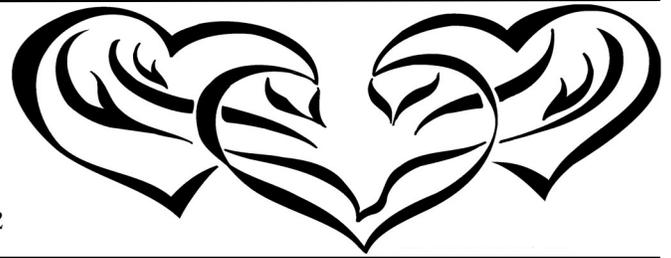


Parish of St. Sylvester

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

*A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.*

— Psalm 51:12



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Sept. 10 - Vigil for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. = William Conte

Sunday, Sept. 11- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Basilio Duban

10:00 a.m. = Sophia Auriemma

12:00 noon = William Conte

Monday, Sept. 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 a.m. = Stephen Huczko, Jr.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. = Patricia Paradiso

Wednesday, Sept. 14- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 a.m. = José Reyes

Thursday, Sept. 15- Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 a.m. = Michael O'Donnell (5th ann. in heaven)

Friday, Sept. 16 - St. Cornelius, Pope & Martyr and St. Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 a.m. = Greg and Patricia Segreti

Saturday, Sept. 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. = _____

Sept. 18 - Vigil for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. = Charlie Martinez

Sunday, Sept. 18- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Dolores Florio

10:00 a.m. = Bambino Di Placido (happy b'day. in heaven)

12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy family
& Mary Bhatia



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

*requested by **Pat and Joe Bertolini***

*The **Bread and Wine** offered this week
are presented in memory of
Michael O'Donnell*

*requested by **Judy O'Donnell***



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support . . .

Sept. 4, 2016

Due to the Labor Day holiday this collection report will not be available until next weekend.



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 Chatznoff, 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

Remember . . .

**Sunday - September 18th - 11:00 a.m. - Parish Hall
Holy Name Society Annual Communion Breakfast**
Make your reservations for the family now!



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 Passignajen-Trimble - US N/Persian Gulf

Samuel Rios - USAF

Darrin Sack

Major Michael Volpe - US Army



**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

Prodigal is a word we don't use much in ordinary conversation, but it is firmly attached in our minds to Jesus' story about a father and his two sons. Jewish law in Jesus' time allowed a first-born son to inherit two-thirds of his father's property. Any younger son or sons got the remaining third. Normally, this division took place after the father's death, but in today's Gospel the younger son cannot wait, demands his portion and leaves, with no promise ever to return. After a short spell of reckless extravagance, the money is gone and the son is reduced to the lowest of the low—herding pigs. He plucks up his courage and decides to return home, fully expecting a cool reception. He plans to confess his guilt and ask his father to accept him back as a servant, because he is unworthy to be called a son.

We all know how the story turns out—the father running down the road to meet the young man, clothing him in finery and ordering a huge feast. The older son greets this turn of events with hostility, even though he is guaranteed a place in his father's heart and a fine inheritance for the future. Apparently he harbors resentment not only toward his wayward brother, but also toward his father. The father knows how to forgive and, sadly, the older son does not. And the father not only forgives, *he forgets*. Whatever the younger son *did* matters not at all compared to who he *is*—the beloved child. Every time we revisit this story we have the opportunity to reflect and ask ourselves whether we ever act like the younger son or the older son, or if we strive to act the way that God does toward us, as the forgiving father.

How can we apply this invaluable lesson in living stewardship which Jesus has given us? Make a list of everyone we have not completely forgiven. If we cannot make peace with them in person, pray for them once a day until we know we can forgive *and forget*; and it truly does help to . . .

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



HELP WANTED

**Teacher for 4th Grade
Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

PLEASE call the School of Religion Office at 718-420-1374 and leave a message or the Parish Office - 718-727-4639



We're off to the *Sands Casino*
on **Thursday, Oct. 13th**

leave at 10 AM & be back by 8 PM

Join us to try your luck
and shop at the Outlet Stores

Cost: \$35 with \$20 return & \$5 food coupon
make your reservation at the Parish Office



**Orientation
for**

Altar
Servers



**New
Trainees**

Grades 4 and up

Thursday, Sept. 29th ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

sign-up forms available in Parish Office.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP resumes on

Tuesday, Sept. 13th @ 3:00 p.m.

in the **Moore Conference Room**

Bring your thoughts, your questions,
and your interest.

We have a bible for you, and look forward to
sharing *our* questions and thoughts.

As Amatrice and other towns in Italy are recovering from the devastating earthquake that has left hundreds dead, Pope Francis has expressed his "heartfelt sorrow and spiritual closeness" to all those affected by the earthquake.

St. Sylvester parish family will participate in the national collection to be taken up in Catholic churches across our country on Sept. 18th. The 2nd collection on that day will be to assist in the rescue and rehabilitation efforts.

Today is Grandparents Day

Let us celebrate them and
keep them close to our hearts

