



St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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

*Whoever does not take
up his cross and follow
after me is not worthy
of me.*

Matthew 10:38



July 2, 2017

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!

Pastoral Leadership Team

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Deacon George Riegger, Retired

Deacon Frank Rivera

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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, Th ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 5pm; Wed ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 8:30pm; Fr ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 4pm;
Su ~ 9:30am - 12:30pm

Faith Formation Office: (631)475-4506 ext. 118 email: faithformation@stsyvesterli.org
Please call (631)475-4506 ext. 118 to make an appointment and we will be happy to serve you!

Clare House: (631)475-4506; Fax (631)475-6058

M & W ~ 9:30am-12pm, 1pm-3:30pm Wed Night ~ 5:30pm-7:30pm Fr ~ 9:30am-11:30pm

Thrift Shop: (631)475-4506

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

HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

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

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

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

Visit our website at: www.stsyvesterli.org

We Pray

Saturday, July 1, 2017

5:00pm Joseph Rotundo (45th Anniversary)
Lucy Mazzeo (17th Anniversary)
Bruce Meyers
Joseph Harding
Gail Hayes
Rosemarie Meglio
John Connelly

Sunday, July 2, 2017

7:30am Josephine Healy
Charles Halbert
9:00am Anthony Felicetta
11:00am John P. Flood, NYPD (100th Anniversary)

Monday, July 3, 2017

8:30am Michael Faithfull

Friday, July 7, 2017

8:30am Drew Natoli

Saturday, July 8, 2017

5:00pm Paul Maniscalco (7th Anniversary)
Edward Zatwarnicki
Marion Interrante
Lucille Friedman
Antonio & Rosa Cesarino
Marc Verrelli

Sunday, July 9, 2017

7:30am Olga Auriemma
9:00am John M. Pifko, Jr. (1st Anniversary)
11:00am John Perotti (6th Anniversary)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

7/3:	Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29	Ps 117:1-2
7/4:	Gn 19:15-29 Mt 8:23-27	Ps 26:2-3, 9-12
7/5:	Gn 21:5, 8-20 Mt 8:28-34	Ps 34:7-8, 10-13
7/6:	Gn 22:1-19 Mt 9:1-8	Ps 115:1-6, 8-9
7/7:	Gn 23:1-4, 1-; 24:1-8, 62-67 Mt 9:9-13	Ps 106:1-5
7/8:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Mt 9:14-17	Ps 135:1-6
7/9:	Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13	Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Mt 11:25-30

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

Eva D'Amato, Marguerite Orlowski, Robert Orlowski, Tom Stephens, Melina Grosso Bischoff, Sean Patrick Dixon, Nina Caravana, Joanna Fernandes, Larry Lang, Martha Lee, Winnie Mulderig, Catherine Hines, Roy Fernandes, Bob Prentiss, Jose Nunez, Michael Goode, Michelle Montalvo, Jessica Deck, Derek O'Grady, Nathan Morales, William F. Swope, Laurie Saper, Chris Rosado, Lisa Conklin, George Argyris, Rose Masucci, Baby Bryanna Spencer, Ramona Nunez, Pam Hinton, Pam Filasky, Brian Podlesny, Joseph Wagner, Frank & David Avitabile, Diane Rockowitz, Patricia Nochese, Ken Terry, Beverly Noble, Ed Rafferty, Donald Tierney, Sr., Danny Miller, Baby Charlotte Steele, Theresa Golembroski, Barbara Vattiato, Jane Mohr, Eddie Chin-Sang, Jenna Knoblauch

Please note that there will not be an 8:30am Mass on Tuesday & Thursday, July 4 & 6.

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

Robert Emmett Mulcahy, Louise M. Sham, Marion J. Maltese

A Fourth Of July Prayer

We lift up our hearts, O God, on this day of celebration in gratitude for the gift of being Americans.

We rejoice with all those who share in the great dream of freedom and dignity for all.

With flags and feasting, with family and friends, we salute those who have sacrificed that we might have the opportunity to bring to fulfillment our many God-given gifts.

As we deny all prejudice a place in our hearts, may we also clearly declare our intention to work for the time when all people, regardless of race, religion or gender, will be granted equal dignity and worth.

