



## St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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

*Not one sparrow will fall  
to the ground without  
your Father's knowledge.*

*So do not be afraid;  
you are worth more  
than many sparrows.*

June 25, 2017

12th 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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Deacon Joseph Mystkowski

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Deacon Frank Rivera

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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](http://www.stsyvesterli.org)**

# We Pray

## **Saturday, June 24, 2017**

5:00pm Bridget & Stephen Finn  
Sarah & James Donaghy  
Willie Beslanovics  
Catherine King  
Frank Casillo  
Rita Martyn  
Nancy Leitner

## **Sunday, June 25, 2017**

7:30am Cesarino Family  
9:00am Les & Mary Weir  
11:00am Thomas Reilly

## **Monday, June 26, 2017**

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

## **Tuesday, June 27, 2017**

8:30am Kathleen Calandra

## **Thursday, June 29, 2017**

8:30am Willie Beslanovics

## **Friday, June 30, 2017**

8:30am June Potthoff

## **Saturday, July 1, 2017**

5:00pm Joseph Ritundo (45th Anniversary)  
Lucy Mazzeo (17th Anniversary)  
Bruce Meyers  
Joseph Harding  
Gail Hayes  
Rosemarie Meglio  
John Connelly

## **Sunday, July 2, 2017**

7:30am Josephine Healy  
Charles Halbert  
9:00am Anthony Felicetta  
11:00am John P. Flood, NYPD (100th Anniversary)

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

6/26:	Gn 12:1-9 Mt 7:1-5	Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22
6/27:	Gn 13:2, 5-18 Mt 7:6, 12-14	Ps 15:2-5
6/28:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Mt 7:15-20	Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
6/29:	Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18	Ps 34:2-9 Mt 16:13-19
6/30:	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Mt 8:1-4	Ps 128:1-5
7/1:	Gn 18:1-15 Mt 8:5-17	Lk 1:46-50, 53-55
7/2:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11	Ps 89:2-3, 16-19 Mt 10:37-42

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

*Eva D'Amato, Marguerite Orlowski, Robert Orlowski, Tom Stephens, Melina Grosso Bischoff, 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, Jenna Knoblauch*

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

*Robert Emmett Mulcahy, Louise M. Shaw*

## **The Candles**

used at this weekend's liturgies

are the gifts of

Lorraine & Andy Magyar

in loving memory of

**Rev. Charles E. Papa**



## **First Saturday Devotion**



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

next Saturday, July 1 at 9am  
in the Worship Room.

*We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love.*

Pope Francis

# Stewardship

## *When is a Volunteer not a Steward?*

It sounds like the beginning of a joke, but in fact it is a valid question which people ask me often – What exactly is the difference between volunteering your time and getting involved in ministry as a dedicated Steward?

Volunteering is a wonderful, praiseworthy thing to do and it is usually goal-oriented; there is a need to be filled and the volunteer fills it. Ministry is *different*. Ministry is also volunteering in the sense that you may give of your time to complete a task or project, but the motivation is not the same. When you are involved in ministry it is deeper than just completing a task, and ministry can happen anywhere – not only on church property. It can, and should, be a part of our daily lives!

Getting involved as a minister is a direct result of the call to action we receive at Baptism. As we are the Church, we should feel a spiritual pull to participate in the life of the Church, in our families and throughout our communities to help build God's Kingdom here on earth. However, with our involvement there also must be a recognition on our part that God, as our loving parent, has given each one of us very different gifts, and that it is our responsibility to nurture these particular gifts and then gratefully share them with others. Part and parcel of being a Steward is discernment, a recognition of what you have been gifted with and an understanding of your Christian call to use these gifts in service to God and one another. *“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10*

**Ministry is not a job, or simply a task to be fulfilled. It is a calling.** I have met with many parishioners over the years who do wonderful things in the community and tell me they want to be involved in the parish, but have no special gifts to share – *all of them do, but none of them see it!* This is why we say that Stewardship is a way of life – because once you understand that God has given you unique gifts to use and share, it energizes and affects every part of your life!

Let Christ be your Light, and in turn,  
be the Light of Christ to others!

Happy Summer!

*Lori Zito* - Stewardship Director



# Stewardship

## *A Job or a Ministry*

Some people have a JOB in the Church  
Others involve themselves in MINISTRY.  
What is the difference?

If you do it just because no one else will, it's a JOB.  
If you do it to serve God, it's a MINISTRY.

If you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other things, it's a JOB.  
If you're committed to staying with it, even when it means letting other things go, it's a MINISTRY.

