



St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

Matthew 15:28

August 20, 2017
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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Office Information

Parish Office: (631)475-4506 ext 101; Fax (631)475-1057 email: parishoffice@stsyvesterli.org
M, Tu, Th ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 5pm; Wed ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 8:30pm; Fr ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 4pm;
Su ~ 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 & W ~ 9:30am-12pm, 1pm-3:30pm Wed Night~ 5:30pm-7:30pm Fr ~ 9:30am-11:30pm

Thrift Shop: (631)475-4506

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

HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE involving diocesan personnel, priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or churches in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please call our confidential hotline number at 1-516-594-9063 and speak with Mary McMahan, LCSW, Director.

IF YOU SUSPECT a child or vulnerable adult is being—or has been abused, call the New York State Hotline phone number: 1-800-342-3720

If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call 911.

Visit our website at: www.stsyvesterli.org

We Pray

Saturday, August 19, 2017

5:00pm Rachele Pugliese
 Matteo, Caravana & LoCascio Families
 John Giaquinto (1st Anniversary)
 Cornelius J. Schloth
 Jason Caldwell
 Terry Bissert
 Alfred J. Nolan

Sunday, August 20, 2017

7:30am Maria & Manuel Fernandes
 9:00am James Hines, Jr.
 James Doucette
 11:00am John Natoli

Monday, August 21, 2017

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

8:30am Connie Perrotta

Thursday, August 24, 2017

8:30am Marilyn Ergottino

Friday, August 25, 2017

8:30am Cathy Tully McCoy

Saturday, August 26, 2017

5:00pm Roy Hull (2nd Anniversary)
 Jim Kummer (6th Anniversary)
 John Connelly
 Amelia Amen
 Charlotte Tafe

Sunday, August 27, 2017

7:30am Rocco & Ernestine Mangino
 9:00am Ginny Handley (8th Anniversary)
 11:00am Slominski & Iacobelli Families

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

8/14:	Dt 10:12-22	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
	Mt 17:22-27	
8/15:	Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10	Ps 45:10-12, 16
	1 Cor 15:20-27	Lk 1:39-56
8/16:	Dt 34:1-12	Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17
	Mt 18:15-20	
8/17:	Jos 3:7-11, 13-17	Ps 114:1-6
	Mt 18:21 – 19:1	
8/18:	Jos 24:1-13	Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24
	Mt 19:3-12	
8/19:	Jos 24:14-29	Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
	Mt 19:13-15	
8/20:	Is 56:1, 6-7	Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
	Rom 11:13-15, 29-32	Mt 15:21-28

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

Eva D'Amato, Marguerite Orłowski, Robert Orłowski, Tom Stephens, Melina Grosso Bischoff, Sean Patrick Dixon, Nina Caravana, Larry Lang, Martha Lee, Winnie Mulderig, Catherine Hines, Bob Prentiss, Jose Nunez, Jessica Deck, Nathan Morales, Laurie Saper, Chris Rosado, Rose Masucci, Baby Bryanna Spencer, Ramona Nunez, Pam Hinton, Pam Filasky, Brian Podlesny, Joseph Wagner, Frank & David Avitabile, Diane Rockowitz, Patricia Nochese, Donald Tierney, Sr., Danny Miller, Theresa Golembroski, Barbara Vattiato, Roger Chin-Sang, Jenna Knoblauch, Sasha Medile, Theresa O'Connor, Baby Charlotte Steele, Robert Uricola, Michael Callaban, Fran Pellerito, Virginia Guaiana, Olivia Bazirgan, Roy Fernandes, Michael Goode, William F. Swope, Nef Nieves, Kevin Elder

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

Eva Anselmo, Ronald J. Stella, Mark A. Pindulic

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Prayer to St. Pius X

Glorious Pope of the Eucharist, Saint Pius X, you sought "to restore all things in Christ."

Obtain for me a true love of Jesus so that I may live only for Him.

Help me to acquire a lively fervor and a sincere will to strive for sanctity of life, and that I may avail myself of the riches of the Holy Eucharist in sacrifice and sacrament.

