



St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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

Be watchful!

Be alert!



December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

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
M, Tu, W ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 8:30pm; Th, Fri ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 5pm; 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-11:30am

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, December 2, 2017

5:00pm Richard Mitchael
William Soulopulos
Sean Patrick Dixon
Bob & Betty Raccine
Bob & Lorraine Kimmel
Carol Mercurio

Sunday, December 3, 2017

7:30am Sr. Theresa Fowler
9:00am Sabrina Tumilowicz
11:00am Peter Montemurro

Monday, December 4, 2017

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

8:30am Eileen Naughton

Thursday, December 7, 2017

8:30am Nicholas Bruzzo
5:00pm Grace DiMaria (1st Anniversary)

Friday, December 8, 2017

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester
7:00pm Mildred Barthelson

Saturday, December 9, 2017

5:00pm Sr. Regina Assumpta
James Bledsoe
Ralph Frevola
James Frevola
Lucy Gordon
Grace DiMaria
McCance Family

Sunday, December 10, 2017

7:30am Stanley Taylor
9:00am Barbara Weir
11:00am Matteo, Caravana & Lupia Families

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

Eva D'Amato, Marguerite Orlowski, Robert Orlowski, Tom Stephens, Melina Grosso Bischoff, Nina Caravana, Martha Lee, Winnie Mulderig, Catherine Hines, Bob Prentiss, Jose Nunez, Jessica Deck, Laurie Saper, Rose Masucci, Baby Bryanna Spencer, Ramona Nunez, Pam Hinton, Pam Filasky, Ken Terry, Brian Podlesny, Diane Rockowitz, Patricia Nochese, Barbara Vattiato, Roger Chin-Sang, Jenna Knoblauch, Sasha Medile, Theresa O'Connor, Baby Charlotte Steele, Robert Uricola, Virginia Guaiama, Olivia Bazirgan, Michael Goode, William F. Swope, Nef Nieves, Genevieve Cannarili, Vito Scaglione, Louis Donisi, Joanne Clarke, Michael Dolan, Richard Gross, Ann Pijko, Christopher Gebrig, Angelina Pagano, Ricky Langhorn, Edward Rafferty, Michelle Clark, Joe Caracciolo, Barbara Bruzzo, Ann Vidal, Kristin Danielski

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

12/4:	Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11	Ps 122:1-9
12/5:	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
12/6:	Is 25:6-10 Mt 15:29-37	Ps 23:1-6
12/7:	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27	Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27
12/8:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Ps 98:1-4 Lk 1:26-38
12/9:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8	Ps 147:1-6
12/10:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14	Ps 85:9-14 Mk 1:1-8

The Bread & Wine

used at this weekend's liturgies



are the gifts of
Doreen Bischof
in loving memory of
Bill Bischof

The Candles

used at this weekend's liturgies



are the gifts of
The Giaquinto & Conte Families
in loving memory of
Grace DiMaria



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, is

Friday, December 8th.

Masses are:

Thursday, December 7th ~ 5pm

Friday, December 8th ~ 8:30am & 7pm

All Offices will be closed.



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

*Mildred Barthelson, Dante Taylor,
Christopher John Long, John Ripi, Andy Clyde,
Sharon E. Hamilton*

We Pray

BEST **Advent** EVER

'TIS *(almost)* THE SEASON

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and shop for gifts until we're ready to drop.

This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during Advent. Each day, you'll receive an email with . . .

- Short inspirational videos from leading Catholic voices Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

TO SIGN UP, VISIT

BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope

Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure

November 19, 2017

Regular Contributions ~ \$8,990
Renovation ~ \$195 Solar ~ \$15

November 26, 2017

Regular Contributions ~ \$7,988
Renovation ~ \$4,121 Solar ~ \$25

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017

Designated Goal:	\$65,100.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$58,545.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	89.9%
Number of Donors to Date:	224

We wish to help provide for the mission of the Church by making a gift of: \$_____

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Reflection

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready, conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who strive to be alert to the work of God in the present moment through service in our parish ministries.

BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM SEEKING ADDITIONAL TEAMMATES

Do you have a strong faith? Are you willing to share your faith with our parish's parents and godparents? Do you believe that the initiation sacrament of Baptism is an important part of our Christian call to action?

