

**St. Sylvester R. C. Church**

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

*A community praying, growing, serving & welcoming in Jesus Christ.*



*Whoever eats my flesh and  
drinks my blood has eternal life,  
and I will raise him on the last day.*

**August 19, 2018**

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## We Celebrate!

### ***Eucharist:***

Weekends: Sat: 5pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am & 11am Holy Days as announced

Weekdays: M, Tu, Th and Fr: Mass in the Parish Center @ 8:30am

***Baptisms:*** Celebrated on pre-determined Sunday afternoons. ***Prior to making plans,*** call the Parish Center for Baptism dates, for preparation class dates, and important information regarding Godparents.

***Reconciliation:*** Saturday at 12 noon or by appointment.

***Confirmation:*** In the Fall for the youth of the parish. Adults and young adults can also be confirmed at Pentecost. Please call the Faith Formation Office.

***Marriage:*** Friday @ 3, 4:30, 6pm, Saturday @ 10:30am & 2:30pm. Arrangements must be made one year prior to the requested date. Please be aware that all the Sacraments of Initiation should have been celebrated prior to the requested wedding date and Pre-Cana preparation is required. No plans should be made prior to meeting with a priest or deacon.

***Anointing of the Sick:*** Every second Friday of the month @ 8:30am Mass for those needing surgery, or serious medical treatment, or seeking spiritual healing.

## We are here for you!

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Justin McMahan, Parish Social Ministry Director

Lori Zito, Stewardship Director

### **Office Information**

**Parish Office:** (631)475-4506 ext 101; Fax (631)475-1057 email: parishoffice@stsyvesterli.org

Mon, Tu, Th ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 5pm; Wed, 9am - 12 & 1 - 8:30pm Fri ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 3pm;

Sun ~ 9:30am - 12:30pm

**Faith Formation Office:** (631)475-4506 ext. 118 email: faithformation@stsyvesterli.org

Please call (631)475-4506 ext. 118 to make an appointment and we will be happy to serve you!

**Clare House:** (631)475-4506; Fax (631)475-6058

M ~ 10am - 3pm

Wed ~ 10am - 3pm & 4pm - 7pm

Fr ~ 10am - 12pm

**Thrift Shop:** (631)475-4506

Tu, Wed & Th ~ 10am - 3pm; Sat ~ 10am - 1pm

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# We Pray

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 18, 2018

5:00pm Rachele Pugliese  
Mildred Rehfus  
Andrew Lutz  
Richard Daly  
Martha Bartone  
Marie Chisefsky

### Sunday, August 19, 2018

7:30am Maria & Manuel Fernandes  
9:00am Stanley & Adelaide Kazel  
11:00am Doris Faithfull

### Monday, August 20, 2018

8:30am John Natoli  
Joseph Iemma

### Tuesday, August 21, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

### Thursday, August 23, 2018

8:30am Joan Merana

### Friday, August 24, 2018

8:30am Rosaline O'Connor

### Saturday, August 25, 2018

5:00pm Roy Hull  
Eugene Skoch  
Paul Rizzo  
Laura Mockler  
John Slovak  
Baby Jovani  
Evelyn Fedele

### Sunday, August 26, 2018

7:30am Rocco & Ernestine Mangino  
9:00am Ginny Handley (9th Anniversary)  
11:00am Peter Montemurro (3rd Anniversary)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

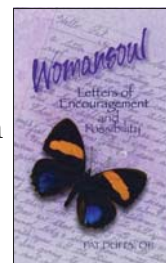
8/20:	Ezk 24:15-23	Dt 32:18-21
	Mt 19:16-22	
8/21:	Ezk 28:1-10	Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36
	Mt 19:23-30	
8/22:	Ezk 34:1-11	Ps 23:1-6
	Mt 20:1-16	
8/23:	Ezk 36:23-28	Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
	Mt 22:1-14	
8/24:	Rev 21:9-14	Ps 145:1-13, 17-18
	Jn 1:45-51	
8/25:	Ezk 43:1-7	Ps 85:9-14
	Mt 23:1-12	
8/26:	Jos 24:1-2, 15-18	Ps 34:2-3, 16-21
	Eph 5:21-32	Jn 6:60-69

## Women's Prayer Group

The next gathering of our *Spiritual Book Club* will be **Wednesday, August 22** at 7pm in the Worship Room. Please join us as we delve into Sr. Pat Duffy's Book: *Womansoul*.