By your love for Mary, mother and queen of all, inflame my heart with tender devotion to her.

Blessed model of the priesthood, obtain holy, dedicated priests, and increase vocations to the religious life. Dispel confusion and hatred and anxiety, and incline our hearts to peace and concord, so that all nations will place themselves under the sweet reign of Christ. Amen.

Stewardship

2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal One Faith - Family - Community

...many young people need someone to show them "that Jesus knows us, loves us, forgives us, shares our difficulties and supports us with his grace."

-Pope Francis



Your support of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** helps our young people grow in their faith and be inspired to live a life filled with Jesus' love.

- More than 6,000 participate in Youth Ministry Programs
- More than 3,500 a month participate in Young Adult Ministry Programs
- More than 3,500 students on campuses across Long Island are involved in Campus Ministry programs
- More than 100,000 students are enrolled in Religious Education programs

CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org

Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure

August 13, 2017

Regular ~ \$9,726

Renovation ~ \$252 Solar ~ \$75

Faith Direct August Contributions

Regular ~ \$9,821.34

Renovation ~ \$ 1,023 Solar ~ \$230

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

Reflection

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and His call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who recognize that each of us is uniquely gifted and each of us has our own special role in building the Kingdom.

"In this period of crisis today, it is important not to turn in on ourselves, burying our own talent, our spiritual, intellectual and material riches, everything that the Lord has given us; but rather to open ourselves, to be supportive, to be attentive to others. Set your stakes on great ideas, the ideals that enlarge the heart, the ideals of service that make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn."

~ Pope Francis

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017

Designated Goal:	\$65,100.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$47,685.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	73.2%
Number of Donors to Date:	156

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Parish Center. Thank you.

Attention All Local Artists & Crafters:

Believe it or not, the holidays will be here before you know it and the vendor tables for our annual Holiday Fair are beginning to fill! This year's Fair will be held on November 11th and 12th, and we would like to give our parishioners and local community members the opportunity to participate before we are sold out.

This is a wonderful yearly community event and our largest fundraiser of the year. If you are interested in renting a vendor table for this year's Holiday Fair, please contact Marie Broderick at mteachb@optonline.net or call (631) 205-5020.

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 exchange resources, offer assistance, and build relationships.

The Outreach Ministry at Clare House offers direct service to community members facing difficulties of all kinds. 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.

The Social Justice Ministry at Clare House works to expand our understanding and application of Catholic Social Justice through the use of praxis. We employ the "See, Judge, Act" Method to examine pressing social problems. 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. The Social Justice Committee meets first Thursdays at 7pm in Clare House. ALL ARE WELCOME!

I welcome your calls, emails, and letters to express feedback - positive or negative - 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!

Constructive Feedback?

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

Contact Outreach Ministry:

631-475-4506 press 5+1
clarehouse@stsylvesterli.org

Contact Social Justice Ministry:

631-475-4506 press 5+2
jmcmahon@stsylvesterli.org



Put Your Faith in Action: Volunteer Ministry Opportunity

Do you feel called to serve others in our community? Is Jesus inviting you to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring good news to the poor? Are you seeking a deeper way to live out your faith in concrete ways? We are looking for mission-oriented individuals to join our Outreach Ministry at Clare House!

Please go here for more information:

<http://tiny.cc/ClareHouseVolunteer>

Food Pantry Wish List

1. Pasta sauce—all kinds
2. Pancake mix/syrup
3. Mustard/mayo
4. Cereal
5. Juice—not apple
6. Canned soup
7. Tuna fish/canned chicken
8. Toothbrushes/Deodorant
9. Shampoo/bodywash
10. Laundry detergent (small bottles)



Back to School Program

Thank You for your generous contributions to our back to school program! Contributions support our clients and their families by empowering them to select school supplies that meet the needs of their family.



