

Parish of St. Sylvester

19th Week
in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2017



Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and
justice shall look down from heaven.

--Psalm 85:12



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Aug. 12 - Vigil Mass - 19th Sunday-Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Salvatore Siclari

Aug. 13 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 a.m. = Michael P. Donahue

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

Monday, Aug. 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:30 a.m. =Theresa Ballard and the Necco family

Monday, August 14 - Vigil Mass—Assumption of the B.V.M.

7:00 p.m. = Mary and Herbert Albino

Tuesday, Aug. 15 - Feast of the Assumption of the B.V.M.

9:00 a.m. = Loretta Gilmartin

12:00 noon =Lydia Algarin

7:00 p.m. = _____

Wednesday, Aug. 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30 a.m.= Josephine Granato

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

Thursday, Aug. 17 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

8:30 a.m. = continued blessings for Maureen Moore

Friday, Aug. 18 - Weekday of 19th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Albert Balletto

Saturday, Aug. 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest

9:00 a.m. = Delfin Gargantiel

Saturday, Aug. 19 - Vigil Mass - 20th Sunday-Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. = Robert F. Griffin

Aug. 20 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00 a.m. = Vincent Radgow, Sr.

12:00 noon = Mary Bhatia (2nd anniversary in heaven)



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support on . . .

August 6, 2017

1st Collection - \$3,997.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,640.00



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, Robert Golden,
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, Phyllis Savarese,
Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley,
John and Ann Vincenzo**

*Please let us know if anyone for whom we are praying
has recovered from illness/surgery so that we may
rejoice with you and then make room for others in need
of prayer. Thank you.*



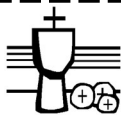
*Lord, hold our troops in your loving
hands, especially those from our parish
family and community . . .*

**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**

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

May Carlevrini Roselle

requested by Patricia Mulligan De Respino



Responding to the Word

*Mary proclaims that God has "filled the hungry
with good things."*

- ♦ What hunger of mine has God satisfied recently?
Jesus, thank you for . . .



**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid.

Peter seemed to be willing to take the leap as he stepped into the water. But when his attention was distracted by the strong winds, he began to falter. This is where we can apply the story to ourselves.

Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and rejoice in God's loving mercy, but later we fall back into sin. We ask God's help in prayer and when our prayer is answered, our faith in God grows. Then we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction?

It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we need to keep our attention on the Lord. As long as Peter looked to Jesus, he could walk on water. Only when he focused on the wind did he lose his nerve and begin to sink.

In a similar way, we can lose our focus on the Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. We lose our job and have no leads to a new one. We are frightened by news of terrorist activity. These seem more real than faith in an invisible God. That is when we must remember that true faith allows us to believe when it doesn't seem to make sense. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

FREE

UPK 4-year-old Program



at

St. Christopher's School
15 Lisbon Pl., S. I. 10306

- We offer a FREE Pre-K 4 Enrichment Program
- We also offer Early Morning Drop-off & Aftercare!
- Nucci's Restaurant is our school lunch provider

UPK/Pre-K for All Registration:

All children born in 2013 who live in NYC are eligible to apply to our **UPK/Pre-K for All** for the Fall 2017 school year

Call us (718-351-0902) for more information and to schedule a tour of our **UPK/Pre-K for All**

**We look forward to educating
your children with you!**

Come see what makes us better!

'STAY-CATION' FUN

SUPER SCIENCE: SOLAR ECLIPSE

Sat. Aug. 19 — 10 AM - 12 noon

Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor
Building A-100 Richmond Terrace

Monday, Aug. 21st marks the day a total solar eclipse can be seen across the continental US for the 1st time in 38 yrs. Come learn about the mechanisms behind an eclipse and build your own device for safe viewing.

FOR 8-13 YEAR OLDS ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT

\$10 (\$5 Museum members);

FOR MORE INFO. CALL 718-727-1135



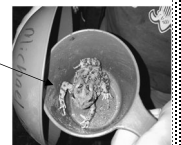
TROOP 85



...just got back from Ten Mile River Scout Camp last weekend. Wonder if they brought their "friend" back with them?

We sort of hope NOT!

It looks like they had a fine time at the Closing Campfire. Great pictures on Facebook—look for 'Troop 85 Staten Island'. And, if you meet one of our Scouts, ask him, "Do you know the Muffin Man?" ☺



TMR Boy Scout Camp is 90 years old this year and celebrated with an Alumni Ass'n. gathering last weekend. Some of St. Sylvester Troop 85's Scouts from the 1970s and '80s went up to enjoy reminiscing and shared fond and proud memories.