.m. = Joseph Dicks

12:00 noon = James Henry

**Monday, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest**

8:30 a.m. = John Dry

**Tuesday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle**

8:30 a.m. - Edna M. Barber

**Wednesday, July 26 - Sts. Joachim & Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 a.m. = Angelo and Marion Martorano

7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

**Thursday, July 27 - Weekday-16<sup>th</sup> week of Ord. Time**

8:30 a.m. = John Dry

**Friday, July 28 - Weekday-16<sup>th</sup> week of Ord. Time**

8:30 a.m. = Francisco Di Camillo

**Saturday, July 29 - St. Martha, disciple of Jesus**

9:00 a.m. = Marion and Angelo Martorano

**Saturday, July 29 - Vigil Mass for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time**

4:00 p.m. = Richard A. Famiglietti

**July 30 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30a.m. = for our parish family

10:00 a.m. = Elizabeth Huczko

12:00 noon = John Garbarino

## Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support on . . .

July 16, 2017

1st Collection - \$3,348.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 959.00



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

*hospital stay, recuperating, and 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, Nancy J. Bushman, 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, George Moresca, Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell, Linda Orber, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Phyllis Savarese, Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley, John and Ann Vincenzo**

*Please let us know if anyone for whom we are praying has recovered from illness/surgery so that we may rejoice with you and then make room for others in need of prayer. Thank you.*



*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.  
Alvin S. Joseph II - U. S. Navy  
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. II 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**



## Grandparents Corner

*On Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Ann*

Before you spend time with your grandchild/ren this week why not look up (or "google") some info. on these blest grandparents—the Virgin Mary's parents. It makes a lovely story to tell and may encourage good questions.

Our church has a statue of Mary and her mother, St. Ann. Why not take the grandchildren for a visit?





My Dear Parishioners,

Of all God's attributes, Wisdom praises God's "lenience," though "power, whenever you will, attends you" (12:18). Regarding God's expectations, Wisdom considers one indispensable: "Those who are just must be kind" (12:19). But doesn't God sometimes seem too lenient, content to ignore the weeds, when a glance at the world, or even the Church suggests a little gardening is long overdue? Well, God is in luck. We, God's willing servants, can see the weeds so clearly. We'd be delighted to clean things up thoroughly and quickly.

Do our private reflections sometimes sound like that? Paul acknowledges, "We do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26). Rather than praying that we become more like God, we demand that God become more like us, thorough and quick. But God, shrewd householder indeed, knows our zeal but wisely distrusts our discernment. We're zealous, yes, but judgmental too. What looks like weeds to us may be wheat in God's eyes. Thus God patiently defers judgment, postpones punishment.

Moreover, might we not be missing one of the parable's important points by casting ourselves solely as willing harvesters? Aren't we still growing ourselves? Which are we then? Wheat, weeds, or both at different times? Would we want anyone as judgmental as we are deciding definitively whether we're wheat or weeds before we've had time to grow to full maturity? Rather than bemoan a world or even a Church with weeds growing among the wheat, let us praise God's gracious patience toward his slowly maturing, mixed-bag field that, after all, includes us.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

**FORGIVENESS**

*And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin?*

*--St. Catherine of Siena*

St. Sylvester's Parish family  welcomes

*Michael Thomas Semilla San Luis*

son of

*Melanie B. and Marc Lawrence S. San Luis*

presented to the Lord by his Godparents  
*Travis Tanseco and Laedi Marie San Luis*

on Sunday, July 16, 2017



*Justin Julian Lopez*

son of

*Kimberly Barrios and James Joseph Lopez*

presented to the Lord by his Godparents

*John Colon and Janay Kennedy*

on Sunday, July 16, 2017



**ENHANCED TUITION AWARD**

Under the NYS Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget, a new Enhanced Tuition Award will enable students attending private not-for-profit colleges to receive financial assistance to complete their college degree. The program provides a maximum award of \$3,000, requires private colleges to provide a match and freeze student tuition for the duration of the award—maximizing the financial benefit to the student.



New Parishioners . . . and those who have not already registered.

Phone or stop by the Parish Office (we'd love to meet you), or complete the form on the front of this bulletin.

Did you know . . . registration will make it possible for us to issue you sacrament sponsorship forms for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage when needed.



**'STAY-CATION' FUN**

**MOTH NIGHT**

STAY UP LATE AND CELEBRATE

**NATIONAL MOTH WEEK!**

SAT., JULY 29 — 8:30 PM - 10:30 P.M.

Featured activities include: face painting, Museum moth specimens, shadow dancing, cool pops, art activities and a night hike through Snug Harbor. All ages and interests are welcome. Guests should bring flashlights, cameras, a container, and a notebook.

\$10 per adult; children under 12 free

Presented in collaboration with the S.I. Children's Museum

To learn more about National Moth Week visit—

[nationalmothweek.org](http://nationalmothweek.org)