Sr. Pat says, "In these letters I offer you something of my soul as a gift. I pray that through my sharing you will be encouraged to enter more deeply into your own soul. There, through the truth of your life, may you grow in grace, peace, and the love of your God."

So many of us have been encouraged and enlightened by Sr. Pat's spoken words at retreats and parish missions. Come and find the same in her written words.



**Spread the word and bring a friend!**  
**Books are available at the gathering.**

## We pray for all who are sick, especially . . .

*Eva D'Amato, Nina Caravana, Martha Lee, Winnie Mulderig, Catherine Hines, Bob Prentiss, Jose Nunez, Rose Masucci, Baby Bryanna Spencer, Pam Hinton, Ken Terry, Brian Podlesny, Roger Chin-Sang, Sasha Medile, Nef Nieves, Joanne Clarke, Michelle Clark, Diane Ruiz, Martha Benvenuto, Rosemarie Pugliese, Frank Cayea, Dorothy Birdsall, Michael Dolan, Hilda Gonzalez, John Bennett, Julian Atz, Jim Dietz, Charles Lunstrum, Baby Madison Angamarca, JoAnn Brandi, Donyell Gilkes, Joan Zerafa, Deidre Edwards, Ed Rafferty, Vinnie Callanan, Olivia Bazirgan, Diane Arens, Bill Lyon, Alice Micali, Baby Isabella Steo, Diane Garvey, Jerry Noschese, William Lyon, Nello Liberatore, John Phelan, James Dunn, Elizabeth Brechter, Charlie Bellizzi, Anne Ripi, Brian Mullins, Baby Emma Connolly, Desmond McDay, Maria Sikorski*

## We pray for all who have died, especially . . .

*Richard Louis Poelker, Michael Palermo,  
Jeanine C. Wilson, Robert Lampe*

# Faith Formation

## *Registration Information 2018/2019*

All children need to be registered each year.  
Please note that classes are filled on a first come, first served basis.

**PLEASE CALL THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE AT 475-4506 EXT 118  
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**

Please note: A baptismal certificate is required for all first time registrations, so please be sure to bring it with you when you come to register. We will be unable to process your registration without this required certificate. Thank You!

**We have a few opportunities available for those who would like  
to share their gift of faith with the young people of the parish for 2017/2018:**

Level 3: Mondays @ 5:45pm

Level 3: Tuesdays @ 4:30pm



If you are interested in becoming a member of the Faith Formation Ministry as a teacher/catechist, please call 475-4506 ext 118 for more information.

## **New Catechists . . . Please Save the Date!**

There will be a meeting for new catechists on Thursday, September 20th at 7:30pm in the Worship Room.

## *Altar Servers*



If you are a boy or girl in Fourth Grade or older and if you are interested in helping at Mass, consider becoming an Altar Server. Altar Servers serve one or two times a month, at the Mass your family usually attends. Altar Servers serve in pairs or sometimes three at a Mass. Duties of an Altar Server include carrying the Cross in the opening and closing Processions and leading the gifts to the Altar, holding the book for the Priest, assisting with Communion and other items that may come up seasonally. You will receive training. If you are interested in joining this Ministry, please call the Parish Office at 631-475-4506 ext. 118 and leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted.



