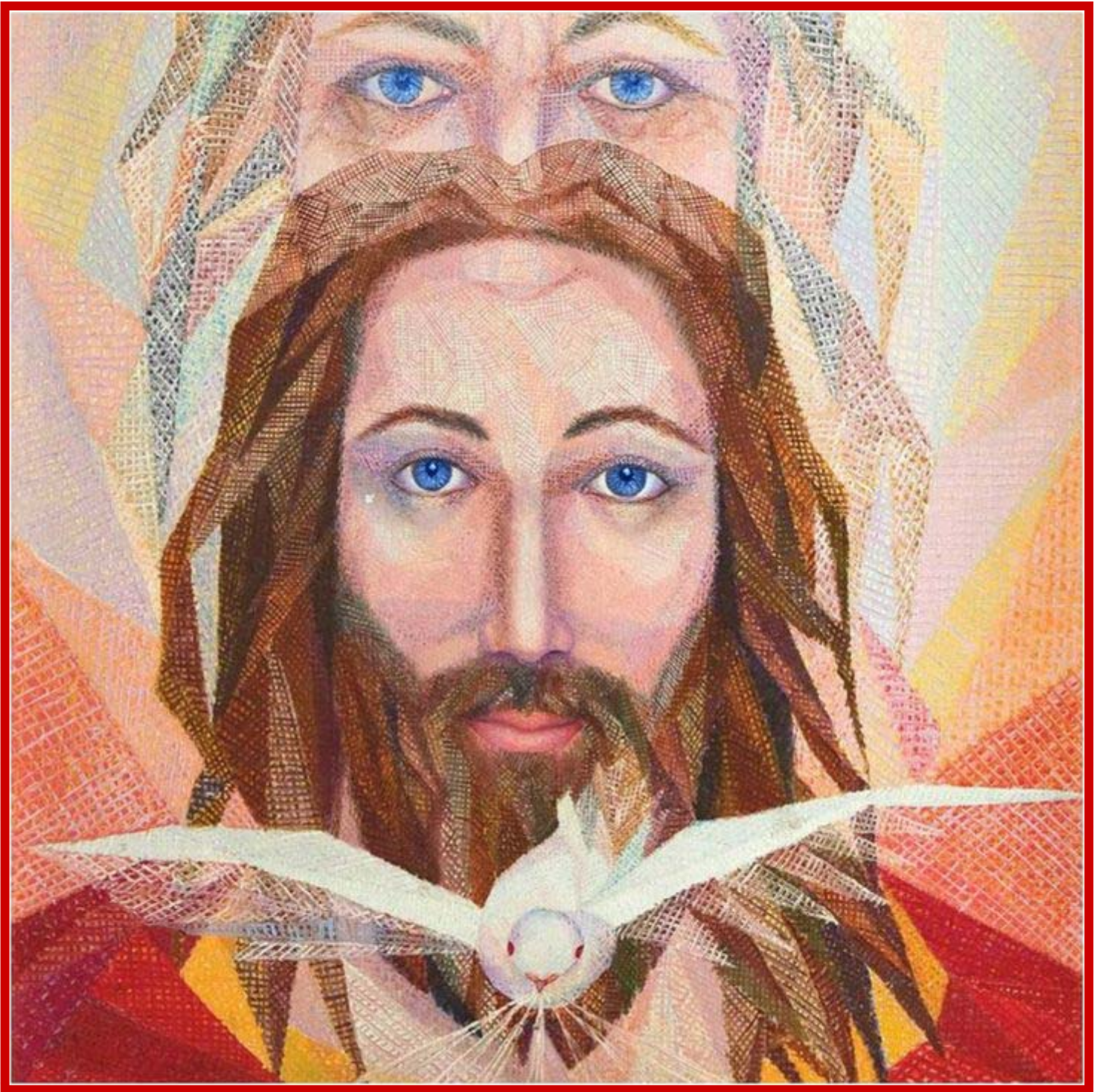




St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



June 11, 2017

The Most Holy Trinity

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

Rev. Thomas W. Coby, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Mystkowski

