

# St. Sylvester R. C. Church

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



*He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it.*

**June 3, 2018**

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## 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;

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 Fr ~ 9:30am-11:30am

**Thrift Shop:** (631)475-4506

Tu, Wed & Th ~ 10am - 3pm; Sat ~ 10am - 1pm

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# We Pray

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 2, 2018

5:00pm Frances Monaco  
William Buckley  
Catherine Holzmann  
John Ryan  
Joseph Farula  
Keith Ferro  
Charlie Bellizzi (Living)

### Sunday, June 3, 2018

7:30am Thomas Clark  
9:00am Robert Racine  
11:00am Vito Farello

### Monday, June 4, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

### Tuesday, June 5, 2018

8:30am Vincenzo Testani

### Thursday, June 7, 2018

8:30am Mike Buscemi

### Friday, June 8, 2018

8:30am William Strano

### Saturday, June 9, 2018

5:00pm Gerard Donaghy (4th Anniversary)  
Luigi Russo & Family  
Anthony Frega  
Maura Breheny  
Edward C. Mowat

### Sunday, June 10, 2018

7:30am Manuel Esteves  
9:00am Donald P. Tierney, Sr.  
11:00am Brian McDonald

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

6/4:	2 Pt 1:2-7 Mk 12:1-12	Ps 91:1-2, 14-16
6/5:	2 Pt 3:12-15, 17-18 Mk 12:13-17	Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16
6/6:	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 K 12:18-27	Ps 123:1-2
6/7:	2 Tm 2:8-15 Mk 12:28-34	Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
6/8:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8-9 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19	Is 12:2-6 Jn 19:31-37
6/9:	2 Tm 4:1-8 Lk 2:41-51	Ps 71:8-9, 14-17, 22
6/10:	Gn 3:9-15 2 Cor 4:13—5:1	Ps 130:1-8 Mk 3:20-35

## 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, June 8 from 8pm—9pm in the Worship Room.

*"I Am With You Always"*



## 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, 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, Theresa Baker, Ed Rafferty, Lisa Conklin, Barbara Vattiato, Vinnie Callanan, Olivia Bazirgan, Diane Arens, Bill Lyon, Alice Micali, Ann Pijko*

## 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. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.



The Sacrament of the Anointing is celebrated at St. Sylvester on the second Friday of the month immediately following the 8:30am Mass in the Worship Room of the Parish Center. The next Anointing is this Friday, June 8th.

*We pray for all who have died, especially . . . Joseph Emma, Sylvia Grant, John Slovak, Juana Pacheco*

# 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  
jmcMahon@stsyvesterli.org

## **Need Assistance?**

Parish Social Ministry Intake Line  
Monday 930-12, 1-330  
Wednesday 930-12, 1-330, 530-730  
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:

### **#6 – The NVC Process - Observation, Feeling, Need, and Request (Sept 2017)**

In Nonviolent Communication (NVC) #6, I would like to explore an issue that is very much in the news these days - racial violence; especially the Charlottesville episode. I am wondering how NVC could help us "wrap our minds" around something as terrible as this?

I recently read a book called "Jewish Wisdom" by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin about the Jewish lifestyle. In this book there is a story about a rabbi who was counseling a married couple. First the husband spoke and went on a tirade about all of the things wrong with his wife. After he was finished, the rabbi said "You are right." Then, the wife spoke and complained continuously about her husband. After she was finished, the rabbi said "You are right." The rabbi's assistant, who was in the room while all of this was going on, said "Rabbi, first you tell the husband he is right and then you tell the wife she is right. How could both of them be right?" The rabbi said "You are right." The point of the story is that whatever side we are on in life, we think we are right.

Let us try to shed some light on the issue of racial violence. In every life situation NVC offers us a 4-part process: observation, feeling, need and request. Let's take a look at Charlottesville from your perspective.

1. Observation: what took place, what did you observe? Note: no judgment as whether the action was right or wrong, whether you agree with it or not, smart or stupid...just what did you see?
2. Feeling: how did you feel when you observed this happening? Note: try to identify one of the four basic feelings – mad, sad, glad or afraid. There are nuances of these feelings but try to stay with feelings, not thoughts.
3. Need: What need of yours was not being met as you observed this event? Can you name your need?
4. Request: Having identified what need of yours was not being met by the act that you witnessed, try to compose a request that would be doable to meet your need RIGHT NOW. Note: If you consider punching a hole in the wall of your room as the strategy, ask yourself if that action is really going to meet your need or if it will only bring harm to your body or damage to property, etc. What action can you take right now to meet your need? Remember one of the foundations and principles of NVC: we only do things to meet a need. So look at what you could do to get your need met right now. I would suggest an action or strategy that is healthy or productive. Some examples could be: talking to a friend, writing a letter to your member of Congress, or researching the subject on the internet.

