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Behold, the Lamb of God

January 14, 2018 2nd 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@stsylvesterli.org M, Tu, W  $\sim$  9am - 12 & 1 - 8:30pm; Th, Fri  $\sim$  9am - 12 & 1 - 5pm; Su  $\sim$  9:30am - 12:30pm

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

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Tu, Wed & Th  $\sim 10$ am - 3pm; Sat  $\sim 10$ am - 1pm

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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.stsylvesterli.org

## **We Pray**

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 13, 2018

5:00pm Owen Pabon

Rachele Pugliese

Tom Stephens

Sunday, January 14, 2018

7:30am Toscano Family

Robert Fontana

9:00am Maureen Smith 11:00am Drew Natoli *Tuesday, January 16, 2018* 

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Thursday, January 18, 2018 8:30am Anita Denis Friday, January 19, 2018 8:30am Anne Rozzi Saturday, January 20, 2018

5:00pm Catherine Rotundo (8th Anniversary)

James Rotundo (4th Anniversary) Luigi Coda (6th Anniversary) Patricia Sisson (9th Anniversary)

Dorothy Crane

Sunday, January 21, 2018

7:30am Luigi Russo & Family

Cesarino Family

9:00am Anthony Lepre (9th Anniversary)

11:00am Ronald Barsky

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

Eva D'Amato, Marguerite Orlowski, Robert Orlowski, Melina Grosso Bischoff, Nina Caravana, Martha Lee, Winnie Mulderig, Catherine Hines, Bob Prentiss, Jose Nunez, Jessica Deck, Laurie Saper, Rose Masucci, Baby Bryanna Spencer, Pam Hinton, Pam Filasky, Ken Terry, Brian Podlesny, Diane Rockowitz, Patricia Nochese, Roger Chin-Sang, Jenna Knoblauch, Sasha Medile, Theresa O'Connor, Baby Charlotte Steele, Baby Elliot Garay, Virginia Guaiana, Olivia Bazirgan, Michael Goode, Iris DelValle, Nef Nieves, Genevieve Cannarili, Vito Scaglione, Louis Donisi, Joanne Clarke, Michael Dolan, Richard Gross, Christopher Gehrig, Angelina Pagano, Ricky Langhorn, Edward Rafferty, Michelle Clark, Barbara Bruzzo, Ann Vidal, Kristin Danielski, Laura Mockler, Diane Ruiz, Margaret DiMasso, Martha Benvenuto, Olivia Grace DeFeo

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

1/15: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

Mk 2:18-22

1/16: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28

Mk 2:23-28

1/17: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10

Mk 3:1-6

1/18: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13

Mk 3:7-12

1/19: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11

Mk 3:13-19

1/20: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7

Mk 3:20-21

1/21: Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9

1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

#### Prayer Groups

Adoration

2nd Friday of the month ~ 8pm

Worship Room

Charismatic Prayer Group

1st, 3rd & 4th Fridays of the month ~ 8pm Worship Room

Women's Prayer Group

3rd Tuesday of the month~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Spanish Legion of Mary

Every Monday ~ 5:30pm ~ Room 4

**Carmelites** 

3rd Friday of the month

Mass ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room

Meeting ~ 8pm ~ East Wing

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

Angelo J. Cataldo, Thomas J. Clark, Cristino Gomez II, Thomas Minervini, Haydee Melendez, Arthur Pollaci

## We Pray

What a gift this morning is from you, Lord, as I watched the blazing sun rise through a cloudy winter sky.

It is hard getting up these dark mornings and yet you gift me with a sight that I miss at other times of the year, when the weather is warmer and the sun rises before I get up.

I stared out the window at the red and purple light, gloriously framed by the gold of the rising sun.
"Be still and know that I am God"
was the only thing that came to me.
I watched in silence, filled with a sense of your presence in my life.

I am filled with gratitude this day, for such a treasure and could feel it and see it as a gift from you. Thank you for your love.

Today, let me carry a sense of how much You love me to send me such a gift. Let that awareness of your love change the way I treat others today.

Let me be more reverent in the irritations of the day.

I ask your help to move through my errands with peace
and a sense of your sunrise in my heart.

Your glory fills my spirit and I want only to give thanks with my life this day.



## **Faith Formation**

#### Children's Liturgy Of the Word

We are happy to announce that we will be having Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11am Mass on **January 14th and 28th**.



#### What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is when right after the opening prayer, but before the readings, children are called up by the priest and accompanied by Catechists to the Worship Room in the Parish Center. There, they hear and reflect on the readings at an age appropriate level, sing the Responsorial Psalm, the Gospel Acclamation and recite a simple Creed before returning to the church to join the rest of the community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This will take approximately 20 minutes. During this time the adults and anyone else in the church will be hearing the readings as they usually do.

