

St. Sylvester Church

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Masses

Saturday evening vigil - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 (Choir) AM, 12 noon

Holy Days - 7:00 PM Vigil, 9:00 AM, 12 noon, 7:00 PM

Weekdays - Mon. through Fri. at 8:30 AM and
- Saturday at 9:00 AM

Devotions

Monday through Saturday - Rosary following
morning Mass

Mondays - Miraculous Medal following 8:30 AM Mass

Tuesdays - St. Anthony of Padua following 8:30 AM Mass

Wednesdays - Eucharistic Holy Hour: 7 - 8 PM

Fridays of Lent - Stations of the Cross: 12 noon & 7:00 PM

Parish Activities

Men's Holy Name Society, Women's Guild,
Golden Age, Youth Sports Program, Eucharistic
Ministers, Funeral Ministry, Lectors, Ushers/Greeters,
Cub Pack & Boy Scout Troop 85, Youth Activities Group

Parish House Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

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.

Baptism

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 (Confessions)

Saturdays - 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM

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?

Please send parish census card for my/my family registration

I would like to receive Offering Envelopes

I would like a Priest to contact me.

Parish of Saint Sylvester



**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2013**

*The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.*

— Psalm 145:14



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Nov. 2 - All Souls Day; First Saturday

9:00 a.m. = All Souls novena intentions

Evening Vigil Mass for the 31st Sun. - Ord. Time

5:00 p.m. = All Souls novena intentions

Daylight Saving Time ends.....»

Turn Clocks
Back



Sunday, Nov. 3 - 31st Sun. in Ord. Time

7:30 a.m. = All Souls novena intentions

9:00 a.m. = All Souls novena intentions

10:30 a.m. = All Souls novena intentions

12 Noon = All Souls novena intentions

Monday, Nov. 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:30 a.m. = Edward Balletto (3rd anniversary in heaven)

Tuesday, Nov. 5 - Weekday in Ord. Time; VOTE!

8:30 a.m. = All Souls novena intentions



Wednesday, Nov. 6 - Weekday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = All Souls novena intentions

Thursday, Nov. 7 - Weekday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = Margaret Gilhooly

Friday, Nov. 8 - Weekday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = Madelyn Costello (happy 5th ann. in heaven)

Saturday, Nov. 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00 a.m. = Anna and Joseph Vitolo

Evening Vigil Mass for the 32nd Sun. in Ord. Time

5:00 p.m. = Phil, Elizabeth and Paul Maneggia

**Keep our troops—and the families at home
who support them—in your prayers:**

Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - USAF

Francesca DiSimone-Reich - U.S. Army

Frank DiSimone Biggins - U.S. Army

Carl DiSimone Biggins - USMC in Libya

Michael Di Simone Biggins - U.S. Army

Ryan Foley - USMC

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

Col. Patrick J. Mahaney - U.S. Army

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Ensign Il Steven Pasignajen-Trimble—U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf

Darrin Sack

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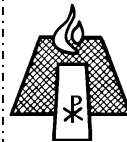
Weekly Collections

Oct. 26 - 27, 2013

Weekly collection - \$4,341.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,100.00

*This week the **Sanctuary Lamp**
burning before the tabernacle is given
in memory of*



Laura Baburashvili
*at the request of
her daughter, Natalia*



*From Death
to New Life*

*May the souls of our dearly departed
rest in the peace of God, and may
their loved ones find comfort and
reassurance in God, our Father.*

Michael Poyntz

BEGIN WITH ARDOR

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.

—St. Charles Borromeo

Prayer for the sick—those anticipating a hospital stay, the homebound in our parish, and in our families—is so important. Please keep this list of the sick near the place where you pray each day so that you remember them throughout the week.

Victor Andrea

Carol Barbaro

Mary Bhatia

Tito Borrero

Elaine Boyle

MaryAnne Christopher

Kathleen Coughlin

Stephen Cucci

Charles D'Arrigo

Charles Didonato

Josephine Florio



Keith

Frank Labano

Maryann Lafemina

Delia Murguia

Joseph Murguia

Amy O'Donnell

Mario Paralta

Cheryl Perniciaro

Emil Senftleben

Louise Stanley

Marian Tessa



**Pastor's
Corner**

My dear Parishioners,

Those in our parish family with school-age children—or in other cases, grandchildren—are most likely familiar with the reorganization of Catholic elementary schools on Staten Island. Known as *regionalization* it was in the planning stages when our own St. Sylvester School was closed. As of September 2013, it is now an active fact. This being the case, I felt it important to bring you up to date on how *regionalization* affects our parish and parishioner families.

During its planning stage every parish was given the opportunity to participate or to opt out of the regionalization program. There are some larger parishes with well-established flourishing schools which chose to continue as independent entities. Some churches, however, saw advantages and accepted the opportunity to share the 'burden' of maintaining an elementary school. Others—without schools—were directed to sign up to take part. As you may remember, this last was the case for our parish.

The new plan is supported by a financial assessment from each participating parish. In September 2013 St. Sylvester parish began paying the monthly 8% Regionalization fee—approximately \$1,700.00 every month.

I hear you asking: "Where does the 'advantage' for us come in?" Yes, there is, indeed, a benefit for our parish family. Students in parishes sharing in the regionalization program may apply to any participating parish school and, when accepted will pay a lower "in parish" tuition. Those children leaving St. Sylvester School when it closed were among the first to have this opportunity. They are now continuing their education in other Island Catholic elementary schools and their families are paying the lower tuition rate which is usually offered only to a parish school's registered parishioners.

Members of our parish family who do not have school age children can be happy in the knowledge that more young people now have the advantage of an education which reinforces Christian values and morality—a bright promise for their future and ours.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob



**WELCOME
&
CONGRATULATIONS!**



... to **Rafael Dela Pena, Emily Gotiangco, Marco Kua, Edmar Pelayo, Mariedel Pelayo, Simrun Ramkrishnan and Isabella Roman** who were installed and blessed as new Altar Servers on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at the 10:30 a.m. Parish Mass.



**IT WAS SO MUCH FUN,
WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN!**

BUSTRIP to SANDS CASINO, Bethlehem, PA

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Bus will leave our rear parking lot at 10:00 a.m. A short trip will bring you to **Sands Casino and Shops**—something for all interests.

Cost: \$30; with \$20 rebate for casino and \$5 for food.

make reservations at our Parish Office



St. Sylvester Parish Family welcomes

Samantha Ann Mazzella


daughter of

Thomas and Patti Ann Schiano-Moriello Mazzella

presented to the Lord by her Godparents

Andrew Mazzella and Maryrose Cordero

on Sunday, October 27, 2013

The students and faculty of P.S. 48, Concord extend an invitation to all in our parish family to attend a ceremony and entertainment honoring the veterans of **Patrick J. D'Alessio Post, American Legion** on Friday, November 8th. The event,  scheduled to begin at the new **Veteran's Day** school building, will also be a "thank you" to the Post members who donated the 14' x 18' American flag that flies above the school. The flag's size is the largest which can be flown over a building.

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