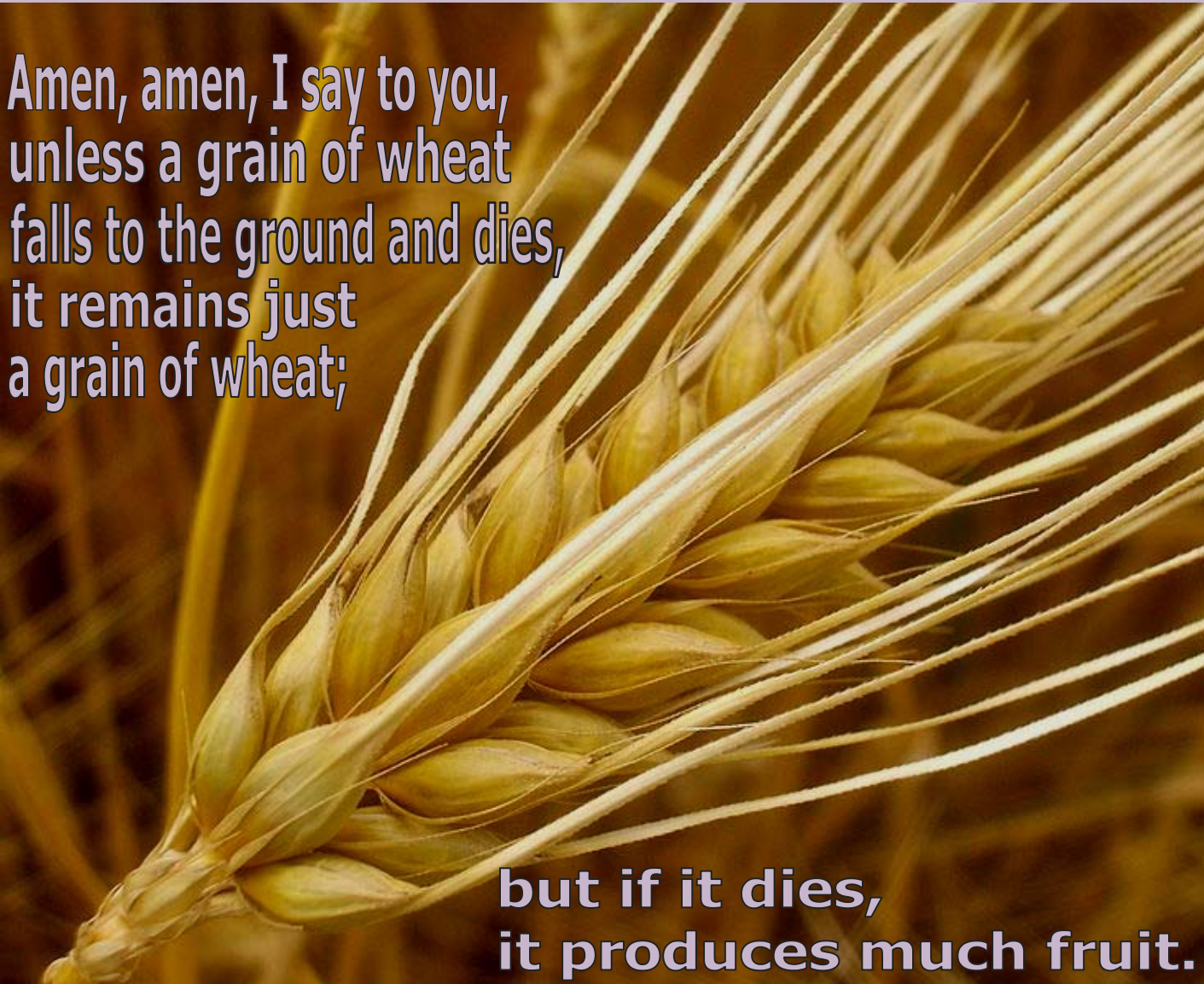


St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just
a grain of wheat;

but if it dies,
it produces much fruit.