# Stewardship

## *Gifts of Treasure August 12, 2018*

Regular ~ \$ 7,629  
Renovation ~ \$ 161      Solar ~ \$ 55

## *Faith Direct August Contributions*

Regular ~ \$9,788  
Renovation ~ \$1,153      Solar ~ \$209

To learn about or enroll in  
**Faith Direct**,  
the automated giving program,  
just log onto [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)  
and use our Church code NY285.  
Also, Faith Direct Forms are available  
in the Parish Office.

## **Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018**

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$55,861.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	84.9%
Number of Donors to Date:	162



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and campus  
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## **HOLIDAY FAIR RAFFLE TEAM FORMING**

As the Holiday Fair will be here before you know it, we are starting to work on organizing our raffles. Our beautiful raffle baskets are one of the highlights of our Fair and rely not only on parishioner donations, but also on generous contributions from our local restaurants and businesses.



We are hoping to develop a team who would be willing to approach these important contributors in our community and ask for either gift cards or merchandise to be donated for the Holiday Fair. The team will be given letters from the parish to carry and distribute as proof of the legitimacy of the event.

So, if you have a willingness to seek donations for a great cause — *our Holiday Fair is our largest fundraiser of the year* — please contact Lori Zito by stopping by the parish office, emailing to [Lzito@stsyvesterli.org](mailto:Lzito@stsyvesterli.org) or calling directly to ext. 115. HO! HO! HO!

## *Reflection*

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that, blessed by the Lord, and the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

## *Living Stewardship*

We are grateful for all stewards who thank God by sharing the Good News through sacramental preparation ministries such as Baptismal Preparation, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation Catechesis as well as R.C.I.A.

# Parish Social Ministry



The goal of Parish Social Ministry is to engage parishioners in social justice and outreach activities that allow us to live out the Gospel call to serve others and to build the Kingdom of God. Clare House is a community space where we offer direct service to our neighbors facing difficulties of all kinds, and expand our understanding and application of Catholic Social Teaching through the use of Praxis. We employ the "See, Judge, Act" Method to examine pressing social problems.

We strive to build authentic relationships with every individual who walks through the door and commit to journey in solidarity with them. We offer assistance to alleviate immediate needs. Clients receive access to: food pantry, thrift shop, case management, advocacy, information and referral, and other resources.

By utilizing education, advocacy, and community organizing we put our faith in action to address structural issues and eliminate systemic injustice. We feed the hungry and ask why they are hungry.



## Wash Kits for the Homeless

Every summer we create hundreds of wash kits to support the Stand Up for the Homeless event at the end of August where over 800 people receive access to multiple services in a single day!

**Thanks to everyone who came out to our two service events and helped to sort supplies and assemble wash kits!**

We are ALWAYS in need of travel size hygiene items – shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, washcloth. Please continue to donate these items by placing them in the donation bin in the church or bringing them directly to Clare House.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Constructive Feedback?

I welcome your calls, emails, and letters to express feedback on any aspect of our PSM program. Dialogue is essential for clarification of thought. Thank you to those of you who have contacted me. I look forward to continuing the conversation!

Justin McMahon  
Director of Parish Social Ministry  
631-475-4506 x121  
jmcmahon@stsyvesterli.org

## Need Assistance/ Want to Volunteer?

We rely on contributions of time, money, skills, and prayer to keep our ministry going!

## Parish Social Ministry Intake Line

Monday 10am - 3pm  
Wednesday 10am - 3pm, 4pm - 7pm  
631-475-4506 x122  
clarehouse@stsyvesterli.org

