

St. Sylvester Church

A Roman Catholic Praying Community

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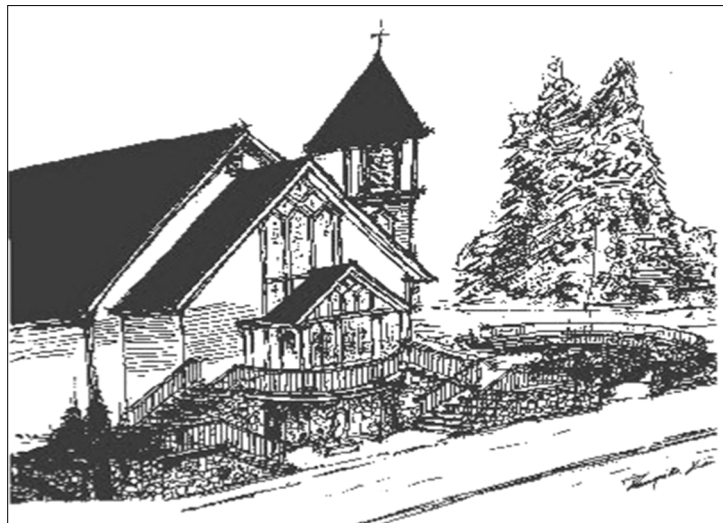
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Rev. Jacob Thumma

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Janet Samuel

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Carmela Rogan

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.

Weekdays—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.

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.

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 drop it in the collection basket next weekend, or stop into the Parish Office.

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ listed/unlisted?

Email _____

☐ Please send census card for my parish registration

☐ I would like to receive Offering Envelopes

☐ I would like a Priest to contact me

Feb. 10, 2019

Parish of St. Sylvester

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am", I said, "send me!"

-- Isaiah 6:8



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Feb. 9 - Vigil Mass - 5th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Maria C. Robert

Sunday, Feb. 10 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Albert and Rita Balletto

10:00 a.m. = Anthony Potelli, Sr.

12:00 noon = Anthony and Carmela Terruso

Monday, Feb. 11 - Weekday-5th Week in Ordinary Time;

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8:30 a.m. = Horacio Maldonado

Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Weekday-5th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = good health & wellbeing of Leticia P. Mijares

Wednesday, Feb. 13 - Weekday-5th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. = Jack Gabriel

7:00 p.m. = HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & BENEDICTION

**Thursday, Feb. 14 - Saints Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius, Bishop**

8:30 a.m. = Vincent Di Forte, Sr.

Friday, Dec. Feb. 15 - Weekday-5th Week in Ordinary Time;

8:30 a.m. = John and Louis Grecco

Saturday, Feb. 16 - Weekday-5th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. = Marianne Napoleon

Saturday, Feb. 16 - Vigil Mass - 6th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 p.m. = Salvatore P. De Respino (24th ann.)

Sunday, Nov. Feb. 17 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. = Gabriel Pompilio

10:00 a.m. = Horacio Maldonado

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



Weekly Collections

Our Parish Family's Support:

4th Sun.-Ord. Time, Feb. 3, 2019:

1st Collection - \$4,298.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 830.00

NOTE: Feb. 4, 2018 - Sun.-Ord. Time:

1st Collection - \$3,633.00

Reserve Fund - \$ 859.00

Lord, hold our troops safe in your loving hands—

Staff Sgt. 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

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

Prescod Montgomery - U. S. Army in Iraq

Ens. II Steven Passignen-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 home-bound 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.

Daniela Agucia, Robert Ballard, Sr., Joseph Bertolini,

Nancy J. Bushman, Antonia Carlino, Lucille Chatznoff,

Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci,

Maria Erlinger, Judy Forlenza, Robert Forlenza,

Thomas Galvin, Robert Golden, Debra S. Iammatteo,

Bridget Kehley, Nicholas Kinahan, Frank Labano,

Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Louis Matos,

Travis Mayhew, George Moresca, Delia Murguia,

William Murphy, Amy O'Donnell, Lee Poyntz,

Sharon Poyntz, Carmela Rogan, Eulah Ryan,

Alice Santamays, John Savarese, Annette Scardigno,

Louise Stanley, Tom Varisi, John Vincenzo, Joan Walter,

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.

