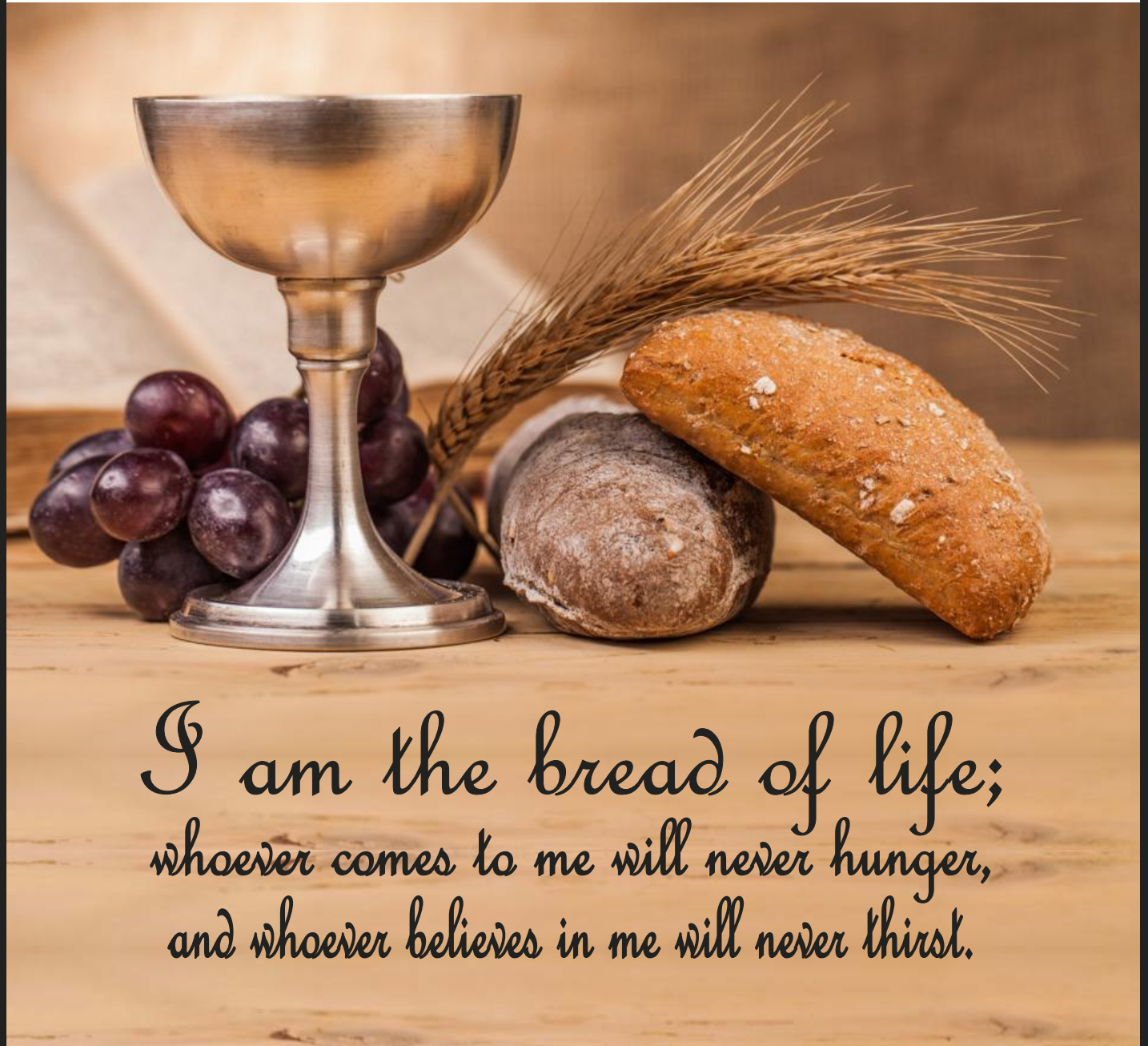


# St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



*I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

**August 5, 2018**

*18th 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!