Come, O gracious God, bless our country and join our simple celebration that we may praise you, our Source of freedom, the One in whom we place our trust. Taken from ~ *A Pilgrim's Almanac: Reflections for Each Day of the Year*

Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure

June 25, 2017

Regular ~ \$8,962

Renovation ~ \$185 Solar ~ \$90

Faith Direct

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To learn about or enroll in this automated giving program, just log onto www.faithdirect.net

and use our Church code **NY285**.

Also, sign-up forms are available in the Parish Office.

Reflection

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just a "cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards whose open hands are willing to share what they have been given so that God's people are fed and their needs met.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017

Designated Goal:	\$65,100.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$45,885.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	70.5%
Number of Donors to Date:	151

Catholic Ministries Appeal

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

PLEDGE: \$ _____

All gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal will be used solely for the purposes of Parish Sharing, Catholic Charities, Education and Formation, and Pastoral Ministries.

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

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Place in collection basket or return to the Parish Center. Thank you.

MONTHLY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

We are beginning a monthly Cancer Support Group for Adults here at the parish and welcome all those affected by this illness to attend. The Group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month, and the first meeting will be Wednesday, August 2nd from 6pm until 7:30pm in the Parish Center Worship Room. Please note that this group is solely for those affected, not caregivers, family, friends, etc.

It is our desire to be able to bring parishioners together in a faith-based setting to share and offer hope and strength to one another during this challenging time in their lives. The support group will be led by a woman currently dealing with cancer and will be facilitated by another with a psychiatric nurse practitioner background and over 30 years experience as an RN.

Please call Lori Zito at 631-475-4506, ext. 115 with any questions you may have, or email to Lzito@stsylvesterli.org.

Faith Formation

Registration Information 2017/2018

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

Please note that classes are filled on a first come, first served basis.

***PLEASE CALL THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE AT
475-4506 EXT 118 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT***

Please note: A baptismal certificate is required for all first time registrations. So please be sure to bring it with you when you come to register. We will be unable to process your registration without this required certificate. Thank You!

We have a few opportunities available for those who would like to share their gift of faith with the young people of the parish for 2017/2018:

Level 2: Wednesdays @ 4:30pm

Level 3: Tuesdays @ 4:30pm

Level 4 : Mondays @ 5:45pm

Level 5: Tuesdays @ 5:45pm

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



If you are interested in becoming a member of the Faith Formation Ministry as a teacher/ catechist, please call 475-4506 ext 118 for more information.

Altar Servers



If you are a boy or girl in Fourth Grade or older and if you are interested in helping at Mass, consider becoming an Altar Server. Altar Servers serve one or two times a month, at the Mass your family usually attends. Altar Servers serve in pairs or sometimes three at a Mass. Duties of an Altar Server include carrying the Cross in the opening and closing Processions and leading the gifts to the Altar, holding the book for the Priest, assisting with Communion and other items that may come up seasonally. You will receive training. If you are interested in joining this Ministry, please call the Parish Office at 631-475-4506 ext. 118 and leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted.

Parish Social Ministry



The goal of Parish Social Ministry is to engage parishioners in social justice and outreach activities that allow us to live out the Gospel call to serve others and to build the Kingdom of God. Clare House is a community space where we exchange resources, offer assistance, and build relationships.

The Outreach Ministry at Clare House offers direct service to community members facing difficulties of all kinds. We strive to build authentic relationships with every individual who walks through the door and commit to journey in solidarity with them. We offer assistance to alleviate immediate needs. Clients receive access to: food pantry, thrift shop, case management, advocacy, information and referral, and other resources.

The Social Justice Ministry at Clare House works to expand our understanding and application of Catholic Social Justice through the use of praxis. We employ the "See, Judge, Act" Method to examine pressing social problems. By utilizing education, advocacy, and community organizing we put our faith in action to address structural issues and eliminate systemic injustice. We feed the hungry and ask why they are hungry. The Social Justice Committee meets first Thursdays at 7pm in Clare House. ALL ARE WELCOME!

I welcome your calls, emails, and letters to express feedback - positive or negative - on any aspect of our PSM program. Dialogue is essential for clarification of thought. Thank you to those of you who have contacted me. I look forward to continuing the conversation!