#### How can my child participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

When you come to the 11:00 am Mass on the Sundays listed above, 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 <a href="mailto:FaithFormation@stsylvesterli.org">FaithFormation@stsylvesterli.org</a>



The Children's Choir will rehearse in the Worship Room Sunday, January 14th AND January 28th at 9:45am and sing at the 11am Mass. If you have any questions, please call Teresa Baldinucci at (516) 662-2831.

#### **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.

# Stewardship

#### Gifts of Treasure

#### December 31, 2017

#### January 7, 2018

*Christmas Contributions* \$34,109 (to date)

#### Faith Direct

It's Easy It's Safe It's the Way to Give!

To learn about or enroll in this automated giving program, just log onto www.faithdirect.net and use our Church code **NY285.** 

Sign-up forms are available in the Parish Office.

#### Reflection

In today's reading we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Hear I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

#### Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who answer their call to service by assisting those experiencing hardships in our community.

# 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.



### **Parish Life**

#### The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Baptisms ~ 12:30pm ~ Church

Monday ~ January 15, 2018

ALL OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday ~ January 16, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ East Wing

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday ~ January 17, 2018

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room

Thursday ~ January 18, 2018

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Moving On Peer Support ~ 2:30pm ~ East Wing

Friday ~ January 19, 2018

Carmelite Mass ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room

Carmelite Meeting ~ 8pm ~ East Wing

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ East Wing

#### "Moving On" Peer Support Group

Losing a lifetime partner can have you feeling lost and without purpose. "Moving On" is a group of widows and widowers who come together once a month to help each other find that purpose. Through discussion and prayerful contemplation, we support one another in our attempts to get on with our lives in a meaningful way. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 18 at 2:30 p.m. Please join us then. Eileen & Martha ~ Coordinators

Please arrange Masses for 2018 as well as Bread & Wine and Candle Memorials through the Parish Office.

The 2019 Mass Book will open in June.

All offices will be closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

There will be NO 8:30am Mass Monday, January 15, 2018.



#### 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 to:

Cheesecake Factory ~ \$25

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Meat Farms ~ \$20

Olive Garden ~ \$25

Red Lobster ~ \$25

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Stop & Shop ~ \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 & \$100

#### Communion for the Homebound



Do you know someone who is no longer able to attend Mass but would like to receive the Eucharist? Please have them or their family member call Parish Outreach at 475-4506 ext 122 to

arrange for a visit from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

### **Blood Drive**



# Winter BLOOD DRIVE

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Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>
8am ~ 2pm
Parish Center: 68 Ohio Avenue, Medford

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# **Holy Angels Information**



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# **Community News**

*Preparing for Marriage? 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. Our next weekend will be held at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, January 26-28, 2018. For information call 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org

*Cub Scout Fun and Faith Day* ~ Saturday, January 20, 2018. Sacred Heart Church in Merrick from 8:30am—12noon and St. Patrick's Church in Smithtown from 10:30am—3pm. A special day of prayer, handicrafts and games. For information, contact the Catholic Scouting Office: scouting@drvc.org or call 516-678-5800 ext 245.

*Worldwide Marriage Encounter* ~ help make a good marriage a great marriage! The next weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in Huntington. Call John & Toni at 718-344-3700 or visit: www.wwmeli.org

*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.

*Join Fr. Mickey Bancroft* Sunday, June 3rd—Sunday, June 10th, 2018 sailing along Alaska's Glaciers. Stunning inside passage, southward on Holland America's Westerdam. Depart from Anchorage & sail to Vancouver, Canada. Cabin with picture window ~ \$2,639 and cabin with balcony ~ \$3,059. All food, port taxes, transfers & roundtrip airfare included. For more information or a brochure call Lucille at 1-800-228-4654, ext 208.

*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

*Military Appreciation Tuesdays* ~ Every Tuesday at the Harry Chapin Food Bank and Humanitarian Center, 220 Broadway, Huntington Station, 631-824-6384 and at the South Shore Service Center, 163-1 No. Wellwood Ave, Lindenhurst, 631-991-8106. On the first visit, Veterans receive a 5 day supply of food and on subsequent visits receive a 3 day supply of food. Any questions, call Michael Haynes, Chief Government Affairs Officer at 631-824-6386.

Make Me An Instrument Of Your Peace ~ a weekend retreat at the Cenacle ~ February 9-11. The Prayer of St. Francis is a powerful prayer for peace. As we live in a world permeated by panic and polarization, we need to find the inner peace that characterized St. Francis dancing with his wounds. The healing power of Jesus and the Prayer of St. Francis will enable us to heal our wounds and transform us into peacemakers. Fr. Matt Linn, SJ is the presenter. Call 631-585-8366 to register.



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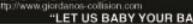
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