### **Pastoral Leadership Team**

Rev. Thomas W. Coby, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Mystkowski

Deacon George Riegger, Retired

Deacon Frank Rivera

Theresa Ellner, Business Manager

Michael Lofaro, Faith Formation Administrator

Frances McMahan, Faith Formation Director

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

#### 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](http://www.stsyvesterli.org)

# We Pray

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 4, 2018

5:00pm Gloria Terry  
Costantino Pugliese  
Catherine Holzmann  
Mary Ann Callahan  
Jeenie Black  
Harold J. Wirth  
James John Baylous (1st Anniversary)

### Sunday, August 5, 2018

7:30am Leroy Jr. and Ann Spillett  
9:00am James H. O'Grady (40th Anniversary)  
11:00am Roy Hull

### Monday, August 6, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

### Tuesday, August 7, 2018

8:30am Lisa Conklin

### Thursday, August 9, 2018

8:30am Anna Bastone

### Friday, August 10, 2018

8:30am Jim Kummer (7th Anniversary)

### Saturday, August 11, 2018

5:00pm James Donaghy (7th Anniversary)  
Bridget & Stephen Finn  
Sarah & James Donaghy & Family  
Dominick Collazo  
Gasper DiBenedetto

### Sunday, August 12, 2018

7:30am Luigi Russo & Family  
9:00am Mildred Barthelson  
11:00am Donald Tierney, Sr.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

8/6:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19	Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 Mk 9:2-10
8/7:	Jer 3:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Mt 14:22-36	Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23
8/8:	Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-28	Jer 31:10-13
8/9:	Jer 31:31-34 Mt 16:13-23	Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
8/10:	2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	Ps 112:1-2, 5-9
8/11:	Hb 1:12—2:4 Mt 17:14-20	Ps 9:8-13
8/12:	1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30—5:2	Ps 34:2-9 Jn 6:41-51

## Holy Hour



Time spent with our Beloved Savior in Adoration can become the most profound, meaningful, joyful, peaceful and healing experience we could ever encounter.

Please join us this Friday, August 10th from 8pm—9pm in the Worship Room.

*"I Am With You Always"*

## Anointing of the Sick

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is **no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament.** You are encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.



The **Sacrament of the Anointing** is celebrated on the second Friday following the 8:30am Mass in the Worship Room. **The next Anointing will be Friday, August 10th.**

*We pray for all who have died, especially . . .*  
*Thomas F. Connolly, Jr.*

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

*Eva D'Amato, Robert Orlowski, Nina Caravana, Martha Lee, Winnie Mulderig, Catherine Hines, Bob Prentiss, Jose Nunez, Jessica Deck, 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, Baby Emma Connolly, Desmond McDay*



# 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.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY AT CLARE HOUSE

\*\* INTAKE LINE 631-475-4506 x122 \*\*

MONDAY LUNES	WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES	FRIDAY VIERNES
<p><b>10am - 3pm</b></p> <p>Open to the public. Case management by appointment. Food Pantry available.</p>	<p><b>10am - 3pm</b></p> <p>Open to the public. Case management by appointment. Food Pantry available. Thrift Shop available.</p>	<p><b>10am - 12pm</b></p> <p><b>BAKERY DAY/DIA DEL PAN</b> Help yourself to baked goods, <u>bread</u>, rolls, etc. Proverse de pan y otros productos de panadería.</p> <p><b>GUS TRUCK</b> <b>3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY/VIERNES</b> Breakfast foods available to families with children. Comidas de desayuno disponibles para familias con niños.</p>
	<p><b>3pm - 4pm</b> <b>CLOSED/CERRADO</b></p>	
	<p><b>4pm - 7pm</b></p> <p>Open to the public. Case management by appointment. Food Pantry available.</p>	



**Plant an Extra Row to Support Our Neighbors!**  
Thanks for planting an extra row! We've all been surprised by a sudden abundance of tomatoes or cucumbers – please be sure to bring any extra produce you may have to Clare House where we can share it with our community!  
Thanks!

### 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

### Want to Volunteer?

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

### Need Assistance?

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

\*Food brands shown are just some healthy examples. Similar and/or healthy choice like items may be donated

The graphic shows three shelves of food products. The top shelf includes items like 'No Sugar Added' fruit packs, '100% Juice', 'Detonics' drinks, 'Hunt's' diced tomatoes, and 'Hunt's' pasta sauce. A callout box says 'LOW SODIUM or NO SALT ADDED VEGGIES AND SAUCES'. The middle shelf includes 'Pearled Barley', 'Quinoa', 'Cereal', and 'Quaker Oats'. A callout box says 'CHOOSE HIGH FIBER WHOLE GRAINS' and 'Choose 100% "whole grain"'. The bottom shelf includes 'Lean Proteins' like lentils and nuts, 'Low Sodium' products, and 'Low Fat, Shelf-Stable Milk or Dairy' like Parmalat and Fat Free milk. A callout box says 'Look for Low Sodium varieties, dried beans & lentils'.