Deacon George Riegger, Retired

Deacon Frank Rivera

Theresa Ellner, Business Manager

Michael Lofaro, Faith Formation Administrator

Frances McMahan, Faith Formation Director

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 Th ~ Temporarily Closed
Fr ~ 9:30am-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

Saturday, June 10, 2017

5:00pm Brian McDonald
 Kimberly Kane
 Joan Chicosky
 Arthur DeBono
 Giavanna Perrone
 Steve Proniewych
 Emma Shay Doxsee

Sunday, June 11, 2017

7:30am Manuel Esteves
 9:00am James Hines, Jr.
 James Doucette
 11:00am Deceased Members of the Mahony Family

Monday, June 12, 2017

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

8:30am Rev. Charles E. Papa

Thursday, June 15, 2017

8:30am James Davi

Friday, June 16, 2017

8:30am Helen Dick

Saturday, June 17, 2017

5:00pm For All Fathers
 Matteo, Caravan & Castriata Families(L&D)
 Mary & Pete Kummer
 Maureen Ciardullo
 Maria Carmen Urbancik
 Ronald Palladino
 Josephine Dieli
 Guiseppina Bellucci

Sunday, June 18, 2017

7:30am For All Fathers
 9:00am For All Fathers
 11:00am For All Fathers

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

Amelia (Emily) Amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

6/12:	2 Cor 1:1-7	Ps 34:2-9
	Mt 5:1-12	
6/13:	2 Cor 1:18-22	Ps 119:129-133, 135
	Mt 5:13-16	
6/14:	2 Cor 3:4-11	Ps 99:5-9
	Mt 5:17-19	
6/15:	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6	Ps 85:9-14
	Mt 5:20-26	
6/16:	2 Cor 4:7-15	Ps 116:10-11, 15-18
	Mt 5:27-32	
6/17:	2 Cor 5:14-21	Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
	Mt 5:33-37	
6/18:	Dt 8:2-3, 14-16	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
	1 Cor 10:16-17	Jn 6:51-58

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

Eva D'Amato, Marguerite Orłowski, Robert Orłowski, Tom Stephens, Melina Grosso Bischoff, Joanne Clarke, 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

Holy Trinity Prayer

*In the palm of His hand,
 may the FATHER hold you,
 May the peace of the SON
 and His mercy enfold you.
 May the SPIRIT provide you
 with blessings enough,
 And may the TRINITY grant you
 faith, hope and love.*



*St. Anthony
 Pray For Us*

*Feast Day
 June 13th*



Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure

June 4, 2017

Regular ~ \$ 9,236

Renovation ~ \$171 Solar ~ \$167

Art Sale ~ \$270

Mission Appeal for the Dominican Republic

Next weekend, Deacon Michael Byrne will preach at all Masses in support of the missions. In addition to serving as a Deacon at Infant Jesus Parish, Deacon Mike also visits our diocesan mission in the Dominican Republic, and will share with us some of his experiences.

Please note, there will be a second collection next weekend in support for the Dominican Republic Mission Appeal.

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**.

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

Taking a Step on the Journey

Our faith is a journey: a journey that begins when we receive the Light of Christ at Baptism. This weekend many of our parishioners will take a step on their faith journey by completing and returning a Commitment Form for our Stewardship Time and Talent Renewal. Our response to Jesus' invitation to be 'the light of the world' is lived when we use and share our God-given gifts in service to others!

If you didn't get a chance to bring or complete the Commitment Form this weekend, you can drop it off at the parish office during the week or place it in next weekend's collection basket. Extra Commitment Forms can be found in the back of the church and in the parish office. Thank you to all who have participated in this year's reflection on Time & Talent. Yes, you have been "gifted by God."

Reflection

The Gospel today is sometimes called "the Gospel in miniature" because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more condensed form, "God loved . . . God gave . . ." it is the paradigm for stewardship—we give because we love.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who recognize that life is a gift from God and a sacred trust. Like any other gift, it is meant to be shared for the benefit of all. "What are you going to do today with your gift of life?"