Our Baptismal Preparation Team is seeking additional teammates to assist in preparing our families for Baptism. Team members take turns speaking at our monthly Baptism meetings which are normally held on the first Monday evening of every month, so the commitment would be for one evening every few months. The ministry, overseen by our Deacons and Baptismal Coordinator, Joanne Barry, involves welcoming the parents and godparents and sharing your Catholic faith with those in attendance from a personal perspective. Team members usually work in pairs, making it an ideal opportunity for married couples or friends to minister together, but it is not necessary.

If you feel you are being called to this important and rewarding ministry, please contact Joanne Barry in the parish office at 631-475-4506, ext. 102.



A special thanks to all those parishioners who put aside their own Thanksgiving preparations to make the breads given out at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. The baking of the breads is a wonderful tradition here at St. Sylvester, and is a small but wonderful example of parishioners giving of their time and talent to something they value in the spirit of Stewardship.

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 normally meets first Thursdays at 7pm in Clare House. ALL ARE WELCOME! RSVP.

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@stsyvesterli.org

Contact Outreach Ministry:

631-475-4506 x122
clarehouse@stsyvesterli.org

Contact Social Justice Ministry:

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

Clare House Market - Wishlist

We have updated our food pantry with the addition of a glass front refrigerator and freezer—acquired through a grant! Our new Clare House Market aims to enhance the dignity of those we serve by empowering them to make choices for themselves, including the food they accept.

We are in need of perishable and non-perishable food donations to stock our Clare House Market. Please continue to bring non-perishable items to church on Sundays. In addition, we are requesting perishable items be brought directly to Clare House on Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm – please call ahead to ensure our ability to receive your donation 631-475-4506 x122 Thank You for supporting our community!

PERISHABLE—BRING TO CLARE HOUSE ON WED 5:30-7:30pm

Chicken – fresh or frozen
Eggs
Butter

NON-PERISHABLE—BRING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY:

Rice
Mayo
Coffee
Juice
Bath Soap

"Authentic abundance does not lie in secured stockpiles of food or cash or influence or affection, but in belonging to a community where we can give those goods to others who need them- and receive them from others when we are in need...

Community doesn't just create abundance-
community IS abundance."

-Parker Palmer

NETWORK
ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE. INSPIRED BY CATHOLIC SISTERS



Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.

Parish Social Ministry

Did you know...

Jesus was born in poverty to a young, unwed mother?



As we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ in this Advent season, we are reminded of the precious gift of the Holy Family. Many of today's young mothers face some of the same challenges as the Holy Family and are in need of shelter, basic amenities, love and prayer. Their choice for life enables another child of God to be born. Please support these young mother's choice for life.

WE NEED YOU!

Please support the Maternity Advent Project providing pregnancy care to women and families across L.I.

- (1) *Christmas cards and greetings are welcome!*
- (2) METRO, PHONE, and GIFT CARDS are graciously welcomed.
- (3) Please make your donation online at <http://respectlife.drvc.org/make-a-donation>
- (4) Please make checks payable to "Diocese of Rockville Centre"

Mail to: Respect Life Office 50 North Park Ave.,
P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

Your generous donation will help maternity homes on Long Island:

Regina Maternity Services
Mother of Good Counsel Home
Momma's House
Bethany house

Please send your donations prior to December 25, 2017 to ensure timely distribution to our Maternity Residences.

Thank you for your support!

Did you know...

Jesus was born in poverty to an immigrant, refugee family?



For Christians around the world, Advent means anticipation. It's when we prepare for the coming of Jesus and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. This year, we celebrate Advent during the SHARE THE JOURNEY campaign led by Pope Francis, which calls the Church around the world to reach out to our immigrant and refugee neighbors. Advent reminds us of the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem, and what Pope Francis says is our journey to "the horizon of hope." But for the millions of refugees and displaced people around the world, it can be difficult to find the hope in their journey. They need our help along the way.

"A lot of work goes into being ready to respond to this kind of crisis," says Bill O'Keefe, vice president of government relations and advocacy for Catholic Relief Services. "We live in some ways in a state of constant anticipation, in constant preparation for the refugee. We wait for God's people on the move who, like the Holy Family, find themselves forced to flee to a place where there's no room in the inn."

For the Holy Family, the search for a safe place did not end with the birth of Jesus. Just days later, Joseph was warned in a dream to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt because of King Herod's threat to kill the newborn King.