### DONATE HEALTHY TODAY!

Please continue to place ONLY NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS in the donation bin. If you wish to donate perishable items (butter, eggs, etc.) please bring them directly to Clare House (Mondays 10am-3pm, Wednesdays 10am-3pm and 4pm-7pm.) Please call ahead to ensure our ability to receive your donation. 631-475-4506 x122  
Thank you for supporting our community!



# Parish Social Ministry



## 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! In preparation, we will once again be hosting a community service event making wash kits for the homeless. We are 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!



## Back to School Program

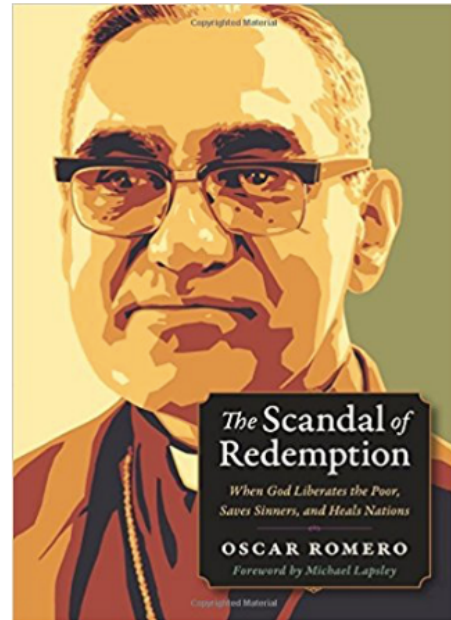
During the summer months of July and August we will be collecting financial donations to support our Back to School program. Donations can be made electronically on our website, or via cash/check in an envelope marked "back to school" and placed in any collection basket, brought to the parish center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

### 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.

Thank you for your generosity!

## Fall Reflection Series: Sign Up Now!



"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.

**Come and join us as we read and discuss this short book, packed with incredible spiritual wisdom. FREE copies will be provided to all courtesy of Parish Social Ministry!**

**Please call or email to sign up!**

**631-475-4506 x122**

**[jmcmahon@stsyvesterli.org](mailto:jmcmahon@stsyvesterli.org)**

# 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.

You may **register online** through August 12th. Please go to the Parish's website:

<http://stsylvesterli.org>

Go to the Faith Formation Registration link below the picture of the Church on the Home Page and follow the directions.

### **FIRST TIME REGISTRATIONS**

(For First Graders and children new to the program.)

***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!

## **Common Sense Media**

*Common Sense* is the leading independent nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education and independent voice they need to thrive in the 21st century. Their mission is to empower parents, teachers, and policymakers by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help them harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in all kids' lives.

[Commonsensemedia.org](http://Commonsensemedia.org) offers suggestions for safe on-line apps for children of all ages, tips for parents concerned about their children's internet use and so much more.

***Will you be sitting outside in your car or in the Parish Center ....  
while your child or grandchild attends his/her Faith Formation Class?***

*If so, we invite you to think about serving the parish community by joining the **Hall Guardian Ministry Team** as a *Hall Guardian* or a *Substitute Hall Guardian*.*

*Responsibilities:* Hall guardians are present in the atrium of the Parish Center while classes are being held. They welcome parents and children, answer questions, coordinate and direct classes and parents for special activities. Most importantly, Hall Guardians are there to support the parish's commitment to the safety and protection of the children and adults who are in the building. They monitor the use of bathrooms and prevent unauthorized individuals from entering the classroom hallway.



For information, please call Terése in the Faith Formation Office: 631-475-4506, ext. 118.



# Stewardship

## *Gifts of Treasure*

*July 29, 2018*

*Regular ~ \$8,441*

*Renovation ~ \$291*

*Solar ~ \$77*

## *Reflection*

"The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith.

May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.

## *Living Stewardship*

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## *MISSION APPEAL 2018*

Next weekend, August 11/12, we welcome Fr. Michael Arpudham from the Diocese of Dindigul in South East India to speak at all the Masses.

The Diocese of Dindigul has 49 major parishes with a population of nearly 135,000 Catholics with different social, ethnic and caste backgrounds. The total population in this area is 2.95 million people, and, according to the 2001 Census of India, this region is considered to be the most economically and socially backward in all of South India.

