

Parish of St. Sylvester

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 9, 2017

Truly
this was
the
Son
of God



God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

—Psalm 130:1



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, April 8 - Vigil Mass - PALM SUNDAY
OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

4:00 p.m. = Sal Siclari

April 9- PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

7:30 a.m. = _____

10:00 a.m. = Rita Oxadine

12:00 noon = Leokgdia and Marianna Rowinska

Monday, April 10 - Monday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = Margaret Golden

3:00 - 9:00 p.m. = Lenten Reconciliation/Confessions
heard

Tuesday, April 11 - Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. = Martha and Anthony Jerolino

12 noon = _____

Wednesday, April 12 - Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 a.m. = Susan Catalano

12 noon = _____

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, April 13- HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. = Morning Prayer of the Triduum

7:00 p.m. = MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

followed by EUCHARISTIC ADORATION until midnight

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday

9:00 p.m. = Morning Prayer of the Triduum

3:00 a.m. = LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST

7:00 p.m. = STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, April 15 - HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. = Morning Prayer of the Triduum

7:00 p.m. = EASTER VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

April 16- EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. = _____

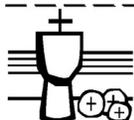
10:00 a.m. = _____

12:00 noon = _____



The **Bread and Wine** offered
this week are presented with prayers for
prosperity and good health for

Natalia and Joseph Baburashvili
requested by Natalia



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support on . . .

April 2, 2017:

*not available yet due to the printer's early schedule
for the Easter holiday*



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, Stephen Cucci,
Fr. Paul Duffy, MM Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr.,
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

Mary Rapp

requested by
her daughter, Joy Przybyla



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. 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

Now and at the Hour of Our Death

DYING WITH TRUE DIGNITY



Talking about death and dying can be difficult and uncomfortable, yet perhaps no conversations are more profound or necessary for all of us. The fact is that most of us will face challenging decisions regarding treatment and care at the end of life, either for ourselves or our family members.

This website ([Now and at the Hour of Our Death | Catholic teaching on end-of-life ...](#)) is designed to offer Catholics moral clarity and guidance on the Church's teachings regarding 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.

It is hoped that this site will help you to navigate the end-of-life questions and challenges that you and/or your loved ones face, and bring peace to a stressful situation. It provides links to trustworthy resources, guidance, and support from Catholic sources all across the country.

“So many families struggle with moral, ethical, and legal questions when a loved one is terminally ill or seriously injured. It is my fervent hope that this site provides them with clear explanations and practical guidance that will bring comfort and peace as the end of life draws near.”

Timothy Cardinal Dolan

*Archbishop of New York
Chairman-elect, USCCB Pro-Life Committee*

NOTE:

The bill to legalize assisted suicide (A2383/S.3151) is still pending in the New York State Assembly. Pro-suicide advocates are pressing to have the bill go to the floor of the Assembly for a vote. Please contact your Assembly Representative:

Michael Cusick, NYS Assemblyman
63rd Assembly District
1911 Richmond Ave, # 110,
Staten Island, NY 10314
718-370-1384 CusickM@nyassembly.gov

and urge them to speak to the leadership to express opposition to having a vote called on the bill. This bill is very dangerous—it does not protect vulnerable people with disabilities, and it will lead to more suicides. More information is on our Archdiocesan website:

<http://www.archny.org/assisted-suicide>

WHAT IS ASSISTED SUICIDE?

It really is a slippery slope.

Once the government approves of assisted suicide for those with a 6-month terminal diagnosis, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to limit it to this group.

It creates more financial incentives to limit care.

As insurance companies and governments seek to reduce health care spending, will they promote this option in order to reduce expenses and liability?

There are alternatives to assisted suicide.

Almost all physical pain can be controlled through pain management and medications, and measures that are unduly burdensome may be removed or withheld, allowing natural death to occur.

For inspiring stories on video and additional resources, visit the sites below:

<http://www.nyscatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide/>

<http://noassistedsuicideny.org/>

<https://patientsrightsaction.org/>

—<http://www.archny.org/assisted-suicide>—



“Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (1Cor:10-31)



**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

On the whole, we don't think too highly of donkeys. Nevertheless, these animals have served humans for the last six thousand years, as pack animals or for people transport, and for all kinds of heavy agricultural work. Donkeys work very hard but they have a reputation for being stubborn and unintelligent. In ancient Israel a person riding on a donkey indicated wealth and status in much the same way luxury cars might do today. Ordinary people went everywhere on foot. Horses at that time were used solely for war, and only powerful kings such as Solomon could afford them. Jesus is described as riding on a young donkey into Jerusalem, which would have been appropriate for him as a descendant of the royal House of David. The crowd, if only temporarily, acknowledged Jesus as king, probably hoping he would start a violent revolt and overthrow their Roman conquerors. In later times, this same account of the Messiah riding on a donkey came to have the opposite emphasis, indicating Jesus' simple, sober way of life, avoidance of luxury and status, and his perfect humility. The truth is that Jesus is both. He is the one who took *"the form of a slave . . . humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death,"* and also the one whom *"God greatly exalted"* in kingly glory (*Philippians 2:7, 8, 9*). As we walk through this week, following Jesus to Calvary and beyond, we know that his suffering mirrors our own, but we also know that we are the sons and daughters of the heavenly king who has ransomed us from death and sin. Go with family members or friends to as many of the Holy Week liturgies as possible. Take time this week to walk with Jesus in prayer until you stand in your heart at the foot of the cross, where you can say like the centurion, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (*Matthew 27:54*).

Keep smiling,

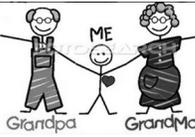
Fr. Jacob

St. Sylvester Parish
Red Cross Spring  **Blood Donation Drive**
 scheduled for 2017, from Monday, April 24, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 in the Parish Hall.



On Good Friday, April 14, 2017, the lay movement **COMMUNION AND LIBERATION** will sponsor for the 22nd year the **WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE**. Participants will congregate for the 1st Station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00 a.m. After a Station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the Procession will follow the Cross to a 3rd Station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a 4th Station near Ground Zero. The final Station will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 p.m. At each Station there will be Readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please call **COMMUNION AND LIBERATION** at 212-337-3580 or visit its website at www.wocbrooklynbridge.org

SPRING is a time for growing! Few things match the rebirth of nature every Spring. The earth sheds its drab winter cloak for a dazzling rainbow of color and life. Wonderful? You bet it is!  If you've been in the Winter doldrums, if you haven't used your **WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES** consistently, Come alive with spring! We need your support to **grow**.
THANK YOU!

 **Grandparents Corner**
 Grandparents play a vital role in their families and in passing on the faith to future generations. More than ever before, grandparents are being called to mentor, model and be ministers to grandchildren and also to adult children and other family members. As always, sharing your childhood memories appeals to children and is a good way to start. Talk and more talk leads to discovering what your grandchildren are thinking. Feeding off *their* interests can be a rich guide into ways to interact.. In addition to involving children in the kitchen with the making of Easter specialties or inviting them along to help bring flowers, etc. to the cemetery, there are many websites giving resources offering more ideas with details: Loyolapress.com, Catholicmom.com, Catholicicing.com, Thereligionteacher.com. However you choose to reach out may joy and laughter be a binding force.

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).