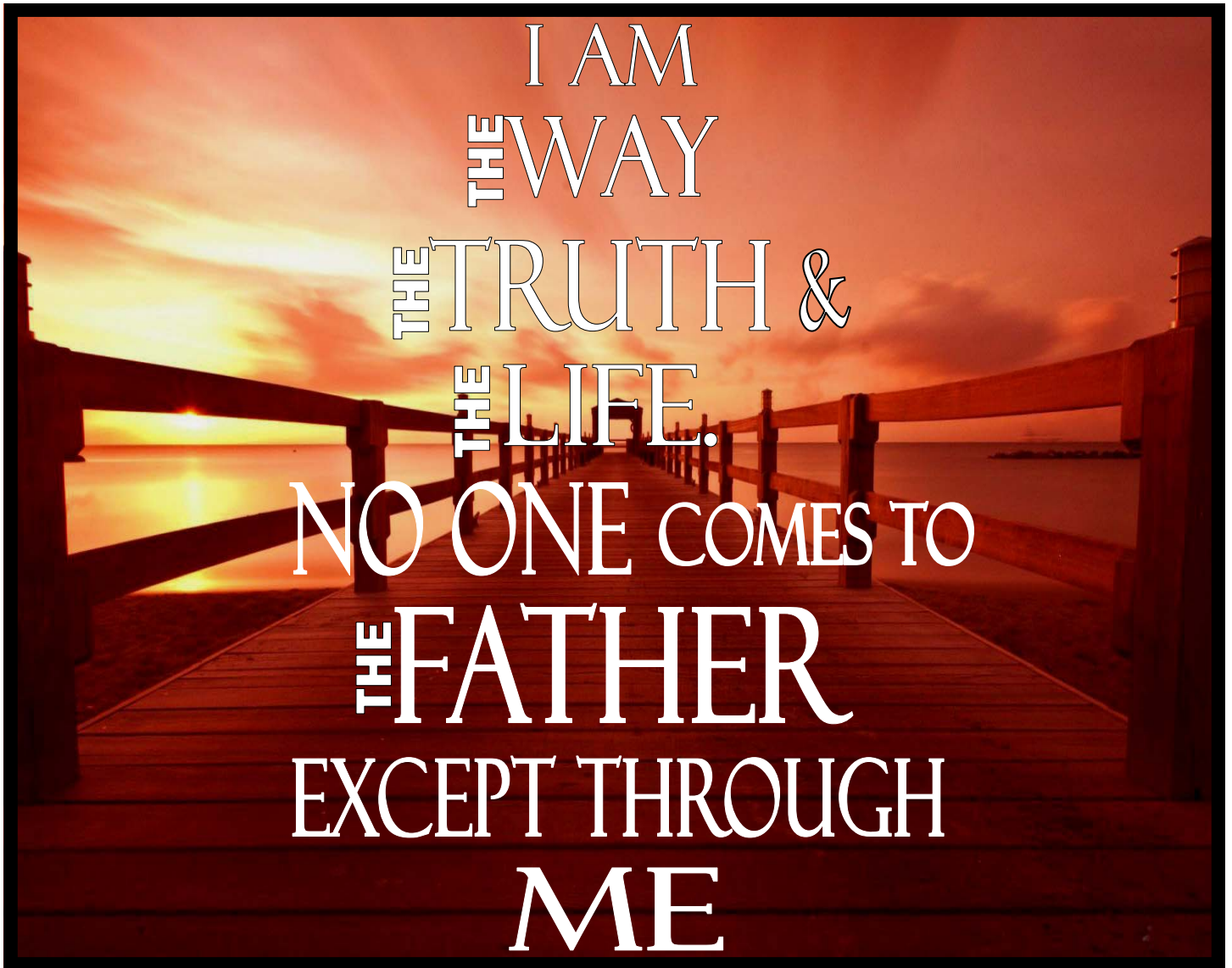




St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



May 14, 2017
5th Sunday of Easter

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 McMahon, Faith Formation Director