March 18, 2018
5th Sunday of Lent

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, W ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 8:30pm; Th, Fri ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 5pm; 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

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, March 17, 2018

5:00pm Robert Emmett Mulcahy
Mary Zerafa
Felice Scalero
Francis Farrell
Adele Katuna

Sunday, March 18, 2018

7:30am Edward Halverson
9:00am Robert Fanelli (2nd Anniversary)
Felice Lamentina
11:00am Matteo, Caravana & Lupia Families

Monday, March 19, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

8:30am Matthew Reed (4th Anniversary)

Thursday, March 22, 2018

8:30am Anna Bastone

Friday, March 23, 2018

8:30am Madeleine Bouzier

Saturday, March 24, 2018

5:00pm Frank Mazzeo, Sr. (6th Anniversary)
Luigi Russo & Family
Cesarino & Toscano Families
Rocco & Ernestine Mangino
Catherine King
Matthew Reed (4th Anniversary)
Luella Wachter

Sunday, March 25, 2018

7:30am Vincenza & Cosmo Tacopino
9:00am Rosa & Manuel Esteves
11:00am Joseph Alexander

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, Pam Filasky, Ken Terry, Brian Podlesny, Roger Chin-Sang, Sasha Medile, Baby Elliot Garay, Nef Nieves, Joanne Clarke, Richard Gross, Michelle Clark, Barbara Bruzzo, Ann Vidal, Laura Mockler, Diane Ruiz, Martha Benvenuto, Olivia Grace DeFeo, Joel Rivera, Miguel Durante, Rosemarie Pugliese, Diana Erickson, Frank Cayea, Dorothy Birdsall, Jack Frey, Michael Dolan, Baby Valentina Brescia, The Abano Family, Iris DelValle, Hilda Gonzalez, John Bennett, Julian Atz, Richard Broderick, Jim Dietz, Eric Bedell, Charles Lunstrum, Baby Madison Angamarca

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

Virginia Lumley, Amelia Mielke, Grace Wurm, Americo Marano, Loretta C. Keegan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

3/19:	2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16	Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
	Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22	Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
3/20:	Nm 21:4-9	Ps 102:2-3, 16-21
	Jn 8:21-30	
3/21:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Dn 3:52-56
	Jn 8:31-42	
3/22:	Gn 17:3-9	Ps 105:4-9
	Jn 8:51-59	
3/23:	Jer 20:10-13	Ps 18:2-7
	Jn 10:31-42	
3/24:	Ez 37:21-28	Jer 31:10-13
	Jn 11:45-56	
3/25:	Mk 11:1-10	Is 50:4-7
	Phil 2:6-11	Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
		Mk 14:1-15:47

The Bread

used at this weekend's liturgies



are the gifts of
Jacqueline Picard
in memory of
John Joseph O'Keeffe

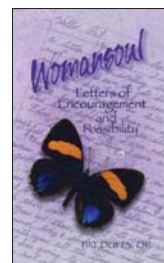
Women's Prayer Group

The next gathering of our *Spiritual Book Club* will be Tuesday, March 20, 2018 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.*



We Pray

Oh, St. Joseph,
whose protection is so great,
so strong,
so prompt before the throne of God,
I place in you all my interest
and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph,
do assist me
by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for me
from your divine Son a
ll spiritual blessings,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Oh, St. Joseph,
I never weary contemplating you,
and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach
while He reposes near your heart.
Press Him close in my name
and kiss His fine head for me
and ask Him to return the kiss
when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph - Pray for me.



*St. Joseph's Feast Day
March 19*



We Pray

Penance

Sacrament of Penance

Monday, March 26

12pm ~ Individual Confessions

7pm ~ Communal Penance Service

Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 29

9am ~ Morning Prayer

7:30pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Visits to the Repository and

Silent Adoration until 10pm.

Monetary donations go to Parish Outreach



Holy Thursday



Good Friday

Friday, March 30

9am ~ Morning Prayer

3pm ~ Solemn Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord
with Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 31

9am ~ Morning Prayer

NO Confessions or 5pm Mass Today

7:30pm ~ Easter Vigil



EASTER VIGIL



ALLELUIA

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 1

7:30am, 9am & 11am Masses

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Faith Formation



The Children's Choir will rehearse in the Worship Room next Sunday, **March 25th** at 9:45am and sing at the 11am Mass. If you have any questions, please call Teresa Balducci at (516) 662-2831.

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.

*Are you sitting outside in your car or in the Parish Center
while your child or grandchild is in 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 **Substitute Hall Guardian**.*

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

**Hall
Guardian**



RCIA is for those who. . .

