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SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00PM

SUNDAY MORNING: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, AND 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASSES:

9:00AM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

12:10PM FRIDAY

SATURDAY:

9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00PM TO 4:45PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT IN THE RECTORY.

BAPTISM:

ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING A PRIEST OF THE PARISH. AN INSTRUCTION CLASS IS HELD BEFORE THE SACRAMENT. PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND ENCOURAGED TO BECOME PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE BAPTISM.

MARRIAGE:

ARRANGED SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE. SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLY FOR NON-PARISHIONERS. PRE-CANA REQUIRED.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

CALL THE RECTORY ANYTIME.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

MS. TINA DELAURENTIS-GARCIA, DIRECTOR, 965-5535
SASRELIGIOUS@GMAIL.COM
GRADES 1-7, SUNDAYS 8:30AM-11:00AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

EVERY FAMILY AND SINGLE ADULT SHOULD BE PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND RECEIVING A MONTHLY SET OF ENVELOPES. NEW PARISHIONERS, WHO WISH TO REGISTER, CAN DO SO AT THE RECTORY.

HOMEBOUND:

PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY REGARDING COMMUNION FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carney, Principal

Mrs. Kathleen Helmrich, Administrative Assistant

School: 476-8489

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Mr. Kenneth Corneille, Director of Music and Organist

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

June 24, 2018



"You, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 23 *Vigil: Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

5:00pm Stanley and Stephen Uss

Sunday, June 24 *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

8:00am Joseph Platoni

10:00am John DeMartine

12:00noon David Roberts

Monday, June 25 *Weekday*

9:00am Special Intentions Patrick Carolan (living)

Tuesday, June 26 *Weekday*

9:00am Peter A. & Josephine Dronzek

Wednesday, June 27 *St. Cyril of Alexandria*

9:00am David Sanchez

Thursday, June 28 *St. Irenaeus*

9:00am Robert B. Dundas

Friday, June 29 *Saints Peter and Paul*

9:00am Timothy Burke

12:10pm John Rossell

Saturday, June 30 *First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

9:00am Nicky, Nickola & Evana DeBubba

Saturday, June 30 *Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm Julie Hyla

Sunday, July 1 *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am For the People of St. Anthony

10:00am Andrew W. Politi

12:00noon Mary Villati



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* STEWARDSHIP *

Last Weekend's Collection \$ 6,618.00

Same Weekend Last Year \$ 6,851.00

Mass Attendance 556

[We have 852 registered families in our Parish. 245 Church envelopes were used this past weekend.]

Your continuous support and generosity to the Parish both financially and spiritually and all that it does for others is greatly appreciated.

From the Office of the Cardinal

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Collection June 30/July 1

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Next weekend we are taking up our special annual collection for the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*. The Church in Africa is growing rapidly, but too often there are not enough local pastoral resources to support people in their faith. When you contribute to this special collection, you are helping people across the African continent grow closer to Christ and to His Church.

For example, in Malawi, young people comprise nearly two-thirds of the population. And, the Church there reflects this youthful face as well—the majority of the faithful are young people! But, unfortunately, the Church in Malawi does not have enough staff or ministers to reach these young Catholics falling away from the Church. However, with your generosity to the Solidarity Fund, the Church in Malawi can train youth leaders to connect with and guide young people across the country. Nearly 800 young people will be reached because of your contributions. With your help, the Catholic youth of Malawi and elsewhere in Africa will become a powerful force for good and new messengers of the Gospel.

The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in our shared faith. Please be as generous as you can be to this special collection.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please remember ... no 12:10pm Friday afternoon Mass during July & August!

ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS PRESIDERS

June 30-July 1

5pm Father Sylvester

8am Capuchin Father

10am Father Mastrolia

12 noon Father Tissera

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

From now until July 8th, we will again be accepting items to be packaged and mailed by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Charles N. Bajart, Jr. American Legion Post # 1122 to our service men and women abroad. Items may be placed in containers at the church doors each week.



Preferred items include: Granola Bars, Hard Candy, Gum, Slim Jims, Twizzlers, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Bars of Soap, Sun Block, Lip Balm, Tampons, Shaving Cream, Tissue Packs, Hand Lotion, Socks, Baby Wipes, Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Playing Cards, Micro- Mac-n-Cheese ...

ArchCare, the healthcare ministry for the Archdiocese of NY, invites you to join us for the blessing of our newest Senior Life Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a dynamic program designed to help our seniors maintain independence and lead fulfilling lives to be held on **Monday, June 25th at 10:00am at Cabrini of Westchester** (lower level), Dobbs Ferry. Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Gerald T. Walsh followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception. RSVP Program Director, Ellen Gloskin @ egloskin@archcare.org or 326-3111.