Justin McMahon, 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 - Wed ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 8:30pm; Th & Fr ~ 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 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 McMahon, 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, May 13, 2017

5:00pm For All Mothers
 Patricia Sisson
 Jim Kummer
 Frances Marrano
 Evelyn Walters Gargano

Sunday, May 14, 2017

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

Monday, May 15, 2017

8:30am Giovanna Perrone

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Thursday, May 18, 2017

8:30am Anthony Monza

Friday, May 19, 2017

8:30am Albert Pio Belonzi

Saturday, May 20, 2017

5:00pm Richard Palladino
 Margherita Giaquinto
 Michael G. Faithfull
 Stephanie Nogid
 Paul Careccia
 Juanita Torres
 Connie Affonso

Sunday, May 21, 2017

7:30am Richard F. Bennett
 9:00am Eric Mendola
 11:00am Dorothy Burke

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

5/15:	Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	Ps 115:1-4, 15-16
5/16:	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31	Ps 145:10-13, 21
5/17:	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	Ps 122:1-5
5/18:	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	Ps 96:1-3, 10
5/19:	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17	Ps 57:8-10, 12
5/20:	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	Ps 100:1-3, 5
5/21:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1Pt 3:15-18	Ps 66:1-7, 16,20 Jn 14:15-21

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, Ray Breslin, Derek O'Grady, Nathan Morales, William F. Swope, Laurie Saper, Baby William Phillips Swope, Chris Rosado, Lisa Conklin, George Argyris, Rose Masucci, Baby Bryanna Spencer, Ramona Nunez, Pam Hinton, Pam Filasky, Brian Podlesny, Joseph Wagner, Frank & David Aviabile, Diane Rockowitz, Patricia Nochese, Ken Terry, Angela Frisina, Beverly Noble, Ed Rafferty, Donald Tierney, Sr., Eddie Chin-Sang, Danny Miller, Baby Charlotte Steele, George Steele, Theresa Golembroski, Barbara Vattiato, Jane Mohr

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

Angelina Capizzini

The Bread & Wine

used at this weekend's liturgies
 are the gifts of Patty Boudreau

in loving memory of

her Mother

Patricia Sisson

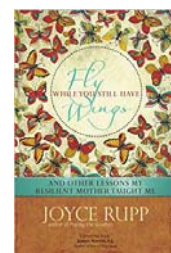


Women's Prayer Group

The next gathering of our *Spiritual Book Club* will be Tuesday, May 16th, 2017 at 7pm in the East Wing. Please join us as we delve into Sr. Joyce Rupp's Book: *Fly While You Still Have Wings*.

Sister's books have been used in the past and they are filled with a wonderful, gentle guidance that deepens our relationship with the Lord. We know you will not be disappointed. This is open to all women. Please spread the word and bring a friend.

Hope you can join us!



Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure

May 7, 2017

Regular ~ \$9,481

Renovation ~ \$255 Solar ~ \$140

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.

You'll never have to worry about forgetting an envelope again!!!

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017

Designated Goal: \$65,100.00

Amount Pledged to Date: \$41,500.00

% of Goal Pledged to Date: 63.7%

Number of Donors to Date: 130

Reflection

"The one who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells His disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who have discovered their gifts are holy and transformative when they share them lovingly with others.

MONTHLY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FOR ADULTS TO BEGIN

We are planning to begin a monthly Cancer Support Group for Adults here at the parish and are seeking some input from those who have cancer and think they would be interested in attending. Would days or evenings work best? Which day (Monday, Wednesday or Friday) works best for you? This group would be about an hour and a half and is solely for those affected, not caregivers, family, etc.

It is our hope to bring our parishioners together to share and offer hope and strength to one another. Please call Lori Zito at 631-475-4506, ext. 115 with any feedback or questions you may have, or email to Lzito@stsylveterli.org.

