

Parish of St. Sylvester

1st Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018



*Your ways, O LORD,
 make known to me;
 teach me your paths.*


-- Psalm 25:4



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week


Saturday, Feb. 17 - Vigil Mass for 1st Sunday of Lent
 4:00 p.m. = Salvatore Siclari


Sunday, Feb. 18 - 1st Sunday of Lent
 7:30 a.m. = Anna Pinto
 10:00 a.m. = Mario Peralta (3rd Ann. in heaven)
 12:00 noon = Maryanne Napoleon

Monday, Feb. 19 - Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. = August, Philomena & Angela Abbruzzi 

Tuesday, Feb. 20 - Lenten Weekday
 8:30 a.m. = Maria Bucuo Lumberas

**Wednesday, Feb. 21 - Lenten Weekday; St. Peter Damian,
 Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
 8:30 a.m. = Julia and Myron Krumm
 7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, Feb. 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 8:30 a.m. = Joseph Murguia 

**Friday, Feb. 23 - Lenten Weekday;
 St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**
 8:30 a.m. = Mario Peralta
 12:00 noon = STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 7:00 p.m. = STATIONS OF THE CROSS 

Saturday, Feb. 24 - Lenten Weekday
 9:00 a.m. = Rita Balletto

Saturday, Feb. 24 - Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday of Lent
 4:00 p.m. = Salvatore P. De Respino (23rd ann.)

Sunday, Feb. 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
 7:30 a.m. = Gabriel Pomaillo
 10:00 a.m. = Manuel and Serafina Dalman
 12:00 noon = Rose Marchese (1st ann. in heaven)

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support on . . .

Feb. 11, 2018 - \$3,490.00
 Peter's Pence - \$ 942.00

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
- 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 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

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

 ☆ "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation
 ☆ without God and the Bible."
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 ☆ George Washington
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PLEASE PRAY . . . for those anticipating a hospital stay, recuperating, and the homebound in our parish and in our families. Keep this list near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.

- Victor Andrea, Anthony, Joseph Bertolini,
- Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino,
- Karen Chardavoyne, Lucille Chatznoff,
- Frances Cirincione, Stephen Cucci, 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,
- Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Alice Santamays,
- Annette Scardigno, Louise Stanley, John 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.



*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning before the tabernacle is offered in memory of **Thomas McCoy, Jr.** (happy birthday in heaven) requested by his sister, **Anne***

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus hides himself in others who need our help.
 ● **How can I be more alert to respond to those in need?**
Jesus, today I will . . .



Pastor's Corner



My Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday became "Shrove Tuesday"* for us as our penitential season of Lent had its send-off with an exceptionally fine **Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch**. 100+ of our parish family and guests gathered in the Parish Hall at one o'clock to enjoy the traditional meal of pancakes (*'Chef' Tom Varisi in charge*) and sausages, catered and served by our Holy Name Society men. While I must most often refrain from sweet treats, I am happy to have eaten my share of those pancakes. They were truly excellent. A dessert table was spread at the end of the meal. Although honestly "*icing on the cake*", the offerings were well received.

Each brunch table had a good supply of Mardi Gras beads and party hats that promptly adorned guests old and young. The children quickly found the party horns which enchanted them.

Maria Tesoriero and son Matthew took charge of the 50/50 raffle which swelled to \$145 for the winner, Ed Milza. I think we tend to forget that the parish is the other winner in each of these 50/50 raffles, so, on behalf of the parish budget, "thank you" to all who purchased raffle tickets.

It warms my heart to see the families of our *parish family* getting out together to enjoy a reasonably priced afternoon. Even a family's visit to the movie theatre can be too expensive to do often. I hope you all got your reservations in for our Youth Group's **Family Game Night** Saturday evening. It has all the earmarks of a great event and the price was right, too.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

**(day preceding Ash Wednesday celebrated in some countries by consuming pancakes. In others, especially those where it is called Mardi Gras, this is a carnival day, and also the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent.)*

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The Challenge of Jesus' Parables

Saturday, Feb. 24th 9:30-12 noon

Fee-\$25

Facilitated by Sister Barbara Gondel, SSC

Have you ever had the experience of longing for something only to find out it wasn't all you thought it would be? You return home and realize "there is no place like home." A chance encounter with Rembrandt's Return of the Prodigal led Henri Nouwen on just such a spiritual journey. He asked himself, "Where has my life led me?" Through prayer, songs, slides and reflections join with others during Lent to identify with the loving father, prodigal son, and elder son and ask yourself, "where has my life led me?"

*Remember those whose fast is imposed
by poverty.*

Bring your weekly food donations to our collection boxes in church, near the elevator.



**Fasting &
Abstinence**

During Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are **obligatory from age 18 until age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning **abstinence from meat** are **binding upon Roman Catholics from age 14 onwards**. **If possible**, the **fast on Good Friday** is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

200 Clinton Ave. @ corner of Henderson Ave., S.I.

Annual Chinese Auction

Friday, March 2nd - Doors Open at 6 p.m.

Raffles - Refreshments - Prizes

\$5-Admission

under 18 only w/adult - no one under 12