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To learn more, please call a gift planning specialist at 646-794-3317 or email plannedgiving@archny.org

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK



We pray for all the sick of our Parish, especially:

- Drew Aaron · Florence Balint · Mary Cannito ·
- Gianna Colao · Maggie Coleman · James Collins ·
- Kevin Corneille · Bessie Cortes · Laura DeSantis ·
- Mark DeSantis · Kathleen Doherty · Bette Frattali ·
- Elio Frattali · Maria Iacontini · Brian Larkin ·
- Daniel Lauricella · Michael Manuele · Monica Martinez ·
- Bob McCormick · Lynn Ann Murphy · John Murray ·
- Lauren Nicole · James O'Loughlin · Antoinette Palma ·
- Felice Palma · Barbara Popovic · Joseph Popovic ·
- Ulla Rattenni · Baby Aaron John Rivera · Joe Ruberto ·
- Carmelita Santos · Susan Schiavone ·
- Michael Treacy · Peter Vigna ·

50 AND 25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

On **Sunday, September 30, 2018**, a mass will be celebrated at 12 noon honoring those couples celebrating 50 and 25 years of marriage in 2018. A reception will follow in the school hall.

If you plan to attend, please call the rectory at 965-2733, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Responses must be made by September 5th.

Additional information will follow.



The New York Blood Center (NYBC) has declared a blood emergency. The organization is asking people across New York City, the Hudson Valley, Long Island and New Jersey to donate blood to help replenish the blood supply for hospitals throughout the area. In order to maintain a

safe blood supply, a seven-day inventory of all blood types must be continually replenished. Right now, reserves are below that minimum.

These low levels are particularly dangerous leading into summer months, when people are less likely to donate blood as schools go on summer break and families take vacations. The best preparation for life-threatening situations is having blood on hospital shelves in advance.

Please join us in the St. Anthony School Hall next Sunday, July 1, from 8:30am – 2:30pm for our annual Blood Drive. Appointments are highly encouraged but not required. (An appointment can be made on the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule.) Walk-ins are welcome. Most persons in good health are eligible to donate blood. All donors must present valid photo identification, should eat a healthy meal and drink extra water, and will be given a health assessment prior to donating. Most medications are accepted.

Help us save lives -- every 2 seconds someone in this country needs blood.

WHEN: Sunday July 1, 2018 from 8:30am to 2:30 pm, in the School Hall.

Bring identification and plan to stay an hour, including time for rest and refreshments following your donation.

Mark Your Calendar



Blood Drive ... July 1

Feast of San Gennaro ... Sept 19, 9:00am Mass

50th/25th Jubilee Mass ... Sept 30, 12:00noon

Expectant Family Mass ... Oct 21, 10:00am

Memorial Mass ... Nov 11th, 10:00am

CHURCH CLEANING

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Guidelines for the 2019 Mass Intention Book

Our 2019 Book of Mass Intentions opened on Monday, June 18th. Please review the general guidelines below for requesting a mass intention:

Each parish family is allowed up to 7 scheduled Masses (up to 3 of these can be Saturday evening / Sundays).

Only 1 Mass per day can be prayed for any individual intention.

No Masses will be reserved in the book without a stipend of \$15.00.

Please note that Church governance requires that only one intention (person) per Mass is allowed. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners, we will adhere to the following: Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e. John, Paul, and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention.

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UPCOMING OFFERTORY SCHEDULE

June30/July 1 TWO COLLECTIONS
PASTORAL SOLIDARITY CHURCH IN AFRICA
JULY 7/8 ONE COLLECTION
JULY 14/15 ONE COLLECTION
JULY 21/22 ONE COLLECTION
JULY 28/29 ONE COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!!!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A few weeks ago, I was informed by the Archdiocese of New York Priest Personnel Office that, owing to complex immigration issues and status, Father Sylvester will not be able to return to ministry at St. Anthony's after his pre-planned summer hiatus in Ireland. Father leaves the USA on Sunday July 1st to visit a nephew and niece who live and work in Ireland and who are expecting their first child! Please pray for them! Father will also spend time ministering in one of the most well-known substance-abuse rehab centers in Ireland which was founded by a Catholic nun (Cuan Mhuire - "Mary's Harbor"). Depending on the deliberations currently being undertaken by his religious superiors in the Benedictine Order, there is a possibility that he will return to the USA in the fall for a monastic or other church-related appointment. Of course, I will keep you posted on his whereabouts. Father Sylvester has been of tremendous assistance to me in the administration of our vibrant parish over the course of the past nine months, and I am deeply grateful for the very special monastic spirituality which he has shared with me and with all of us. He has truly become a brother in the Lord, and he will always have a special place in my heart! So it is with a heavy heart that we say farewell and Godspeed to this wonderful man of God. Please join me in wishing him well at the 5 pm mass on Saturday June 30th, followed by a light reception in the School Hall. Please read Father's personal reflections which follow below.