# Parish Social Ministry

## Clare House Market - Wishlist

We have updated our food pantry with the addition of a glass front refrigerator and freezer—acquired through a grant! Our new Clare House Market aims to enhance the dignity of those we serve by empowering them to make choices for themselves, including the food they accept. We are in need of perishable and non-perishable food donations to stock our Clare House Market.

### HEALTHY FOODS TO ENCOURAGE...



#### St. Sylvester Parish Social Ministry-Clare House Market

\*Food brands shown are just some healthy examples. Similar and/or healthy choice like items may be donated

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and  
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CEREALS

Choose 100% "whole grain"

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 (ex. butter, eggs) please bring them directly to Clare House (Mondays 9:30-12 & 1:00-3:30 & Wednesdays 9:30-12, 1:00-3:30 & 5:30-7:30) Please call ahead to ensure our ability to receive your donation.  
(631) 475-4506 x122 Thank you for supporting our community!

# Stewardship

## *Gifts of Treasure*

**May 27, 2018**

*Regular ~ \$8,424*

*Renovation ~ \$201*

*Solar ~ \$87*

## *Reflection*

The Bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them . . ."

## *Living Stewardship*

We are grateful for all stewards who use their gift of time to *receive* the Body of Christ to *become* the Body of Christ through weekly Eucharist.

## **THANKS BE TO GOD!**



Thank you for entering into the spirit of stewardship renewal these past few weeks! You know, everything we have is a gift from God. And, as disciples of Jesus, we are called to be stewards of all God's gifts. Thank you for making or renewing your commitment to share your gifts at home, in the workplace, in the community, and right here in our parish! If you haven't yet made your commitment, please do so today.

## *Transportation to Mass*

Do you, or someone you know, need a ride to Sunday Mass? We have a few parishioners who are members of our Mass Transportation Ministry and are willing to bring people back and forth to Mass on Sunday if they don't have any way of getting to the church. Please call our Parish Social Ministry at 631-475-4506, ext. 122 if you need assistance.

## **Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018**

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$50,616.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	76.9%
Number of Donors to Date:	144

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.*

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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 June 17th. 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 more information, please call Terése in the Faith Formation Office:  
631-475-4506, ext. 118.







# Parish Life

## 2019 MASS BOOK

The 2019 MASS BOOK will open this Friday, June 8th. Due to the limited number of parish Masses, we must limit the number of individual intention announced Masses to four (4) per family. The Saturday evening Mass is a collective intention announced Mass. You may have as many of those Masses as you desire. The times of Mass are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30am;

Saturday at 5:00pm;

Sundays at 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

Remember, there are no Wednesday Masses. **Please note that intentions for all the Easter and Christmas Masses will be for the People of St. Sylvester.**

To help facilitate the process of booking Masses, please PRINT as you fill out the form, and bring it with you to the Parish Office during regular business hours. We will do our best to accommodate your requests. Masses will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$20 per intention.

### INDIVIDUAL INTENTION ANNOUNCED MASSES (4 maximum)

<i>INTENTION</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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### COLLECTIVE INTENTION ANNOUNCED MASSES (Saturdays at 5:00pm)

<i>INTENTION</i>	<i>DATE</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

## Community Events

**Gala Chinese Auction** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Ronkonkoma, today, Sunday, June 3rd. Doors open at 1:45pm, Auction begins at 2:45pm. Admission is \$10 which includes 25 tickets and coffee & cake. For more information, call 631-585-9291.

**Corpus Christi Procession** ~ Today, June 3 at 12:30pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Patchogue. Leave the church and process down No. Ocean and Route 112 with escort by Suffolk County Police for safety reasons. Approximately 45 minutes long. Ends back in the church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information call 631-475-4739.

**Project Rachel ~ Healing after Abortion** ~ June 9 ~ A Day of Prayer and healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by an experienced team including faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. For more information visit: [respectlife.drvc.org](http://respectlife.drvc.org) and to register contact Project Rachel at 1-888-456-4673 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). The last day to register is Monday, June 4.

**Medford Fire Department Blood Drive** ~ Tuesday, June 12th, 2:30pm—8:30pm at the Oregon Avenue Fire House Meeting Room. Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives! Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift! Every donor will enjoy a hero sandwich and salads compliments of the Medford Fire Department. For questions regarding medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900. To schedule an appointment call Mike Barry at 631-776-1632.

**Town of Brookhaven JOB FAIR 2018**, Wednesday, June 13, 5:30pm—8pm at Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill in Farmingville. FREE admission for job seekers! Bring your resume and be ready to talk to prospective employers! 2018 graduates are welcome! If you are a business and would like a recruitment table, call 631-451-6563 or visit [JobHaven.org](http://JobHaven.org). A great way for Brookhaven employers to post job opportunities!

**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.

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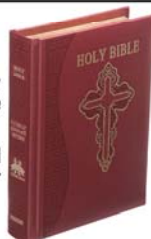
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