

St. Sylvester Church

A Roman Catholic Praying Community

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Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Faith, Family and Community

Pastor:

Rev. Jacob Thumma

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Rev. Deogratias Lingao

Parish Business Manager:

Mrs. Janet Samuel

Religious Education Coordinator:

Ms. Neale Steiniger (718-816-0093)

Parish House Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Eucharist.....our life as a praying community

Saturday evening vigil Mass—4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses—7:30, 10:00 a.m. (Choir), 12 noon

Holy Day Masses—7:00 p.m. Vigil, 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 7:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass—Rosary Chapel: Mon. through Fri. at 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Devotions

Monday through Saturday—Rosary following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Mondays—Miraculous Medal following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesdays—St. Anthony of Padua following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesdays—Eucharistic Holy Hour: 7 - 8 p.m. *(on pandemic hold)*

Fridays of Lent—Stations of the Cross: 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.

Parish Activities

Men's Holy Name Society, Women's Guild, Golden Age, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Funeral Ministry, Ushers/Greeters, Teen Youth Activities Group, A.C.A., B.S.A. Cub Den and Troop 85, Manresa Christian Life Community, Altar Servers, Hospitality Sunday - 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, Sept. thru June...Continental Breakfast and good conversation in the Parish Hall following the 10 o'clock Mass. *(on pandemic hold)*

Baptism..... our life as a Christian begins!

We rejoice with families on the occasion of the birth of a new child. Please call 718-727-4639 and speak to a member of the parish staff to arrange for an interview and registration for the required baptismal preparation class.

Reconciliation...the loving power of the Father's forgiveness

Confessions on Saturdays—3:00 pm to 3:45 p.m.

Matrimony

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and prior to making any plans for the reception. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest. All couples are expected to attend a Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

Parish Registration →

Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the Parish is requested to register at the Rectory. You may fill out the adjacent form and mail it in or drop it in the front door mail slot. of the Parish Office.

Name _____

Address _____

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Email _____

Please send census card for my parish registration

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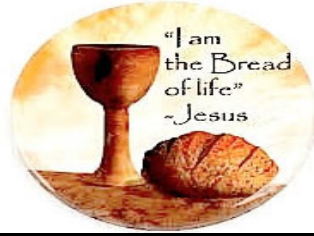
I would like a Priest to contact me

Aug. 1, 2021

Parish of St. Sylvester

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1, 2021



Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures
for eternal life.

— John 6:27a

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 31 = Vigil -18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p. m - Millie Rogan

Sunday, August 1 = 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Augusto Van Pelt

10:00 a.m. = Joan Sinclair

12:00 noon = Dr. Shamsunder Bhatia (*happy 1st ann. in heaven*)

Monday, August 2 = 18th Week in Ordinary Time;

[*St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*]

8:30 a.m.- Florence Gamboa (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

Tuesday, August 3 = 18th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Albert Balletto

Wednesday, August 4 = St. John Vianney, Priest

8:30 a.m. - Andrew Lee and Family

7-8:00 p.m. = Hour of Eucharistic Worship, Prayer, Music

Thursday, August 5 = 18th Week in Ordinary Time;

[*The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*]

8:30 a.m. - Jerry Lamantia (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

Friday, August 6 = TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD; First Friday

8:30 a.m. - Leota Poyntz (*happy b'day. in heaven*)

Saturday, August 7 = 18th Week in Ordinary Time; [BVM;

St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs] First Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Angelo and Marion Martorano

Saturday, August 7 = Vigil -19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p. m - Ann Fleming

Sunday, August 8 = 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Anthony Maratea

10:00 a.m. = Gerard and Emilio Alimon

12:00 noon Bob Moore



Weekly Collections

Our Parish
Family's Support

July 25: 1st Collection - \$4,106.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 748.00

To contribute via *WeShare*, our online program for
weekly parish contributions, go to our parish website:

<http://StSylvesterSI.org>

*Thank you for supporting your parish family
throughout these months of pandemic crisis.*

Lord, hold our troops, home and abroad, in Your loving
hands. Protect and bless them and their families, as
they protect us. Amen.



Lt. Victor L. Andrea, Jr. - U. S. Air Force

Seaman Daniel Brennan - U. S. Navy

SR Francis S. Cummings - U. S. Navy

SR Michael J. Cummings - U. S. Navy

Ryan Foley - U.S.M.C.