- Have never been baptized and are interested in becoming Catholic.
- Are baptized non-Catholic but would like to become a member of the Catholic community.
- Are baptized Catholic but never received Communion and/or Confirmation.
- Are struggling with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God . . .
- Are Catholic and would like to be a member of the Team and help by sharing your faith, being a sponsor, or setting up hospitality.

If you would like more information, please speak with Fran at 475-4506 ext 107.

Faith Formation

Reminders

- The Level 3 Unity Potluck Dinner will take place today, March 18th at 1:15pm in Patricia Desmond Hall.
- There are no Level 7 Classes this Monday or Wednesday. **Level 7 parents must attend a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, March 21st at 7pm in the Church.**

Attention Parents

*Registration will begin the week of April 16, 2018 for the coming year.
(Please see your child's calendar for details)*

Do not wait until the last minute to complete the following requirements as they are not easy to make up at a moment's notice!

In order for you to register your child for the next Level your child is expected, with your assistance, to complete the following:

Mass Reflection Forms

4 Mass Reflection Forms for Level 1

6 Mass Reflection Forms for Levels 2 – 7

Masses are every weekend:

Saturday at 5pm; Sunday at 7:30am, 9am & 11am



Reconciliation

Celebration of Reconciliation at least 1 time each year for Levels 2 – 7

Reconciliation is every Saturday at 12 p.m. in the Church.

*If your child is in Levels 2-8 and has not yet celebrated Reconciliation, please bring them to the Faith Formation Reconciliation/Penance Service on **Friday, March 23rd at 7 pm in the Church.***

Reconciliation cards are available in the Faith Formation Office & the Church.

We ask you to work with us in making sure your child has completed the above requirements so that they can move up to the next level.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call the Faith Formation Office at 631-475-4506, Ext. 118.

Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure

March 11, 2018

Regular ~ \$8,563

Renovation ~ \$175 Solar ~ \$45

Faith Direct March Contributions

Regular ~ \$9,638

Renovation ~ \$1,158 Solar ~ \$214

**Automated Giving—it's easy and safe!
Join over 100 parish families that give
Regularly through Faith Direct.**

To learn about or enroll in this
automated giving program,
just log onto www.faithdirect.net
and use our Church code NY285

Reflection

"Whoever serves me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow him? What service is he asking of me?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who embrace every aspect of their lives as "gift" by surrendering to Christ their very selves through service to the parish and the wider community.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$32,841.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	49.9%
Number of Donors to Date:	81

Lazarus Ministry of Consolation Offers Support, Comfort to Families of Deceased

When a loved one passes away, families are often suddenly overwhelmed by all that needs to happen in a few short days. There seems to be no end to the details that must be attended to – beginning with funeral home and church arrangements and continuing with cemeteries, florists, family and friends to reach, finances to be put in order, etc. If you have had this experience, you know it can send even the most organized and prepared families into a complete tailspin.

Our Lazarus Ministry of Consolation members serve as a support for families of the deceased in many different ways. A Lazarus companion will meet with the family/next of kin of the deceased to prepare the funeral liturgy– including selecting readings and choosing readers, offertory members and pall bearers. He/she attends the wake service whenever possible, and is present at the funeral to help the presider as well as family members who choose to participate in the liturgy. The companion also offers support and assistance to all who are present at the funeral Mass.

Other Lazarus ministers are booklet makers, who take all the information and compile it into a booklet given to all those attending the funeral. There are also Lazarus greeters who guide those attending the funeral to their seats and distribute the booklets accordingly. Families who have been supported by this vital ministry are grateful for the guidance they have received, and our ministers are thankful for the opportunity to assist those in their time of need.

If you feel that God has given you the gift of compassion and might be calling you to serve as a Lazarus companion, greeter or booklet maker, please contact Lori Zito in the Stewardship Office at extension 115.

Stewardship



*"We are not alone; we do not walk alone.
We are part of the one flock of Christ that walks together."
- Pope Francis*

Catholic Charities' Talbot House helps people struggling with substance abuse reclaim their lives through all stages of the recovery process.

"The way I was living my life, I should not be here today. Every morning I wake up, I thank God for another day and for Talbot House."

- John, former Talbot House client

John was homeless, jobless, lonely and very scared when he came to Talbot House. Today, sober since 2010, John is successfully employed, has a fiancée and a new home.