## HEALTHY FOODS TO ENCOURAGE...



### St. Sylvester Parish Social Ministry-Clare House Market

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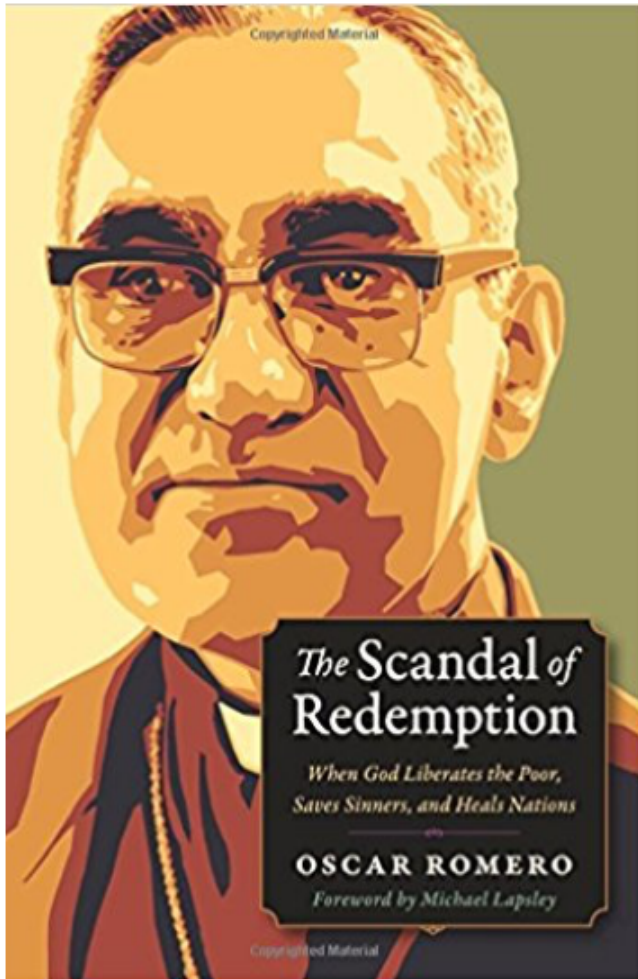
## DONATE HEALTHY TODAY!

Please continue to place ONLY NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS in the donation bin. If you wish to donate perishable items (ex. butter, eggs) please bring them directly to Clare House (Mondays 9:30-12 & 1:00-3:30 & Wednesdays 9:30-12, 1:00-3:30 & 5:30-7:30) Please call ahead to ensure our ability to receive your donation.

(631) 475-4506 x122 Thank you for supporting our community!



# Parish Social Ministry



## Fall Discussion Series 2018

"A church that does not provoke crisis, a gospel that does not disturb, a word of God that does not touch the concrete sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed— what kind of gospel is that?"

Three short years transformed El Salvador's Archbishop Oscar Romero from a conservative defender of the status quo into one of the most outspoken voices of the oppressed. An assassin's bullet ended his life, but his challenge lives on. Archbishop Oscar Romero will be canonized - formally made a saint - by Pope Francis on Sunday, 14 October 2018 at St Peter's Basilica in Rome acknowledging that he is indeed a saint who was martyred for proclaiming the gospel, and that the political and social implications of that message, which so scandalized the powerful, flowed directly from Romero's faithfulness to the teachings of Jesus.

These selections from Archbishop Oscar Romero's diaries, letters, homilies, and radio talks invite each of us to align our own lives with the way of Jesus that lifts up the poor, welcomes the broken, wins over enemies, and transforms the history of entire nations.

**FREE books still available!**

Please call or email to sign up!  
631-475-4506 x122  
jmcmahon@stsylyvesterli.org

## Back to School Program

During the summer months of July and August we will be collecting financial donations to support our Back to School program. Donations can be made electronically on our website, or via cash/check in an envelope marked "back to school" and placed in any collection basket, brought to the parish center or Clare House. All donations will be converted to gift cards. Thank you for your generosity!

### Why gift cards, you may ask?

It is fundamental that we strive in all our service activities to empower those on the margins. Gift cards allow clients to make their own decisions about what supplies, bags, shoes, etc. they would like for their family. This enhances their agency in the process and respects their human dignity as individuals. With this in mind, please consider making a donation to support our families in need.



