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July 1, 2018

13th 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

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

We Pray

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 30, 2018

5:00pm Joseph Rotundo (46th Anniversary)
Lucy Mazzeo (18th Anniversary)
Willie Beslanovics (13th Anniversary)
Matteo, Caravana & Castriota Families
Josephine DeMarco
Matthew Allback (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, July 1, 2018

7:30am Mario Tempera & Charles Halbert
9:00am Sean Patrick Dixon
11:00am Stephanie Beukenkamp (1st Anniversary)

Monday, July 2, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

8:30am Michael McHugh

Friday, July 6, 2018

8:30am Sean Patrick Dixon

Saturday, July 7, 2018

5:00pm Pascento & Orrico Families
Paul Maniscalco
Malvin Gordon
Edward Zatwarnicki
Steve Gawlick
John Slovak
Bogumila Florkiewicz

Sunday, July 8, 2018

7:30am Luigi Russo & Family
9:00am Drew Natoli
11:00am John Perotti (7th Anniversary)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

7/2:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Mt 8:18-22	Ps 50:16-23
7/3:	Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29	Ps 117:1-2
7/4:	Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Mt 8:28-34	Ps 50:7-13, 16-17
7/5:	Am 7:10-17 Mt 9:1-8	Ps 19:8-11
7/6:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Mt 9:9-13	Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131
7/7:	Am 9:11-15 Mt 9:14-17	Ps 85:9-14
7/8:	Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10	Ps 123:1-4 Mk 6:1-6

First Saturday Devotion



Come join us for
song and prayer
as we pray the
Rosary

next Saturday, July 7th at 9am
in the Worship Room.

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, Joel Rivera, Miguel Durante, Rosemarie Pugliese, Frank Cayea, Dorothy Birdsall, Michael Dolan, Hilda Gonzalez, John Bennett, Julian Atz, Jim Dietz, Charles Lunstrum, Baby Madison Angamarca, JoAnn Brandi, Helen Gallagher, Donyell Gilkes, Joan Zerafa, Deidre Edwards, Ed Rafferty, Barbara Vattiato, Vinnie Callanan, Olivia Bazirgan, Diane Arens, Bill Lyon, Alice Micali, Baby Isabella Steo, Diane Garvey, Jerry Noscibese, William Lyon, Nello Liberatore, Michael Palermo

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

*Lisa Conklin, Carmela King,
Rosaline G. O'Connor, Mary Ambrose*

The Legion of Mary Door to Door Parish Evangelization

The Legion of Mary, a lay parish-based organization, has a plan of action to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to welcome those who have stopped practicing their faith; to invite those who have no church family; and to share our faith with other Christians within the parish community. With Mary's example and prayer, we grow as disciples ever faithful to Jesus. Learn more at our meetings, Tuesdays at 1:30.



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.

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

Volunteers Needed!

Are you available to assist us with some heavy lifting when we receive food deliveries? Once or twice per month for a few hours (deliveries usually arrive M-F between 10am-1pm) Please Call 631-475-4506 x122

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.



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STATEMENT

DATE: June 20, 2018
RE: Family Separation on U.S./Mexico Border
FROM: Sean P. Dolan

Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, echoes the statement of Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in expressing deep concern over the separation of families of undocumented immigrants at the U.S./Mexico border.

Bishop Barres asks of us: "As we celebrate World Refugee Day today, as we near the one year anniversary of the visit to our diocese of His Eminence Jose Gregorio Rosa Chavez, and the upcoming canonization of Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero on October 14, 2018, please join me in praying that our government finds a compassionate and life affirming solution to the separation of families along our southern border and for comprehensive immigration reform for our nation that is built upon the principals of the dignity of the human person, social justice, the sanctity of human life and the family, and a love for the poor."

Parish Social Ministry



TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

We, the leaders of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, request to convene a hearing before the U.N. Human Rights Council on the state of poverty in our nation.

After more than three years of traveling across the U.S., meeting with poor communities from El Paso to Aberdeen to Detroit to Selma, Harlan County, Marks and Memphis, we have just completed 40 days of nonviolent moral fusion direct action with more than 3,000 poor people, clergy and other activists presenting themselves for nonviolent civil disobedience and a call to action rally and march of tens of thousands of people putting a face on the facts, demanding an end to abandonment in the midst of abundance.