"John is one of the many miracles that we witness at Talbot House. We watched him come out of the darkness and into the light"

--Toni DeFelice, LMSW, CASAC
Coordinator, Talbot House

**Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone's life.
Thank you!**

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish St. Sylvester Church

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA
or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296**
Thank You!

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 normally meets first Thursdays at 7pm in Clare House. ALL ARE WELCOME! PLEASE RSVP.

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@stsyvesterli.org

Contact Outreach Ministry:
631-475-4506 x122
clarehouse@stsyvesterli.org

Contact Social Justice Ministry:
631-475-4506 press 5+2
jmcmahon@stsyvesterli.org



Lenten Food Drive

"From contemplative prayer, from a strong friendship with the Lord, is born in us the capacity to live and carry forth the love of God, [God's] mercy, and [God's] tenderness toward others... Prayer that doesn't lead to concrete action toward our brothers [and sisters] is a fruitless and incomplete prayer... Prayer and action must always be profoundly united."-Pope Francis

We invite you to pray and take action by carrying forth God's love, mercy, and tenderness to those in our community who are struggling.

Please bring the following items to the church lobby on the weekends of Lent leading up to Easter:

February 17 & 18 ~ breakfast foods
(hot & cold cereal, bottle juice, syrup, pancake mix, etc.)

February 24 & 25 ~ lunch foods
(peanut butter, jelly, juice, mac & cheese, soup, tuna, etc.)

March 3 & 4 ~ dinner foods
(rice, jar sauce, canned veggies, beef stew, etc.)

March 10 & 11 ~ snack foods
(granola bars, canned fruit, fruit snacks, chips, pretzels, etc.)

March 17 & 18 ~ toiletries
(toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, etc.)

March 24 & 25 ~ household cleaning supplies
(dish soap, laundry detergent, Lysol, Windex, Clorox wipes, etc.)

All items should be placed in church lobby before mass. On Monday morning volunteers will bring these items downstairs to the church basement. Thank You!

Parish Social Ministry



Chapter 2: Financial Security and Assets

Income plays a significant role in determining who does or does not experience poverty, but it is not the only factor. Wealth (a person's assets that build up over time, sometimes over generations, minus any debt) contributes enormously to financial stability and poverty prevention. Income and wealth are two distinct but important factors at play in the 21st century. An individual or family's wealth, or lack thereof, can either help them to survive an economic crisis or cause a one-time difficulty to turn into lasting financial distress. It is crucial to understand, therefore, how wealth is distributed in our society today to fully grasp the reality of our 21st century economic system.

There are two ways to obtain wealth: build wealth during one's lifetime or inherit it. There are many factors that make it challenging for individuals and families to build wealth: low wages, rising housing costs, healthcare expenses, and more. Compared with these challenges, inherited wealth confers a significant advantage for individuals to get ahead in our society.

When you look at the numbers, the massive wealth gap in the United States is startling. Wealth is much more highly concentrated than income, and that concentration of wealth at the top has risen since the 1980s.¹ Today, the top 10% of the wealth distribution holds more than three-quarters of all wealth. This leaves the bottom 90% collectively owning just 23% of total U.S. wealth, a significant decline from 33.2% in 1989.² Not only do some individuals and families struggle to build wealth, but they also struggle with high levels of debt. The average debt for families in the bottom 10% of the wealth distribution was about \$1,000 in 2016.³

The U.S. wealth gap has systematically kept people of color at the bottom and white individuals and families at the top end of the economic spectrum. The average wealth of white families (\$919,000) is more than \$700,000 higher than the average wealth of Black families (\$140,000) and Hispanic families (\$192,000).³ The insistence on tax cuts and trickle-down economics beginning in the 1980s has not only failed to reduce wealth inequality, but has actually exacerbated the inequity. If we are serious about ending about poverty in the 21st century, we must take steps to distribute wealth more evenly and minimize barriers to building wealth.

Much of the debate on wealth and assets revolves around taxes, and the December 2017 tax bill once again preferenced the wealthiest individuals and corporations over everyone else. When the wealthiest in our nation rely on assets as their main source of financial security, they are structuring their economic well-being in a way that lowers their tax rate. This is how people like Warren Buffett are able to pay lower tax rates than his secretary.⁴ As people of faith, we believe that everyone must pay their fair share. Taxes are both the price we pay for public benefits that serve the common good, and we are mindful of the way our tax code can be structured to provide some economic relief to people struggling with the ability to build wealth.

