

# Parish of St. Sylvester

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 14, 2018*



*As John the Baptist watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."*

*-- John 1:35*



## Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, Jan. 13 - Vigil Mass—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday-Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. = Nicholas Lettiere (6<sup>th</sup> ann. in heaven)

### Sunday, Jan. 14 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday-Ordinary Time

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

10:00 a.m. = Ismael & Marciana Holipas, Sr.

12:00 noon = Alexander Lee

### Monday, Jan. 15 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = good health & wellbeing of Sinforoso Ripotola

### Tuesday, Jan. 16 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Marie Palumbo

### Wednesday, Jan. 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Thursday, Jan. 18 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time;

*WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS*

8:30 a.m. = James Donahue, Jr.

### Friday, Jan. 19 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Hilda

### Saturday, Jan. 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;

*St. Sebastian, Martyr*

9:00 a.m. = \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday, Jan. 20 - Vigil Mass for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Lt. Col. John R. Miles and family

### Sunday, Jan. 21 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

10:00 a.m. = Doris Tierney

12:00 noon = \_\_\_\_\_

## DALESSIO POST #1310, AMERICAN LEGION

Meeting on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Moore Conference Room (beneath Parish House).

Please come for the discussion on benefits and help for veterans.

*All veterans of U.S. conflicts are welcome.*

## Pastor's Hospitality Sunday

*wish list*  
*cans of ground coffee* for the Parish Hall's large coffee makers. *January's cold needs coffee's warmth!*

## Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support on . . .

December 24 - \$ 3,262.00

Christmas 2017 - \$17,642.00

December 31 - \$ 3,644.00

Reserve Fund [12/24 & 31] - \$ 904.00

January 7 - \$3,466.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 747.00

*AND THE WINNER IS!...*

**December 50/50**

**\$150**

**Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Pepe**



*From Death to New Life*

*May the souls of our dearly departed rest in the peace of God, and may their loved ones find comfort and reassurance in God, our Father.*

**Angela Abruzzi**  
**Rosemarie Boutcher**  
**Ella F. Tuning**



**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, Karen Chardavoyne, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Stephen Cucci, Robert Golden, Neil Hartnett, 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, Alice Santamays, 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.*



## Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Just before our first reading it says that "*the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.*" (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Haven't you ever wished you lived in biblical times, to see some of the miracles you read about? Wouldn't it be great to hear the LORD speaking in a vision? Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel's time. Let's look at the reading to see what Samuel's experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God's way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the LORD was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can lead you to understand what God is saying to you. A pastor may be able to do that, or at least able to refer you to someone.

Warning: A spiritual director will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. Then God tells him what God's plan was. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. Don't be like the man who complains he never knows what his wife wants from him. When asked what she tells him, he says, "I don't know; we never talk." I bet we have all had times where we didn't know if we are doing God's will because we didn't take time to pray. But don't do all the talking. Give God some quiet time so you can hear his response. For God hasn't stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

Men of the ~~Holy Name Society~~ will meet for the 10 a.m. Mass **THIS** Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. After Mass the monthly meeting will be held in the Moore Conference Rm. Men of St. Sylvester Parish family are always most welcome.



## ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

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

Centering Prayer Group  
Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm EDT - \$10  
Facilitated by Anne Louise De Palo

Come pray, be still, and rest in God's Presence.

*Each session stands alone. All are welcome to join at any point during the series.*



JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



*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 Di Simone-Biggins - U.S. M.C.  
Lucia Di Simone-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. Mahoney, Jr. - U. S. Army  
Prescod Montgomery - U. S. Army in Iraq  
Ens. II Steven Pasignajen-Trimble - U.S. Navy/Persian Gulf  
Samuel Rios - U. S. Air Force  
Darrin Sack  
Joseph Soma - U. S. Marine Corps  
Major Michael Volpe - U. S. Army  
*Has someone here been transferred, demobilized, discharged, retired? Please let us know.*

*"That all may be one." -John 17:21*

Thursday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.  
ECUMENICAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual S.I. Prayer Service - Zion Lutheran Church  
corner of Watchogue Rd. & Willow brook Rd.  
Preaching: **Msgr. Richard Guastella**  
from the Church of St. Clare