## Parish Life

### *The Week Ahead*

*Sunday, August 19, 2018*

Baptisms ~ 12:30pm ~ Church

*Monday ~ August 20, 2018*

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

*Tuesday ~ August 21, 2018*

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

*Wednesday August 22, 2018*

Spanish Legion of Mary ~ 5:45pm ~ Room 4

Women's Prayer Group ~ 7pm ~ WR

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

*Thursday ~ August 23, 2018*

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

*Friday ~ August 24, 2018*

Senior Circle of Friends ~ 11:30am ~ PDH

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

*Saturday, August 25, 2018*

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

### Attention Ministry Leaders!



Please fill out a calendar request form by August 31 to reserve the day(s), time(s) and room(s) that you will need

between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019.

Regardless of whether you meet weekly, monthly, or just occasionally, a calendar request form must be turned in to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call Denise at 631-475-4506 ext 101.

## Senior Circle of Friends



The Senior Circle of Friends meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Their next meeting is August 24 at **11:30pm\*** in PDH. Come join us for fun and games. Bring a friend and meet some new ones!

*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THE SUMMER WE WILL MEET AT 11:30AM.*

## Music Ministry

Won't you consider joining the choir and raising your voice in making a "joyful shout to the Lord?"

Adult Choir rehearsals will be on Tuesday nights from 7:30pm—8:45pm in the Church. The first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 4th.

If you have any questions, please call me at 631-928-0821 or email: [tmkblanton@optonline.net](mailto:tmkblanton@optonline.net)

Sincerely,  
*Therese Blanton*






# Diocesan Information for Young Adults

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## In the Community

*Yard Sale Bonanza & Car Show, Grandma's Attic & Grandpa's Garage Sale* ~ at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Lake Ronkonkoma, Saturday, September 8th, 10am—3pm, rain or shine. Car registration and vendor information, please call Gerry at 631-585-9291.

*Sing & Stretch at the YMCA* ~ with Martha Campanile. Enjoy learning to sing with a 'healthy voice', learn proper breathing techniques, correct posture and muscle control. 8 week class, Thursday mornings at 11am at the Patchogue YMCA, September 6th—October 25th. Call 631-891-1800.

*Gennesaret Retreat* ~ for those facing serious illness. A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned September 21, 22, 23 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore. This retreat offers respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness and His faithfulness. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call Colette Fanelli at 631-665-7052.

*Night of Praise on the Canal* ~ Join us as we lift up the name of Jesus in song, Wednesday, August 22 at 7pm, 175 Woodcleft Avenue, Freeport. Featuring 'In the Way' and 'Winds of Flame' music.

*Project M.E.R.C.Y.* ~ Ministry to the East-end's Roman Catholic Youth ~ a partnership between St. James Youth Ministry in Setauket and the Catholic Parishes of the East-end of Long Island presents Wednesday Summer Fun Nights, 7pm—9pm in St. James Youth Center. August 15th is Mystery Night. Who knows what we will be doing!! Call 63-941-4141 for information.

*Weekly Farmers Market* ~ support your local growers and come to the Farmers Market at Brookhaven Town Hall South Parking Lot every Thursday from 2pm to 6pm, through October 25th. Buy the freshest Long Island fruits and vegetables and discover all the great produce grown right in our own backyard!

*Retrouvaille Weekend—You Can Help Heal Your Marriage* ~ Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, September 7-9, call 1-800-470-2230.

*Women of Faith, Courage and Dignity* ~ LI Women's Retreat Ministry invites you to their Annual Retreat at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, October 26—28. *"Nothing is more beautiful than a woman who is brave, strong and emboldened because of who Christ is in her."* There are many women in the bible who played pivotal roles in God's redemption plan: Sarah hung on to her faith! Ruth, the Moabite had the courage to forsake her past! Esther had the bravery to protect her people. Mary of Bethany had a heart of worship. Our Blessed Mother had the faith, courage and dignity to surrender to the will of God without any reservation. Let us take a journey together as we discover the experiences of these women and others, who through their journey, overcame difficult circumstances through their faith, courage, strength and dignity. To register or for more information, call Yvonne at 631-732-3574.



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