

St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill he instructed the disciples to gather the fragments left over. They filled 12 wicker baskets.

July 29, 2018

17th 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, 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.

Monday, July 30, 2018

8:30am John Natoli

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

8:30am Florence Pannell

Thursday, August 2, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Friday, August 3, 2018

8:30am Eileen Ahlquist

Saturday, August 4, 2018

5:00pm Gloria Terry
Costantino Pugliese
Catherine Holzmann
Mary Ann Callahan
Jeenie Black
Harold J. Wirth
James John Baylous (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, August 5, 2018

7:30am Leroy Jr. and Ann Spillet
9:00am James H. O'Grady (40th Anniversary)
11:00am Roy Hull

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, 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, 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, Charlie Bellizzi, Baby Emma Connolly, Desmond McDay

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

7/30:	Jer 13:1-11	Dt 32:18-21
	Mt 13:31-35	
7/31:	Jer 14:17-22	Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13
	Mt 13:36-43	
8/1:	Jer 15:10, 16-21	Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18
	Mt 13:44-46	
8/2:	Jer 18:1-6	Ps 146:1-6
	Mt 13:47-53	
8/3:	Jer 26:1-9	Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14
	Mt 13:54-58	
8/4:	Jer 26:11-16, 24	Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
	Mt 14:1-12	
8/5:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15	Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54
	Eph 4:17, 20-24	Jn 6:24-35

The Bread & Wine and Candles

used at this weekend's liturgies



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Sally DeLong



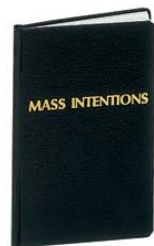
First Saturday Devotion



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

next Saturday, August 4th at
9am in the Worship Room.

**Mass Intentions and
Weekend Memorials are
available for 2018 and 2019.
Please make arrangements
through the Parish Office.**



*We pray for all who have died, especially . . .
Thomas F. Connolly, Jr.*

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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY AT CLARE HOUSE

** INTAKE LINE 631-475-4506 x122 **

MONDAY LUNES	WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES	FRIDAY VIERNES
<p>10am - 3pm</p> <p>Open to the public. Case management by appointment. Food Pantry available.</p>	<p>10am - 3pm</p> <p>Open to the public. Case management by appointment. Food Pantry available. Thrift Shop available.</p>	<p>10am - 12pm</p> <p>BAKERY DAY/DIA DEL PAN Help yourself to baked goods, <u>bread</u>, rolls, etc. Proveerse de pan y otros productos de panadería.</p> <p>GUS TRUCK 3RD FRIDAY/VIERNES Breakfast foods available to families with children. Comidas de desayuno disponibles para familias con niños.</p>
	<p>3pm - 4pm CLOSED/CERRADO</p>	
	<p>4pm - 7pm</p> <p>Open to the public. Case management by appointment. Food Pantry available.</p>	



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

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LOW SODIUM or NO SALT ADDED VEGGIES AND SAUCES

CHOOSE HIGH FIBER WHOLE GRAINS

Choose 100% "whole grain"

UNSWEETEND and LOW SUGAR CEREALS

Lean Proteins

LOW FAT, SHELF-STABLE MILK or DAIRY

Look for Low Sodium varieties, dried beans & lentils

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

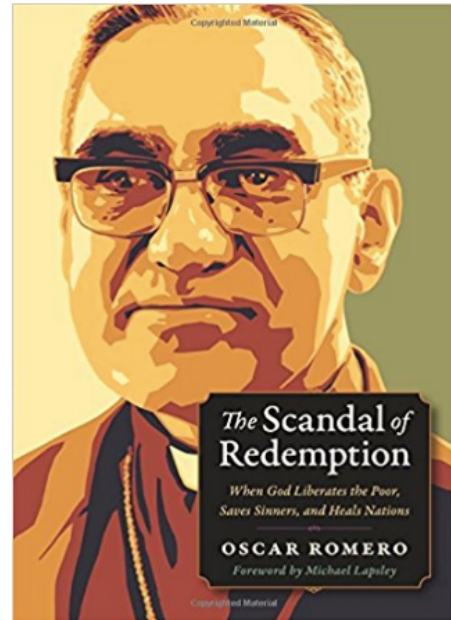
During the summer months of July and August we will be collecting financial donations to support our Back to School program. Donations can be made electronically on our website, or via cash/check in an envelope marked "back to school" and placed in any collection basket, brought to the parish center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

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 August 12th. 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.

