

Parish of St. Sylvester

5th Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2017



*Out of the depths I cry to you,
 O LORD;
 LORD, hear my voice!*

—Psalm 130:1



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 1 - Vigil Mass - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
 4:00 p.m. = Kathleen O'Connor (3rd ann. in heaven)

Sunday, April 2 - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
 7:30 a.m. = _____
 10:00 a.m. = Eduardo Holipas and
 Bartolomeo Magallon

12:00 noon = Gerard Langilotti

Monday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. = Mariado Girardi
 12:00 noon = _____

**Tuesday, April 4 - Lenten Weekday; (St. Isidore, Bishop
 & Doctor of the Church)**
 8:30 a.m. = Mamerto dela Cruz
 12 noon = _____

**Wednesday, April 5 - Lenten Weekday; (St. Vincent Ferrer,
 priest)**
 8:30 a.m. = _____
 12 noon = Gertrude Moore

Thursday, April 6 - Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. = _____
 12 noon = _____

**Friday, April 7 - FIRST FRIDAY; Lenten Weekday; (St. John the
 Baptist de la Salle, priest)**
 8:30 a.m. = _____
 12 noon = Giuseppe and Michelina Arnone
 12:30 p.m. = STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 7:00 p.m. = STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 8 - FIRST SATURDAY; Lenten Weekday
 9:00 a.m. = continued blessings for Katie Golden

**Saturday, April 8 - Vigil Mass -
 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
 4:00 p.m. = Sal Siclari

April 9 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
 7:30 a.m. = _____
 10:00 a.m. = Rita Oxadine
 12:00 noon = Leokgdia and Marianna Rowinska

April 9th
 10 AM Mass

**Holy Name⁺
 Society**

Monthly
 meeting
 follows

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
 Support on . . .

March 26, 2017:

1st collection - \$3,523.00
 Catholic Relief Services - \$1,136.00



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, Fr. Paul Duffy, MM
 Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Stephen Cucci,
 Jean De Santis, Thomas Galvin, Connie Garbarino,
 Richard Hassel, Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano,
 Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell,
 Joseph Palumbo, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan,
 Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley**



*the **Sanctuary Lamp** burns before the
 Tabernacle this week with prayers for
 good health & safe travels for*

Nick Raynin

*requested by
 his mother, Natia Baburashvili*



*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. M.C.
 Lucia DiSimone-Biggins - U.S. M.C.
 Ryan Foley - U.S. M.C.
 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. 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



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Lent begins with an invitation from God: "Come back to me, with all your heart" [see Joel 2:12]. Our Lenten journey is our response to God's invitation.

Looking at its origin, "lent" is a shortening of the word "lengthen," used to describe the increasing amount of daylight each day: the harbinger of spring and new life, of sap running in trees, buds opening, green grass, daffodils, and tulips popping up.

Spring for many is a time for cleaning, and Lent is a time for spiritual spring cleaning. We clean out the clutter that has accumulated in our lives to make more room for God and one another.

We have been looking at the Lenten practices which are aids to this spiritual housekeeping—almsgiving, fasting—and today we consider the third—prayer.

Prayer is described as the raising of the mind and heart to God. Lent is a time to make a conscious daily effort to pray more and with greater regularity. There are many ways to pray in Lent:

- « Pray daily, either individually or with your family
- « Celebrate the Sunday Eucharist and, if possible, the daily Eucharist.
- « Make a retreat
- « Make a pilgrimage to a holy place
- « Commit to spiritual reading
- « Join the parish hour of Eucharistic devotion through song, prayer and adoration on Wednesday evenings
- « Meet with a Bible Study Group; ours is on Tuesday afternoons. Preparation for each meeting is also excellent prayer time.

As you continue your Lenten journey this year, consider how God may be inviting you to stretch yourself to live out the season more fully.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

Our Holy Week Schedule

- April 9 - Palms Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -
Masses at 4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 & 10 a.m.,
12:00 noon
- April 10 - Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon
Reconciliation - Confessions 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- April 11 - Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon
Bible Study - 3:00 p.m. in Moore Conference Room
- April 12 - Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- April 13 - Holy Thursday - 9 a.m. - Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Last Supper
- April 14 - Good Friday - 9 a.m. - Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy-Passion of Christ
7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
- April 15 - Holy Saturday - 9 a.m. - Morning Prayer
7 p.m. - Vigil Mass of the Resurrection/Easter
- April 16 - Easter Masses at 7:30 & 10 a.m. and 12:00 noon



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER UNITED STATES

INTENTION FOR APRIL

Young People

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



Reminder:

If you would like to apply for the S.I. Council of Churches' post-high school scholarship to any accredited institution, please see Neale or Fr. Jacob for the application no later than April 17.

You will notice that one of the requirements is service to your parish family. Remember to mention Altar Server, Youth Group, Projects (helping out with plant sales, raffles, flyers, 'OK Clean Water', Easter Egg Hunt, Scouts, YG Dance, etc.)

Congratulations



March 50/50 Raffle Winner
\$240 - Alberta Monahan

St. Patrick's Day 50/50 Winner
\$200 - Connie Garbarino
(donated for parish needs)

Fr. Jacob's Hospitality Sunday *wishlist*

Supplies needed: 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 (4/02).

The **Bread and Wine** offered this week are presented in memory of

Mary Bhatia

requested by

Dr. Ajit and Lata Shah

