

Parish of St. Sylvester

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018



All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

—Psalms 72:11



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jan. 6 - Vigil Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord
4:00 p.m. = John Makar

Sunday, Jan. 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 a.m. = Grace Roselle
10:00 a.m. = Ester Vecchiarelli
12:00 noon = Manuel and Lydia Sanchez

Monday, Jan. 8 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:30 a.m. = for good health of Rosa Quiros

Tuesday, Jan. 9 - 1st Week in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. = Domenick Battista

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - Weekday-Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = James Donahue, Jr.
7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, Jan. 11 - Weekday-Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = John O'Neill (*happy repose of his soul*)

Friday, Jan. 12 - Weekday-Ord. Time
8:30 a.m. = Demetrio Kalaw

Saturday, Jan. 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m. = _____

Saturday, Jan. 13 - Vigil Mass for Epiphany of the Lord
4:00 p.m. = Nicholas Lettiere (*6th ann. in heaven*)

Sunday, Jan. 14 - Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 a.m. = for our parish family
10:00 a.m. = Ismael & Marciana Holipas, Sr.
12:00 noon = Alexander Lee

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support on . . .

December 24 -

Christmas 2017 -

December 31 -

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,
Karen Chardavoynne, 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,
Alice Santamays, 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 Di Simone-Biggins - U.S. M.C.
Lucia Di Simone-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. Mahoney, 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 Soma - U. S. Marine Corps
Major Michael Volpe - U. S. Army
Has someone here been transferred, demobilized, discharged, retired? Please let us know.



This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning
before the tabernacle is offered
in memory of
Raymond Arcaroletta
requested by
Joseph Corrigan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Magi followed a star to find Jesus.

- Like the Magi, how willing am I to "go the extra mile" to find Jesus in my daily life?

Jesus, today I will . . .



**Pastor's
Corner**

My Dear Parishioners,

In conversations wherever I go during the Advent season I so often hear people talk of how very busy they are. Friends have told me about plans to keep *this* year's 4 weeks of Advent an interval of simplicity with a goodly amount of time for prayer. And then "*things get in the way.*" I fully understand—it happens to me, too. However, this year the Holy Spirit brought me a Christmas card inspiration!

At the beginning of December I began signing my Christmas cards for all of you in my parish family. As I picked up each card and read your names, your face (and those of your family) came vividly to mind. I mentally "saw" you in your seats in church, recalled you all with fondness and I asked God's blessing on you; and graces for you all in the coming 2018. I know it didn't even take a minute; perhaps it was 45 seconds. But each day, as I set aside an hour for signing cards for the parish family, I realized I was spending a welcome hour in prayer, too. I thank the Holy Spirit and all of you for that Advent gift.

Some time ago I came upon a small poem which seems to speak my thoughts:

*I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke to me no word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame—
I asked Him to send you treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He be near you
At the start of each new day;
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small.
But it was for His loving care
I prayed for most of all.*

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



Winter Coat Drive

Sunday, January 7th
in the Parish Hall after
10 o'clock Mass

Help keep our neighbors in need warm this winter . . .
Please donate new or gently
used coats—warm jackets—snowsuits
Sponsored by St. Sylvester Youth Group.

Men of the **Holy Name Society** will meet for the
10 a.m. Mass **NEXT** Sunday, January 14th. After Mass the
monthly meeting will be held in the Moore Conference Rm.
Men of St. Sylvester Parish family are always most welcome.



MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, Jan. 19, 2018

Reservations/Info.: Elisa Di Simone

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(please mark "March for Life")



**FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITIES
OF ST. SYLVESTER
AND ST. TERESA**

The temperatures go lower and lower
and our contributions are needed now more than
ever!
Families whose "Bread Winners" depend on out-
door work are finding salaries much smaller.
The next time you go shopping please think of
those less fortunate... *Soup, canned fruit, spa-
ghetti, Pasta sauce, rice, Juice, vegetables...*
Gift cards allow for family favorites, dietary needs,
as well as bringing dignity of choice to the shopper.

**ECUMENICAL WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**21st Annual S. I. Prayer Service
Thurs., Jan. 18th @ 7:00 p.m.**

Zion Lutheran Church
corner of Patchogue Rd. & Willowbrook Rd.
Preaching: **Msr. Richard Guastella**
of the Church of St. Clare



Pastor's Hospitality Sunday wish list

cans of ground coffee for the Parish Hall's large coffee
makers. *January's cold needs coffee's warmth!*