

# Parish of St. Sylvester

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018



I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.

-- Psalm 118:17



### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, March 31 - Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday**

7:00 p.m. = Mass of the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

**Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday of**

**the Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. = intentions of our parish family

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12:00 noon = intentions of our parish family

**Monday, April 2 - Monday w/in Octave of Easter**

8:30 a.m. = Robeto Gimenez

**Tuesday, April 3 - Tuesday w/in Octave of Easter**

8:30 a.m. = Dr. Antonio Garzon

**Wednesday, April 4 - Wednesday w/in Octave of Easter**

8:30 a.m. = Mamerta dela Cruz

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Thursday, April 5 - Thursday w/in Octave of Easter**

8:30 a.m. = Girardi Mariano

**Friday, April 6 - Friday w/in Octave of Easter**

8:30 a.m. = James Reilly, Sr.

**Saturday, April 7 - Saturday w/in Octave of Easter**

9:00 a.m. = Giuseppe and Michelina Arnone

**Saturday, April 7 - Vigil Mass for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

4:00 p.m. = Carmelina Ruggiero

**Sunday, April 8 - Second Sunday of Easter**

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

7:30 a.m. = Salvatore Siclari

10:00 a.m. = Bartolomeo Magallon & Eduardo Holipas

12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy family

and Mary Bhatia



### Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's  
Support on . . .

*Collection reports not yet available due to the printer's accelerated Holy Week/Easter schedule.*

*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.*



Men of the **Holy Name Society** meet for the 10 a.m.

Mass NEXT Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. After Mass the monthly meeting will be held in the Moore Conference Room beneath the Parish House. All men of our parish welcome.



**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.*



This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burns before the tabernacle in memory of

**Mary Rapp**

requested by *her daughter, Joy*



Our Holy Name Society has an **Easter gift** for each parish family.

As you leave Mass be sure you pick up your family's copy of

**KINGDOM OF HAPPINESS**

Living the Beatitudes in everyday life

Thank you, Gentlemen, for this fine guide to enriching our spiritual lives in the Easter season.





## Pastor's Corner



My Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel begins in darkness. Mary of Magdala comes to the tomb before dawn. She, then the two disciples, see the empty tomb, and are amazed and terrified. The passage stops before Jesus first appears, which allows us to pause and more fully notice their disorientation and confusion.

John's Gospel has many images of the passage from darkness to light and from blindness to sight. When Jesus cured the blind man in John 9, and raised Lazarus in John 11, their transition to the light was gradual and difficult. The disciples, too, were often slow and resistant to understanding what Jesus was saying and doing, both before and after the Resurrection.

Most of us, most of the time, try hard to protect ourselves from being disoriented. Our traditions and past experiences keep us grounded and secure. However, often we grow in maturity and insight precisely because we are knocked off balance. God disrupts us enough to open us to what God wishes to teach us. We move from blindness to sight when we are first disoriented by the light, let go of the comfortable darkness, and open our eyes to new insight. As we begin the Easter season, the light of Easter is indeed bright. Easter reveals a world of opportunities to care for others and an abundance of grace to guide and sustain us.

Easter also reminds us that wherever we are in life, in whatever difficulties or messes we find ourselves, God offers us a new beginning. Alleluia indeed!

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

### THE RETURN OF EASTER

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.

--Frederick Temple



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## EASTER EGG HUNT

following 10 AM Mass  
on Easter Sunday  
in Our Lady's Grotto area  
games and raffles, too  
*children - remember to bring your baskets!*



### Vocations Summit

Interested in learning more or have questions about the priesthood and the religious life?

Join in a  
**Vocations Summit**  
intended for students 8<sup>th</sup>  
grade through high school.  
*(Parents/Guardians of those attending are welcome.)*

**Monday, April 16th—7:00 - 8:30 PM**  
*REFRESHMENTS AND DOOR PRIZES!*

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA  
5411 Amboy Rd., S. I.10312  
Damato Room  
in the Athletic Center

FOR MORE INFO.  
☎ 646-244-4333  
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*"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but 'do it with gentleness and reverence..." (1Peter 3:15-16)*

### SUMMER SESSIONS

@ St. Joseph Seminary, Yonkers / Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, L.I.

**June 4 - July 17, 2018**

Courses offered in **Educational Ministry, Ecclesiology, Women in the Bible, The Problem of Evil, Sacred Music**, and course co-sponsored with the **Liturgical Music Institute**

For more information: [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu), or call the Academic Office: 914-367-8281 or 631-423-0483, ext. 131

### Parish Outreach & Our Food Pantry

To all the good people of our parish family: thank you for all you do to embrace the disadvantaged in our community. Your continued support and great generosity of food donations (and winter coats via our Youth Group's January Drive) are a tremendous blessing.

As you know, we share this ministry with St. Teresa's Parish whose Food Pantry Distribution times are the

**First and Third Week of the Month**  
**Monday - Wednesday - Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**