

St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



*“He began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astonished.”
“He was amazed at their lack of faith.”*

July 8, 2018

14th 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 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)

Monday, July 9, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

8:30am Olga Auriemma

Thursday, July 12, 2018

8:30am Richard Enge

Friday, July 13, 2018

8:30am James Wahl

Saturday, July 14, 2018

5:00pm Nancy & Lenny Rich
Adele Katuna
Herb Rempel
Kenneth Altaner
The Ulicny Family
Larry White
Edwin Rosado

Sunday, July 15, 2018

7:30am Antonio & Maria Fernandes
9:00am Ken Dubin
11:00am Maria McFaline

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 Noscchese, William Lyon, Nello Liberatore, Michael Palermo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

7/9:	Hos 2:16-18, 21-22 Mt 9:18-26	Ps 145:2-9
7/10:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Mt 9:32-38	Ps 115:3-10
7/11:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10:1-7	Ps 105:2-7
7/12:	Hos 11:1-4, 8-9 Mt 10:7-15	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16
7/13:	Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23	Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17
7/14:	Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33	Ps 93:1-2, 5
7/15:	Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14	Ps 85:9-14 Mk 6:7-13

The Bread & Wine

used at this weekend's liturgies

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&

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Anointing of the Sick

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. You are encouraged to receive this Sacrament if you are having upcoming surgery, are dealing with a chronic or debilitating illness, are suffering from addiction, mental health issues or frailty.

The **Sacrament of the Anointing** is celebrated on the second Friday following the 8:30am Mass in the Worship Room.



The next Anointing will be Friday, July 13th.

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

*Lisa Conklin, Carmela King,
Rosaline G. O'Connor, Mary Ambrose,
Francisco Melendez, Garry Quoma*

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, bread, rolls, etc. Proveerse de pan y otros productos de panaderia.</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 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

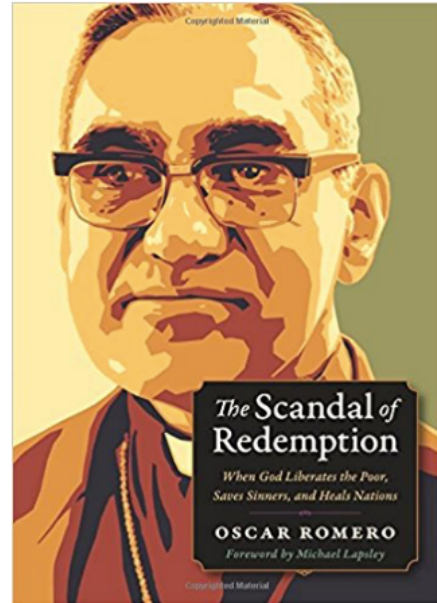
During the summer months of July and August we will be collecting financial donations to support our Back to School program. Donations can be made electronically on our website, or via cash/check in an envelope marked "back to school" and placed in any collection basket, brought to the parish center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

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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!

***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.

**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 July 1, 2018

*Regular ~ \$7,984
Renovation ~ \$236 Solar ~ \$225*

Reflection

This weekend after celebrating the Independence of our country, may we always remember to be thankful for, and wisely use, the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who embrace the call of good citizenship by sharing their gifts at home, work, school, Parish, community and world.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$52,941.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	80.5%
Number of Donors to Date:	155

PLEDGE: \$ _____

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

Please Print:

Parish: St. Sylvester Church

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Phone: _____

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

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 8, 2018

Baptisms ~ 12:30pm ~ Church

Monday ~ July 9, 2018

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Tuesday ~ July 10, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday July 11, 2018

Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ 10:30am ~ East Wing

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

Thursday ~ July 12, 2018

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Friday ~ July 13, 2018

Senior Circle of Friends ~ 11:30am ~ PDH

Compassionate Friends ~ 7:30pm ~ PDH

Holy Hour ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, July 14, 2018

NO MORNING ACTIVITIES OR CONFESSIONS

Holy Hour

Time spent with our Beloved Savior in Adoration can become the most profound, meaningful, joyful, peaceful and healing experience we could ever encounter.

Please join us this Friday, July 13 from 8pm—9pm in the Worship Room.

"I Am With You Always"



ATTENTION PLEASE!

There will be no Confessions Saturday, July 14. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets once a month to knit, crochet, pray and share patterns. This month, because of the July 4th holiday, they will meet July 11th at 10:30am.

