

St. Sylvester Church

A Roman Catholic Praying Community

854 Targee Street, Concord
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Janet Samuel

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Carmela Rogan



Masses

Saturday evening vigil—4:00 PM

Sunday—7:30, 10:00 AM (Choir), 12 noon

Holy Days—7:00 PM Vigil, 9:00 AM, 12 noon, 7:00 PM

Weekdays—Mon through Fri at 8:30 am-Rosary Chapel

Weekdays of Lent also at 12:00 noon

Saturday at 9:00 AM

Devotions

Monday through Saturday—Rosary following Mass

Mondays—Miraculous Medal following 8:30 AM Mass

Tuesdays-St. Anthony of Padua following 8:30 AM Mass

Wednesdays—Eucharistic Holy Hour: 7—8 PM

Fridays of Lent-Stations of the Cross: 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM,
and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: 1 PM - 4 PM

Parish Activities

Men's Holy Name Society, Women's Guild, Golden Age,
Eucharistic Ministers, Funeral Ministry, Ushers/Greeters, Teen
Youth Activities Group, A.C.A., Cub Pack & Boy Scout Troop 85,
Manresa Christian Life Community, Lectors, Altar Servers

Parish Registration

Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is requested to register at the Rectory. You may fill out the adjacent form and drop it in the collection basket next weekend →

Baptism

We rejoice with families on the occasion of the birth of a new child. Please call 718-727-4639 and speak to a member of the parish staff to arrange for an interview and registration for the required baptismal preparation class.

Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturdays—3:00 pm to 3:45 PM

Matrimony

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and prior to making any plans for the reception. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest. All couples are expected to attend a Diocesan marriage Preparation Program.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ listed/unlisted?

Email _____

Please send parish census card for my family registration

I would like to receive Offering Envelopes

I would like a Priest to contact me

July 3, 2016

Parish of St. Sylvester

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 3, 2016

*May I never boast except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

-- Galatians 6:1



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

July 2 - Vigil for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. = Vincent and Lawrence Capelli

Sunday, July 3 - 14th Sunday - Ordinary Time;

7:30 a.m. = Rachael Russelle

10:00 a.m. = Salvatore and Domenico Ruscitti

12:00 noon = Katherine Donavan

Monday, July 4 - 14th Week of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = John Arnone

Tuesday, July 5 - St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 a.m. = Elivra Girardi

Wednesday, July 6 - St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 a.m. = Pedro Nocon

Thursday, July 7 - 14th Week of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = Rosemarie Truscello

Friday, July 8 - 14th Week of Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = Seok Giasi

**Saturday, July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and
Companions, Martyrs**

9:00 a.m. = Mark B. Peters

July 9 - Vigil for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. = Gabriel Pompilio

Sunday, July 10 - 15th Sunday - Ordinary Time;

7:30 a.m. = Mary and Parpati Bhatia

10:00 a.m. = Guiseppa Impeduglia

12 noon = deceased members of the McCoy family



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support . . .

June 26, 2016 - 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST COLLECTION - \$.00

RESERVE FUND - \$.00



Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Our goal: 232 pledges

Received To Date: 201 pledges

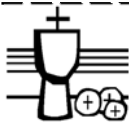


PLEASE PRAY . . . for those anticipating a

hospital stay, recuperating, 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, Frances Cirincione,
Nicholas Clansignan, Jr., Stephen Cucci,
Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Brian Doyle, Robert Forlenza,
Connie Gorrasi, John Gostel, Agnes Jennings,
Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese,
Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia,
Amy O'Donnell, Joseph Palumbo,
Vicky Pasignagen, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan,
Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley

The **Bread and Wine** offered this week
are presented in memory of
Bernard A. Iammatteo
requested by **his wife, Mary**



the **Sanctuary Lamp**
before the Tabernacle this week
burns in memory of

Grace Puglia De Respino -14th ann.

requested by **Patricia Mulligan De Respino**



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving
hands, especially those from our parish
family and community . . .*

Seaman Daniel Brennan - USN
SR Francis S. Cummings - USN
SR Michael J. Cummings - USN
Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - USAF
Francesca DiSimone-Reich - US Army
Lucia DiSimone-Biggins - USMC
Ryan Foley - USMC
Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore - USAF in Japan
Col. Patrick J. Mahaney, Jr. - US Army
Prescod Montgomery - US Army in Iraq
Ensign II Steven Pasignajen-Trimble - US N/Persian Gulf
Samuel Rios - USAF
Darrin Sack
Major Michael Volpe - US Army



My Dear Parishioners,
 Saint Paul reminds us today that he "bears the marks of Jesus" on his body. We recall another letter in which Paul describes his imprisonments and beatings: "Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I passed a night and a day on the deep" (2 Corinthians 11:24-25). Far from being bitter about all this abuse, Paul "boasts" in the cross that Jesus has allowed him to share.

Those of us who have a scar usually have a memorable story about what caused the injury. Paul's scars remind him of his life in Christ. With the marks of Jesus on his body and the love of Christ in his heart, Paul is deeply connected and never alone.

We, too, are never alone—not really. We live in relationships, in communities. That's the way we come into the world, after all, with a mother laboring to deliver us into the human community. God—being Father, Son, Holy Spirit—is a mysterious community who intends us to live in relationship with God and others, always and forever. Stories of abandonment or abuse affect us strongly precisely because we all know the deep human need to be embraced by a loving family.

Our reading from Isaiah today describes God as a gentle mother, playing with us, her children, and comforting us. This same God who cares for us so intimately chose to enter our human family through Mary. Jesus, her son, grew strong in her care. And, as Luke tells us today, when the time came to spread his gospel message, Jesus insisted on community: He sent his disciples in pairs. The instructions Jesus gives his seventy-two missionaries reinforce the importance of community. Jesus wants his disciples to build healthy relationships wherever they go, wishing peace on new acquaintances, sharing gifts of healing and faith, and graciously accepting hospitality in whatever form it is offered. These practical tips still apply to us today, modern disciples of Jesus—His stewards at work in the world.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



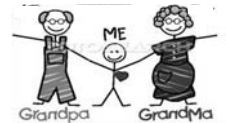
St. Sylvester Parish family welcomes
Victoria Giulanna Suriel Husi
 daughter of
Jennifer Suriel and *Ilmi Husi*
 presented to the Lord by
Luis Miguel Acosta, Godfather
 and
Stephanie Mendoza-Paez, Godmother
 on Sunday, June 26, 2016

Because we are a small parish we do not maintain a "food pantry" ourselves. However, that doesn't keep us from a important ministry. our parish family your donations in Castleton open *their* Food share in that im- Once a week one of volunteers delivers to St. Teresa's Parish Corners where they Pantry for those in need. (Call St. Teresa's at 718-442-5412 for their scheduled open times.) And—did you know that with each donation you earn the graces of a Corporal Work of Mercy—"Feed the hungry"? A fine way to live in **this Jubilee Year of Mercy!** Thank you for all your generous donations each week. Please keep it up!



Grandparents Corner

"Old age in particular is a time of grace...in which the Lord calls us to preserve and transmit the faith. To grandparents, who have been blessed to see their children's children, to them are entrusted an even greater task...to share with simplicity their wisdom and the same faith is a most precious legacy." —Pope Francis, 9/28/14



From time to time we'll have some fun-to-do suggestions here. In the mean time remember—it's all about staying connected in whatever works for you and your grandchildren. However you reach out may joy and laughter be a binding force.

Responding to the Word

Jesus offers several guidelines for His disciples to follow as they embark on their ministry.

- Which of these is most challenging for me right now?

Jesus, help me . . .