

Parish of St. Sylvester

5th Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018



I will place my law within them and
 write it upon their hearts;
 I will be their God, and they shall
 be my people.

-- Jeremiah 31:33



Liturgies and Intentions

Saturday, March 17 - Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday of Lent
 4:00 p.m. = F. Barry Mulligan

Sunday, , March 18 – 5th Sunday of Lent
 7:30 a.m. = Mary Brescia
 10:00 a.m. = Ramon Reinoso (11th ann. in heaven)
 12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy family
 and Mary Bhatia



Monday, March 19 - ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM
 8:30 a.m. = Claudia Gloria (happy b'day. in heaven)

Tuesday, March 20 - Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. = Jane Dwyer



Wednesday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. = Doris Tierney
 7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, March 22 – Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. = August, Philomena & Angela Abbruzzi

Friday, March 23 – Lenten Weekday;
 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
 8:30 a.m. = good health of Nol & Velasko family
 12:00 noon = STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 7:00 p.m. = STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Saturday, March 24 - Lenten Weekday;
 Bl. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr
 9:00 a.m. = Ramsey Nesfield

Saturday, March 24 - Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday
 4:00 p.m. = Salvatore Siclari

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday of the Passion
 7:30 a.m. = Israel Santiago, Sr.
 10:00 a.m. = Ronaldo Waul
 12:00 noon = Patricia Campbell



This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burns
 before the tabernacle with prayers for comfort
 and peace for

Margaret Weber

requested by **P. De Respino & Lisa Bennett**

Bread and Wine at all the Masses
 this week are offered in memory of
Anthony R. De Respino (46th ann.)
 requested by **his family**



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
 Support on . . .

March 11, 2018 - \$3,684.00
 Catholic Relief Services - \$ 642.00

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
 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 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 promoted, transferred, demobilized,
 discharged, retired? Please let us know.*

Join us . . . this Sunday- 3/18
 Hospitality Sunday - Parish Hall - after 10 AM Mass

PLEASE PRAY . . . for those anticipating a
 hospital stay, recuperating, and
 the homebound in our parish and in our families. Keep
 this list near the place where you pray each day so that you
 remember them throughout the week.

**Victor Andrea, Anthony, Joseph Bertolini,
 Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino,
 Karen Chardavoyne, Lucille Chatznoff,
 Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci,
 Ellen Delaney, Robert Golden,
 Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Thomas Galvin,
 Connie Garbarino, Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano,
 Louis Matos, Travis Mayhew, George Moresca,
 Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell, Lee Poyntz,
 Carmela Rogan, Eulah Ryan, Alice Santamays,
 Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley, John Vincenzo,
 Margaret Weber, Robert Williams**

*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,

March is the month of devotion to St. Joseph, whose feast falls on March 19th. The date of this solemnity dates to the end of the 15th century; within the next few centuries to follow, the entire month as a time for devotion to St. Joseph became part of tradition.

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: *"With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus"* (Preface of Saint Joseph, Sacramentary). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends.

In a society which seems to discourage the importance of marriage and fatherhood, St. Joseph, the spouse of the Virgin and the man given the responsibility of raising Jesus, is an incredible model of an obedient, faithful, Christian father.

Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's *"Let it be done to me according to your word"* (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

BEGIN HOLY WEEK WITH . . .



RECONCILIATION MONDAY
CONFESSIONS HEARD
MARCH 26TH
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM



PAUL'S CONVERSION

The Daughters of St. Paul are hosting a pre-screening of the new film **PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST** on March 20th at the Regal Theater on Forest Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited. Tickets are \$12 each.

To purchase tickets or for more information, go to

www.pauline.org/paulNY,

e-mail hrupprecht@paulinemediacom,

or call Sr. Hosea at 310-890-8226.

Advanced ticket purchase required.



St. Sylvester Parish Annual Easter Egg Hunt
 Easter Sunday - following 10 AM Mass

MARCH—WOMEN IN HISTORY MONTH

Dolores Hope was born in Harlem to an Irish mother and an Italian father. She worked as a professional singer in New York City and married Bob Hope, the comedian, in 1934.

Despite being a talented vocalist, Dolores took time out of her career to raise four adopted children. She appeared in many of her husband's television shows and on occasion accompanied him on his tours entertaining American troops. One Christmas they were entertaining the troops in Vietnam and Dolores performed "Silent Night" with such feeling that it reduced many of the soldiers to tears. That is but one example of how Dolores impressed others with her profound love of God. She also had an abiding passion for improving the lives of others and was known as a champion of Catholic charities. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles benefited regularly from her generous donations. The Hope's home had a chapel, and Dolores had a little way of encouraging their celebrity friends to read Catholic spirituality books.

John Paul II gave Bob and Dolores the honour of being a Knight and Dame of St Gregory the Great. Dolores was one of the very few women in the world to achieve this, along with Phyllis Bowman.

Dolores enjoyed a revival of her singing career in 1993 and recorded five albums. She died in 2011, aged 102.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

850 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10305

Father-Son Celebration

(grandfathers and uncles welcome, too)

for Grades K - 5th graders—March 24, 2018

Eat, pray and play

come together to celebrate your special bond.

It will be a morning of games, crafts and laughs

with faith-filled fun activities

that help us share the joy of being together

9:00 AM Breakfast - 9:30 - 10:45 AM Activities

11:00 Mass (optional)

Fee: \$25 for two people and \$10 each additional person

Register by 3/19: SJRetreatCenter.org or 718-720-1097