

Parish of St. Sylvester

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017



Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

—Psalm 112:4



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 4 - Vigil Mass - 5TH SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. = John Garbarino

Sunday, Feb. 5 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. = Brian Keller

10:00 a.m. = Nancy Kalecki

12:00 noon = in thanksgiving for all God's blessings in the Ajavon family

Monday, Feb. 6 - St. Paul Miki, S.J. & Companions, martyrs

8:30 a.m. = Evelyn and Dolph Bourgeois

Tuesday, Feb. 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Julia E. Krumm

Wednesday, Feb. 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani, priest;

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:30 a.m. = Frank Vaccarino

Thursday, Feb. 9 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Margaret H. Collins

Friday, Feb. 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30 a.m. = Rit and Albert Balletto

Saturday, Feb. 11 - B.V.M. - Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 a.m. = Salvatore Della Ventura

Saturday, Feb. 11 - Vigil Mass - 6TH SUNDAY - ORD. TIME

4:00 p.m. = Aracelis Leung

Sunday, Feb. 12 - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. = Mary Brescia

10:00 a.m. = Andrew Martucci

12:00 noon = Victor and Maria Robert



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support . . .

January 29, 2017

1st collection - \$4,002.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,139.00



JANUARY 50/50 - \$220.00

and our parish family winners are—

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Landvogt



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 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



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, Cecilia Brennan, 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,

Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Rose Marchese,

Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell,

Joseph Palumbo, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan,

Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley

Holy Name Highlights

PLEASE!!
NOTE

Next Week: Holy Name Society

monthly meeting in Moore Conference Room (entrance via side arcade of Parish House) on **Feb. 12**, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All men of the parish welcome.



**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, Jesus says we are salt and light only when we put ourselves to good and useful purposes. In ancient times salt was valuable as seasoning, to preserve foods, and disinfect wounds. Salt signified permanence, loyalty, and commitment. In those days salt came either from evaporated sea water or from the Dead Sea. The crystals were large and grayish in color because of the presence of other minerals. Without additives to keep it stable, the salt could eventually leach out. What was left tasted "flat" and was worthless as a seasoning and useful only for keeping footpaths free of vegetation and occasional snow in winter. That may be why Jesus says it is then "no longer good for anything but to be . . .trampled underfoot" (*Matthew 5:13*).

In Jesus' time, houses were lit with oil lamps. Even one small oil lamp would have seemed very bright in the darkness, and a reminder of God as the creator of light.

The prophet Isaiah tells *us* how to be light and salt: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked . . . and do not turn your back on your own" (*Isaiah 58:7*). Your good deeds, says Jesus, will be the light causing others to "glorify your heavenly Father" (*Matthew 5:16*).

I will attest to the fact that here in our parish family that light of living stewardship continues to burn brightly. We near the formal closing in the initial pledging portion of our RENEW+REBUILD Capital Campaign and I continue to receive pledges from families who have taken the time for much deliberation (and not just a little sacrifice) for their decisions. I give much thanks to each of you shining God's light for all.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

Join us....  ... it's Hospitality Sunday and

St. Sylvester Youth Group reminds you to bring your clean redeemable cans & bottles for the OK Clean Water Project to their monthly meeting on Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Hall *this Sunday*, after the 10 a.m. Mass. 

**God does not love us because we're valuable.
We're valuable because God loves us.**

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

End-of-life decisions for ourselves and for loved ones, are among the most challenging we will ever face. Efforts are being made in our state to offer the false solution of legally assisted suicide, which will only endanger disabled and vulnerable people. Go to www.CatholicEndofLife.org for assistance in navigating the end-of-life challenges that you and/or your loved ones face. Learn about the key principles of Catholic teaching in this area, and how to apply them to complex medical decisions.

Our intrepid custodial team at work on the newly renovated and much improved church lighting system. That's Matt Wayne climbing to the heights as Frank Quinn captures this adventure on camera.



Apostleship of Prayer ☩ Intentions for February

Universal: Comfort for the Afflicted

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Beginning in 2017, the Pope will present one prepared prayer intention per month, rather than two. Should an urgent need arise, an additional intention may be added.

Fr. Jacob's Hospitality Sunday 
Supplies needed: - paper napkins
- hot-coffee cups (*no Styrofoam*)
- paper plates - small and large
- clear juice cups
Bring donations to the Parish House Office, or to the next Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Hall (2/5).