A Special time of prayer and
sharing, of offering one's
suffering...of visiting the sick



February 11,
World Day of the Sick

The **2019 Memorials Book** is open. Bring the
names and dates for those you wish to

Remember + Honor + Bless

to the Parish Office—Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM to 3 PM.



Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

Chances are you've heard this one before, but it bears repeating. "This is a story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody**, and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."

In the reading from Isaiah today, we hear about the prophet's call. He has a vision of God's holiness and majesty so overpowering that he becomes sharply aware of the great gulf between him and God and between God and God's people. Yet the angel touches Isaiah's lips with the burning coal and says "[Y]our wickedness is removed, your sin is purged." And when the voice of the Lord says, "Who will go for us?" Isaiah immediately replies, "Here I am; send me!" (*Isaiah 6:7, 8, 9*). Isaiah doesn't look around for someone else to do the job. He doesn't make excuses. He doesn't ask for time to think things over. Nor does he ask what will be required of him. This is a trust with no strings attached, a willingness to do God's will wherever that may lead.

Simon Peter and the other fishermen in today's Gospel have caught nothing, but Jesus tells them to let down their nets in deep water, and the catch is so huge that it takes all hands to haul it aboard. Like Isaiah, Simon Peter is only conscious of his own sinfulness. Jesus tells him not to be afraid, and all at once the whole crew join Simon, leaving everything to follow wherever Jesus will lead them.

Living the Christian faith is the exact opposite of the modern preoccupation with "looking out for number one."

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

Pastor's supplies w/sh list

- "clicker" lighters for votive candles

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT RELICS?



Enjoy a most popular article from the *Faith & Culture* Website of **FORMED** go to **FORMED.org** and use our parish access code: **RH2YY4**



To all women of the parish...the Sisters of Life invite you to a *Feminine Genius Brunch* on Sat., Feb. 16th @ 10 AM at Nicotra's Ballroom of the Hilton Garden Inn, S.I. This event borrows its name from those amazing God-given attributes endowed to you as women—receptivity, sensitivity, generosity, and maternity—all of which make up *the feminine genius*!! In addition to a lovely brunch at a beautiful location, Sr. Virginia Joy, Director of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office will give a talk on the beauty of the feminine heart and these distinct attributes as women. Come discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing! Invite a friend, mother, or daughter (in-law)!

Cost is \$25. — RSVP by Feb. 11 to

<https://adnyfemininegeniusbrunch.eventbrite.com>

What are the current rules for fasting before Communion?

They are fairly straightforward, but there's a surprising amount of confusion regarding them. While the rules for fasting before Communion have changed over the centuries, the most recent change was over 50 years ago. Before then, a Catholic who wished to receive Holy Communion used to have to fast from

midnight on. This one hour fast prior to reception is

not one hour before Mass, but, as it says, **"one hour before holy communion."**

That does not mean, however, that we should take a stopwatch to church, or try to figure out the earliest point at which Communion might be distributed at Mass and time our breakfast to end exactly 60 minutes before that. Such behavior misses the point of fasting before Communion. We're meant to use this time to prepare ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of Christ and to call to mind the great sacrifice that this sacrament represents.



ST. SYLVESTER PARISH FOOD PANTRY is a shared ministry with St. Teresa Parish on Victory Boulevard in Castleton Corners

Coordinator - Maryann (718) 442-8777

For anyone in need...please note:
Food Pantry Distribution Schedule @ St. Teresa's
First and Third Week of the Month
Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM

For anyone wishing to donate...
Please leave your contributions in our church in box near elevator, or at St. Sylvester Parish Office.