"They were migrants and spent years living in a foreign land. They fled the political and social conditions in their country," says Richard Coll, director of Catholic Home Missions, the division of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that provides basic pastoral services such as sacraments and baptisms to transient or remote Catholic communities, including migrants. "Jesus himself experienced the same concerns and the same fears that migrants today fear," Coll says. "It's really in our DNA as Catholics to serve these members in very troubled communities."

Every day, families leave their homes in places like Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, driven by conflict, violence or poverty, and desperately seeking safety. Some spend their life savings or take on massive debt to pay for the journey. Many risk their lives for a new start. Since 2014, more than 15,000 refugees and asylum seekers drowned in the Mediterranean Sea attempting to reach European shores.

"All of us are called by God, by the Holy Father, by our consciences to be that inn, to provide that room, to share that journey, that every day millions of innocent people just like us are forced to take," O'Keefe says. "Refugees know they have a long way to go. They know it's going to be a difficult journey—but at least they know there's someone on their side now."



Catholic Relief Services is an international humanitarian organization working to end poverty and promote the well-being of people around the world – including refugee families forced from their homes by violence and persecution. CRS provides food shelter, social services—and hope for their journey. CRS joined the global SHARE THE JOURNEY campaign launched by Pope Francis to inspire communities to build relationships with refugees and migrants, and care for their neighbors in the United States and around the world. You can learn more about how to participate at loveyourneighbor.us

20% of the sales of every pair of Share the Journey socks will be donated to Catholic Relief Services' work with refugees and migrants. So, each step you take in these fair trade organic cotton socks is a step toward dignity, safety, and love for refugees and migrants around the world. <https://maggiesorganics.com/organic-cotton-socks-share-the-journey/>

Faith Formation

Reminder

There is a Level 7 Confirmation Presentation during their regular class time on Monday, December 4th at 7pm and Wednesday, December 6th at 7pm.

PARENTS ARE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Please sign your child in at their classroom and proceed to the East Wing.

Adults Seeking Confirmation



Were you baptized Catholic, received First Holy Communion, but for some reason never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Coming to St. Sylvester on Tuesdays, beginning February 20, 2018, is a process for adults who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. For details, call Fran McMahon at 475-4506 ext 107.

Children's Liturgy Of the Word

We will have Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11am Mass on Sunday, **December 10th.**



Follow the directions of the priest when he calls the children forward to be sent to the Worship Room in the Parish Center. Any child in Level 1 or above is invited to participate.

For more information or if you have questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 631-475-4506 ext. 118 or email us at FaithFormation@stsylvesterli.org

RCIA is for those who. . .

- Have never been baptized and are interested in becoming Catholic.
- Are baptized non-Catholic but would like to become a member of the Catholic community.
- Are baptized Catholic but never received Communion and/or Confirmation.
- Are struggling with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God . . .
- Are Catholic and would like to be a member of the Team and help by sharing your faith, being a sponsor, or setting up hospitality.

If you would like more information, please speak with Fran at 475-4506 ext 107.

Music Ministry



In order to make it easier for children to attend, rehearsals will now be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the morning, before the 11:00 am Mass, at 9:45am, in the Parish Center Worship Room. The next rehearsal and Mass will be on Sunday, December 10th at 9:45am. **In addition, the children will sing at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass.**

Questions? Please call Teresa Balducci at [\(516\) 662-2831](tel:5166622831).

For the Month of December

Rehearsal @ 9:45am followed by 11am Mass	4pm Mass
December 10th and December 24th	December 24th

Parish Life

Front Door Wreaths Fully Decorated
only \$20 each!

On sale outside Church after all Masses



This weekend
Dec 2 & 3



For sales, call Dave at 631-289-2493

Heading towards warmer weather for the next few months? Please notify the Parish Office so we can stop your envelopes during your time away.



BAKE SALE

The Columbiettes are hosting a Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend in the Parish Center Atrium. Stop by and pick up some homemade goodies!



