

Parish of St. Sylvester

15th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017



You have crowned the year
with your bounty,
and your paths overflow
with a rich harvest.

--Psalm 65:12



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 15 - Vigil Mass for 15th Sunday Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Nicholas Lettiere (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

July 16 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. = Ligaya Sapico Lanni

10:00 a.m. = Elanora & Ismael Holipas- *in thanksgiving*

12:00 noon = deceased members of the McCoy family
and Mary Bhatia

Monday, July 17 - 15th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = José Martinez, Jr.

Tuesday, July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:30 a.m. - James F. Donahue

Wednesday, July 19 - 15th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Concepcion N. Lumbreras

7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Thursday, July 20 - St. Appolinarus, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 a.m. = Irene Dicks

Friday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor

8:30 a.m. = Doris Tierney *of the Church*

Saturday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene, "Apostle to the

9:00 a.m. = Luisa Peralta *Apostles"*

Saturday, July 22 - Vigil Mass for 16th Sunday Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Julia Krumm

July 23 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. = for our parish family

10:00 a.m. = Joseph Dicks

12:00 noon = James Henry

*Bread and Wine at all the Masses
this week are offered in memory of*

Irene Dicks

requested by Terry Dicks



*This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns
before the tabernacle in memory of*

John Garbarino

requested by his wife, Connie



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support on . . .

July 2, 2017

1st Collection - \$5,390.00

African Missions - \$ 802.00

July 9, 2017

1st Collection - \$4,838.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,101.00



**PLEASE PRAY . . . for those anticipating a
hospital stay, recuperating,
and 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, Nancy J. Bushman,
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, George Moresca,
Delia Murguia, Amy O'Donnell, Linda Orber,
Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Annette Scardigno,
Louise Stanley, John and Ann Vincenzo**



*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.
Alvin S. Joseph II - U. S. Navy
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,

At this time of the year it is easy to see today's Gospel in practice. Farmers and gardeners sowed, weeded, fertilized, and watered, and now begin to see the fruits of their labor. They sowed more seed than they actually needed, as nature is generous but also wasteful: no one who grows plants can tell you how many will survive and produce seed of their own. The parable of the sower, like all Jesus' parables, stands conventional wisdom on its head and offers layers of new meaning. In Jesus' day, the way of righteousness was spelled out in the Jewish scriptures. The person who lived as a pious Jew, following the Law of Moses, could be assured of many blessings. Yet, as Jesus often demonstrated, following the rules and living the life are not the same thing. Why does the seed of the word not bear fruit in everyone who hears it? Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah, who describes people as dull of hearing with their eyes shut. Jesus explains this as a form of self-protection. If people *really* hear and *really* see, they might have to change. We may hear this Gospel with a hint of complacency. It is possible to hear this parable and enjoy it as a simple tale. After all, we understand it, and we are not like the rest. But is this true? Do we really hear the word? Are we really seeking its meaning *for us*? Do we allow it to take root in the good soil in our lives, or do we push it to the edges or let it get choked out by other priorities? We must ask ourselves if we are allowing God's Word to take deep root in our hearts and produce an abundant yield. We must ask if we are too stingy with the good news, fearful of being rejected. Disciples are, after all, the ones who must water and nurture it, and ask Jesus to help them produce His abundant fruit.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

What kind of soil have I been during the past week? How can I become better soil this week?



'STAY-CATION' FUN

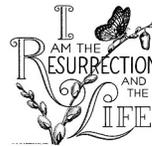
SUMMER NIGHTS ^X A STITCH IN TIME ^X

INTRO TO EMBROIDERY

THURS., JULY 20 - 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

In this beginner friendly class you'll get a hands-on rundown of the basics of embroidery. Master a few simple stitches and you'll have the skills to create original works of art of all sizes!

Embroider a handkerchief while learning about the long history of this oft overlooked accessory with artist Juliet Hinely. For guests 21+. Admission includes 2 drink tickets. \$25/\$20 members. Registration recommended (718-727-1135), walk-ins welcome space permitting.



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

John Eib

has returned to the Lord's embrace



ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

Daughters of the Divine Charity

850 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10305

Through the Eyes of Love

Sat., July 22 from 10 AM to 12 noon *Fee: \$25*
Facilitated by Sister Barbara Ann Gondek, SSC

There is a song by Andrew Lloyd Webber entitled "Love Changes Everything". When Jesus looks into the eyes and hearts of women in the new Testament, his look of love changes everything. Come apart by yourself for a while and be transported back in time to see for *yourself* how love changes everything.



Centering Prayer Group

Wednesday, July 26 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Facilitated by Anne Louise DePalo *Fee: \$10*

Come pray, be still, and rest in God's presence. Each month's session stands alone. All are welcome to join at any point during the series.

Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy.—Thomas Merton



Do you know someone who is ill... homebound...would like to receive communion...wishes for the visit of a priest? Please tell the Parish Office and arrangements will be made with a Eucharistic minister/priest to visit.