

Parish of St. Sylvester

3rd Sunday of Lent March 4, 2018



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Mar. 3 - Vigil Mass for 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. = Dr. Gail Hepner De Respino (9th ann.)

Sunday, , Mar. 4 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

10:00 a.m. = Nancy Kalecki

12:00 noon = Wladyslaw Rowinski

Monday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = for good health & wellbeing of
Francisco Gargantiel & family

Tuesday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Nina Tornabene

Wednesday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday; Sts. Perpetua

and Lucy, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. = _____

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

Thursday, March 8 – Lenten Weekday;

St. John or God, Religious

8:30 a.m. = Domenick Battista

Friday, March 9 – Lenten Weekday;

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:30 a.m. = Michele and Nancy Iammatteo

12:00 noon = STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Saturday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday;

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

9:00 a.m. = Ramon Cos (25th ann. in heaven)

Saturday, March 10 - Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. = Giuseppe Impeduglia

Sunday, , March 11 – 4th Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. = Carmelina Ruggiero

10:00 a.m. = Emelio and Gerald Alimon

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



Abstinence

✠ Apostleship of Prayer ✠

Intention of Pope Francis for March

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support on . . .

Feb. 25, 2018 - \$3,374.00

Church Heating/Fuel - \$1,083.00



February: Connie Garbarino - \$140.

Valentine: Eleanor Horai - \$250.

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.



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 Chardavoynne, Lucille Chatznoff,

Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci,

Robert Golden, Neil Hartnett, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr.,

Thomas Galvin, Connie Garbarino, Richard Hassel,

Bridget Kehley, Frank Labano, Louis Matos,

Travis Mayhew, George Moresca, Delia Murguia,

Amy O'Donnell, Lee Poyntz, Carmela Rogan,

Eulah Ryan, Alice Santamays, Annette Scardigno,

Louise Stanley, John Vincenzo, Robert Williams

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.



Pastor's Corner



My Dear Parishioners,

All of us wish we could be holy, we say, if only Jesus would come and do to the temple of our faith what he did to the temple of Israel's faith: cast out what doesn't belong, because we don't seem to be able to do it for ourselves, at least not with much effectiveness. We try to pray and find ourselves daydreaming about what to make for supper, about the latest family argument, about the meeting we're going to attend, about where we're going to spend our money.

We try to simplify, but we also like our lives the way they are. We like the cut of style, the thick green of our lawn, the escape of vacation, the high from shopping or chocolate or daytime soaps or whatever catches our fancy. We wish we would love better, care better, have more compassion or patience, be more generous, but original sin always gets in the way--only we don't call it original sin. We say we don't have willpower or the energy.

So what are we to do? John's Gospel promises that God will come and drive such stuff from our lives. In fact, the promise is that God will do it whether we wish God to or not, which is probably a good move on God's part simply because most of us are a bit fearful of what God may clear away.

As much as we may want the temples of our lives cleared, we also like much of what takes up our lives. Still, God does come and does clear our temples in unsuspecting ways. Children grow up; friendships melt into memories.

Reflect a bit this week: During this Lenten season what is God asking us to clear away?

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- Grade 1 Terrence Veikai
- Grade 2 Therese Dela Pena & Maggie Hill
- Grade 3 Olivia LoDuca
- Grade 4 Billy Fraser
- Grade 5 Angelina Borrero
- Grade 6 Maya Hilton
- Grade 7 Danielle Lipari



You're invited to the
**St. Joseph's Day Mass
and Potluck Dinner**

Monday, March 19, 2018
from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM EDT

at **St. Joseph Hill Convent**

850 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10305

Join us for this evening of celebration with the Sisters.

Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Whalen
at 4:00 PM in the Convent Chapel.

Potluck Dinner to follow at 5:00 PM in the Dining Room.

RSVP by March 9th

Ronnie: 718-720-1097 or StJRetreatCenter@gmail.com

Liz: 718-720-7365 ext 311 or FDCDevelopment@gmail.com

*If your potluck dish needs to be warmed,
please deliver to the Convent Kitchen by 3:45 PM.*

In his annual budget, Governor Cuomo included a radical bill (S.7511) that would abolish virtually all limitations on abortion in New York State. It would ensure that abortion is legal through all 9 months of pregnancy, for any reason; it would allow for more late-term abortions, even though studies show that a fetus experiences pain at 20 weeks; it would eliminate the law that requires a baby born alive after abortion be given adequate health care, even though as many as 5 to 10% of babies in late term abortions are born alive; it would permit non-doctors to do abortions, which would endanger the health of women; and it would eliminate all criminal penalties for abortions—so even if an abortion was against a mother's will (involuntary or coerced), or if an unborn child is deliberately targeted for an act of violence, a case could not be prosecuted.

This situation is particularly dangerous because the law requires a budget to be passed by April 1. Please contact your state legislators to oppose this extreme bill.

Visit www.nyscatholic.org and click on "Take Action".

We don't need broader abortion laws. **We need our law to respect human life at all stages.**