

Parish of St. Sylvester

8th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017



*Be holy, for I, the
LORD, your God,
am holy.*

*-- Leviticus
19:2b*



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 25 - Vigil Mass - 8th SUNDAY - ORD. TIME

4:00 p.m. = Mr. and Mrs. Victor Robert

Sunday, Feb. 26- 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. = Waldyslaw Rowinski (*1st ann. in heaven*)

10:00 a.m. = Gabriel Pompillio

12 noon = Maryann Napoleon

Monday, Feb. 27 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Maria Bucuo Lumbreras

**Tuesday, Feb. 28 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m. = Myron J. Krumm

Wednesday, Mar. 1 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 a.m. = Austin D. Griffin

Thursday, Mar. 2 - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 a.m. = Emilia Peralta

Friday, Mar. 3 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Rita Balletto

Saturday, Mar. 4 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. = Mario Peralta

Saturday, Mar. 4 - Vigil Mass - 8th SUNDAY - ORD. TIME

4:00 p.m. = Mr. and Mrs. Victor Robert

Sunday, Mar. 5 - 9th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. = Waldyslaw Rowinski (*1st ann. in heaven*)

10:00 a.m. = Gabriel Pompillio

12 noon = Maryann Napoleon

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support . . .

February 19, 2017

1st collection - \$3,947.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,091.00



*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 Il 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



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 re-
member 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**

Today's readings are a summons to holiness, and a description of what it means to be holy. In Leviticus, we read that holiness begins with God, the Holy One, who called the people of Israel to be like God. Holiness takes the form of love: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Saint Paul claims that the Christian community in Corinth, with all its flaws and petty rivalries, is in fact holy. It is holy because it is God's temple, the place where God dwells. And in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus describes what holiness looks like: breaking cycles of violence and negativity through forgiveness and generosity. When we bring forgiveness to the table of our lives, especially when anger and bitterness threaten to overwhelm our relationship with others, we reflect the Holy One who dwells within us.



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

About 10 years ago there was a movie called *Love Actually*. It has one of the best openings and comes to my mind often when I'm traveling. It begins with two young people running toward each other and falling into each other's arms, kissing joyfully. Then you see a mother being hugged by her two little girls, then two older women, perhaps sisters, embracing. As these scenes give way to others, you become aware that all this takes place in an airport at the arrivals gate. Accompanying these images is a voiceover.

Whenever he feels down about the condition of the world, the speaker goes to the arrivals gate at Heathrow airport in London. Despite the fact that there is so much hatred and greed in the world, he says, Heathrow is one place where things seem different. At Heathrow love is everywhere.

All the while you hear this voice, you are watching people rush into each other's arms. For a full minute you see the world as a welcoming, warm, loving place. You know it's something of a set-up because who goes to meet people at airports other than family, good friends, people in a loving relationship? But isn't this God's plan for the world, what God wants most from us: love God; love one another.

The voiceover concludes by noting that right before the planes hit the Twin Towers in New York City, all the calls that went out were messages of love. People chose to have their final words be professions of love. Making that choice on a daily basis is what makes us perfect—that is, full-grown, complete, holy.

We pray to God to continue to pour the Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we can love with God's own love, when our own ability to love fails us. We pray that we can grow into that full maturity that we see in Jesus, who prayed for his enemies from the cross.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burns before the tabernacle in memory of **Salvatore P. De Respino** (22nd ann.)
requested by *his wife*



JOIN US . . .

in our Parish Hall **THIS SUNDAY** after 10 o'clock Mass
Remember to **bring** your contributions of rinsed, clean **redeemable** soda cans and **plastic** bottles for our



St. Sylvester Youth Group
OK Clean Water Project

News about our neighbors—

L **Lifestyles for the Disabled, Inc.** *TeeStyles*, their Embroidery and Screen Printing retail store has relocated to the Coral Island Shopping Center, thus freeing up space in the former "school building". This allows opportunities for the growth of other programs.

Building on the success of *TechStyles*—the "snackery" run by the **Lifestyles Café** client crew at Staten Island Tech H.S.—the same after-school healthy snack options will be offered at both Petrides and Tottenville High Schools.

Lifestyles fund-raising continues as work proceeds to finance the renovation of the **Lifestyles Abilities Center** (formerly St. Sylvester's Convent).

Also ongoing are plans for the creation of sensory environments in existing space and continuation of the ever-evolving technology upgrading in all their locations.

ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL Annual Chinese Auction



Friday, March 3, 2017

at the School Gym, 200 Clinton Ave.

doors open at 6:00 PM

Admission - \$5.

There will be numerous raffles, refreshments and prizes

Under 18 years of age? Must be accompanied by adult.
No one under 12 yrs. admitted.

Fr. Jacob's Hospitality Sunday **wishlist**

Supplies needed: paper napkins, clear juice cups, hot-coffee cups (*no Styrofoam*), paper plates - small and large, non-sugar sweeteners, clear juice cups
You may bring donations to the Parish House Office, or to the next Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Hall (2/19).