We write with a sense of urgency. Just last week, the U.S. doubled down on its commitment to inflicting policy violence against children and families by pulling out of the United Nations' Human Rights Council. Days later, U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley responded to a report from the U.N.'s special rapporteur on poverty by saying, "It is patently ridiculous for the United Nations to examine poverty in America."

Here is what is patently ridiculous: Today, despite substantial economic growth, a full 60 percent more Americans live below the poverty line than in 1968, and 43 percent of all U.S. children live below the minimum income level considered necessary to meet basic family needs. Fifty-three cents of every federal discretionary dollar goes to military spending, while only 15 cents is spent on anti-poverty programs. An alarming 13.8 million U.S. households cannot afford water, and a quarter million people die in the U.S. each year from poverty and related issues. And 23 states have enacted voter suppression laws since 2010, leaving the US with fewer voting rights than we had 50 years.

For a nation that declared it was founded upon principles of equality, systemic inequality has never been starker. In the richest nation in the world, 140 million people live in poverty. The richest 1 percent in our country hold more wealth than the bottom 90 percent combined. And our leaders continue to feed us the same moral narrative: We blame poor people for their poverty, when in fact the government has gutted social programs. The federal minimum wage of \$7.25 has not been raised since 2009, and on average, wages for all workers in the U.S. have raised \$0.04 a year since 1979.

In recent weeks it has been brought to the public's attention that Brown children have been systematically separated from their families at the border. Inside our borders, families of all races are separated from health care, food stamps and a living wage, and with widespread voter suppression and racist gerrymandering, millions of people have been separated from the ballot box. Hundreds of thousands of children are taken away from their parents because of their poverty; we hear the cries of the people "take away our poverty, not our children; take away unjust policies, not our children."

Our democracy is impoverished. Policies serve the few at the expense of the many, while leaders spread lies to divide people against each other. To be clear: Poverty is a moral and political crisis, one that this administration and Congress are inflaming instead of solving. Every policy decision is a moral one, but choices being made by our leaders have been overwhelmingly immoral. We need to reshape the heart and conscience of this nation, starting from the ground up.

Seventy-one years ago, W.E.B. DuBois submitted a petition to the United Nations about the unequal treatment of Black Americans. More than 50 years ago, Malcolm X approached the U.N. with a similar message, charging the United States with being "either unable or unwilling to protect the lives and property of your 22 million African American brothers and sisters." Both human rights leaders and countless others including welfare rights activists, indigenous leaders, women and other marginalized groups addressed the U.N. at times when the U.S. government failed to bring forth solutions to moral and political crises.

Since our government is committing policy violence against its citizens and exacerbating poverty instead of alleviating it, we urge the U.N. Human Rights Council to hear directly from the poor and dispossessed of the United States.

We call on you to listen to the Alabama woman whose daughter died in her arms because the state refused to expand Medicaid; to the undocumented California woman struggling to raise a family; to the Kansas City McDonald's worker battling to raise three young girls on \$9/hour; and to the Flint woman who is fighting for clean water in her community still four years after it became public that public officials had knowingly poisoned the whole city. We know you've heard from the special rapporteur on the conditions; now we ask you hear directly from those impacted by America's policy violence.

As W.E.B. DuBois, Malcolm X and other human rights activists requested decades ago, we request an audience with you because our government seems unwilling or incapable of doing the right thing.

Thank you for your consideration,
Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis
National Co-Chairs, Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

www.poorpeoplescampaign.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 July 15th. 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 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.

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

Level 3: Mondays @ 5:45pm

Level 3: Tuesdays @ 4:30pm

Level 5: Tuesdays @ 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.

Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure

June 24, 2018

Regular ~ \$7,961

Renovation ~ \$258

Solar ~ \$148

Reflection

Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship — "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty...should supply their need so their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who ask themselves "What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?"

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$52,791.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	80.2%
Number of Donors to Date:	154

PLEDGE: \$ _____

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

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Ministry of Consolation Seeks Companions

Have you been blessed with the gift of compassion? Do you feel comfortable being with those who are grieving and feel called to assist them in some way? If so, you might want to consider becoming a Companion for our Lazarus Ministry of Consolation.

Our Companions meet with the families of the newly deceased here in the parish center and assist them with the details of planning the Funeral Mass, such as selecting the readings and music, determining who will read the readings, bring up the gifts, etc. The companion is present at the wake and funeral as a support to the grieving and serves as a liaison between the family, the funeral home and the church.