Offering opportunities and facilities toward basic education, awareness, formation and rehabilitation to the poverty stricken and orphan children, who very often experience the impact of natural disasters and epidemics, is an urgent and ongoing responsibility of the Diocese of Dindigul.

Education, evangelization and empowerment of women is also a primary focus of their missionary work.

The Diocese also has a great responsibility to support 79 Seminarians who are in their formation in different levels. These future priests will tend to the spiritual, pastoral and missionary needs in the Diocese of Dindigul as well as other parts of the world.

Mission Cooperative Plan, directed by the Propagation of the Faith, is a major financial source to fulfill the above mentioned responsibilities and to establish a Partnership with St. Sylvester Parish in our Mission for Christ. Fr. Michael asks you to be as generous as your means allows, and to please remember the Missions in your prayers.

**Please place your contribution for the Missions in the special second collection August 11/12.**

# Parish Life

## *The Week Ahead*

*Sunday, August 5, 2018*

*Monday ~ August 6, 2018*

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Carmelite Council ~ 7pm ~ Clare House

*Tuesday ~ August 7, 2018*

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

*Wednesday August 8, 2018*

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

*Thursday ~ August 9, 2018*

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

*Friday ~ August 10, 2018*

Senior Circle of Friends ~ 12:30pm ~ PDH

Compassionate Friends ~ 7:30pm ~ PDH

Holy Hour ~ 8pm ~ WR

*Saturday, August 11, 2018*

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

## Senior Circle of Friends

The Senior Circle of Friends meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Their

next meeting is

August 10th at

**11:30am\*** in PDH.



*Fun for Seniors*

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.*

## BAPTISM

*Let us welcome the newly baptized into our community of Faith during the Month of July 2018*

*Brandon Dominic Angelo*

*Aaron Zachary Clerge*

*Derek Michael Conlon*

*Grayson Anthony Goyco*

*Ethan Thomas Lescenski*

*Thomas Arthur McGarrigle*

*Gaia Gene Palladino*

*Joshua Dean Shay*

*James Alexander Verni*



## *Gift Cards*

An everyday fundraiser here at St. Sylvester is our Scrip program, where **gift cards** can be purchased for grocery and retail stores as well as restaurants. Every time you purchase a gift card, our parish receives a percentage of the sale, at no extra cost to you! Gift cards can be given as a present or can be used by you! Please consider purchasing gift cards after Mass or during the week in the Parish Office for:

Applebee's ~ \$25

Cheesecake Factory ~ \$25

King Kullen ~ \$25 & \$50

Meat Farms ~ \$20

Panera Bread ~ \$25

Red Lobster ~ \$25

ShopRite ~ \$25 & \$100

Stop & Shop ~ \$25, \$50 & \$100

Target ~ \$25 & \$50



# Music Ministry

I'm so pleased to be joining the Music Ministry at St. Sylvester's, collaborating with my musician husband Clark (musician at the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 Sunday Masses) as Choir Director. I have been involved in church music for what seems my entire life. I began singing in my parish church choir in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, continued on from there to be a cantor/leader of song for Masses, funerals, weddings and all the events of the liturgical life of the parish, taught music at a local



Catholic elementary school, became choir director and grew that choir into a top-notch musical ensemble, and lastly, served as director of Music and Liturgy for 12 years at a local Catholic parish.

Love of music and musical ability run in my family. My great-grandmother was a church organist. My grandfather was an opera singer. My mother was an accomplished vocal coach, accompanist, and closest to her heart a church organist at a local parish for over 60 years. I studied voice with Metropolitan Opera star Eleanor Steber and attended the Manhattan School of Music. In addition I have studied Catholic Church liturgy and the importance of music in our Catholic liturgies.

Clark and I love to make music together from many genres, but are most satisfied when we are using our musical gifts to give glory to God. Clark and I collaborated as organist and choir director for many years at a local Catholic parish and are looking forward to doing so again, serving the choirs and the people of St. Sylvester's.

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

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*



## In the Community

**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 Monfort 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 8th is Crazy Hat Night. Wear your favorite crazy hat and maybe win a prize! Call 63-941-4141 for information.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** ~ Let Jesus feed your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 16-18, 2018 in Huntington, NY and Feb 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <http://www.wwmeli.org>.

**Engaged Encounter** ~ Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. The next weekend will be at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington August 17-19, 2018 For information and registration, call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.org)

**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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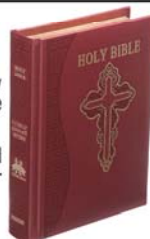
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