

Parish of St. Sylvester

Sunday of Divine Mercy (2nd Sunday of Easter)

April 8, 2018



"Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God?"

-- 1 John 5:5



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 7 - Vigil Mass for SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

4:00 p.m. = Carmelina Ruggiero

Sunday, April 8 - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, April 9 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

[transferred from March 25]

8:30 a.m. = Eurosina Torres Brett

Tuesday, April 10 - Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Marie Garcia

Wednesday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 a.m. = Martha and Tony Jerolino

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

Thursday, April 12 - Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. = Susan Catalano

Friday, April 13 - St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

8:30 a.m. = Tony Fortunato

Saturday, April 14 - Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. = Marie Garcia

Saturday, April 14 - Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. = Victor and Joseph Cirincione

Sunday, April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter

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

10:00 a.m. = Lucille Messina

12:00 noon Mass—

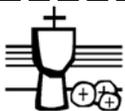
You are invited to celebrate with
Fr. Jacob Thumma
the 25th anniversary of his Priesthood

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall



*Bread and Wine at all the Masses
this week are offered in memory of
Margaret C. Weber*

*requested by
Patricia M. De Respino,
Lisa and Thomas Bennett*



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support on...

March 18 - 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Collection - \$3,004.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 877.00

March 25 - Palm Sunday

1st Collection - \$4,192.00

Palm Sunday - \$1,972.00

50/50
WINNERS

for March:

Mr. Isaac Mennoh - \$155.00

St. Patrick's Day:

Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Pepe - \$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 Chardavoyne, Lucille Chatznoff,

Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci,

Ellen Delaney, Robert Golden,

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

Connie Garbarino, Bridget Kehley, Judy Kempf,

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,

In this morning's gospel we find the first disciples dispirited and terrified after the death of Jesus. They have to confront their failure to be faithful to Jesus in the hour of his passion and death. They are in a huddle, having locked themselves away in a room. Suddenly Jesus stands among them and says to them, *'Peace be with you'* and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. The risen Lord was reconciling his failed disciples to himself; they came to recognize themselves as forgiven, and so, their hearts were filled with joy. Having experienced the gift of the Lord's forgiveness, they are sent out in the power of the Spirit to offer to others the gift of forgiveness they have received. *'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven.'*

That gift and mission is given to all of us who have been baptized into the risen Jesus. Having been reconciled to the Lord we are all sent out as ministers of reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is, of course, a privileged moment of reunion, when we receive anew the Lord's forgiveness and extend that forgiveness to those who have hurt us. However, there are other, more frequent, moments of reconciliation: the daily forgiveness of our brothers and sisters; the speaking of the hard words, *'I am sorry'*; and the gracious acceptance of another's offer of apology. In these moments, Jesus is standing in our midst, helping us to break out of situations that can be draining of life for everyone involved. Peace be with you and...

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



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

Margaret C. Weber

requested by

**Patricia M. De Respino,
Lisa and Thomas Bennett**



*"...they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worth of Himself."*

**Marie O'Donnell (Mrs.) Garcia
Theresa (Tess) Koeth**

have returned to the Lord's embrace

DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY

During the Mass of canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II (who often quoted Our Lord by starting with *"Jesus said to St. Faustina."*) proclaimed: *"Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."*



The Divine Mercy image portrays, in the two rays, the sacraments of Baptism, Confession, and the Eucharist. The focus on this Sunday has always been on the institution of confession and the need to trust and believe in Jesus to receive grace (blessings). Remember these words of Jesus, *"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* (699)



The 10 o'clock Mass on Easter Sunday morning indeed had a "full house." As the children accepted Fr. Jacob's invitation to join him around the altar for the Lord's Prayer one wondered where he would put them all. Nonetheless, fit they did; then returned to the pews bringing with them the Sign of Easter Peace to family and friends.



Following Mass, and fortuitously nestled between a day of rain and a day of snow, **St. Sylvester Parish Family's Annual Easter Egg Hunt** welcomed over 100 children and grandchildren for a splendidly successful event.

Men of the Holy Name Society had set up Easter-themed display characters and our ever-helpful friends at Lifestyles for the Disabled prepared many dozens of surprised-filled eggs. These were craftily 'hidden' throughout the Grotto and Prayer Garden by the Youth Group with their moderator, Neal Steiniger. The young people were also available to guide the youngest 'hunters' in their searches. There was a surprise bonus found during the children's hunt—in addition to this year's Golden Prize Egg, the never-found 2017 Golden Egg was discovered by one of Richie Salinardi's grandsons and both children won prizes! Lastly, lest the adults feel neglected, Janet Samuel prepared splendidly filled gift baskets to be raffled off.

All in all, an outstanding beginning to our Easter day!