Constructive Feedback?

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

Contact Outreach Ministry:
631-475-4506 press 5+1
clarehouse@stsvlvesterli.org

Contact Social Justice Ministry:
631-475-4506 press 5+2
jcmahon@stsvlvesterli.org



Clare House Volunteer Opportunity

Do you feel called to serve others in our community? Is Jesus inviting you to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring good news to the poor? Are you seeking a deeper way to live out your faith in concrete ways?

We are looking for mission-oriented individuals to join our Outreach Ministry at Clare House!

The Outreach Ministry at Clare House offers direct service to community members facing difficulties of all kinds. We strive to build an authentic relationship with every individual who walks through the door and commit to journey in solidarity with them. We offer assistance to alleviate immediate needs. Those we serve receive access to: food pantry, thrift shop, case management, advocacy, information and referral, and other resources.

Experience is helpful but not necessary. Bring a positive attitude, be ready to roll up your sleeves, and we will train you! :)

Please go here for more information:

<http://tiny.cc/ClareHouseVolunteer>

Plant an Extra Row to Support Our Neighbors in Need!



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!

Food Pantry Wish List

1. Canned chicken
2. Shampoo
3. Peas
4. Carrots
5. Mixed Veggies
6. Crackers
7. Ketchup



Parish Social Ministry



Schedule Changes



SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

This month the Social Justice Committee will meet on the 2nd Thursday - July 13th - at 7pm in Clare House.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Beginning July 3rd please follow the schedule below:

<i>Outreach Ministry Hours/Horario del Ministerio</i>				
MONDAY LUNES	TUESDAY MARTES	WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES	THURSDAY JUEVES	FRIDAY VIERNES
9:30am – 12:00pm	CLOSED CERRADO	9:30am – 12:00pm	CLOSED CERRADO	9:30am – 11:30pm BAKERY DAY DIA DEL PAN Help yourself to baked goods, bread, rolls, etc. Proveerse de pan y otros productos de panadería. GUS TRUCK EVERY 3 RD FRIDAY CADA 3 RD VIERNES Breakfast foods available to families with children. Comidas de desayuno disponibles para familias con niños.
12:00pm – 1:00pm CLOSED/ CERRADO		12:00pm – 1:00pm CLOSED/ CERRADO		
1:00pm – 3:30pm		1:00pm – 3:30pm		
		5:30pm – 7:30pm		

July: Back to School Program

During the month of July we will be collecting Target gift cards in the school house near the sanctuary to support our Back to School program. \$25 Target gift cards are available for purchase and donations can be made at the parish center. All donations will be converted to gift cards.

We will NOT be collecting school supplies this year - only cash, check, or gift cards please!



Why, 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!

Parish Life

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday ~ July 2, 2017

Monday ~ July 3, 2017

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Baptism Prep Class ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Tuesday ~ July 4, 2017

All Offices Closed; No 8:30am Mass

Wednesday ~ July 5, 2017

Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ 10:30am ~ East Wing

Thursday ~ July 6, 2017

No 8:30am Mass

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Friday ~ July 7, 2017

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH



Happy Birthday, America!

All offices will be closed, Tuesday, July 4th. Please have a safe and happy holiday!

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 parish sick and homebound, Good Shepherd Hospice and Brookhaven Hospice. Their next meeting will be this Wednesday, July 5 at 10:30am.



Donations for the Prayer Shawl Ministry are greatly appreciated and can be left in the Parish Office. Thank you!

St. Sylvester Knights of Columbus #6844

presents their 3rd annual

"A Touch of Elvis"

with Long Island's own Steve Mitchell
done with full respect to the
King of Rock & Roll!



Saturday, July 22, 8pm – 10pm

Doors open at 7pm.

Admission is \$20

Includes show, cheese & crackers and beverage.

Tickets can be purchased in the
Parish Office
or by calling:

Rich Neubauer @ 631-220-5302

Dave Rollo @ 631-289-2493

Attention Mets Fans!

Join the Mets & Times Square Church at Citi Field for a day of Baseball followed by Praise and Worship on Saturday, August 5th at 4:05pm Mets vs. Dodgers.

