

St. Sylvester Church

*A Roman Catholic Praying Community
Staten Island, New York 10304*

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Rev. Jacob Thumma

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Balareddy Yeruva ("Fr. Bala")

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Janet Samuel

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Carmela Rogan

Parish House Office:

718-727-4639 Fax: 718-273-2950

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



854 Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304

Masses

Saturday evening vigil - 4:00 PM

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

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

Weekdays - Mon. through Fri. at 8:30 AM

- Weekdays of Lent also at 12:00 noon

- Saturday at 9:00 AM

Devotions

Monday through Saturday - Rosary following 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: 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM

- Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: 1 PM - 4 PM

Parish Activities

Men's Holy Name Society, Women's Guild, Lectors,
Golden Age, Eucharistic Ministers, Funeral Ministry,
Ushers/Greeters, Teen Youth Activities Group, A.C.A.,
Cub Pack & Boy Scout Troop 85, Manresa C.L.C.

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 - 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Matrimony

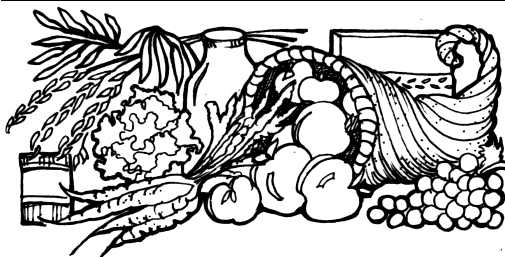
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance and prior to making any plans for the reception. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest. All couples are expected to attend a Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

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.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2014

"I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

— Matthew 25:35



Liturgies and Intentions for the Week

Vigil Mass for Sunday, Nov. 23

4:00 p.m. = Martin Portu (*happy 1st anniversary in heaven*)

Sunday, Nov. 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

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

10:30 a.m. = Carol Cannizzaro (*happy birthday in heaven*)

12:00 Noon = Vitolo Family

Monday, Nov. 24— St. Andrew Dung-Lac-Priest, and
Companions-Martyrs

8:30 a.m. = Nathan Lapin

Tuesday, Nov. 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria-Virgin &

8:30 a.m. = Ernesto Alvendia *Martyr*

Wednesday, Nov. 26— Weekday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = Jennie Camarda

7:00 p.m. = Parish Family Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 27— Weekday in Ord. Time;
Thanksgiving Day

8:30 a.m. = Eileen Leach

Friday, Nov. 28— Weekday in Ord. Time

8:30 a.m. = Dorothy Savarese

Saturday, Nov. 29— Weekday in Ord. Time

9:00 a.m. = Justin Napoleon

Vigil Mass for 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. = deceased members of the O'Donnell and
Coughlin families

Sunday, Nov. 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. = Frank Brescia (*happy birthday in heaven*)

9:00 a.m. = Michael Poyntz

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

12:00 Noon = Marie Feminella

Weekly Collections

**our Parish Family's
support on
Nov. 15-16, 2014**

First Collection - \$3,732.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,000.00

"School Debt" pay-down update:

\$42,368.00 Debt as of 11/1/14

- 5,000.00 payment from Cardinal's
Appeal rebate

\$37,368.00 debt as of 11/16/14

Let's keep up the "pay-down"!



*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.*

Linda Jensen

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



SR Francis S. Cummings - USN

SR Michael J. Cummings - USN

Col. Jeffrey N. Davila, MD - USAF

Francesca DiSimone-Reich - U.S. Army

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

Prescod Montgomery - U. S. Army in Iraq

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

Darrin Sack

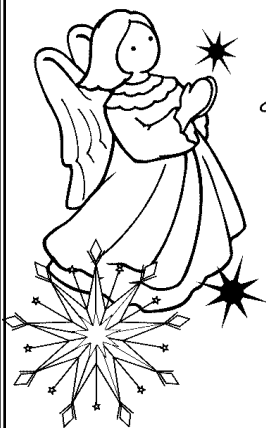
Major Michael Volpe - U.S. Army

SUPPORT



**Prayer for the sick is so important.—those anticipating a hospital stay, the homebound in our parish, and in our families.
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, Frances Cirincione,
Joseph Corrigan, Kathleen Coughlin, Stephen Cucci, Charles D'Arrigo, Jr., Charles Didonato, Connie Gorrasi, Frank Labano,
Rose Marchese, Louis Matos, Delia Murguia, Joseph Murguia, Pat O'Connell, Amy O'Donnell,
Mario Paralta, Joseph Palumbo, Cheryl Perniciaro, Carmela Rogan, Emil Sentfleben, Louise Stanley, Marian Tessa**



Rejoice Joy Peace

2014 Advent and Christmas Schedule

1st Sunday of Advent, November 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Parish Tree Lighting

followed by Carols led by the Teen Youth Group
Refreshments in Parish Hall served by the Women's Guild

Monday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception [Holy Day of Mass Obligation]

Masses at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m.