Thrift Shop Looking for Helping Hands

Are you a welcoming person looking to share your smile with others? Do you have retail experience or would you enjoy working in a retail environment? If so, the Thrift Shop may be the place for you.

Our Thrift Shop currently has openings for those willing to offer their time and talent to this important part of our Parish Social Ministry. We are seeking people to work inside the Thrift Shop, especially on Thursday afternoons as well as a few, strong souls to assist with emptying the outside bins and sorting the clothing.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated Thrift Shop team, please contact Lori Zito, 631-475-4506, ext. 115.

Stewardship

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

2017



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FAITH • FAMILY
COMMUNITY

Happy Mother's Day! As we join together to celebrate the wonderful Moms in our lives, let's also take time to remember and pray for all the thousands of Mom's who worry about how they are going to put food on the table for their children this week.

More than 35% of the 300,000 people on Long Island who receive emergency food each year are children under the age of 18.

Please consider supporting the work of the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** so that we can continue to care for God's children and their families through our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities.

Our hope is that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gift, but after prayer and reflection, each family is invited to make a gift in response to God's generosity in their lives.

No gift is too small and all gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

For more information visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org

or call 516-678-5800- ext. 296 Thank You!

Make checks payable to:
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name **St. Sylvester** _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Plant an Extra Row to Support Our Neighbors in Need!



As the weather (eventually) warms up many of us will begin planting our vegetable gardens for the season. Please consider planting an extra row of whatever you're working on and bring a portion of your fresh produce to Clare House to be shared with the community!

Wish List:

1. Larger Size diapers (3, 4, 5 or 6)
2. Coffee
3. Mayo
4. Laundry Detergent
5. Toothpaste/brushes (family size)
6. Sauce
7. Carrots
8. *NO PASTA*



Parish Social Ministry



SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: RESOURCES DATABASE

Attention: High School Graduates and College Students

Looking for some meaningful volunteer work this summer? Then get involved in the St. Sylvester Parish Social Ministry by volunteering with the Outreach Ministry at Clare House!

We are looking for two (2) high school graduates/college students to assist Clare House in our case management, advocacy, and resource referral efforts for services we provide to our community members facing difficulties of all kinds.

As a volunteer, you will play an integral role in updating our resources database so that we might fulfill our mission to not only alleviate the immediate needs of those we serve (through our food pantry and thrift store), but also to build authentic, ongoing relationships with every individual who walks through our doors. We are committed to journey and partner with them in solidarity, assisting them with the many varied difficulties they encounter.

What is required?

- Strong interest in social issues/helping others
- Proficiency in internet research
- Basic Microsoft Office experience
- A commitment of 2-4 hours each week (days/hours flexible)
- Good organizational skills
- Prior volunteer experience helpful, but not required

Are you ready to get involved?

Please send an email (resume helpful, but not required), telling us about your skills and experience and why you would like to be involved. Please also provide the days/times you are available.

Reply to:

Justin McMahon
Director of Parish Social Ministry
jmcMahon@stsylvesterli.org

(no phone calls, please)



Know the Creator through Creation

Join Us! Sunday, May 21st

“Know the Creator Through Creation”

12 noon - 2pm
PDH (parish center lower level) &
Clare House Community Garden
(behind the thrift shop)

Immediately following the 11am mass we will gather in the PDH for breakfast refreshments and a video presentation about Pope Francis' call for an ecological conversion and what our faith tradition says about care for creation and environmental stewardship.

After the presentation we will head out to the Clare House Community Garden and begin cleaning out the beds and preparing for this year's planting.

Refreshments will be served!
Tools will be provided!
Children and families encouraged to attend!
Wear your gardening clothes to mass!
(Jesus doesn't mind!)

Community service credit available upon request

Contact Justin McMahon with any questions:
jmcMahon@stsylvesterli.org



Presentation will continue rain or shine!
If weather prevents gardening after presentation, cleaning and planting will take place Saturday, May 27.

