

Parish of St. Sylvester

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 1, 2018



I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

-- Psalm 118:17



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 31 - Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday

7:00 p.m. = Mass of the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday of

the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. = intentions of our parish family

10:00 a.m. = intentions of our parish family

12:00 noon = intentions of our parish family

Monday, April 2 - Monday w/in Octave of Easter

8:30 a.m. = Robeto Gimenez

Tuesday, April 3 - Tuesday w/in Octave of Easter

8:30 a.m. = Dr. Antonio Garzon

Wednesday, April 4 - Wednesday w/in Octave of Easter

8:30 a.m. = Mamerta dela Cruz

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, April 5 - Thursday w/in Octave of Easter

8:30 a.m. = Girardi Mariano

Friday, April 6 - Friday w/in Octave of Easter

8:30 a.m. = James Reilly, Sr.

Saturday, April 7 - Saturday w/in Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. = Giuseppe and Michelina Arnone

Saturday, April 7 - Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. = Carmelina Ruggiero

Sunday, April 8 - Second Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

7:30 a.m. = Salvatore Siclari

10:00 a.m. = Bartolomeo Magallon & Eduardo Holipas

12:00 noon = deceased members of McCoy family

and Mary Bhatia



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's
Support on . . .

Collection reports not yet available due to the printer's accelerated Holy Week/Easter schedule.

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.



Men of the **Holy Name Society** meet for the 10 a.m.

Mass NEXT Sunday, April 8th. After Mass the monthly meeting will be held in the Moore Conference Room beneath the Parish House. All men of our parish welcome.



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, Conley family, Stephen Cucci,

Ellen Delaney, Robert Golden,

Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Thomas Galvin,

Connie Garbarino, 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,

Margaret Weber, 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.



This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burns before the tabernacle in memory of

Mary Rapp

requested by *her daughter, Joy*



Our Holy Name Society has an **Easter gift** for each parish family.

As you leave Mass be sure you pick up your family's copy of

KINGDOM OF HAPPINESS

Living the Beatitudes in everyday life

Thank you, Gentlemen, for this fine guide to enriching our spiritual lives in the Easter season.





Pastor's Corner



My Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel begins in darkness. Mary of Magdala comes to the tomb before dawn. She, then the two disciples, see the empty tomb, and are amazed and terrified. The passage stops before Jesus first appears, which allows us to pause and more fully notice their disorientation and confusion.

John's Gospel has many images of the passage from darkness to light and from blindness to sight. When Jesus cured the blind man in John 9, and raised Lazarus in John 11, their transition to the light was gradual and difficult. The disciples, too, were often slow and resistant to understanding what Jesus was saying and doing, both before and after the Resurrection.

Most of us, most of the time, try hard to protect ourselves from being disoriented. Our traditions and past experiences keep us grounded and secure. However, often we grow in maturity and insight precisely because we are knocked off balance. God disrupts us enough to open us to what God wishes to teach us. We move from blindness to sight when we are first disoriented by the light, let go of the comfortable darkness, and open our eyes to new insight. As we begin the Easter season, the light of Easter is indeed bright. Easter reveals a world of opportunities to care for others and an abundance of grace to guide and sustain us.

Easter also reminds us that wherever we are in life, in whatever difficulties or messes we find ourselves, God offers us a new beginning. Alleluia indeed!

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

THE RETURN OF EASTER

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.

--Frederick Temple



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EASTER EGG HUNT

following 10 AM Mass
on Easter Sunday
in Our Lady's Grotto area
games and raffles, too
children - remember to bring your baskets!



Vocations Summit

Interested in learning more
or have questions about the
priesthood and the religious life?

Join in a
Vocations Summit
intended for students 8th
grade through high school.
(Parents/Guardians of those attending are welcome.)

Monday, April 16th—7:00 - 8:30 PM
REFRESHMENTS AND DOOR PRIZES!

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
5411 Amboy Rd., S. I.10312
Damato Room
in the Athletic Center

FOR MORE INFO.
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"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but 'do it with gentleness and reverence..." (1Peter 3:15-16)

SUMMER SESSIONS

@ St. Joseph Seminary, Yonkers / Seminary of the
Immaculate Conception, Huntington, L.I.

June 4 - July 17, 2018

Courses offered in **Educational Ministry, Ecclesiology, Women in the Bible, The Problem of Evil, Sacred Music**, and course co-sponsored with the **Liturgical Music Institute**

For more information: www.dunwoodie.edu, or call the Academic Office: 914-367-8281 or 631-423-0483, ext. 131

Parish Outreach & Our Food Pantry

To all the good people of our parish family: thank you for all you do to embrace the disadvantaged in our community. Your continued support and great generosity of food donations (and winter coats via our Youth Group's January Drive) are a tremendous blessing.

As you know, we share this ministry with St. Teresa's Parish whose Food Pantry Distribution times are the

First and Third Week of the Month
Monday - Wednesday - Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM