

Parish of St. Sylvester

3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017



Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted,
and wait for the LORD.
—Psalm 27:14



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jan. 21 - Vigil Mass - 3RD SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. = Dr. Dennis Leung

Sunday, Jan. 22 - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. = Victoria Somma

10:00 a.m. = Grace Roselle

12:00 noon = Michael Brown

**Monday, Jan. 23 - St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr;
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**

8:30 a.m. = good health for

Fr. Jacob Thumma & Fr. Bala Yeruva

**Tuesday, Jan. 24 - St. France Sales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m. = Lauro Lumbreras

Wednesday, Jan. 25 - the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:30 a.m. = Angelo Pittari

Thursday, Jan. 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:30 a.m. = Tomaca Montoya Nocan

Friday, Jan. 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:30 a.m. = Joseph Dicks

**Saturday, Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 a.m. = Nancy and Michael Iammatteo

Saturday, Jan. 28 - Vigil Mass - 4TH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME

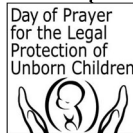
4:00 p.m. = Theresa Ballard

Sunday, Jan. 29 - 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. = Francis and Ann Murphy

10:00 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = health and wellbeing of Rose Marchese



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support . . .

January 15, 2017

1st collection - \$4,466.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,033.00



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

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
Francesca DiSimone-Biggins - U.S. Army
Lucia DiSimone-Biggins - U.S. Corps
Ryan Foley - U.S. Marine Corps
Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore - U.S. Air Force in Japan
Col. Patrick J. Mahaney, Jr. - U.S. Army
Prescod Montgomery - U.S. Army in Iraq
Ensign II Steven Pasignajen-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

GOD KNOWS BEST

God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

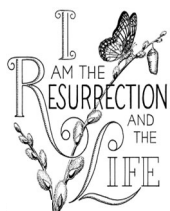
--Anonymous



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, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff,
Frances Cirincione, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr.,
Stephen Cucci, Jean De Santis, Robert Forlenza,
Thomas Galvin, Connie Garbarino,
Connie Gorrasi, Richard Hassel, Agnes Jennings,
Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese,
Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell,
Joseph Palumbo, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan,
Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley



*"...they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worth of Himself."*

**Angela Caruso
Marie Louise Gagliardi
Det. Steven McDonald**
returned to the Lord's embrace.



**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we find ourselves in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. How appropriate, then, is our second reading from St. Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians, in which he calls on the people of Corinth to put an end to their divisions so that their focus might be unified on proclaiming the gospel. This is also an appropriate time for *us* to pray for unity in our own Church as well as unity among all Christians.

In each Sunday of Ordinary Time we find the Old Testament reading shedding light on the Gospel. For Matthew, today's start of Jesus' ministry begins the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of worldwide enlightenment and universal deliverance. Capernaum, "*beyond the Jordan*" is on Israel's edge in more ways than one. It is at the crossroads of Jewish and Gentile society, populated by people "*on the edge*" of, or even outside the law; thus it mirrors Matthew's (*our*) own "*mixed*" community.

Could Jesus be any clearer about where he wants his church to be? In the world, though not of it—think of Pope Francis's call for the Church to "*step outside itself*," bringing Christ to society's "*peripheries*." But as Paul reminds the Corinthians, none of us—individuals or splinter groups—has it all together. Together, however, we have it all: Christ's own life to share, Christ's gospel to proclaim.

We also see that Matthew portrays Jesus as both withdrawing *and* preaching, suggesting that both have their place and are to be imitated by Jesus' disciples. "*Withdraw*" appears at least 10 times to describe Jesus' response to both threats *and* praises. Though making Isaiah's program his own—smashing "*the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster*"—Jesus will accomplish this peaceably, by liberating word and life-restoring deed. This Messiah's way, Jesus' kind of kingship (and therefore Jesus' church's way of acting and the nature of its ministry) must differ radically from the world's exercise of authority and achievement of goals—radical challenge, never violent confrontation. Reconciliation, never retaliation.

Appropriately enough, this is indeed the week to ask, "*to what 'periphery' in my world do I need to bring Christ's peaceable, liberating love?*"

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



January 1, 2017

Dear Fr. Jacob,

On behalf of the women of Amethyst House we thank you and your Parishioners for their incredible generosity.

Amethyst House provides a number of greatly needed services to women in recovery from drug abuse and have nowhere else to turn. They were overwhelmed by the pajamas that were donated to them (*Advent Giving Tree*). We wish you could have seen their faces on Christmas morning. The love and Christmas spirit was felt throughout the house on that Christmas morning.

Thank you and may God Bless You and the St. Sylvester Parishioners.

Sincerely,

(s)Carol Lomdardo

The Amethyst House Board of Directors



St. Sylvester Youth Group

At last weekend's Hospitality Sunday the Youth Group reached its second benchmark in the

OK Clean Water Project —2,000 bottles have been redeemed...

Many thanks to our Parish Family!

The Youth Group's next meeting will be February 5th in the Parish Hall, after the 10 a.m. Mass. Bottles and cans will again be collected during the Hospitality Sunday gathering that day.

New members--7th grade and up-- are welcome to join the Youth Group at the meeting.

The Youth Group will be attending the Youth Fest on March 11th to be held on the grounds of Moore Catholic High School, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lastly, a "Spring Into the Season" bash is being planned...date TBA.

Watch the bulletin for more news about these events.



Sunday, February 26th

St. Sylvester H.N.S.

Pancake Brunch



Lend a helping hand . . .

If you're going to Costco, Sam's Club or PickleWorks, take along

Fr. Jacob's Hospitality Sunday "WISH LIST" . . .

Supplies needed: paper napkins
hot-coffee cups (*no Styrofoam*)
paper plates - small and large
clear juice cups

Donations that fit your shopping cart may be dropped off at the Parish House Office.