***Will you be sitting outside in your car or in the Parish Center
while your child or grandchild attends his/her Faith Formation Class?***

*If so, we invite you to think about serving the parish community by joining the **Hall Guardian Ministry Team** as a *Hall Guardian* or a *Substitute Hall Guardian*.*

Responsibilities: Hall guardians are present in the atrium of the Parish Center while classes are being held. They welcome parents and children, answer questions, coordinate and direct classes and parents for special activities. Most importantly, Hall Guardians are there to support the parish's commitment to the safety and protection of the children and adults who are in the building. They monitor the use of bathrooms and prevent unauthorized individuals from entering the classroom hallway.

For information, please call Terése in the Faith Formation Office: 631-475-4506, ext. 118.

Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure July 22, 2018

Regular ~ \$8,463
Renovation ~ \$185 *Solar* ~ \$110

Reflection

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the Psalmist, "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who feed the hungry through efforts such as St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Long Island Cares - Harry Chapin Food Bank and our own Parish Food Pantry at Clare House!

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

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Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$54,261.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	82.5%
Number of Donors to Date:	160

Your donation can make a difference!



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Your gift could help
**Catholic Charities
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Place in collection basket
or return to the Parish Center. Thank you.

Music Ministry

I'm so pleased to be joining the Music Ministry at St. Sylvester's, collaborating with my musician husband Clark (musician at the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 Sunday Masses) as Choir Director. I have been involved in church music for what seems my entire life. I began singing in my parish church choir in 8th grade, continued on from there to be a cantor/leader of song for Masses, funerals, weddings and all the events of the liturgical life of the parish, taught music at a local



Catholic elementary school, became choir director and grew that choir into a top-notch musical ensemble, and lastly, served as director of Music and Liturgy for 12 years at a local Catholic parish.

Love of music and musical ability run in my family. My great-grandmother was a church organist. My grandfather was an opera singer. My mother was an accomplished vocal coach, accompanist, and closest to her heart a church organist at a local parish for over 60 years. I studied voice with Metropolitan Opera star Eleanor Steber and attended the Manhattan School of Music. In addition I have studied Catholic Church liturgy and the importance of music in our Catholic liturgies.

Clark and I love to make music together from many genres, but are most satisfied when we are using our musical gifts to give glory to God. Clark and I collaborated as organist and choir director for many years at a local Catholic parish and are looking forward to doing so again, serving the choirs and the people of St. Sylvester's.



Won't you consider joining the choir and raising your voice in making a "joyful shout to the Lord?"

We will begin rehearsals in September. Please look in next weeks bulletin for more information!

Sincerely,

Therese Blanton

Parish Life

The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Baptisms ~ 12:30pm ~ Church

Monday ~ July 30, 2018

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Tuesday ~ July 31, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday August 1, 2018

Prayer Shawl Meeting ~ 10:30am ~ EW

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

Thursday ~ August 2, 2018

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Social Justice Meeting ~ 7pm ~ Clare House

Friday ~ August 3, 2018

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

First Saturday Devotion ~ 9am ~ WR

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 for:

Applebee's ~ \$25

Cheesecake Factory ~ \$25

King Kullen ~ \$25 & \$50

Meat Farms ~ \$20

Panera Bread ~ \$25

Red Lobster ~ \$25

ShopRite ~ \$25 & \$100

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

Target ~ \$25 & \$50

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



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, Good Shepherd Hospice, Brookhaven Hospice and dialysis patients. Their next meeting will be this Wednesday, August 1.

Donations of yarn are appreciated and can be left in the Parish Office. New members are always welcome!



The Legion of Mary invites you to take part in their Fatima Home Visitation Program. There they teach interested family members how to pray the rosary in English or Spanish. They also provide rosaries at no cost to all those who want them. Our Lady's statue remains in the home for one week.

For information call the Office at 475-4506 ext. 101 and a Legion of Mary member will contact you.

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.

Diocesan Information

a diocesan young adult retreat

REGISTER ONLINE
<https://conta.cc/2JC6gcX>



August 4th ~ 9am—5:30pm

Immaculate Conception Seminary

\$40 includes breakfast & lunch

Mass with Bishop Barres

The darkness of our hesitations, fears and anxieties can overwhelm us in a world that provides no breath. Like the disciples, we can be locked in and afraid. It was the encounter with the Spirit that changed everything—bringing light and life. This day of talks, community and Sacraments will renew and inspire the mission we are called to, while drawing us closer to Christ Himself.

Sponsored by DRVC & Starfish Coffee House

In the Community

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ Let Jesus feed your marriage 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>.

Engaged Encounter ~ 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. The next weekend will be at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington August 17-19, 2018 For information and registration, call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org

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.

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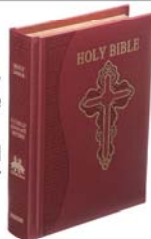
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