New members are always welcome!

BAPTISM

Let us welcome the newly baptized into our community of Faith during the Month of June 2018

*Adriana Marion Arculeo
Isabelle Amore Jean Baptiste
Connor Jameson Galvin
Juliette Frances Goncalves
Jayden Alexander Guzman
Aubree Faye Lockwood
Landon John McDonough
Lacus Garcia Rodriguez
Angelo James Rosales
Michael Anthony Scala IV
Daniel Christopher Weeks*



Senior Circle of Friends

The Senior Circle of Friends meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Their next meeting is July 13 at **11:30am*** in



PDH. Come join us for fun and games. Bring a friend and meet some new ones!

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

Fun for Seniors

Parish Life



St Sylvester's Church

Blood Drive

Date: Sun., July 15, 2018

Time: 8:00am ~2:00pm

Place: 68 Ohio Ave Medford

Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives.

Our community hospitals need your help.

Please share this lifesaving gift!

Thank you for caring!

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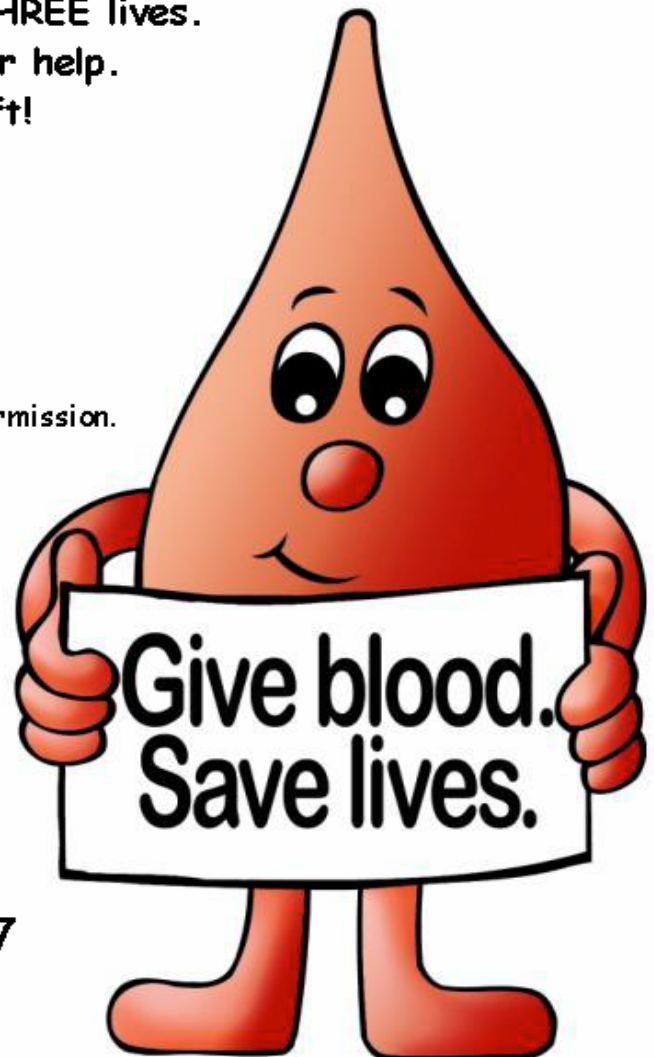
- **Bring NYBC Donor card or alternate ID.**
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission.
- Age 76 and over need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

For more information or to make an appointment please contact:

Tony Speelman @ 631-236-6327

 **Long Island** *Blood Services*



In the Community

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

Project M.E.R.C.Y. ~ Ministry to the East-end's Roman Catholic Youth ~ a partnership between St. James Youth Ministry in Setauket and the Catholic Parishes of the East-end of Long Island presents Wednesday Summer Fun Nights , 7pm—9pm in St. James Youth Center. July 11th is Trivia Night... if you got the answers, we have the questionsand prizes too! Call 631-941-4141 for information.

Youth Mass ~ Bilingual ~ Saturday, July 14 at 7pm at Our Lady of the Shrine in Manorville. Call 631-325-0661 for more information.

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

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!

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.

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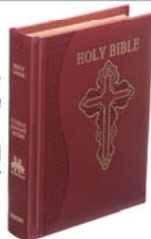
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