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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Mrs. Janet Samuel

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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 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon
Holy Day Masses—7:00 p.m. Vigil, 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 7:00 p.m.
Weekday Mass—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 and 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 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.

[Some on hold during pandemic crisis]

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 Parish Office. front door mail slot.

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

Dec. 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Month of the Nativity

The earth shall be filled
with the knowledge of the Lord,
as water covers the sea.

Isaiah 11:9

Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Dec. 3 = Vigil of **2nd Sunday of Advent**
4:00 p.m. = Felice and Elizabeth Maneggia

Sunday, Dec. 4 = 2nd Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. = Frank Brescia
10:00 a.m. = deceased members of Coughlin & O'Donnell families
12:00 noon = Jimmy McCoy *(Happy B'day. in heaven)*

Monday, Dec. 5 = *Advent Weekday*
8:30 a.m. = for healing of Andrew Lee family

Tuesday, Dec. 6 = *Advent Weekday; [St. Nicholas, Bishop]*
8:30 a.m. = Vito DeCicco

Wednesday, Dec. 7 = *St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
8:30 a.m. = Aristolico Banina *(Happy b'day. in heaven)*
7:00 p.m. = **Vigil of Immaculate Conception**
Edward and George Bauer

Thursday, Dec. 8 = Immaculate Conception *of the B.V.M.*
(Holy Day of Mass Obligation)
9:00 a.m. = Vito DeCicco
12:00 noon = good health for Maria Caragan

Friday, Dec. 9 = *Advent Weekday; [St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin]*
8:30 a.m. = Robert Golden

Saturday, Dec. 10 = *Advent Weekday;* ***Our Lady of Loreto***
9:00 a.m. = Iacona and DiOrio family

Saturday, Dec. 10 = Vigil of **2nd Sunday of Advent**
4:00 p.m. = Michael Roselle

Sunday, Dec. 11 = 2nd Sunday of Advent
7:30 a.m. = Carmela Petosa and Domenico Petosa
10:00 a.m. =Francis and Ann Murphy
12:00 noon = Frank Salsini

Bread *and* ***Wine*** *offered at this week's Masses are presented with prayers in memory of*
Mike O'Donnell
requested by ***his wife Judy***

This week the ***Sanctuary Lamp*** *burns before the Tabernacle with prayers in memory of*
Mike O'Donnell
requested by ***his wife Judy***

Weekly Collections — Our Parish Family's Support:

Nov. 20: Offertory Collection - $3,593.00
Charity & Justice - $ 694.00

To contribute via ***WeShare****, our online program for weekly parish contributions, go to our parish website:*
http://StSylvesterSI.org

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.

Constance Barrett, Karen Barretta, Nereida Borrero, Nancy J. Bushman, Les Byrnes, Frances Cirincione, Conley family, Stephen Cucci, Robert Forlenza, Isaac Giles, Carmela Girardi, John Andrew Hunton, Debra S. Iammatteo, Bridget Kehley, Dr. Nicolas C. Lansigan, Jr., Alberta Lafauci, James Lopez, Rigoberto Maldanato, Louis Matos, Millie Mazzone, Dianne McCahill, John Miles, George Moresca, Delia Murguia, Patrick Moroney, Amy O'Donnell, David Orber, Yvette Orlando, Tita Payomo, Anthony Pelle, Jr., Ly Phan, Ed Plocha, Sr. Carrie Portu, Irene Reilly, Joyce Rowan, Eulah Ryan, John Savarese, Annette Scardigno, Lexi Simon, Catherine Smith, Robert Sheppard, Louise Stanley, Joan Walter, Helen White

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.

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 Monfieletto - U.S. Army

Has someone here been promoted, transferred, demobilized, discharged, retired? Please let us know.

Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

There is so much busyness at this time of year, so much noise. Can you hear the voice over the racket? John the Baptist, in today's Gospel reading, says we must change ourselves. A great light is going to appear that will expose our sinfulness and burn up in fire what we cannot hide. We cannot afford to be complacent and think we are doing fine as we are. Change is a great idea, you think, but how do I do that? Sixteen hundred years ago a young man grew up in what is now Algeria, on the north coast of Africa. He was the child of a Christian mother and a pagan father. They gave him an excellent education, but as a youth he fell in with a sect called the Manichees, who encouraged sexual promiscuity, drunkenness, and many other vices. In his autobiography he tells us that he reached a point in his life when he had no beliefs and neither the prayers of his mother nor the urgings of his best friend to become a Christian seemed to have any effect. He prayed to God to change him, "but not yet." Finally, he stopped and realized his own limited ability, his emptiness and his powerlessness. He could do nothing through his own efforts. At that point he was quiet enough to hear the "still small voice." God said, "Take up and read," and the scriptures fell open to a passage in the Letter to the Romans *(13:13-14).* His heart was changed. His name is Augustine and he became a bishop, a great Christian theologian, a doctor of the Church. Advent is a time to slow down, to be quieter, and to listen more carefully, or we might miss the personal message that God has for us.

Spend some time in a quiet place. Use the silence to ask what God is waiting to tell you this Advent.

Keep Smiling,

Fr. Jacob

TONIGHT at 5 p.m. all are invited to the ***Annual Lighting of our Memorial Christmas Tree Grove*** ***and*** then to the Parish Hall for **Christmas Caroling** and **Refreshments**

Do You Need Someone Who Can Listen To You?

Everyone goes through crises sometimes. When that is happening, you can benefit from a conversation with a professional counselor who shares our Catholic perspective.
Our parish can make a connection for you with the Archdiocese of New York's

PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK

You can make an appointment to meet with a professional counselor on Staten Island for up to 6 meetings, with only a $10 co-pay per session.

This can be arranged easily. Tell one of our clergy that you want to talk to a counselor. He will contact the PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK on your behalf, and then you can call and arrange your first visit with someone who knows how to listen.

We are in need of Lectors for Mass as well as Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers/Greeters). Please prayerfully consider getting more involved.

Youth Group

> **Next Friday, Dec. 9** the **Youth Group** will present ***Pizza and a Movie*** **[Home Alone]** ***Night*** at 5 pm in the Parish Hall – children of **all ages** are invited*!*
Admission: $5. Ticket reservation forms available in the back of church and at the Rectory.

Would you like to be a member of the Youth Group? Teens, 7th grade and up, are welcome to join; please call the Rectory or come to the ***next meeting today, Nov. 27th in Rosary Hall (church basement) after 10 AM Mass.***

Responding To The Word

John encourages us to change our lives to prepare for Jesus' coming.
What changes do I need to make this Advent?
Jesus, help me . . .

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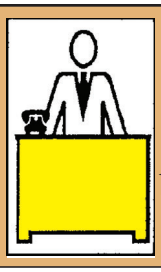

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