Parish Family Christmas Dinner Dance [reservations required]

Reconciliation Monday, December 15

Confessions from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, December 21 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

C.C.D. students present **Lessons and Carols**

Wednesday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Vigil Mass in the Church

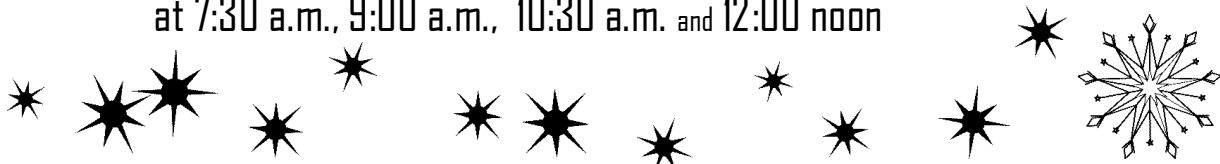
11:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols with Adult Choir in the Church

11:30 p.m. - Christmas Midnight Mass in the Church

Thursday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day

Masses will be celebrated in the Church

at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon





New at St. Peter's Cemetery!

St. Peter's Cemetery has served the Catholic faith community for well over a century. Effective November 2014, as a response to the desire for pre-planning one's final arrangements, St. Peter's Cemetery will now offer families the opportunity to purchase graves for future use. These future-use graves will be limited to the graves available in Section R only (at the intersection of Tyler Avenue and Clove Road).

Other sections of the cemetery will still be available for the purchase of immediate need burial space.

For individuals who prefer cremation, St. Peter's Cemetery also offers cremation niches that can accommodate 2 standard size urns. The niches are available—for pre-need or immediate need—in St. Peter's Columbaria Garden.

For more information, please call the cemetery office at 718-442-2363, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1 p.m.-3 p.m.



*As a member of the
Staten Island Council of Churches
St. Sylvester Parish has received an
invitation to the . . .*

Advent Ecumenical Worship Service
Sunday, November 30 at 4 p.m.
Woodrow U. M. Church
1075 Woodrow Road

Speaker: Fr. Joseph Karikunnel, C.S.T.
Parochial Vicar, Church of St. Clare

Children's Choir: Church of St. Joseph & St. Thomas
Directors: Frank DeJulio & Mary Cummings

— Refreshments will follow the service —

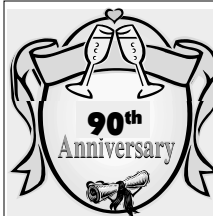
*If you would like to attend please R.s.v.p.
to our Parish Office (718-727-4639)*



REMINDER TO SIGN UP FOR THESE DISCOUNTS

Goethals, Bayonne, Outerbridge Crossings

A toll relief plan negotiated last year gives E-ZPass holders a reduced toll on their 3rd trip over these spans in a 30-day period. Once the 3rd trip is taken, the 1st two trips paid at a peak rate of \$10.25 are rolled back to \$5.50. To sign up for the 3-trip plan, call the Port Authority @ 1-800-333-8655, or visit www.panynj.gov. You can also go to the E-ZPass Customer Service Ctr., 1150 South Ave., S.I. Those enrolled in the 10-trip plan will automatically be absorbed into the 3-trip plan.



St. John Villa Academy Elementary School

Attention Alumni!

This year we are celebrating our 90th Anniversary and we want to make sure *you* are a part of the celebrations we have planned—in particular our **LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION DINNER DANCE** being held on **April 17, 2015** at the Excelsior Grand. Please contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office at 718-447-4150, ext. 171 to verify your contact information.

WAGNER COLLEGE CHOIRS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



present

The Glories of the Season

A Very Special Holiday Concert

THE BRILLIANCE OF BACH

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Sleepers, Wake

Cantata 40: Durzy ist erschienen der Solm Gottes

CHRISTMAS IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF SPAIN

THE MYSTICISM OF TOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA

NEW & ANCIENT WORKS

CAROLS AND CHANUKAH MUSIC

Sunday, December 7 at 4 P.M.
Trinity Lutheran Church
309 St. Paul's Avenue, S. I.