If you feel called to share your faith and compassion in this way, please contact Lori Zito at Lzito@stsyvesterli.org or 631-475-4506, ext. 115.

Parish Life

The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Monday ~ July 2, 2018

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Baptism Class ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Tuesday ~ July 3, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday July 4, 2018

ALL OFFICES CLOSED

Thursday ~ July 5, 2018

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Social Justice Committee ~ 7pm ~ Clare House

Friday ~ July 6, 2018

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, July 7, 2018

First Saturday Devotion ~ 9am ~ Worship Room

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

IS PHYSICAL STRENGTH ONE OF YOUR GIFTS?

Are you the strong family member or friend that is always helping someone move, carrying something heavy down from the attic or setting up tents and tables for a party? If so, would you like to share your gift with us on a regular basis?

Several times a year we have bulk mailings that must be brought to the Medford Post Office, which consist of 14 or so heavy and awkward trays. (Our newsletter gets sent quarterly, our Stewardship Mailings go out twice a year and there are other miscellaneous mailings throughout the year.) These mailings have become a challenge for us and we would appreciate your assistance.

We are also looking for someone to assist the Thrift Shop weekly in lifting large bags of clothes, bringing them in to be sorted and out to the bins or dumpsters as necessary.

If you are able to lend your arms to either one of these ministries, please contact Lori Zito at (631) 475-4506, ext. 115 or email to Lzito@stsylvesterli.org.



ATTENTION PLEASE!

The Parish Center will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.



THERE WILL BE NO 8:30AM MORNING MASS THURSDAY, JULY 5TH.

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.

Diocese Information

Basic Religious Studies Course Series Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park

Old Testament

July 9 - 12, 2018
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

New Testament

July 9 - 12, 2018
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Christology

July 16 - 19, 2018
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Church

July 16 - 19, 2018
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Morality

July 23 - 26, 2018
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Liturgy & Sacraments

July 23 - 26, 2018
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Basic Religious Studies Course fee is \$40.00 per person/per session, unless you would like to attend more than one session. If taking more than one course, fee is \$30 per course.

For more information or to register, visit our website www.drvc-faith.org

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In the Community

Porch Chats 2018 ~ with Sr. Pat Duffy at Mary Immaculate Church in Bellport, Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm. July 5 ~ *Snap Out of It!*; July 12 ~ *Forgive and Forget??*; July 19 ~ *What's It All About?*; July 26 ~ *On the Road Again*. EVERYONE is welcome to join us! Bring a chair and a friend . . . and an open heart! (If it rains we will meet inside).

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

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land ~ October 13-22, 2018 with Fr. Peter Kaczmarek, Pastor of St. Francis Church in Greenlawn. Cost is \$3,999, all inclusive, double occupancy. Call Fr. Peter at 631-757-7435, ext 5 or 206Tours at 1-800-206-8687.

Heroes of the Game ~ The Long Island Ducks, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Legislator Susan A. Berland are proud to honor veterans. Veterans will be honored at every home game and will receive 10 complimentary tickets to the game for family and friends. Contact Suffolk County Veterans Service Officer Melissa Pandolf for more information at 631-853-VETS.

St. Paul's Cursillo is offering a women's Cursillo weekend, July 19-22 in Bay Shore. The Cursillo is a structured weekend, consisting 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.

36th Annual Catholic Charismatic Conference weekend ~ will be August 3rd through August 5th, at Scranton University in Pennsylvania. This years theme is, "He makes me lie down in green pastures . . . He restores my soul." A bus has been chartered for the conference and will be picking up all interested at SS Cyril and Methodius.

Summer Church Camp at the Shrine ~ Grades K—6, daily Mass, outdoor activities, arts & crafts, spiritual walks and much more! Monday to Thursday, 9am—2pm. Session I: July 16th—19th and Session II: July 30th—August 2nd. \$80 for first child and \$40 for sibling. For more information please call The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island at 631-325-0661.

With Liberty and Justice For All—Born and Unborn ~ Po-life event on Saturday, July 7th from 10am to 11:30am at LIE Exit 70S & County Route 111 in Manorville. Pro-lifers are invited to join in a peaceful presence against the status quo of legal abortion. We hold signs (provided) on the public sidewalk. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life. Call 631-243-1435 for more information.

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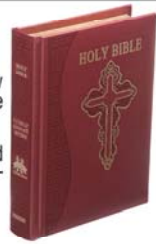
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