

# St. Sylvester R. C. Church

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



*Jesus said to them,  
“Come away by yourselves  
to a deserted place and rest a while.”*

**July 22, 2018**

*16th 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

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# We Pray

## *Mass Intentions*

### **Saturday, July 21, 2018**

5:00pm Willie Beslanovics (13th Anniversary)  
Laurence Einuis  
Francesco & Concetta Ruberto  
Francesca Giungi  
Antonio Ruberto  
John Slovak  
Jordan McNair

### **Sunday, July 22, 2018**

7:30am Rocco & Ernestine Mangino  
9:00am Richard Isberto  
11:00am Donald Tierney, Sr.

### **Monday, July 23, 2018**

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

### **Tuesday, July 24, 2018**

8:30am James A. VanLaar

### **Thursday, July 26, 2018**

8:30am Joseph Zabinski

### **Friday, July 27, 2018**

8:30am Arthur Pollaci

### **Saturday, July 28, 2018**

5:00pm Matteo, Caravana & Lupia Families  
Peter Ripi (4th Anniversary)  
Laura Mockler  
Rose Marrin  
Dorothy Murphy  
Marie Bitetto

### **Sunday, July 29, 2018**

7:30am Thomas J. Clark  
9:00am Joseph De Pasquale  
11:00am Donald Tierney, Sr.

## **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 Noschese, William Lyon, Nello Liberatore, Michael Palermo, John Phelan, James Dunn*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

7/23: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23  
Mt 12:38-42  
7/24: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-8  
Mt 12:46-50  
7/25: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1-6  
Mt 20:20-28  
7/26: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-11  
Mt 13:10-17  
7/27: Jer 3:14-17 Jer 31:10-13  
Mt 13:18-23  
7/28: Jer 7:1-11 Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11  
Mt 13:24-30  
7/29: 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-18  
Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

## *The Bread & Wine*

used at this weekend's liturgies  
are the gifts of

The Christie & Giaquinto Families  
in loving memory of



*Jordan McNair*

## *Prayer Groups*

### *Adoration*

2nd Friday of the month ~ 8pm ~ WR

### *Charismatic Prayer Group*

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

### *Women's Prayer Group*

3rd Wednesday the month~ 7pm ~ EW

### *Legion of Mary*

Every Tuesday ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

### *Spanish Legion of Mary*

Every Wednesday ~ 5:45pm ~ Room 4

### *Carmelites*

3rd Friday of the month  
Mass ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room  
Meeting ~ 8pm ~ East Wing



# Parish Social Ministry



## 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, bread, rolls, etc. Proveerse de pan y otros productos de panadería.</p>
	<p><b>3pm - 4pm</b> CLOSED/CERRADO</p>	<p><b>GUS TRUCK</b> <b>3RD FRIDAY/VIERNES</b> Breakfast foods available to families with children. Comidas de desayuno disponibles para familias con niños.</p>
	<p><b>4pm - 7pm</b></p> <p>Open to the public. Case management by appointment. Food Pantry available.</p>	

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.



**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



### 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

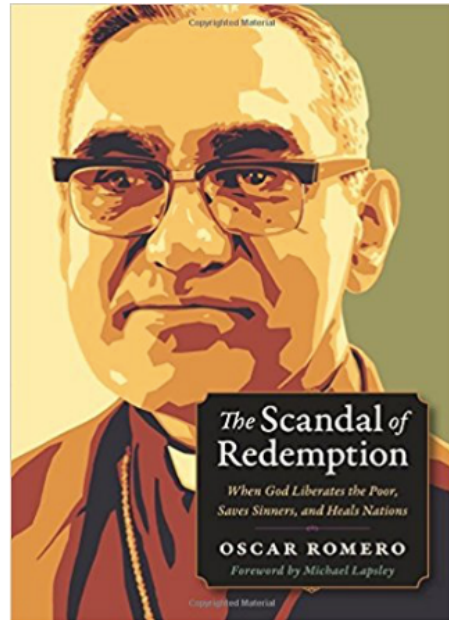
During the summer months of July and August we will be collecting financial donations to support our Back to School program. Donations can be made electronically on our website, or via cash/check in an envelope marked "back to school" and placed in any collection basket, brought to the parish center 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 July 29th. 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!

**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 3: Mondays @ 5:45pm

Level 3: Tuesdays @ 4:30pm



**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.



# Stewardship

## *Gifts of Treasure* July 15, 2018

Regular ~ \$8,886  
Renovation ~ \$115      Solar ~ \$20

## *Faith Direct July Contributions*

Regular ~ \$10,922  
Renovation ~ \$1,178      Solar ~ \$224

To learn about or enroll in  
**Faith Direct**,  
the automated giving program,  
just log onto [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)  
and use our Church code NY285.  
Also, Faith Direct Forms are available  
in the Parish Office.



## *Reflection*

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

## *Living Stewardship*

We are grateful for all stewards who find true joy in placing the needs of others before their own desires—an act of good stewardship.

## Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$53,151.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	80.8%
Number of Donors to Date:	157

PLEDGE:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*"Talents are gifts that God gives to us to enjoy, but we enjoy them even more once they're shared. Every gift we have been given is meant not just for ourselves, but to be passed along to others."*

Carrie Gress

From *Nudging Conversions*



# Parish Life

## *The Week Ahead*

*Sunday, July 22, 2018*

*Monday ~ July 23, 2018*

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

*Tuesday ~ July 24, 2018*

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

*Wednesday July 25, 2018*

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

*Thursday ~ July 26, 2018*

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

*Friday ~ July 27, 2018*

Senior Circle of Friends ~ 11:30am ~ PDH

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

*Saturday, July 28, 2018*

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

## *Summer Blood Drive Recap July 15, 2018*

Last Sunday 61 donors came down for our summer Blood Drive. As a result Saint Sylvester's Parish was able to provide Long Island Blood Services with 54 units of blood products.

The Saint Sylvester's Council of the Knights of Columbus provided their continental breakfast menu for the donors. Thanks to Chairpersons Manny Alarcon and Rich Muller, Dave Rollo, Henry Smith, Bruce Bozwick, Andy Magyar, Greg Keeton, Grand Knight Rich Neubauer and the other Brother Knights who were there throughout the Drive to cheerfully serve our donors.

The breakfast was enhanced as always through the generous donation of rolls by Grippi's 7-11 and bagels courtesy of Bagels Your Way Café. These establishments most definitely deserve our gratitude and your patronage.

I especially want to once again thank our donors for taking the time and making the effort to help their fellow man. Our fall blood drive is already scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

*Tony*

Tony Speelman

Blood Drive Chairperson



*May God Bless*

*Christie Dillon*

*&*

*Michael Andreassi*

*as they marry at St. Agnes Cathedral*

*Friday, July 27*

## **Senior Circle of Friends**

The Senior Circle of Friends meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Their next meeting is July 27th at 11:30am\* in PDH. Come join us for fun and games. Bring a friend and meet some new ones!



*Fun for Seniors*

*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THE  
SUMMER WE WILL MEET AT 11:30AM.*



# Diocesan Information

## *New Pastoral Letter Commemorates Fiftieth Anniversary of Humanae Vitae*

Fifty years ago, on July 25, 1968, Pope Paul VI issued an Encyclical Letter entitled *Humanae Vitae*, “On Human Life”. Pope Francis will canonize his predecessor as Pope Saint Paul VI this year on October 14, 2018. At the Mass of Beatification of Pope Paul VI in 2014, Pope Francis said:

“When we look to this great Pope, this courageous Christian, this tireless apostle, we cannot but say in the sight of God a word as simple as it is heartfelt and important; thanks! Thank you, our dear and beloved Pope Paul VI! Thank you for your humble and prophetic witness of love for Christ and his Church! . . . In [his] humility, the grandeur of Blessed VI shines forth: before the advent of a secularized and hostile society, he could hold fast, with farsightedness and wisdom—and at times alone—to the helm of the barque of Peter, while never losing his joy and his trust in the Lord.”

With this being the golden anniversary year of *Humanae Vitae*, Bishop John O. Barres of the Diocese of Rockville Centre has issued a Pastoral Letter titled *The Supreme Gift: The Gift of Life*, commemorating the encyclical of this soon to be canonized saint.

In his letter, Bishop Barres wants to teach the people of the diocese the important truths of *Humanae Vitae*, because these truths very much need to be reexamined today in light of the problems we face in our time.

Please obtain a copy of *The Supreme Gift* home, read it, and discuss it as married couples and as families. Bishop Barres says: “Understanding the teaching of *Humanae Vitae*, believing it, and living it, is one of the first and most important answers to the crisis of our time. I truly believe that the future Pope Saint Paul IV wrote the letter more for our times than even for his own. Today, it can become the first step in repairing the injury between men and women, husbands and wives, parents and children, the family and society.”

Visit [drvc.org](http://drvc.org) for an electronic copy in English and Spanish.

We also invite you to take home a copy of the Catholic Update titled *Birth Control and the Conscientious Catholic*, written by Fr. Kenneth Overberg, S.J., professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati, which completes the context by which we can view moral issues. Although this article was written in 1983 and revised in 1991, it is a perfect tool for today’s Catholic to use when making any moral decision. Fr. Overberg discusses in detail the process of making mature moral decisions, a process which recognizes the primacy of **personal conscience** as taught by the church.



## Diocesan Information

### EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

of BISHOP-ELECT

*Richard G. Henning*

#### VESPERS

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.  
CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO, HEMPSTEAD

#### ORDINATION

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M.  
ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL, ROCKVILLE CENTRE

All are welcome to attend. Vespers and Ordination are open seating. Telecare to air Vespers on July 23 at 9 P.M., and Ordination on July 24 beginning at 1 P.M.



## In the Community

*Medford Summer Concert Series* ~ begins Wednesday, July 25th in Medford Memorial Park at 7pm. Come listen to the *Get Dancin' Band* play classic hits.

*The Cenacle Retreat House in Ronkonkoma* is looking for a full-time Calligrapher/Phone Representative. This position entails artistically lettering prayer enrollment cards and certificates and taking phone and walk-in orders. If you are interested, please send a copy of your resume and a sample of your calligraphy to [jsgambati@cenaclesisters.org](mailto:jsgambati@cenaclesisters.org).

*Porch Chats 2018* ~ with Sr. Pat Duffy at Mary Immaculate Church in Bellport, Thursday July 26 from 7pm to 8pm ~ *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).

*Worldwide Marriage Encounter* ~ Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile". Give your marriage new life 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>.



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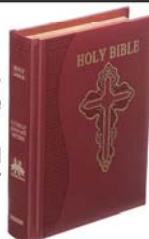
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