Alvin S. Joseph II - U. S. Navy

Lt. Col. Jay Le Pore - U. S. Air Force in Japan

Angela Monfietto - U.S. Army

Ens. II Steven Pasignajen-Trimble - U.S. Navy/Persian Gulf

Samuel Rios - U. S. Air Force

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.*



... 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.

Robert Ballard, Sr., Constance Barrett, Karen Barretta,
Nancy J. Bushman, Frances Cirincione, Conley family,
Stephen Cucci, Maria Erlinger, Robert Forlenza,
Rosemarie Garlisi, Isaac Giles, John Andrew Hunton,
Debra S. Iammatteo, Bridget Kehley,
Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Louis Matos,
Brendan McCahill, Dianne McCahill,
Joseph Messineo, John Miles, George Moresca,
Delia Murguia, Patrick Moroney, William Murphy,
Amy O'Donnell, Tita Payomo, Anthony Pelle, Jr.,
Sr. Carrie Portu, Irene Reilly, Joyce Rowan,
Eulah Ryan, Alice Santamays, John Savarese,
Annette Scardigno, Catherine Smith,
Robert Sheppard, Louise Stanley, Tom Varisi,
Joan Walter

*Please let us know if anyone for whom we are praying has re-
covered from illness/surgery so that we may rejoice with you and
then make room for others in need of prayer. Thank you.*



The **Bread and Wine** offered
at this week's Masses are presented
with prayers for
Leota and Michael Poyntz
requested by
their family

This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burns
before the Tabernacle with prayers
in memory of

Leota and Michael Poyntz
requested by
their family





Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

The hand of the Lord feeds us, the Psalmist says; the Lord answers all our needs. In fact, the Psalmist says, the Lord satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Is the Psalmist blind? Or is he a shameless liar? The whole earth is soaked with the tears of the suffering. People don't suffer when their desires are satisfied, and they don't weep when their needs are met.

But here we might pause to consider: what actually *are* our needs? If I say that I need a leather coat to look smartly dressed, is a leather coat a *need* of mine? Ridiculous thought, isn't it?

A need is something without which we cannot live, in one sense or another. But anybody can live without a *leather* coat. Food, water, clothing, shelter—these are our needs, because without them we will die.

But these are not our only needs, are they? We need education, too. And that's not nearly all. We need the beauty of nature and of art. And what are these to us if we can't share them? We need company as well. We need love most of all.

And so we need more than food and shelter to live. We need truth and beauty, love and care, too. That is because there is more than one way to die. We can die in the body, but we can also die in our minds and hearts. A person adequately fed and sheltered but deprived of love will wither away.

In fact, the needs of the soul are primary. As long as they are met, even the death of the body cannot kill us. As the martyrs of the Church show us, a person can die in the body and still live, as long as his soul is nurtured and sheltered by the love of the Lord.

Our greatest need, then, is for the Lord himself; and our deepest desire is for him, too. Whatever we get, we will drown in disappointment if we do not get the Lord.

And that is why the Psalmist concludes by saying that the Lord is near to all who call upon him. Even in our worst suffering, what we most greatly need and desire, the Lord himself, is always at hand for us.

And so, in the sufferings of this world, our greatest need is met in the Lord. Through this life, the hand of the Lord will feed us until, finally, in the afterlife, we will want no more.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL DOLAN

I write today to ask for your solicitude as we prepare to collect an offering next weekend, August 7-8 for the **SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA**.

Africa faces economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, persecution and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years.

However, it is difficult for the Church there to sustain its growth and maintain pastoral outreach. Our solidarity is necessary to help the Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world."

Your participation will assist in making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in that part of the world.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be administered at St. Sylvester Church on **November 19, 2021** for those who have completed the required study.

Students attending private schools, and are in the 8th grade, please contact the Parish Office or the Religious Education Program Coordinator. The registration form for the Sacrament of Confirmation can be found on the parish website > Faith Formation > Religious Education Program > Confirmation Form. Registration deadline is Sept. 1, 2021.

WHAT IS A PARISHIONER?

† **Regular attendee at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. absent only for serious reason, e.g. illness.**

† **Registered in the parish, receiving and using weekly envelopes, supporting the parish to the best of one's ability.**

† **Volunteer, participating in Parish activities with time, talent and resources as means permit.**

† **Not perfect—just like the clergy and other parishioners—trying to live the Catholic faith as best they can with God's help and the support of family and friends at home and in the Parish.**

Please join us—We need you and so does God.



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