Facts and Figures

- The top 10% of the wealth distribution held 78% of all wealth 2016.²
- 53% of young adults aged 18-29 with a bachelor's degree or more education have outstanding student debt in 2016.⁵
- In 2016, 42% of families headed by Black adults ages 25 to 55 had student loan debt, compared to 34% of similar white families.³
- About two-thirds of homeownership tax subsidies and retirement subsidies go to the top 20% of taxpayers, as measured by income. The bottom 20%, meanwhile, receive less than 1% of these subsidies.³
- In 2016, white family wealth was seven times greater than Black family wealth and five times greater than Hispanic family wealth.³

Reflection Questions

What responsibility do we have as people of faith to ensure that our government provides care for those who are less fortunate?

How do our taxes and policies reflect where our values are as a country? Is that where our values should be?

Recognizing the growing wealth gap between the wealthiest and the ever shrinking middle-class, how do you think our tax code should be constructed? Considering the racial wealth gap, how do you think the tax code should be constructed?

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Parish Life

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Level 3 Unity Potluck Dinner ~ 1:15pm ~ PDH

Monday ~ March 19, 2018

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ East Wing

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

Tuesday ~ March 20, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ EW

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Adult Confirmation ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Women's Prayer Group ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room

Wednesday ~ March 21, 2018

Level 7 Parent Meeting ~ 7pm ~ Church

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Thursday ~ March 22, 2018

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Friday ~ March 23, 2018

Senior Circle of Friends ~ 12:30pm ~ PDH

Faith Formation Reconciliation Service ~ 7pm ~

Church

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ EW

**Don't
Forget**

You can purchase Gift Cards after Masses and in the Parish Center for: King Kullen, Meat Farms, ShopRite, and Stop & Shop.

We also have available Gift Cards for: Cheesecake Factory and Olive Garden.

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!

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!

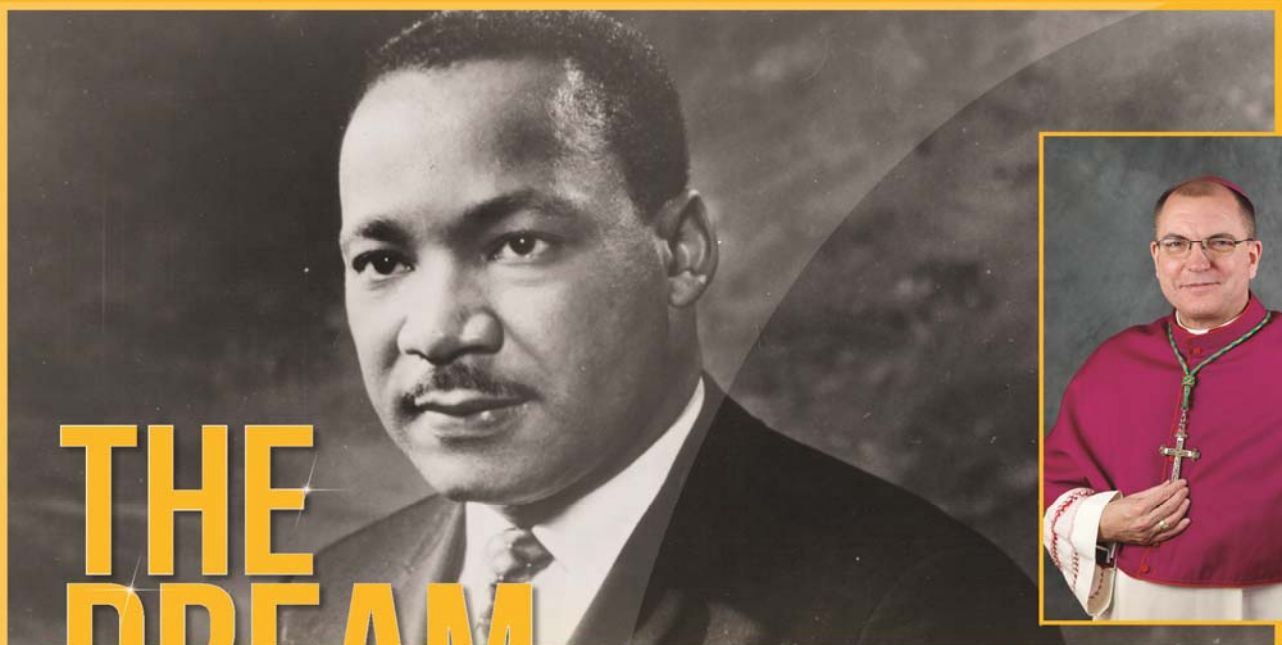
Senior Circle of Friends

The Senior Circle of Friends meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Their next meeting is March 23 at 12:30pm in **Patricia Desmond Hall**. Come join us for fun and games. Bring a friend and meet some new ones!



