

Parish of St. Sylvester

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017



*Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness
for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.*

—Isaiah 49:15



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. = Linda Reyes

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Patricia Gilmartin

Wednesday, Mar. 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY;

DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

7:00 a.m. = Purificacion Abalos-Solis

8:30 a.m. = _____

12 noon = Mary Rapp

3:30 p.m. = *Prayer Service*

7:00 p.m. = _____

Thursday, Mar. 2 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. = Loida Nortiaga

12 noon = Iacono and Vitolo families

Friday, Mar. 3 - Day of Abstinence; FIRST FRIDAY after Ash

Wednesday; St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:30 a.m. = John and Constance Di Forte

12 noon = good health for Estela Granuso

Saturday, Mar. 4 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday;

FIRST SATURDAY; St. Casimir

9:00 a.m. = Alejandra Payomo

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

4:00 p.m. = Giuseppe Impeduglia (*happy ann. in heaven*)

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

7:30 a.m. = Carol Pttari

10:00 a.m. = Ismael & Marciana Holipas

12 noon = Joseph Gilhooly



Ash
Wednesday



WORLD
DAY OF
PRAYER

Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support . . .

February 19, 2017

1st collection - \$3,636.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 947.00

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



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
Ens. Il 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



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

Nancy Miceli

has returned to the Lord's embrace

Journey through



with our **St. Sylvester Parish Family...**



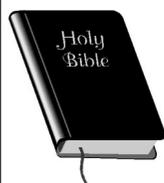
March 1 ~ A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Sacramental blessing with ashes given at
Masses at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. 12 noon, 7:00 p.m.
and Prayer Service at 3:30 p.m.



Weekdays of Lent ~

MASS at 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon



Tuesdays of Lent ~

BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets at 3:00 p.m.
Moore Conference Room of the Parish House
there is always a bible available for you.



Wednesdays of Lent ~

HOUR OF ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m.
Prayer, song, meditation



Fridays of Lent ~

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
12:30 noon and 7:00 p.m. in church



Saturdays ~

Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Vigil Mass for Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays ~

Mass at 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

**The Jane B. Thompson
PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

H. S. JUNIORS & SENIORS
* FIRST PRIZE - \$100 *

H. S. FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES
* FIRST PRIZE - \$100 *

7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS
* FIRST PRIZE - \$100 *

WRITE AN ESSAY
on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide
or stem cell research

Mail original essay & keep a copy
on or before April 1, 2017 to:
S. I. Right to Life League Inc.
P.O. Box 60520, S. I., NY 10306
For information: 646-662-3914



Youth Fest 2017 !!

Saturday,
March 11

10 am to 5 pm

on the grounds
of Moore Catholic HS
100 Merrill Ave., S.I. 10314

Bryan Kemper
Stand True

Brandon Morel,
Hip Hop DJ

contact:
CYMINSI.COM
for more info.

Vigil Mass
with Bishop O'Hara
4 pm to 5 pm

Bring Your Squad

Catholic Guidance for End-of-Life Decision Making

Illness and aging, coupled with rapid advances in medical technology, can lead to heightened anxiety when health care decisions must be made as the end of life approaches. There is a movement in our nation to legalize assisted suicide, but that is a false answer and it is a dangerous experiment. Our Church offers comfort and practical guidance to live and die with dignity. Visit CatholicEndofLife.org to watch the video and read the New York State Bishops' document "NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH." Learn why the Church favors palliative medicine and comfort care, and why the Church opposes physician-assisted suicide.



the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning before the
Tabernacle this week is given in memory of

Mary Bahtia

by

Dr. Ajid and Lata Shah

The **Bread and Wine** offered
this week are presented for
good health for
Shamsunder Bahtia

requested by
Anne McCoy



Grandparents Corner

"Old age in particular is a time of grace...in which the Lord calls us to preserve and transmit the faith. To grandparents, who have been blessed to see their children's children, to them are entrusted an even greater task...to share with simplicity their wisdom and the same faith is a most precious legacy."

—Pope Francis, 9/28/14



Has "Cabin Fever" struck? Are the grandchildren restless? Is everyone eager to get out of the house? Well, here's something to think about . . . Despite this ever-growing electronic age, the neighborhood NY Public Library remains ready to surprise and please children with Reading Hours, Craft Times and B-O-O-K-S! Yes, books . . . with pictures to captivate and stories to be read that will stimulate imaginations and increase reading abilities. Call or stop by *your* local library to learn their hours for various events. Bring home a book for yourself, too.



**ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH
SCHOOL**

Annual Chinese Auction

Friday, March 3, 2017

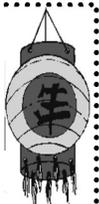
at the School Gym, 200 Clinton Ave.

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.



MEETINGS

A.C.A., A 12-step program for adults who grew up in a dysfunctional home, meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Rosary Hall. Call Larry at 718-619-5545 for more information.



**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

we acclaim, "Amen!" as we seal and send our every prayer. Did you know the words "amen" and "mammon" derive from the same root? The root meaning is "that in which I place my trust"? But "mammon" signifies material possessions, wealth, affluence, tangible assets. Jesus calls us to decide where we will place our trust—In God, unfailing rock and tender parent; or *mammon* which, unless harnessed to SERVICE and SHARING, will eventually enslave us to greed and consume us with worry for its care.

In just such SERVICE we can find Jesus' solution to our achieving the balance between trustful confidence in God and practical provision for human needs.

Eat, drink, wear: heard now, just before Lent, these needs will echo again in the Last Judgement Gospel that ends the liturgical year: "I WAS HUNGRY, THIRSTY, NAKED. WHAT YOU DID, OR FAILED TO DO, FOR THE LEAST, YOU DID, OR FAILED TO DO, FOR ME." We are "servants and stewards," Paul reminds us. Let us then always remember to see Christ in others and provide whatever neighbor or stranger needs; thus easing the worries of others, even as we serve the Lord whose image they bear.

One last thought—Today's psalm response is a wonderful prayer to carry through the week: "Rest in God alone, my soul" (Psalm 62:6a). With the psalmist we can pray that we find our peace in God who is our rock and our salvation, our stronghold.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



fast and abstinence

During Lent, the Church calls the faithful to bring a spirit of penance into their daily lives through fasting and abstinence. These practices include:

FASTING – requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other, smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting is an obligation for every Catholic from age 18 until age 59.

ABSTINENCE – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Those who are not specifically obliged to fast or to abstain are encouraged to join in those disciplines to the extent that they are able.

Therefore, take NOTE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Saying Amen

In the Collect we pray that "the course of our world may be directed" by God's "peaceful rule."

●What can I do to help bring about the peace we are praying for?

God of peace and justice . . .

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Into your computer/tablet/smart-phone type:

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and then use the St. Sylvester Parish password:

RH2YY4

Write it down, keep it in a safe place, use it often.

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

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

You may bring donations to the Parish House Office, or to the next Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Hall (3/05).