Parish Social Ministry



U.S. bishops explicitly reject 'racism, white supremacy and neo-nazism'

On Sunday, the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops got explicit, issuing a second

statement on the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, within 24 hours, this one specifically condemning "the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-nazism."

After a statement on Saturday denouncing the "abhorrent acts of hatred" in Charlottesville, Virginia, but not identifying responsible forces by name, America's Catholic leadership on Sunday spoke out again, this time specifically condemning "the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-nazism."

In this case, the statement was issued jointly by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the U.S. bishops' conference, and Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice, Florida, who chairs the conference's committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

"We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-nazism," the two prelates said. "We stand with our sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love's victory over every form of evil is assured."

DiNardo and Dewane then addressed American Catholics who would be attending Mass on Sunday. "At Mass, let us offer a special prayer of gratitude for the brave souls who sought to protect us from the violent ideology displayed yesterday," the said. "Let us especially remember those who lost their lives. Let us join their witness and stand against every form of oppression.

"As we learn more about the horrible events of yesterday, our prayer turns today, on the Lord's Day, to the people of Charlottesville who offered a counter example to the hate marching in the streets," the prelates added.

"Let us unite ourselves in the spirit of hope offered by the clergy, people of faith, and all people of good will who peacefully defended their city and country."

The tragedy in in Charlottesville unfolded Saturday, when an alt-right rally called "Unite the Right" protested the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee. It sparked violence, including what many are calling a terrorist incident when an alt-right protester drove his

car into a crowd of counter-protestors killing one woman and injuring at least 19 others.

The bishop's specificity stands in contrast to the way a statement by U.S. President Donald Trump on Saturday has been received.

Sunday news coverage was saturated with talk about the apparent ambiguity of Trump's remark, in which he said, "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides, on many sides."

Many were critical that Trump did not use terms such as "alt-right", "white supremacists", or "neo-Nazis". Some alt-right tweeters on Sunday morning seemed overjoyed that Trump had not called them out explicitly, claiming it as a win.

Sunday brought from the White House a revised condemnation of violence, stating "of course that includes white supremacists, KKK, neo-Nazis and all extremist groups." It came after a series of tweets by Republican leaders, such as Senators Oren Hatch and Marco Rubio, urging Trump to call those groups out.

Responses of Catholic leaders across the country, both in press releases and on Twitter, have empathized with the victims of the violence, but also clearly denounced the motives and worldviews behind it. -Shannon Levitt, August 14, 2017, CRUX



Tell President Trump and Congress - We Need Talks, not War, with North Korea

On August 9th, 72 years ago, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Nagasaki - just three days after dropping one on the city of Hiroshima. It is estimated that over 150,000 people were killed over those three days. Now we have a U.S. president vowing to meet threats from North Korea "with fire and fury like the world has never seen."

On August 1st, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said during a briefing with the press, "We are trying to convey to the North Koreans: 'We are not your enemy, we are not your threat.'" Tillerson added that the United States hopes that "at some point," North Korea will understand and sit down for a dialogue.

Join with our friends at the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns by going here:

<http://tiny.cc/talksnotwar>

to let President Trump and Congress know that we need talks, not war, with North Korea.

Faith Formation

Registration Information 2017/2018

All children need to be registered each year **including Catholic School and Confirmation Candidates!**

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 2: Tuesdays @ 5:45pm and Wednesdays @ 4:30pm

Level 3: Tuesdays @ 4:30pm

Level 4 : Mondays @ 5:45pm

Level 5: Tuesdays @ 5:45pm

Level 6: Tuesdays @ 4:30pm and Wednesday @ 5:45pm

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.

Come sow
the seeds of
FAITH.
Matthew 13



Catechists . . .

It is still summertime, but we are planning for what is to come! So please take a short break from the sunshine as we prepare for the coming year! All Catechists are expected to attend the meeting below for their Level. Please let us know if you have any questions 631-475-4506 Ext. 118. Looking forward to being with you!