This concert is open to the public. Suggested donation: \$15.

Monday evening, **December 8th**
at the **Church of the Holy Child**.
Fr. Youland Oulett, Rector for the
National Shrine of Canada will conduct
an **Evening of Prayer** and celebration
in **honor of Our Lady**.

He will bring with him the
traveling statue of **Our Lady of the
Cape**. We will open with Mass, hear
a brief history of **Our Lady of the Cape**
and the many miracles associated with
the shrine, followed by a beautiful
candlelight procession.
Then there will be time to share and visit
with Father. Refreshments will be offered.
For more info. call Carol: 718-744-7471.





Pastor's Corner

My Dear Parishioners,

The word "thanksgiving" most often calls to our minds the holiday in November. But as early as the middle of the second century Justin Martyr referred to the blessed bread and wine of the Lord's Supper as "food we call 'thanksgiving'" (in Greek *eucharistia*).

The Thanksgiving we celebrate in the autumn is at times marked by a sort of proud self-congratulation by our society and the consumption of food until we sink into an inert stupor.

The "thanksgiving" that we call our Eucharist is just the opposite: we are led to it by an acknowledgment of our own failings; we remember our humble place in the scheme of things by giving praise to God alone.

While the food of Christ's body and blood fills our spiritual hungers, it also creates in us a greater hunger. We are not sent to our spiritual sofas to let the Lord's Supper settle; we are sent to be living signs of that thanksgiving for the world by looking out for the poor and powerless, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, speaking out against the self-righteous. In short, the hunger created by our doing in remembrance of Christ must lead us to living in remembrance of him.

Keep smiling,

Fr. Jacob

This week the **Bread and Wine**
are offered at all the Masses in memory of

Carol Cannizzaro

as requested by
her husband, Sam
sons Charles, Craig and family



This week the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning
before the tabernacle is given

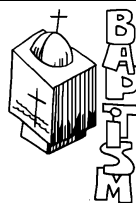
in thanksgiving

as requested by
Miriam Lumbreras

Cross Road Foundation has sent us a "thank you" for our participation in this Autumn's **Baby Bottle Campaign**. Congratulations to all in our Parish Family for **contributions totaling \$3,573.78!**



Our Parish Family's **Thanksgiving Mass** will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, **November 26th at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited to share their bounty by bringing gifts of non-perishable food to be presented at the Offertory Procession and then given to the Food Pantry of our sister parish, St. Mary of the Assumption.



St. Sylvester Parish Family welcomes

Emma Louise Hagan

represented by her Godparents
Richard D'Arpa and Stacey Czujko

on **Sunday, November 16, 2014**

Emma joined us through the waters of Baptism
and we congratulate her parents,
John and Debra D'Arpa Hagan

We're off again for a day full of fun . . .

Sands Casino & Outlets in Bethlehem, PA

Tuesday, December 9th



Our chartered bus will leave at **10:00 AM**

Cost: **\$35** - Rebate: **\$20** in chips & **\$5** for food

Stop by the Parish House Office to make arrangements

Saint Francis Catholic Singles

has now moved to **Holy Family Parish**

Saint Francis Catholic Singles' next meeting, for those in their 30s, 40s, and 50s, will be held at our new location—**Holy Family Parish**, 366 Watchogue Rd., S.I., NY 10314—on Thurs., Nov. 20 @ 7:15 PM.

Join us for our **Christmas Party** on Fri. night, Dec. 12 at **The Manor Restaurant**, 917 Manor Rd., S.I. Price is \$40 per person if received or postmarked by Thurs., Nov. 20; \$50 afterward. Bring checks made out to 'CASH' to the Nov. 20th gathering or mail by Dec. 6th with your name, phone # and e-mail to: Holy Family Parish. ATTN.: Singles Christmas Party, 366 Watchogue Rd., S.I., NY 10314. For more info. check our website: www.sgspsi.org, find us on Fb/StFrancisCatholicSingles, or e-mail sfcs@gmail.com.

CUB PACK & BOY SCOUT TROOP 85

of St. Sylvester Parish

holding a **FOOD DRIVE** collection

this **Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 9 AM - 2 PM**

at **Met Foods, Hylan Blvd. in Grasmere**

