

St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.

June 17, 2018

11th 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

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

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, June 16, 2018

5:00pm FOR ALL FATHERS
Edward C. Mowat
Paul Rizzo
Mary & Peter Kummer
Susan Kramer Smith (10th Anniversary)
Thomas Kelly
Elena Gonzalez (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, June 17, 2018

7:30am FOR ALL FATHERS
9:00am FOR ALL FATHERS
11:00am FOR ALL FATHERS

Monday, June 18, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

8:30am Robert Emmett Mulcahy

Thursday, June 21, 2018

8:30am Florence Pannell

Friday, June 22, 2018

8:30am Laura Mockler

Saturday, June 23, 2018

5:00pm Catherine King
Samantha Catello
Mary Jane Lehning McBride
Genevieve Cannarili
Louis Franco
Bogumila Florkiewicz

Sunday, June 24, 2018

7:30am Luigi Russo & Family and Toscano Family
9:00am Les & Mary Weir
11:00am Donald Tierney, Sr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

6/18:	1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42	Ps 5:2-7
6/19:	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48	Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16
6/20:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Ps 31:20-21, 24
6/21:	Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15	Ps 97:1-7
6/22:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Mt 6:19-23	Ps 132:11-14, 17-18
6/23:	2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34	Ps 89:4-5, 29-34
6/24:	Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26	Ps 139:1-3, 13-15 Lk 1:57-66, 80

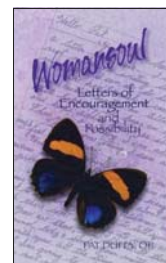
Women's Prayer Group

The next gathering of our *Spiritual Book Club* will be **Wednesday*, June 20** at 7pm in the Worship Room. Please join us as we delve into Sr. Pat Duffy's Book: Womansoul.

Sr. Pat says, "In these letters I offer you something of my soul as a gift. I pray that through my sharing you will be encouraged to enter more deeply into your own soul. There, through the truth of your life, may you grow in grace, peace, and the love of your God."

So many of us have been encouraged and enlightened by Sr. Pat's spoken words at retreats and parish missions. Come and find the same in her written words.

Spread the word and bring a friend!
Books are available at the gathering.



***PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THE SUMMER, WE WILL MEET ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH!**

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

Eva D'Amato, Robert Orłowski, 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, Richard Gross, 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, Eric Bedell, 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, Ann Pijko, Baby Isabella Steo, Diane Garvey

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

Pam Filasky, Thomas DeVito

We Pray

Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God,
for the fathers in our lives.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices
fathers make for their children and families,
and the ways--both big and small--they lift
children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have
helped fill the void when fathers pass
early or are absent; grandfathers and
uncles, brothers and cousins,
teachers, pastors and coaches
and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask
for wisdom and humility in the face
of the task of parenting. Give them the
strength to do well by their children
and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Amen.



Happy Father's Day!

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 1st. 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!

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 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.

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!

Want to Volunteer?

We rely on contributions of time, money, skills, and prayer to keep our ministry going!

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

Need Assistance?

Parish Social Ministry Intake Line
Monday 10am - 3pm
Wednesday 10am - 3pm, 4pm - 7pm
631-475-4506 x122
clarehouse@stsyvesterli.org

Community Through Communication

Community is at the root of our Christian experience. The Trinity teaches us that just as God is three Persons in one – the very embodiment of relationship – so too are we in infinite relationship with those around us, with God, and with all of creation. Relationships require work and they require communication. This is why we place an invitation to dialogue in the bulletin each week. Only through conversation with one another can we achieve clarity of thought on the complex issues of our time. Only in relationship with one another can we discern God's presence and purpose in our lives. To facilitate the growth of community through communication we are presenting a series of articles by Mary Snyder focused on Nonviolent Communication:

#8 – Passions (November 2017)

On December 30, 1994, John Salvi walked into a Planned Parenthood Clinic and seriously wounded three people and killed the receptionist. Then he got in his car and drove to a Health Services clinic and injured two and killed the receptionist there as well. Pro-choice advocates were angry, terrified, and grief stricken. Pro-life advocates were appalled and concerned that their cause would be connected with this horrific act.

Passion can blind us from seeing the other side of the issue. It blinds us from seeing clearly the feelings and needs of the other side as well as our own. Each person involved in this situation was passionate about something. John Salvi used a gun as a strategy to meet a need. Maybe the need was to keep unborn babies from being terminated. Pro-life advocates are passionate about keeping unborn babies from being terminated as well but they use a different strategy to meet that need. Pro-choice advocates are very passionate about having control over their own bodies.

They could have many reasons for that. A teenager who doesn't want her mother to find out she is pregnant, a married woman who believes they just can't afford another mouth to feed, or someone in college who believes a baby is going to interfere with her plans and dreams.

Chaminade understood Silence of Passions as an important area of our life that we must pay attention to if we want to become like Jesus and Mary. For him, passions meant "Where we put a lot of energy into doing something with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole strength." We need to channel them so the actions are going to be fruitful and loving and we can become more like Christ.

In Nonviolent Communication we talk about feelings. Feelings are indicators of met or unmet needs. A Passion is understood as a "special strategy" to get our needs met. It is a strategy that much life-giving energy goes into. Sometimes we put so much focus on the strategy that we cannot see doing it any other way except this one way. That is where the discernment comes in. Paying attention to our "Passions" is very critical if we want to become like Jesus and Mary.

Parish Social Ministry

Volunteers Needed!