Father Mastrolia

**"Following in the Steps of Jesus
to Achieve His Perfection":**

A Message from Father Sylvester

I was a stranger,

and you welcomed me in Jesus' name!

I was the fourth child of my family out of ten children born to my natural father and mother, nursed from the earliest of years on breast milk and plain tea! We never went hungry, as my father was a hard-working baker and my mother a dedicated housewife. We were two girls and eight boys. Now my two parents, and youngest (57) and eldest (71) brothers are with the Lord forever until we meet again.

I left home as the first offering of my parents to God in 1966. I did not know much of the English language and always walked barefoot until I was 17 years of age! I entered the seminary to do the highest of studies and

completed my monastic and priestly studies with great difficulty. Under obedience, the Reverend Father Superior at the time made me feel that the qualifications were sufficient to the need of the Church and her requirements.

At my entry into the monastery we had the highest number of monks – 28, ranging in age from 18 – 28. My very first assignment was to clean all 800 feet of the monastery's water drains with an ordinary broom! During my formation, I was given the highest appointment as choirmaster and dean of junior monks. Since then, I have been very successful with 40 years of priesthood and 50 years' experience among the poorest beggars to the highest political officials of Sri Lanka! I praise God for all these gifts!

I was here at St. Anthony's for a month's ministry during the summer of 2014, and on 17 March 2017, Fr. Mastrolia emailed me to say that he did not have an opening for a summer assignment last summer. But I surprised him when I arrived on 22 September 2017 at the request of a fellow Sri-Lankan monk (Fr. Louis at Holy Face Monastery in Clifton, NJ). However, that plan did not work out, and so I had no place to stay! On 26 September, I met with dearest Father Mastrolia who tended to all my needs and cleared the barriers to afford me a place with all the comforts of home which I could never have dreamed of!

At Christmas, I created the flower-donation card tree and, leading up to Easter, the Easter Season and St. Anthony's feast last week, I did my best to create certain artistic catechetical presentations, all very original works and all fully endorsed and blessed by Father Mastrolia.

Father Mastrolia – a perfect priest of God, down-to-earth, a perfect American with the flavor and the spirit of all the nationalities living in the USA. Father was born to be a special priest of God in Jesus' vineyard, very true to his priestly duties!

And the people of St. Anthony's – let me begin with Mr. John Larkin who has been blessed to serve the people in a highly-influential manner as neighborhood public servant and parish office manager. I am deeply grateful for his many kindnesses this past year! I wish him continued blessings in his future service of God's people!

Then there are the most dedicated members of all the parish organizations and all the active parishioners themselves – living sons and daughters of Jesus, of the Holy Mother of God and of St. Anthony. I love them all. And I know they love me, too!

With regard to the young people and children – they are deeply prayerful and dynamic Christians. Only a highly

charismatic and challenging approach to life can help them to meet the future spiritual demands of the American people.

The liturgy and worship at St. Anthony's Parish is truly beautiful. I challenge you all to an even more active participation so as to enjoy the "touch of God"! Please encourage more local people to be active in all possible ways and to foster among everyone the living presence of the Risen Lord. This is a must, and we have to do it together. For example, I think of the wonderful annual picnic, the Family Bingo's, the Lenten Pasta Meals, and so many other gatherings which help to foster community among God's people.

Also during my time here, I have come to know and love the Spanish-language community in the persons of the Word of God Missionary Community which meets in the church on Wednesdays and Saturdays. I have been so impressed with their genuine spirituality and devotion - particularly their love of Our Lord in the Eucharist. They have provided me with tremendous assistance in my catechetical projects which required some youthful agility to assemble!

While in Sri Lanka, I was a "field worker" with boots and tools to labor for 24 hours a day, but since last September I have become a more prayerful priest-monk with the daily recitation of monastic prayers, rosary, spiritual reading and meditation. The most gratifying compliment is the whisper of many who say, "he is a holy monk."

Yes, I praise God! I was lost in October 2017, ready to return to Sri Lanka because of many unfortunate circumstances. Father Mastrolia and some very special parishioners helped to clear all those obstacles – priestly faculties to minister in the Archdiocese of New York, medical insurance, and the assistance needed to settle past debts. Today I am in the best of health – mentally, physically and spiritually – looking forward to the future with hope of achieving and enjoying the perfection expected of priests and monks who are in Jesus and the Blessed Mother of God as a Sylvestrine Benedictine.

I love everyone who accepted me here in Yonkers – those who blessed me, fed me, enriched me, sharing in the pain of two family deaths mentioned above – my oldest and youngest brother – since the time I arrived. You have all joined with me in my praise of God as a Sylvestrine Benedictine Monk, and so I thank you with the promise of a remembrance in daily holy mass and prayers! I love you all!

**Dom Sylvester Harold Milroy Jayakody,
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