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 May 21st**. 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.

Registration will be held in the Parish Center on:

Monday, May 15 ~ 2pm—5pm
Wednesday, May 17 ~ 2pm—5pm



FIRST TIME REGISTRATIONS

(For First Graders and children new to the program.)

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!

Music Notes

We welcome Greg Wilson, our new Music Minister, who will be leading us in sung prayer at the 5:00 p.m. Masses on Saturdays.

He would like to put together a musical ensemble for the 5:00 p.m. Mass and welcomes anyone in high school and up to join. For more information feel free to call Greg at 516-318-2886 or stop by after the 5:00 pm Mass to say, "Hi!"



Parish Life

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday ~ May 14, 2017

May Crowning after the 11am Mass ~ WR

Monday ~ May 15, 2017

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Spanish Legion of Mary ~ 5:30pm ~ Room 4

Tuesday ~ May 16, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Children's Liturgy Leaders ~ 7pm ~ RM 2

Women's Prayer Group ~ 7pm ~ EW

Wednesday ~ May 17, 2017

Adult Confirmation Class ~ 7pm ~ EW

Thursday ~ May 18, 2017

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Moving On Peer Support Group ~ 2:30pm ~ EW

Wedding Rehearsal ~ 6pm ~ CH

Friday ~ May 19, 2017

Wedding ~ Daniella Capraro & Joseph Steuer ~

4:30pm ~ CH

Carmelite Mass ~ 7pm ~ WR

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH



May God Bless

Daniella Marie Capraro

&

Joseph Arthur Steuer

as they marry at St. Sylvester

May 19, 2017 at 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, May 18th at 2:30 p.m. Please join us then.

Eileen & Martha ~ Coordinators

Please Read!

There will be no confessions on Saturday, May 20 & May 27.

Happy Mother's Day

*"A mother is she who can take the place of all others
but whose place no one else can take."*

Cardinal Mermillod



Community News

10th Annual Great Brookhaven Cleanup, part of the Great American Cleanup™, the nation's largest organized cleanup, beautification and community improvement program, will take place Saturday, May 20th. Once again, individuals and groups can participate. Please register online at brookhavenny.gov or call 631-451-TOWN.

Gala Spring Chinese Auction at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Lake Ronkonkoma on Sunday, May 21st. Doors open at 1:45pm, Auction begins at 2:45pm. Over 100 new prizes, 50/50 and Lottery Tree. Admission is \$10 and includes 25 tickets and coffee & cake. Call 631-585-9291 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.

Life's Calling You—Come Follow Christ a morning for Seniors. Let us discover how our ordinary life is an extraordinary gift! In Christ, grace deepens our awareness of all we have been given, even now pouring out to eternal life. Thursday, May 18, 10:30am—1:30pm at the Cenacle Retreat Center in Ronkonkoma. Offering is \$25. Reduced rates for seniors. Call 631-588-8366 for more information.

Andy Cooney Spring Concert, Saturday, May 20th, 7pm to 10pm at the AOH Division 8 Hibernian Cultural Center in Selden. Tickets are \$35 per person and includes limited open bar, snacks on the tables and coffee & cake. For tickets, call Pat Cremmins at 631-846-3106.

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.

Swinging for the Sisters ~ benefiting the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk Retirement Fund. The funds raised are critical to supporting our retired Sisters and those Sisters who continue the work of God through their ministries. Golf Outing & Dinner is Monday, June 26 at Knollwood Country Club in Elmsford, New York. For information visit info@tildonkursuline.org or call 631-363-2422 ext 2060.

Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Charismatic Renewal at a conference August 4—August 6 at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. The theme is "All were filled with the Holy Spirit." To find out about bus transportation, email Anna Baciuska: abaciuska@freeportny.gov.

Farmingville Residents Association is sponsoring **Flea Markets** on the following Sundays: 5/28, 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.