

# Parish of St. Sylvester

## Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.*

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-17



### Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, Dec. 16 - Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = Nicholas Foremsky

#### Sunday, Dec. 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. = Anna Ciriano

10:00 a.m. = Loretta Ann Pepe (1st Anniversary)

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

#### Monday, Dec. 18 - Late Advent weekday

8:30 a.m. = Pacencia L. Seavande

#### Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Late Advent weekday

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#### Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Late Advent weekday

8:30 a.m. = Robert Romano

7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### Thursday, Dec. 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. = Doris Tierney

#### Friday, Dec. 22 - Late Advent weekday

8:30 a.m. = Joseph Dicks

#### Saturday, Dec. 23 - St. John of Kanty, Priest

9:00 a.m. = Mary & Chris Iacona and Diorio family

#### Saturday, Dec. 23 - Vigil Mass - Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = Felice & Paul & Elizabeth Maneggia

#### Sunday, Dec. 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. = Edward Koynian, Jr. (happy ann. in heaven)

10:00 a.m. = Mary Rapp

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



*This week the Sanctuary Lamp burning  
before the tabernacle is offered for*

**John Garbarino**

*requested by*

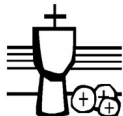
**his wife, Connie**

*Bread and Wine at all the Masses  
this week are offered for*

**Loretta Ann Pepe (1st anniversary)**

*requested by*

**Falleti and Pepe Family**



### Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's  
Support on . . .

Dec. 10, 2017

First Collection - \$3,520.00

Retired Religious - \$ 994.00

Immaculate Conception - \$ 735.00



**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, Joseph Bertolini, Cecilia Brennan,  
Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff,  
Frances Cirincione, Stephen Cucci, Fr. Paul Duffy, MM,  
Robert Golden, Neil Hartnett, 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,



Last week our readings urged us to cast off sin and to pursue holiness eagerly. God's grace helps us do this and prepares us for limitless, everlasting glory. Today's readings confirm the great joy of this endeavor and provide specific advice on how to proceed: by becoming poor. The prophet Isaiah describes the savior who comes *"to bring glad tidings to the poor."* We are the poor people in need of glad tidings. Following the example of John the Baptist, we acknowledge that we are poor; we are "not worthy" of the Lord's attention. Even so, Jesus delights in caring for us. Recognizing how poor we are, and yet how great is God's love for us, we can only *"rejoice always,"* as Saint Paul advises. We continue our Advent journey, becoming poor by emptying our hearts of sin and giving thanks to God for helping us grow in holiness.

A fine opportunity presents itself this coming Monday to *"empty our hearts of sin"* through the sacrament of Penance.

Keep smiling,

*Fr. Jacob*

### An Examination of Conscience for Advent

Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **healing**?

- > Has my anger, judgement, or temper hurt those around me?
- > Have I allowed work, hobbies, or other activities to rule my life instead of God?
- > Am I able to share with Jesus the parts of myself that need his healing touch?

Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **companionship**?

- > Have I allowed time to connect with God?
- > Have I created space in my family or community to learn about Jesus?
- > Do I look for Jesus in my daily life?

Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **generosity**?

- > Have I given my time and gifts freely to the service of others?
- > Have I cared for the poor and the needy?
- > Do I commit myself in tangible ways to the creation of a more just society?

Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **wisdom**?

- > Do I follow Jesus in times of conflict at home or work?
- > Do I ask Jesus to share his wisdom when I am faced with a difficult decision?
- > Have I invited Jesus to change my heart and mind?

Where in my life do I need the miracle of Jesus' **love**?

- > Do I let Jesus love all of me, even the parts that I am not proud of?
- > Do I share that healing love with others who are in need of it?
- > Do I invite Jesus to be present in my daily interactions with those I love and those I meet?

### A Time for Healing



In every church of our Archdiocese  
on **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Confessions will be heard in our NEW handicapped accessible **Reconciliation Room** which offers 2 options—a place for face-to-face confessions, and also a door entering a section with kneeler and screen for traditional confessions.

Fr. Jacob will hear confessions from 4-6 p.m., Fr. Michael from 6-7 p.m., and Fr. Deo from 7-8 p.m.

### Parish Outreach News

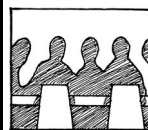
Our **St. Sylvester/St. Teresa Food Pantry** thanks all whose contributions made our Thanksgiving Eve offertory into a splendid procession of gifts. Now that the wintery weather is finally with us your non-perishable food donations are even more appreciated. Please continue to bring them to our collection boxes in the church near the elevator.

**Food Pantry Distribution Schedule at St. Teresa Parish**

First and Third Week of the Month

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

10 AM to 2 PM



**MEETINGS**

**A.C.A.**, A 12-step program for adults who grew up in a dysfunctional home, meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Rosary Hall. Call Larry at 718-619-5545 for more information.