

Parish of St. Sylvester

33rd Week
in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017



"...may you see the prosperity
of Jerusalem
all the days of your life."

—Psalm 128:5



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Nov. 18 - Vigil Mass - 33rd Sunday-Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = Salvatore Siclari

Sunday, Nov. 19 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = All Souls intentions
10:00 a.m. = All Souls intentions
12:00 noon = All Souls intentions

Monday, Nov. 20 - Weekday in 34th week-Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. = Anna Amato

**Tuesday, Nov. 21 - PRESENTATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
8:30 a.m. = Joseph Golden



Wednesday, Nov. 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
8:30 a.m. = Carol Cannizzaro
7:00 p.m. = THANKSGIVING EVE MASS

Thursday, Nov. 23 – THANKSGIVING DAY; St. Clement, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr
8:30 a.m. = Happy birthday & good health for Strella Santos

Friday, Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dūng Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
8:30 a.m. = Vera Goodrich

Saturday, Nov. 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
9:00 a.m. = Joseph Murguia (happy 1st anniversary in heaven)

Saturday, Nov. 25 - Vigil Mass - 34th Sunday-Ord. Time
4:00 p.m. = deceased members of O'Donnell and Coughlin family

Sunday, Nov. 26 – 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = All Souls intentions
10:00 a.m. = All Souls intentions
12:00 noon = All Souls intentions

*Bread and Wine at all the Masses
this week are offered in memory of
Christina Banina
requested by **Aida Santos***



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning
before the tabernacle is offered
in memory of
Mavis Wau
requested by **her Children***

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support on . . .

Nov. 12, 2017

1st Collection - \$3,386.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 884.00



*Lord, hold our troops safe in your
loving hands . . .*

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. 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

*Has someone here been transferred, demobilized, discharged,
retired? Please let us know.*

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, Joseph Bertolini, Cecilia Brennan,
Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff,
Frances Cirincione, Stephen Cucci, Fr. Paul Duffy, MM,
Robert Golden, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr.,
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.*



with

St. Sylvester Parish Family
Concord, Staten Island, NY

First Sunday of Advent - Vigil Mass 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2
Sunday Masses, Dec. 3 at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon

Christmas Tree Lighting - 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, with refreshments to follow

Advent weekday Masses - 8:30 a.m.; Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - December 8; (*Patron of the U. S. A.*)

Holy day of Mass obligation: -Thurs., Dec. 7 Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.

- Masses on Dec. 8 at 9 a.m., 12 noon, 7 p.m.

Christmas Family Dinner Dance - Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.

Lessons and Carols - on Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 17, following the 10 a.m. Mass

Diocesan Advent Day of Penance - Monday, Dec. 18, 4 - 8 p.m.

Early Vigil Mass of Christmas - Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.— Children especially welcome

Join the Choir to herald Christmas - Dec. 24 at 11 p.m.

Late-night Vigil Mass of Christmas - Dec. 24 at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses at 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon



St. Sylvester's Christmas Dinner Dance

Sunday December 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Salad, Linguine with White Clam Sauce, Stuffed Shells, Eggplant
Rollatini, Chicken Marsala, Sausage & Peppers
Coffee, Tea, Dessert, Beer, Wine & Soda

Come and Meet
Santa Claus



Prepared By:

Pastosa Ravioli

1076 Richmond Road SI NY 10304

(718) 667-2194

Music Provided By:

Crystal Image Matty & Eddie

St. Sylvester's Parish Hall

864 Targee Street SI NY 10304

(718) 727-4639

\$16.00 per Adult

\$12.00 per Child under 10

Child under 4 FREE

Please send your reservation by December 8, 2016

For Reservations, please complete this portion and drop off at the rectory with payment

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Number of Adults: _____ @ \$16.00 each: _____

Number Of Children: _____ @ \$12.00 each: _____

Make Check payable to "St. Sylvester's Church" Total Payment: _____

Your tickets will be held at the parish hall entrance



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Considering this Sunday's readings I wonder what that third servant in the Gospel was doing all that time, after he buried the talent he was given. Probably nothing. What strikes me is that the word for money in this reading is "talent," which in our language is an ability or skill. Maybe this parable can remind us to use our abilities and not let them go to waste. A person might be strong and fast, but if she exercises and practices, she could be a great athlete. The same with spiritual gifts. Just having one doesn't make you a saint. So how do you know what gifts you have? First, ask God in your prayers to show you what gifts you have been given. Read the scriptures, especially the Acts of the Apostles or the Letters of Paul (e.g., 1 Corinthians 12:1-11). Listen humbly to friends or loved ones who can tell you what strengths they see in you.

Second, look for ways to use your gifts. Check the parish bulletin/website or our diocesan newspaper for activities and organizations in which you could take part. Hospitals, schools, shelters, and nursing homes frequently offer opportunities for volunteers. Or you may see a need for some service that you can get started in the parish or community.

Just remember that you are called to service by your baptism and confirmation. Don't bury that calling by procrastinating or being afraid to try. Remember the "useless servant" with the one talent who was fearful and lazy (*Matthew 25:25-26*). At least he can remind us to use it or lose it.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

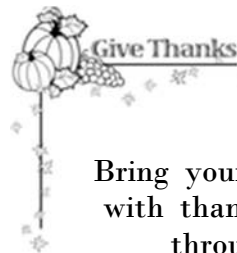
In Jesus' parable the servants are accountable for the talents they re given.

- **How am I using the talents that God has given me?**

Pastor's Hospitality Sunday



cans of ground coffee for the Parish Hall's large coffee makers (*the need goes on!*)



Join us for Mass at 7 p.m. on the eve of Thanksgiving - Nov. 22

Bring your grateful heart to the Lord with thanksgiving for all God's gifts throughout this past year.

Leave sadness and regrets behind. Instead bring your joyful remembrances.

Also brighten other hearts and bring donations of non-perishable foods for the Offertory Procession.



MONSIGNOR FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY, DEC. 3RD 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

80+ Vendors:

Jewelry, Crafts, Clothing, Toys, Collectables, Ornaments
Spectacular Raffle Baskets and Door Prizes every hour!
Baked Goods * Festive Food * Trash-to-Treasure

Admission: \$3.00 per person * \$5.00 per family (max 5 people; includes 1 raffle ticket for Door Prize)
Free Parking!



ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

Daughters of the Divine Charity
850 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10305

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Wednesdays, 11/22, 12/13 & 27, 1/10 & 24,
2/14 & 28 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Facilitated by Anne Louise DePalo Fee: \$10

Come pray, be still, and rest in God's presence. Each month's session stands alone. All are welcome to join at any point during the series.



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Sat., Dec. 16 - 2PM and 5PM
Sun., Dec. 17 - 2PM and 5PM

Charge by phone (718-980-0500) ~\$50/\$40
all seats reserved

CSI Center for the Arts, 2800 Victory Blvd.