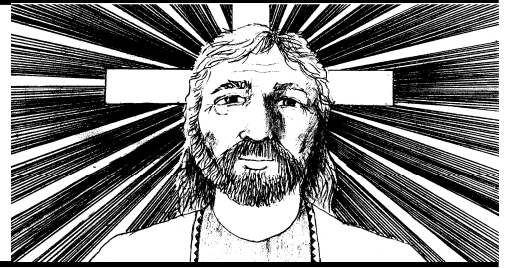


Parish of St. Sylvester

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2016

*[Jesus] endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God. — Hebrews 12:2*



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Aug. 13 - Vigil for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. = Michael P. Donohue (6th ann. in heaven)

Sunday, Aug. 14 - 20th Sunday - Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = Ed Cordero
10:00 a.m. = Salvatore Siclari
12 noon = health & well-being of Rose Marchese

Monday, Aug. 15 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(note: NOT a day of Mass obligation this year)

9:00 a.m. = Joseph Granato
12:00 noon = Mary Albino

Tuesday, Aug. 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary
8:30 a.m. = Loretta Gilmartin

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Weekday of 20th week in Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = continued blessings for Maureen Moore

Thursday, Aug. 18 - Weekday of 20th week in Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = Robert F. Griffin

Friday, Aug 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest
8:30 a.m. = Albert Balletto

Saturday, Aug. 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m. = _____

Aug. 20 - Vigil for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. = Peggy Coppiner

Sunday, Aug. 22 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. = John Roselle
10:00 a.m. = Louis Tenaglia
12 noon = Maria Peralto



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support . . .

August 7, 2016

1st Collection - \$

Reserve Fund - \$

Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

We've reached **210** pledges

keep it up. We can do it!



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, Lucille Chaznoff, Frances Cirincione, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Stephen Cucci, Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Jean De Santis, Brian Doyle, Robert Forlenza, John and Connie Garbarino, Connie Gorrasi, Agnes Jennings, Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese, Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia, Amy O'Donnell, Joseph Palumbo, Ann Pinto, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley



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-Biggins - 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



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

requested by **Pat and Joe Bertolini**

The **Bread and Wine** offered this week
are presented in memory of _____

requested by _____





**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

Rarely does your birthday fall on the same day of the week each year. The *liturgical* year with its Cycles—year A to year B to year C to year A...—finds the same happening with our Holy Days and their attendant Mass obligations.

For example: this coming Monday, August 15th is a Holy Day for the celebration of the Assumption into heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *but, this year it is NOT* a day of Mass obligation.

This has happened through the years with many of our Holy Days and it provokes puzzlement and discussion each time...Why? When? "I remember when..."

The Code of Canon Law (several times updated since Vatican II) spells out the holy days of obligation on the Church's universal calendar:

†Can. 1246 §1. Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. The following days must also be observed:

the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ - the Epiphany - the Ascension - the Body and Blood of Christ - Holy Mary the Mother of God - her Immaculate Conception - her Assumption - Saint Joseph - Saints Peter and Paul the Apostles - and -All Saints.

†Can. 1246 §2. **With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday.**

In our NY Archdiocese Holy Days are observed as follows:

- Mary, Mother of God (*always celebrated Jan. 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass*)
- Epiphany (*this has been permanently translated to the first Sunday after January 1*)
- Ascension (*the NY Archdiocese celebrates it on the traditional date, which is the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter*)
- The Body and Blood of Christ (*this has been permanently translated to the second Sunday after Pentecost*)
- ➔ **Assumption of Mary** (*always celebrated August 15, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass*)*
- All Saints (*always celebrated November 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass*)
- Immaculate Conception of Mary (*always celebrated December 8*)
- Christmas (*always celebrated December 25*)

*Recognizing much devotion to our Blessed Mother here at St. Sylvester's, we will celebrate two Masses (9 a.m. and 12 noon) on this coming Monday, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



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Thurs., Aug. 18 1 - 3 p.m. Fee: \$20

How often do you drive to New Jersey?

Currently the cash toll on these crossings is **\$15**. A plan has been crafted which gives E-ZPass holders a reduced toll on their 3rd trip over New Jersey spans in a calendar month. Once the 3rd trip is taken, the 1st 2 trips will be rolled back to **\$6.25**.

Islanders who want to participate in the 3-trip plan should go to panynj.gov, or visit the NY E-ZPass Customer Service Center in Travis, or call E-ZPass at 800-333-8655.

Responding to the Word

Jesus warns us to be vigilant because we never know when he will surprise us with His presence.

When has Jesus surprised me?

Jesus, be with me . . .