May God Bless

Stefanie Nicole Walston

&

Anthony Francis Lomuto

*as they marry at St. Sylvester
Friday, December 8, 2017 ~ 2:00pm*

Parish Life

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Light Up the Holidays Christmas Event after Masses in the Parish Center East Wing

Monday ~ December 4, 2017

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ East Wing

Baptism Class ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room

Level 7 Presentation ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Carmelite Council Meeting ~ 7pm~Clare House

Tuesday ~ December 5, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ East Wing

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday ~ December 6, 2017

Prayer Shawl Meeting ~ 10:30am ~ East Wing

Wedding Rehearsal ~ 6pm ~ Church

Cancer Support Group ~ 6pm ~ Worship Room

Level 7 Presentation ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ Room 4

Thursday ~ December 7, 2017

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass ~ 5pm ~ Ch

Social Justice Meeting ~ 7pm ~ Clare House

Friday ~ December 8, 2017

Immaculate Conception Masses ~ 8:30am & 7pm

All Offices Closed

Wedding ~ Stefanie Walston & Anthony Lomuto
~4pm ~ Church

Holy Hour ~ 8pm ~ Church

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ Room 2

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



Knit One,
Pray Too

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets once a month to knit, crochet, pray and share patterns. The lap robes and shawls are lovingly brought to the sick and homebound. Their next meeting will be this Wednesday, December 6. Donations of yarn are appreciated and new members are always welcome!

BAPTISM

Baptism is the door to life and to the Kingdom of God.

Let us welcome the newly baptized into our community of Faith during the Month of November 2017:

Alexander William Amuso

Emilia Rae Barone

Donald Charles Brendel, III

Eva Jade Daley

Kaylin Rose Dasch

Peter John Jackson, Jr.

Matthew Owen Krieger

Declan, Jeffrey McClafferty

Nora Rose McClafferty

Liliana Rose Martino

Mae Lucille Massaro

Reinaldo Soto, Jr.

Joseph Michael Stewart

Benjamin Russell Swensen

Avery Grace Watson



Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group for Adults welcomes all those affected by this illness. The Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 6pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Center Worship Room. Their next meeting is this Wednesday, December 6th. Please note that this group is solely for those affected, not caregivers, family, friends, etc.

During this challenging time in their lives, the members share and offer hope and strength to one another.

If you have any questions, please call Lori Zito at 631-475-4506 ext 115 or e-mail:

lzito@stsyvesterli.org



HOLIDAY RAFFLE

\$11,000 in prize money! *

Get Your Tickets Today!

Drawing is
next
Sunday!

1st Prize
\$5,000

2nd Prize
\$3,000

3rd Prize
\$2,000

4th Prize
\$1,000

This is a special raffle which will help:

- ★ offset the financial loss of not having our annual Holiday Fair
- ★ pay for the repairs to Patricia Desmond Hall (Parish Center Lower Level)

Tickets are \$50 each and only 700 tickets will be sold.

Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office, after Masses,
or online through our website, www.stsylvesterli.org

For website purchases, an official numbered ticket will be mailed to you once your ticket purchase order is received.

Drawing is Sunday, December 10th after the 11am Mass.

Join us for Hospitality in the Parish Center's East Wing as we pick the lucky winners!

Winner need not be present!

***If total prize money is not received, prize money will be reduced.**

Holiday Gift Cards

Fill your Christmas Stocking - we offer over 300 retailer gift cards! The next order will be placed on **Monday morning, December 4th** with delivery within a week. Please circle the denomination for each card ordered if it has more than one listed.

THE LAST DAY TO ORDER IS DECEMBER 11TH!

Apparel & Accessories	Qty	Dining - On the Go	Qty	Online & Mail Order	Qty
American Eagle \$25		Boston Market \$10		Amazon.com \$25 & \$100	
Dress Barn \$25		Chipolte \$10		Groupon.com \$25	
Express \$25		Dunkin Donuts \$10 & \$25		Itunes \$15 & \$25	
Famous Footwear \$25		Panera Bread \$10 & \$25		Lands' End \$25	
Finish Line \$25		Starbucks \$10 & \$25		L.L. Bean \$25	
Foot Locker \$25		Subway \$10		Nook \$10 & \$25	
GAP/Old Navy/Banana \$25		Taco Bell \$10		Specialty Retailer	
Journey \$25		Wendy's \$10		Auto Zone \$25	
TJ Maxx/Marshall \$25 & \$50		Entertainment		Bath & Body Works \$10 & \$25	
Under Armour \$25		AMC Theatres \$25		Best Buy \$25 & \$100	
Department Stores		Barnes & Noble \$25		Christmas Tree Shops \$25	
JCPenney \$25 & \$100		GameStop \$25		CVS Pharmacy \$25	
Kmart/Sears \$25 & \$50		Regal Entertainment \$25		PetSmart \$25	
Kohl's \$25		Home Décor		Sally's Beauty Supply \$25	
Macy's \$25 & \$100		A. C. Moore \$25		Sephora \$25	
Target \$25 & \$100		Bed Bath & Beyond \$25		Tanger Outlets \$25	
Walmart \$25 & \$100 & \$250		Home Goods \$25 & \$100		Toys-R-Us \$20	
Dining - Casual		Michaels \$25		Ulta \$25	
Applebee's \$25 & \$50		Pier I Imports \$25		Walgreens \$25	
Bonefish Grill \$25 & \$50		Home Improvement		Sporting Goods	
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 & \$25		Lowe's \$25 & \$100		Bass Pro Shop \$25	
Cheesecake Factory \$25		Home Depot \$25 & \$100		Dick's Sporting Goods \$25	
Chili's \$25					
Dave & Busters \$25					
Denny's \$10					
IHOP \$25					
Olive Garden \$25					
On the Border \$25 & \$50					
Outback /Carrabas \$25					
P.F. Chang's \$25					
Red Lobster \$25					
Ruby Tuesday \$25					
TGI Friday's \$25					