Level 1 Catechists will meet **Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the East Wing

Level 2 Catechists will meet Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the East Wing

Level 3, 4, 5, & 6 and Home Taught Levels 3, 4, & 5 Catechists will meet Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the East Wing

Level 7 Catechists will meet Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the East Wing

Level 8 Catechists will meet Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Wing

Parish Life

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday ~ August 20, 2017

Monday ~ August 21, 2017

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ EW

Tuesday ~ August 22, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ EW

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday ~ August 23, 2017

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Thursday ~ August 24, 2017

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Friday ~ August 25, 2017

Senior Circle of Friends ~ 12:30pm ~ EW

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ EW

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ EW

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, 2017 and August 31, 2018. 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 25th at 12:30pm in the **East Wing**. Come join us for fun and games. Bring a friend and meet some new ones!

Fun for Seniors

Diocesan News

Holy Angels Regional School in Patchogue ~ Open Registration ~ Holy Angels offers Pre-K through 8th grade. Give your children the advantage that lasts a lifetime! Schedule a tour today. Call the Main Office at 631-475-0422 or email the principal, Mr. Connell mconnell@holyangelsregional.org.

St. John the Baptist DHS is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the Catholic HS Entrance Exam. There will be five 2½ hour sessions beginning in September. There is also a Test Taking Strategies Class the Friday before the exam. Call 631-587-8000 ext. 117 for more information.

Fall Driver Education at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville. September 2017-January 2018. Classes offered before school, after school and on Saturdays. Call 631-433-4852 for information or go to: www.holytrinityhs.org and click on Student Life/Driver Education

St. Dominic High School is having an Open House on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Presentations will be at 1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm, 2:30pm and 3pm. Please call 516-922-4888 ext 5325 for more information.

Community News

Medford Concert Series, sponsored by County Legislator Rob Calarco and the Medford Chamber of Commerce continues at Medford Memorial Park on Wednesday, August 23 at 7pm. Bring a chair and a friend and listen to *Get Dancin'*, featuring singer Cookie. Please bring a non-perishable food item to support Long Island Cares.

Girl Scout Pray and Play Day ~ Saturday, September 30 from 10am to 2:30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport. Come for a day of prayer, handicrafts and fun. For more information, call 516-678-5800, ext. 254 or go to scouting@drvc.org.

Farmingville Residents Association is sponsoring *Flea Markets* on the following Sundays: 8/27 and 9/24 from 10am to 4pm. Rain dates the following Sunday. Antiques, collectibles, handbags, jewelry, handcrafted items and more. Call 631-880-7996 for more information.

St. Mary's Parish in East Islip is offering a free 8 week support group for adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Registration is required for this group which begins on Wednesday, September 6 from 7pm—9pm. Refreshments will be served. In order to participate in this group, the death must have occurred prior to June 6th. For information and or registration, please call the rectory at 631-581-4266 ext 100.

Grammy Award Winner and Christian Music Pioneer John Michael Talbot in Concert ~ Sunday, September 17, 7pm, at St. James RC Church in Setauket. Tickets are \$30 for general seating or \$50 VIP package which includes preferred seating, present at sound check and autographed CD. Call the Rectory Office at 631-941-4141 or visit www.JohnMichaelTalbot.com to order tickets.

Mommy & Me at Holy Angels Regional School in Patchogue. Dates are Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec 5. Register for individual classes or all 10! \$10 a class. 0-18 months is 10:15am—11am and 18—48 months 11:15am—12pm. Topics for each class can be found at <http://holyangelsmommyandmefall2017.brownpapertickets.com/> or by calling Mrs. Jamie Stidd at 631-839-9203 or e-mail jstidd@holyangelsregional.org

The Town of Brookhaven Women's Services Division will present the second session of "Career Edge" at Town Hall on September 13th 9:30am—1pm. This program is designed to help unemployed and under-employed women gain professional skills, accelerate their job search and build confidence through weekly training sessions, one-on-one career coaching and networking in a supportive environment. For more information and to see if you qualify for this beneficial program, Call 631-451-9127.

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins Friday, September 8th, call 1-800-470-2230.

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