Stewardship

Christ Be Our Light

In the gospel of John we are reminded, “*God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.*”

Here is a question:

Knowing what John said to be true, how would we react if we had the opportunity to meet Jesus face to face right now?

What would be different?

Quite frankly, the answer is...

Everything!

We would come to realize and be rooted in the Greatness of God:

God who created us with a Father’s love,
God who redeemed us with the sacrifice of the Son,
God who makes us holy by the sending of the Holy Spirit,
God who trusts us to be collaborators and stewards of all creation,
God who gives us every gift we need to bring about the Kingdom.

And our lives would change significantly:

Our prayer would be different—

We would be surrendering to our God instead of trying to be in charge.

Our thinking would be different—

We would always think of others before ourselves.

Our actions would be different—

We would be humble servants to all, using our gifts in all aspects of our lives...washing the feet of one another.

We would be peaceful, joyful, and happy.

Allow your heart to burn, to ache,
with an experience of God’s love for you.

Allow yourself the possibility to be filled with the Light of Christ:
to pray, think, and act differently.

Allow your whole life to be different

so that you can be a spark of the Light in the lives of others.

**Christ, be our Light
As we seek to be the Light of Christ.**



Make a commitment to yourself, right now, to surrender to the experience of the Risen Lord as you walk the journey of your life.



Make a commitment to be Light to and for others.



Make a commitment to share your God-given gifts out of love and in service to your family, workplace, parish, and community.



Now and forever!

Stewardship

A Way of Life

DIocese of Rockville Centre

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 jmcmahon@stsylvesterli.org

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

Contact Social Justice Ministry:
631-475-4506 press 5+2
jmcmahon@stsylvesterli.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. Coffee (regular and decaf)
2. Mayo
3. Diapers (larger sizes 5 and 6) - (NOT Newborn, 1, 2)
4. Laundry Detergent
5. Shampoo
6. *NO PASTA*



Parish Social Ministry



With a Unified Voice, Catholics Respond to U.S. Pulling Out of Climate Change Agreement

The U.S. Catholic Church responded swiftly and with dismay and disappointment to President Trump's decision to pull the United States out of the Paris Climate Agreement. In May, Pope Francis gifted President Trump a copy of his encyclical, *Laudato Si'* (June 18 marks the 2nd anniversary), and the Vatican encouraged United States leadership in the international effort to confront climate change.

Catholic teaching insists that climate change is a grave moral issue that threatens our commitments: to protect human life, health, dignity, and security; to exercise a preferential option for the poor; to promote the common good of which the climate is part; to live in solidarity with future generations; to realize peace; and to care for God's good gift of creation.

Catholic Climate Covenant organized a statement signed by leaders from eleven Catholic organizations who expressed "deep disappointment" over President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement and cease American contributions to the U.N. Green Climate Fund that helps poorer nations address climate change. Bishop Oscar Cantú of Las Cruces, chairman of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace, issued a statement reminding all that the USCCB, along with Pope Francis and the entire Catholic Church, have consistently upheld the Paris agreement as an important international mechanism to promote environmental stewardship and encourage climate change mitigation. He called the President's decision not to honor the U.S. commitment to the Paris agreement, "deeply troubling".

Other U.S. Catholic statements were issued by Catholic Relief Services, Sisters of Mercy, Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach, Pax Christi USA, and Franciscan Action Network.

Since Saint John Paul II's 1990 World Day of Peace Message, the Catholic Church has recognized climate change as a moral issue that indicts key commitments of Catholic Social Teaching. Additionally, Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 15,000 U.S. Catholics, majorities of Americans in every state,

and hundreds of U.S. businesses – including major fossil fuel companies – support an international climate change agreement.

Catholics care about climate change. We care about the poor. And unless we uplift our voices and get to work ourselves, the future of our common home is at stake. The federal government may be abdicating leadership, yet Catholics will help lead the way to climate justice!

