

Parish of St. Sylvester

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017

"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come."

—Mark 13:33



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

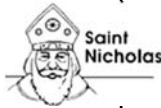
Saturday, Dec. 2 - Vigil Mass for First Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. = Silvio Campolo

Sunday, Dec. 3 – First Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. = Francesco Brescia
10:00 a.m. = Louise Milza
12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy family
and Mary Bhatia

Monday, Dec. 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor
8:30 a.m. = Ricardo Cayabyab of the Church

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Advent weekday
8:30 a.m. = The Palumbo family

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop
8:30 a.m. = Maria R. Cruz
7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Thursday, Dec. 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. = Joseph Volpe
Vigil of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M.
7:00 p.m. = Edward Bauer

Friday, Dec. 8- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, (holy day of Mass obligation)

9:00 a.m. = Aristonico Banina
12:00 noon = _____
7:00 p.m. = _____



Saturday, Dec. 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
9:00 a.m. = _____

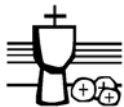
Saturday, Dec. 9 - Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. = Anna Makar

Sunday, Dec. 10– Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. = _____
10:00 a.m. = Bambino Di Placido
12:00 noon = Thomas Rosano



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning before the tabernacle is offered with birthday blessings for continued wellbeing of **Joseph Di Maria***

Bread and Wine** at all the Masses this week are offered with birthday blessings for continued wellbeing of **Joseph Di Maria



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support on . . .

Nov. 26, 2017

First Collection - \$3,471.00
Reserve Fund - \$ 979.00

November 50/50 Winner

Mr. and Mrs. James Reilly, Jr.



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, Joseph Bertolini, Cecilia Brennan, Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff, Frances Cirincione, Stephen Cucci, Fr. Paul Duffy, MM, Robert Golden, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., 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 safe in your loving hands . . .

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 Pasignajen-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
Has someone here been transferred, demobilized, discharged, retired? Please let us know.



Pastor's Corner



My Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Advent, the beginning of another year in the Church! How quickly time has flown this autumn! Here we are, starting our annual preparation for Christmas, even though holiday TV ads began a month ago. How do we reconcile these 2 worlds? How can our Advent spiritual preparation acknowledge and even benefit from the Christmas frenzy around us? Maybe it is the alarm bell we need to hear, to alert us to the coming of the Lord—coming to us in word and sacrament—the redeemer who reconciles us to God and one another.

Our readings today continue the ideas expressed in the readings from the last 2 Sundays: we must be ready and watchful. Of course, what is different today is that we are beginning a new season of the Church year. But let us listen to Isaiah speaking to God for us: *"Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!"* Now listen for what God is asking of you today, as we begin this new season of watching and waiting...being always watchful and alert for the coming of the Lord Jesus into our hearts.

In the Gospel Jesus gives us a 2-fold challenge: *"Be watchful!"* But also, *"Be busy!"* Servants working at our appointed tasks. The best way to get ready for Jesus' second coming is to be ready for His *daily* coming. In Advent's prayerful silence, long for Jesus' return. But in pre-Christmas business, realize Jesus is already here, awaiting our loving service in family and friends, neighbor and stranger.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

On November 22, 2017 in St. Sylvester Church—with families rejoicing—18 young people received the sacrament of Confirmation in the Faith and were blessed by Bishop John O'Hara who celebrated their Confirmation Mass.



I will
put my spirit
in you

Logan Auerbach	Kate McColgan
Nicole Calcagno	Janiece Ortega Estrada
Madysen DeCanio	Gabrielle Pascual
Rafael Dela Pena	Edmar Pelayo
Joseph DeRobertis	Victoria Sciarra
Brianna Di Falco	Luciano Spagnuolo
Catherine Hoo	Gianna Valino
Patrick Jones	Christopher Vecchione
Marco Kua	Clara Viloria



October Student-of-the Month

Grade 1 - Thomas Fraser
 Grade 2 - Gwendolyn Pascual
 and Alice Trombetta
 Grade 3 - Ava Danielson
 Grade 4 - Vincent Wiseman
 Grade 5 - Pamela Manzanillo
 Grade 6 - Isabella Sabatino
 Grade 7 - Maritza Rivera
 Grade 8 - Catherine Hoo



This coming Friday is the feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception. On this past July 5th Pope Francis called for Catholics to pray the Rosary for peace. "Please!" he said, "Let us pray the Rosary for peace, as the Virgin of Fatima asked us to do." This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Appearance of Mary at Fatima. Each weekday the Rosary is prayed after the 8:30 a.m. in our Rosary Chapel. Happenstances? No. That is the Holy Spirit directing our attention to this powerful prayer for we are once again at a crossroads of our Faith, and our Faith calls us to prayer.

As Catholics we know—we do not merely believe, we know—that the Rosary is the most effective prayer we can offer when we desire a grace from God. By reflecting on our Most Holy Mother's experiences and the life of Jesus, we become more like the woman who bore all things for the sake of obedience to God's will.

Youth Group News: We meet this Sunday—



12/3— in the Parish Hall following the 10 a.m. Mass.

All teens—7th grade and older—welcome. The group will be planning a

Coat Drive to be held on January 7th (Hospitality Sunday) after the 10am Mass in the Parish Hall. Parishioners with coats they no longer need are asked to bring them at this one-day

Jan-7-Coat-Drive-Collection.

The teens will also work on plans for **Family Game Night** scheduled for Feb 17th (Saturday at 5pm).