The worship service will be a faith-based message delivered by Times Square Church Pastor Carter Conlon and testimonials by Mets players. It will begin approximately 20 minutes after the final out of the game.

Seat options are:

Promenade Outfield: \$25

Promenade Reserved: \$37

Bud Light Landing: \$49

Baseline Box: \$70



We must sell a minimum of 15 tickets to get these prices. Tickets must be paid for in advance through the parish office. If we receive 15 requests by July 7th, we will then order the tickets.

Parish Life

**EMERGENCY
BLOOD SHORTAGE**

New York
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**ALL DONORS ENTERED TO WIN A FREE PAIR OF
METS TICKETS**

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Community Blood Drive

Sunday, July 16th

8:00am – 2:00pm

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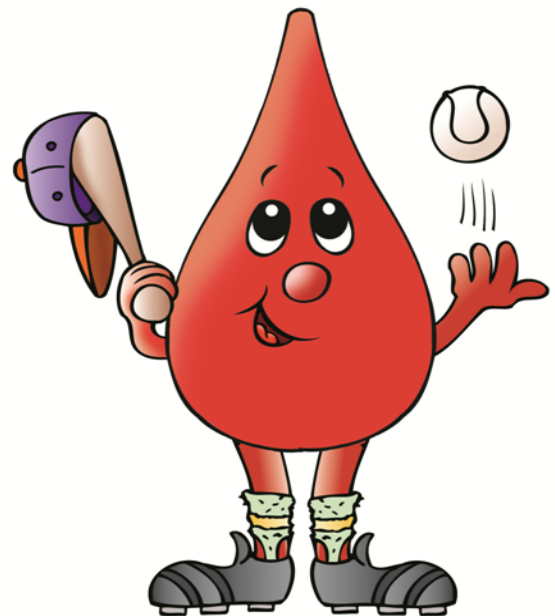
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- No New Tattoos for past 12 months.
- Age 16 – 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission)

For questions concerning medical eligibility:

1-800-688-0900 or visit www.nybc.org

For More info: Tony Speelman @ 631-236-6327



****Tickets will be redeemed on line****

In the Community

Sr. Pat Duffy's Porch Chats are back!! Thursdays from 7pm—8pm on July 6, 13, 20 & 27 at Mary Immaculate Church in Bellport. Bring your lawn chair and a friend! Two additional 'off site' Porch Chats will take place at: Queen of the Rosary (Dominican Village) in Amityville on Tuesday, July 11 from 7pm—8pm and Holy Cross in Nesconset on Monday, July 17 from 7pm—8pm.

"Teens in Action" the Teen Ministry from Notre Dame Parish in New Hyde Park is hosting a BBQ for the Family Homeless Shelter in Brentwood on Friday, July 7. Currently, the shelter houses 95 families which consists of 300 children under the age of 12. It's not likely any of them will be having a BBQ this summer so Teens in Action, looking to make a difference in these families lives, is asking for our help. They are in need of everything—BBQ food, refreshments and games. If you can help, please call Theresa Roach at 516-326-3401 or email:trndteen@optonline.net. Thank you!

Veterans Food Drive sponsored by the Town Of Brookhaven Division of Veterans Services will take place June 26 through July 14. Drop off locations are: Brookhaven Town Hall in Farmingville, Brookhaven Highway Department in Coram and Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center in Blue Point. For more information, call 631-451-6574.

Women's Cursillo~ Calling all women ages 25—100+! 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. The Cursillo takes place July 20-23 at Montfort Renewal Center in Bayshore. Call Cathy Klimar at 475-7875 or 617-7971 for more information.

The Long Island Ducks and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone are proud to honor Veterans. 2 Veterans will be honored per home game with each Veteran receiving 10 complimentary tickets to the game for their family and friends. Contact Suffolk County Veterans Service Officer Melissa Pandolf at 631-853-VETS for more information.

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 July 14-16. For information/registration please call 631-563-1032 or www.engagedencounterli.org

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

Villa Immaculata House of Prayer in Riverhead is offering ***Evening Prayer on the Sound***, Wednesday, July 20 and 26, 7pm until sunset. Be refreshed and renewed in God's love in praise and worship through music, psalms, and prayer. Call 631-727-5122 for more information.

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