To send President Trump a message stating your dismay at his decision and pledging to take action on climate justice go here: <http://tiny.cc/responsetopariswithdrawal>

9 Days of Prayer on the Anniversary of *Laudato Si'*

An invitation to pray the Prayer for our Earth from *Laudato Si'*

Each day's reflection comprises:

- A verse and refrain from a Prayer for our Earth
- A short video (1-3 minutes in length) in the form of a reflection, song or story"

Day 1 - All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

Day 2 - Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Day 3 - Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

Day 4 - O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

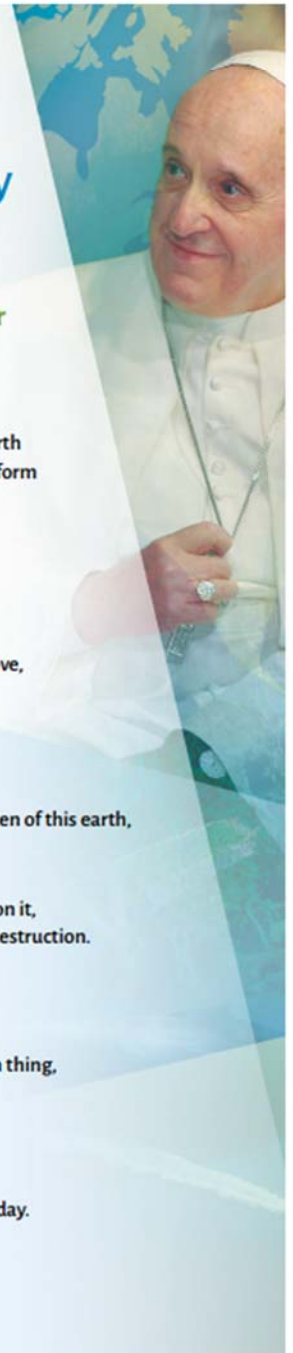
Day 5 - Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Day 6 - Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Day 7 - Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

Day 8 - We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Day 9 - Pray the complete prayer today with new insight and understanding



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.

You may **register online through June 18th**. 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 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.

Parish Life

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday ~ June 11, 2017

Monday ~ June 12, 2017

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Tuesday ~ June 13, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday ~ June 14, 2017

Stewardship Committee ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Thursday ~ June 15, 2017

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Friday ~ June 16, 2017

Carmelite Mass ~ 7pm ~ WR

Carmelite Meeting ~ 8pm ~ East Wing

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Community Dance ~ 7pm ~ PDH

ART SHOW & SALE A WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF LOCAL TALENT

Many thanks to local artist and parishioner Paul Padovano and his dedicated group of Watercolorists who donated their paintings for our Art Show & Sale last weekend, raising **\$270** for our parish! By sharing their talents, they exemplify Stewardship in action!



St. Sylvester's Community Dance

featuring

"The Savoy Swing Band"

One of the best live 20pc band with vocals playing for your dancing and listening entertainment.

The 40's and 50's Swing, Hit Parade,
Pop and more!

Saturday, June 17
7pm to 10pm



Admission: \$15.00
includes beverages and snacks

For more information, go to,
www.goodolddanceband.com
or call Mike at 730-3333.

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 to:

Applebee's ~ \$25

Cheesecake Factory ~ \$25

Chili's ~ \$25

Dunkin Donuts ~ \$10

King Kullen ~ \$25 & \$50

Kohl's ~ \$25

Meat Farms ~ \$20

Outback/Carrabas ~ \$25

Panera ~ \$25

ShopRite ~ \$25 & \$100

Starbucks ~ \$10

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

Parish Life



+ Plus tasty treats from restaurants in neighboring towns!

Come sample the delicious food from the following eateries:

Angora Grill
Associates Gourmet Market
Blue Moon Deli
Café Gia
Cactus Café
Chubs Meats
Golden Star
Hurricane Grill & Wings

Island Empanada
Mama Bella
Medford Pasteria
Moller's Heroes & Caterers
Pita House
Ristegio's
Tony's Pizza
Trio at Medford

Tickets are \$20 (only 120 will be sold) and can be purchased in the Parish Office or after Masses on June 10/11 and June 17/18.

We are looking for a few food servers ages 14 and up to assist with this special fundraising event! Please contact Lori Zito at extension 115 or email to Lzito@stsyvesterli.org if you are interested in lending a hand.