Name	
Address	
Phone #	Total amount enclosed:
Order Date	# of Gift Cards Ordered:

If you have other favorite restaurants or retailers, please call the parish office at 631-475-4506 ext 101 to see if they participate!

Christmas Schedule



~SACRAMENT OF PENANCE~

Saturdays

12:00 Noon

Monday, December 18th

12:00 Noon ~ Individual Penance

7:00pm ~ Communal Penance Service

~FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES~

Saturday Evening, December 23rd

5:00pm

Sunday Morning, December 24th

9:00am & 11:00am

(NO 7:30AM MASS)

~CHRISTMAS MASSES~

Sunday Evening, December 24th

4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm

Monday Morning, December 25th

9:00am & 11:00am

Community News

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Lake Ronkonkoma is hosting their annual *Christmas Craft Fair* today, Sunday, December 3rd from 9am to 5pm. Unique Christmas shopping opportunity, crafts, baked goods, raffles and refreshments. Vendors and information call 631-846-9823.

Open House ~ Please join the *Ursuline Sisters* for a Celebration of their Life in Blue Point, today, Sunday, December 3 from 1pm—4pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Women's Cursillo Weekend ~ January 25-28, 2018 in Glen Cove. The Cursillo is a structured weekend, consisting of a series of talks and discussions. It offers you the opportunity to work at getting to know yourself, discover your strengths, figure out what place God plays in your life, and get closer to Him. The weekend offers you the guidance to blend your love of God with your environment when you reenter your everyday world. You will be giving yourself a precious gift. For more information call Cathy at 631-617-7971.

Creative Ministries' Journey, Cross and Crucifixion ~ Looking for an incredible way to pray throughout the Lenten Season? Are you able to sing, act, dance or play an instrument? We are looking for new troupe members. We would love for you to join us in this ministry. Adults and teens of all ages are welcome! To learn more, call or e-mail Barbara at 631-317-9415 or journey@cmpac.com

Christmas Events Here & There

Honor an Angel ~ the students of Holy Angels invite you to celebrate Christ's birth by honoring the important people in your life. If you would like to let someone (a family member, teacher, friend, babysitter, etc.) know how special they are to you, or to honor the memory of a deceased loved one, the Honor them as your Angel. Your honoree will receive a card informing them that they are a special Angel in your life. All of the honorees will be lifted up in prayer at a special Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church in Patchogue on Tuesday, December 19th at 11am. Donation is \$5 per Angel Honoree. Call 631-475-0422 for more information.

Through the generosity of the Church of St. Joseph in Babylon, the renowned *St. Joseph's Choir* will present a free concert on Sunday, December 10 at 7pm. They will perform selections from Handel's *MESSIAH* and Bach's *MAGNIFICAT* directed by Dr. Marie Drohan and accompanied by soloists and the Sophisticated Strings. The concert will include other beautiful choral selections and will be preceded by a moving candlelight procession. Please arrive early as the church is put in complete darkness promptly at 7pm. A free-will offering is appreciated, with checks payable to **St. Joseph Church**. Proceeds benefit the Mercy INN Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch.

St. William the Abbot Church in Seaford will be having their *6th Candlelight Carol Sing* on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30pm. Participate in singing familiar Christmas favorites and be entertained with the sounds of beautiful music provided by professional musicians, handbells and a wonderful group of singers. Call the music office at 516-781-3253 for more information.

The
Bristol.

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(631) 732.2300 | thebristol.com



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