*Are you available to assist us with some heavy lifting when we receive food deliveries?
Once or twice per month for a few hours (deliveries usually arrive M-F between 10am-1pm)
Please Call 631-475-4506 x122*

Please Note Our New Hours!

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

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Occasionally the office must close during normal hours. Please call ahead or schedule an appointment to guarantee our availability to serve you. 631-475-4506 x122

El Ministerio de Servicios Sociales en el Clare House ofrece un servicio directo a los miembros de la comunidad que tienen dificultades de todo tipo. Nos esforzamos por construir relaciones auténticas con cada persona que entra por la puerta y se comprometan con el viaje en solidaridad con ellos. Ofrecemos asistencia para aliviar las necesidades inmediatas. Los clientes reciben acceso a: despensa de alimentos, tienda de segunda mano, el manejo de casos, actividades de promoción, información y referencias, y otros recursos.

De vez en cuando la oficina debe cerrar durante las horas normales. Por favor llame con anticipación o programar una cita para garantizar nuestra disponibilidad para servirle. 631-475-4506 x122

Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure

June 10, 2018

Regular ~ \$8,399

Renovation ~ \$175 Solar ~ \$45

Faith Direct June Contributions

Regular ~ \$9,812

Renovation ~ \$468 Solar ~ \$127

To learn about or enroll in

Faith Direct,

the automated giving program,
just log onto www.faithdirect.net
and use our Church code NY285.

Also, Faith Direct Forms are available
in the Parish Office.

Reflection

Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent and resources; and trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow, flourish and help to bring about the Kingdom of God.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who strive to be the good seed mentioned in the Gospel story and that their example inspires others to become good stewards too!

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$52,491.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	79.8%
Number of Donors to Date:	151

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Place in collection basket
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Parish Appreciation Breakfast for Volunteer Ministers

We will once again be having an appreciation breakfast to thank all those who currently give of their time and talent in a ministry here in the parish. This year's event will be held on Saturday, July 14th at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook. If you are currently involved in a ministry but did not receive an invitation in the mail, please be sure to contact Lori Zito directly by email at Lzito@stsyvesterli.org or call the Stewardship Office at extension 115.

Thank you for all you do to make
St. Sylvester such a vibrant parish!



"Stewardship is the growing, nurturing, promoting, and building of gifts, call and spiritual vocation of the members of a faith community. Stewardship is not necessarily the things people do, but the spirit that influences the things they do."

~ Dr. Wayne Clark,
Beyond Fundraising

Parish Life

The Week Ahead

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Monday ~ June 18, 2018

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Tuesday ~ June 19, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday ~ June 20, 2018

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

Women's Prayer Group ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room

Thursday ~ June 21, 2018

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Moving On Support ~ 2:30pm ~ Room 2

Wedding Rehearsal ~ 6pm ~ Church

Friday ~ June 22, 2018

Senior Circle of Friends ~ 11:30pm ~ PDH

Charismatic Prayer ~ 8pm ~ Worship Room

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Wedding ~ Sarajoy Boyle & James M. Vannetter ~ 2:30pm ~ Church



May God Bless

Sarajoy Boyle

&

James M. Vannetter.

as they marry at St. Sylvester

Saturday, June 23 ~ 2:30pm

"Moving On" Peer Support Group

Losing a lifetime partner can have you feeling lost and without purpose. "Moving On" is a group of widows and widowers who come together once a month to help each other find that purpose. Through discussion and prayerful contemplation, we support one another in our attempts to get on with our lives in a meaningful way. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 21 at 2:30 pm in Room 2. Please join us then.

Eileen & Martha ~ Coordinators

Thrift Shop News

The Thrift Shop is in need of both girls and boys clothing in sizes 3—6x as well as men's jeans up to size 38. Please bring your donations into the Thrift Shop during their regular hours.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING!

Don't Forget

You can purchase Gift Cards after Masses and in the Parish Center for:

King Kullen, Meat Farms, ShopRite, and Stop & Shop.

Every time you purchase a gift card, our parish receives 5% of the sale, at no extra cost to you! Gift cards can be given as a present or can be used by you!

Senior Circle of Friends

The Senior Circle of Friends meet on the 2nd and 4th

Fridays of the month. Their next meeting is June 22 at 11:30pm* in



Fun for Seniors

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.**

Community Events

Healing Mass ~ at St. John the Nepomucene RC Church in Bohemia on Thursday, June 21 at 7:30pm. Presider is Fr. Larry Chadwick. All are welcome. Any questions, please call Pat at 631-589-4715.

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!

Veterans Food Drive ~ Brookhaven Town is home to a great number of veterans who have courageously served our country and are now in need of assistance. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at the following locations from 9am to 4:30pm, Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 29: Brookhaven Town Hall, Farmingville; Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center, Blue Point; Rose Caracappa Senior Center, Mount Sinai and Brookhaven Highway Department, Coram.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land ~ October 13-22, 2018 with Fr. Peter Kaczmarek, Pastor of St. Francis Church in Greenlawn. Cost is \$3,999, all inclusive, double occupancy. Call Fr. Peter at 631-757-7435, ext 5 or 206Tours at 1-800-206-8687.

Heroes of the Game ~ The Long Island Ducks, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Legislator Susan A. Berland are proud to honor veterans. Veterans will be honored at every home game and will receive 10 complimentary tickets to the game for family and friends. Contact Suffolk County Veterans Service Officer Melissa Pandolf for more information at 631-853-VETS.

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 year's 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.

Rally for Religious Freedom ~ Saturday, June 30 at St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip. Rosary at 10am in front of school and Rally at 10:30am in the auditorium. Msgr. Vlaun is Master of Ceremonies.

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