If you quit because someone criticized you, it was a JOB.  
If you keep on serving, it's a MINISTRY.

If you do it because someone else said it needs to be done, it's a JOB.  
If you stay even though no one notices your efforts, it's a MINISTRY.

It's hard to get excited about a JOB.  
It's almost impossible not to get excited about a MINISTRY.

A church may be filled with people doing a JOB . . .  
A great and caring church will be filled with people involved in MINISTRY.

Emmy and Ray Kane  
From the bulletin of St. Ambrose Church  
Deerfield, Florida



**Stewardship**  
*A Way of Life*



# Stewardship

## *Gifts of Treasure*

*June 18, 2017*

*Regular ~ \$8,910*

*Renovation ~ \$130      Solar ~ \$108*

## *Peter's Pence*



Next weekend, July 1 & 2, there is an envelope marked Peter's Pence. The proceeds collected from this envelope provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. It benefits the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

Please place the envelope in the regular collection basket.

## **Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017**

Designated Goal:	\$65,100.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$45,885.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	70.5%
Number of Donors to Date:	151

## *Reflection*

The Psalmist assures us that "the Lord hears the poor." Often, however, He answers their need through the generous gifts of stewards.

## *Living Stewardship*

We are grateful for all stewards who embrace Jesus' teaching that caring for the needs of the poor is to serve Christ himself.

# Thanks Be To God!

We thank you for entering into the spirit of Stewardship Renewal these past few weeks! Stewardship is really a way of life—it's one special way we live as followers of Jesus. When we follow Jesus as Christian stewards, we bring the Light of Christ to others. Thank you for making or renewing your commitment to share your gifts with all of us here at St. Sylvester and with those you encounter in your daily lives! If you haven't yet made your Commitment, please consider doing so today.

## **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

We wish to help provide for the mission of the Church by making a gift of:

PLEDGE:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*All gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal will be used solely for the purposes of Parish Sharing, Catholic Charities, Education and Formation, and Pastoral Ministries.*

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

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# 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.

***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.**

## *Diocese of Rockville Centre Office for the Protection of Children and Young People*

Summer, for children, often means more unstructured time and maybe less supervision. Don't fall into the trap of letting social media and the internet become your child's connection for peer interactions. Commonsensemedia.org offers suggestions for safe on-line apps for children of all ages and tips for parents concerned about their children's internet use.

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People maintains a confidential phone line: 1-516-594-9063. We are available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. All calls are responded to within 24 hours

# Parish Life

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday ~ June 25, 2017**

Baptisms ~ 12:30pm ~ Church

**Monday ~ June 26, 2017**

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

**Tuesday ~ June 27, 2017**

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

**Wednesday ~ June 28, 2017**

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Dance Band Rehearsal ~ 8pm ~ PDH

**Thursday ~ June 29, 2017**

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

**Friday ~ June 30, 2017**

Movie Night "Risen" ~ 8pm ~ East Wing

**Saturday, July 1, 2017**

First Saturday Devotion ~ 9am ~ WR

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

## Free Movie Night

The Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to the movie *Risen*. *Risen* is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of a non-believer. A powerful Roman military tribune and his aide are given the task of solving the mystery of what happened to the body of Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion of Jesus. They were to disprove the rumors of the risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. A spiritual and an uplifting masterpiece, not to be missed!

The movie will begin at 8pm sharp on Friday, June 30th in the East Wing. Snacks and water will be supplied.

St. Sylvester Knights of Columbus #6844  
presents their 3rd annual  
*"A Touch of Elvis"*  
with Long Island's own Steve Mitchell  
done with full respect to the  
King of Rock & Roll!



Saturday, July 22,  
8pm — 10pm  
Doors open at 7pm.

Admission is \$20  
Includes show, cheese & crackers and beverage.

Tickets can be purchased in the  
Parish Office  
or by calling:

Rich Neubauer @ 631-220-5302  
Dave Rollo @ 631-289-2493

## Attention Mets Fans!

Join the Mets & Times Square Church at Citi Field for a day of Baseball followed by Praise and Worship on Saturday, August 5th at 4:05pm Mets vs. Dodgers.

The worship service will be a faith-based message delivered by Times Square Church Pastor Carter Conlon and testimonials by Mets players. It will begin approximately 20 minutes after the final out of the game.