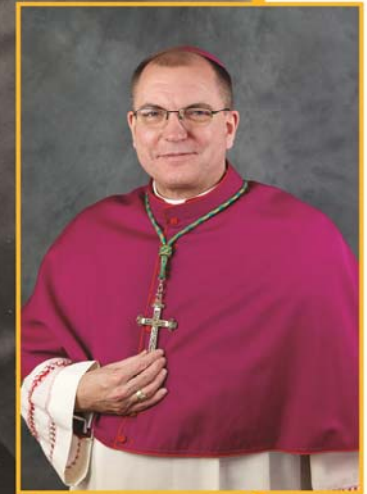
The Legion of Mary invites you to take part in their Fatima Home Visitation Program. There they teach interested family members how to pray the rosary in English or Spanish. They also provide rosaries at no cost to all those who want them. Our Lady's statue remains in the home for one week.

For information call the Office at 475-4506 ext. 101 and a Legion of Mary member will contact you.



THE DREAM

AND OUR DEEPEST, TRUEST SELVES



A PRAYER SERVICE
COMMEMORATING
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DEATH OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 4, 2018
7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Cathedral of Saint Agnes
29 Quealy Place
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

WHO:

- Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre
- Sister Thea Bowman Diocesan Gospel Choir

WHAT:

- Homily by Bishop John O. Barres
- Prayer
- Witness talks
- Gospel, spirituals, contemporary Christian music
- Refreshments following prayer service

ON APRIL 4, 2018, WE COMMEMORATE ONE SACRED LIFE, LAID DOWN AS A WITNESS TO OUR FUNDAMENTAL EQUALITY AS SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST. THIS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CALLS US TO REMEMBER, IN PRAYER, A MAN WHO ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE AN INSTRUMENT OF GOD.

For more information contact:
Darcel Whitten-Wilamowski,
Office of Multicultural Diversity
516.678.5800, ext. 239 or 407.



Community News

Relics of the Passion ~ Today, Sunday, March 18 at 2pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Patchogue. An exclusive opportunity to venerate these holy relics and participate in a program that allows you to engage in a unique commemoration of Jesus' walk to Calvary. This powerful program is a one-hour presentation supported with music and meditation followed by veneration. A collection such as this is generally seen only in Rome or the Holy Land and included are a piece of the true cross of Christ as well as a piece of the crown of thorns. For more information please call 631-475-4739.

Montfort Lenten Retreat ~ Friday, March 23—Sunday, March 25 at the Montfort Retreat Center in Bay Shore led by Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM. Silent Retreat— "Let Us Consider Gentle Jesus In His Dying". \$175 per person. Registration and payment is due by March 16th. Call 631-666-7500.

Seder at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville. Explore our Jewish roots with Rabbi Gadi Capela and Fr. Roy Tvrdik, Tuesday, March 27th at 6pm. \$36 per person includes full dinner and wine. Limited seating. RSVP 631-325-0661.

Liturgy of the 7 Last Words ~ Wednesday, March 28, 7pm at Church of the Resurrection. Jesus spoke to us 7 times from the cross before His death. Through guided meditation, prayer and music discover the message He had for each of us.

Good Friday Way of the Cross Pilgrimage ~ March 30, 9am—12 noon. Join Our Lady of the Snow Parish in Blue Point & St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish in Sayville in the Way of the Cross Pilgrimage as we walk and pray the Stations of the Cross recalling significant moments in the story of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, praying the Rosary, Divine Mercy and singing hymns. Meet 9am at St. Lawrence the Martyr parking lot for registration, depart at 9:15, walk along Montauk Hwy with police escort to Our Lady of the Snow, arrive by 12 noon to attend Stations of the Cross. Free bus ride back to St. Lawrence the Martyr provided by DBA Transportation Inc.

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