

Parish of St. Sylvester

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018



I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

-- 1 John 10:11



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 21 - Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Easter
4:00 p.m. = Doris Tierney

Sunday, April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m. = = for our parish family
10:00 a.m. = = Wong Ping
12:00 noon = = Beatrice Kancelaric

Monday, April 23 - St. George, Martyr;
St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
8:30 a.m. = Catherine and Felix Jerolino
3-9 PM—BLOOD DRIVE IN PARISH HALL

Tuesday, April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
8:30 a.m. = for the good health of Mia & Lukas Gargantiel

Wednesday, April 25– St. Mark, Evangelist
8:30 a.m. = Gail Ann Peters
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, April 26 – Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. = _____

Friday, April 27 – Easter Weekday
8:30 a.m. = Lydia Doyo (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

Saturday, April 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
St. Louis Grignon de Monfort, Priest
9:00 a.m. = Alejandra and Marcelo Payomo (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

Saturday, April 28 - Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday of Easter
4:00 p.m. = Elizabeth, Felice and Paul Maneggia

Sunday, April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m. = = for our parish family
10:00 a.m. = = Alvaro Prado
12:00 noon = = Thomas McCoy, Sr. (*happy 20th ann. in heaven*)



Weekly Collections Our Parish Family's Support..

Sunday, April 15

1st Collection - \$4,016.00
Reserve Fund - \$ 871.00

**IT'S IN YOUR BLOOD
TO SAVE LIVES**

Lord, hold our troops safe in your loving hands—

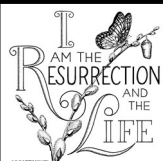
Seaman Daniel Brennan - U. S. Navy
SR Francis S. Cummings - U. S. Navy
SR Michael J. Cummings - U. S. Navy
Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - U. S. Air Force
Lucia Di Simone-Biggins - U. S. M.C.
Ryan Foley - U.S. M.C.
Alvin S. Joseph II - U. S. Navy
Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore - U. S. Air Force in Japan
Col. Patrick J. Mahoney, Jr. - U. S. Army
Prescod Montgomery - U. S. Army in Iraq
Ens. II Steven Pasignajen-Trimble - U.S. Navy/Persian Gulf
Samuel Rios - U. S. Air Force
Darrin Sack
Joseph Somma - U. S. Marine Corps
Lt. Col. Michael Volpe - U. S. Army-South Korea
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, Sharon 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.



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

John D'Ambrosio

has returned to the Lord's embrace

POEM IN YOUR POCKET: April is National Poetry Month. If you haven't observed it in some way, there's still time. Think about doing something for **Poem in Your Pocket Day** on **Thursday, April 26.** The Academy of American Poets has a poem for you



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parish Family,

You are indeed a wonderful blessing in my life. Thank you for a splendid weekend celebration for my 25 years in the priesthood. For 19 of those years I have been a NY Archdiocesan priest; and the last 9 years as Pastor for this fine St. Sylvester Parish family. Thank you all for the generous and unique touch each of you has brought into my life. It is the loving aspect of priest and parish family gathering together to reach the Lord that is a fulfillment of his vocation.

As I write this I am happily reviewing last Sunday's amazing events. Concelebrating our 12 o'clock Mass with Msgr. Belford and Msgr. Barkley was both an honor and a privilege. Those of you who filled our church's pews to capacity heard Msgr. Belford extol our efforts in the rebuilding of our parish community and speak generously of us as a good example for others.

Close to 300 people joined us for the reception which our Parish Manager, Janet Samuel organized in the Parish Hall. Reliably backing her up were the Women's Guild and the Holy Name Society. And, of course, Frank Quinn is the one we must all thank for the setting up of the Hall, and keeping things going smoothly behind the scene, as well as cleaning up and closing the Hall at the end.

As he so often does, Richard Salinardi, Director of **Lifestyles for the Disabled** arranged for their chef and staff to provide the gift of catering. Even Mother Nature blessed the occasion. Despite rain before and after, the sun shone for the Mass and reception.

I was presented with a testimonial plaque which will hang in my office but, because some of you may not have read it, and it is special enough to me that I want to be sure you all know of it, I'm attaching it to my column this week.

Again, thank you, and as always,

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Jesus ordered the spirit,
"Be quiet and come out of the man!"*

• **What is one way I am working to finish the war against evil that Jesus began??**

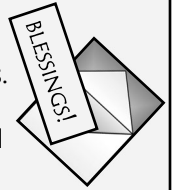
Jesus, strengthen me . . .

April-May-June...

Spring's *gift-giving season* brings First Communions, Confirmations, Mother's Day, graduations, and Father's Day; not to mention perennial "get well" hopes, births, baptisms, and birthdays. Each is a time for gifts bearing prayerful best wishes.

Visit our Parish Office for Mass, Bread and Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp dedication gifts.

When is a gift complete? When it comes with a card, of course, and ours will fit your occasion.



Church in Central and Eastern Europe

For decades during the Communist reign of oppression and persecution in many countries faith became illegal, church buildings confiscated, and people forced to share the Gospel in secret.

With your support of this collection next week, the Church is providing resources to breathe new life into the faith in these countries through schools, children's activities centers, and restoration of religious structures.

Thank you, Fr. Jacob for welcoming the little children into the church; and sustaining their souls with the sacraments; and for taking joy in showing them the true face of Christ—the gentle one who said, "Let the children come to me."

Thank you, for presiding at our marriages, even while you yourself risk loneliness to live so that you can be ready to serve our families—your people—at a moment's notice.

Thank you, for putting yourself in the unenviable position of dealing with others at our worst moments... when we're anxious, upset, even a little out of our minds...focused on our own problems to the exclusion of all else.

When we see the care you take in listening to the problems of so many people, we wonder how you do it. How do you listen to angry, whining, weeping, nervous, suspicious and clueless people? How do you listen to us?

Thank you for listening and lifting our burden by bringing Christ himself into our lives. In always being here for us and sharing this blessed gift you have regrouped our parish family and brought our parish back to solid ground.

*Thank you, God bless you,
and keep smiling, Fr. Jacob. We Love you,
Your parish family of St. Sylvester Church*