### Seat options are:

Promenade Outfield: \$25

Promenade Reserved: \$37

Bud Light Landing: \$49

Baseline Box: \$70



*We must sell a minimum of 15 tickets to get these prices. Tickets must be paid for in advance through the parish office. If we receive 15 requests by July 7th, we will then order the tickets.*



# In the Community

***"Teens in Action"*** the Teen Ministry from Notre Dame Parish in New Hyde Park is hosting a BBQ for the Family Homeless Shelter in Brentwood on Friday, July 7. Currently, the shelter houses 95 families which consists of 300 children under the age of 12. It's not likely any of them will be having a BBQ this summer so Teens in Action, looking to make a difference in these families lives, is asking for our help. They are in need of everything—BBQ food, refreshments and games. If you can help, please call Theresa Roach at 516-326-3401 or email:trndteen@optonline.net. Thank you!

***Society of St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor 5K Walk*** will take place Saturday, September 30 (rain or shine) at Bethpage Community Park, 1001 Stewart Ave., Bethpage. Registration & check-in begin at 9am. Walk with us & help end poverty on Long Island. Call 516-822-3132 for information, or visit [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org). Donations can be mailed to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 249 Broadway, Bethpage, NY 11714.

***Women's Cursillo***~ Calling all women ages 25—100+! The Cursillo is a structured weekend consisting of a series 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. The Cursillo takes place July 20-23 at Montfort Renewal Center in Bayshore. Call Cathy Klimar at 475-7875 or 617-7971 for more information.

***St. Dominic High School*** in Oyster Bay welcomes all 7th & 8th graders to shadow a current student (become a Bayhawk for the day! ) or schedule a personalized tour. Call 516-922-4888 ext 5325.

***The Long Island Ducks and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone are proud to honor Veterans.*** 2 Veterans will be honored per home game with each Veteran receiving 10 complimentary tickets to the game for their family and friends. Contact Suffolk County Veterans Service Officer Melissa Pandolf at 631-853-VETS for more information.

***Dominican Commercial High School in Jamaica***, Class of 1967, is having their 50th Reunion at the Milleridge Inn, 585 N. Broadway, Jericho on Saturday, September 16 from 12 noon to 3pm. For more information, please call 516-318-6945.

Farmingville Residents Association is sponsoring ***Flea Markets*** on the following Sundays: 6/25, 8/27 and 9/24 from 10am to 4pm. Rain dates the following Sunday. Antiques, collectibles, handbags, jewelry, handcrafted items and more. Call 631-880-7996 for more information.

***Preparing for Marriage? 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. Our next weekend will be held at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore July 14-16. For information/registration please call 631-563-1032 or [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.org)

# In the Community

*The Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau Sanctuary Program* is offering free and confidential counseling services by New York State Licensed Clinical Social Workers. Services include: individual and/or family counseling, support and educational groups, crisis intervention, housing referrals, case management and independent living skills, and intervention with runaway & homeless youth. Call 631-451-8011 for more information.

*Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center* ~ The Pastoral Care Office of BMHMC is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers to bring the Body of Christ to those hospitalized. With the expansion of the hospital, there are more patients to attend to pastorally. Those who are already Eucharistic Ministers and want to be part of hospital ministry are welcome; and those who are not will be trained. For details, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 654-7737 between Monday & Friday between 9am and 4pm.

*Would you like to make a difference in a young person's life?* Be a MENTOR! Suffolk LI Mentor & Mentee is actively looking for mentors to work with millennials (ages 18 to 34) for career, social and recreational skills. Please call 751-1300 or go to [www.suffolklimnm.com](http://www.suffolklimnm.com) to fill out an application.

*Catholic Charities* has volunteer opportunities for our *Friendly Visitor Program* which offers bi-monthly companionship to homebound senior citizens living in our senior housing complex in Medford. A friendly companion would offer socialization and conversation for a senior and *would not* include cooking, housekeeping or transportation. All volunteers must complete an application packet, including a background check and Virtus training. For more information, please call Ginnie Sanchez, Social Service Coordinator at 631-475-6504.

*GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS* is a non-profit fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem. If gambling has taken over your life, please call 855-222-5542 To speak with someone now.

*Catholic Charities' Talbot House*, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia, provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18 who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs to begin his/her journey to recovery. Call 631-589-4144 for more information. The staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. This is a NO fee service program.

*Maria Regina Residence in Brentwood* offers a medical model adult day health program providing specialized care to individuals living at home. This day care is staffed by medical, nursing, nutritional, recreational and rehabilitative professionals. Services are provided in a supervised and secure environment. Breakfast and a hot lunch are included, as well as ambulette transportation. Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm. Contact Lucy Johnson at 631-299-3045 for more information.

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