## St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



Baptize them

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

May 27, 2018 The Most Holy Trinity

## 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@stsylvesterli.org M, Tu, W  $\sim$  9am - 12 & 1 - 8:30pm; Th, Fri  $\sim$  9am - 12 & 1 - 5pm; Su  $\sim$  9:30am - 12:30pm

**Faith Formation Office:** (631)475-4506 ext. 118 email: faithformation@stsylvesterli.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  $\sim 10$ am - 3pm; Sat  $\sim 10$ am - 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.stsylvesterli.org

## We Pray

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 26, 2018

5:00pm Henry & Jane Olafsen

Mary Elizabeth Kostka

Peter Ripi Lovonia Grant Eileen Ahlquist

Amelia Amen (1st Anniversary)

Sunday, May 27, 2018

7:30am Josephine Healy

9:00am Doris Greene (11th Anniversary) 11:00am Maresco, Gambino & Skiba Families

(Living & Deceased)

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

8:30am Daniel Cawley (6th Anniversary)

Thursday, May 31, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Friday, June 1, 2018 8:30am Pat Rothe 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

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

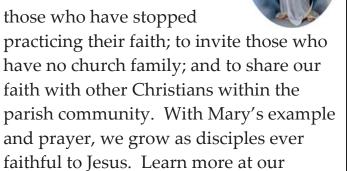
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We pray for all who have died, especially . . . Marina Zeruto, Gustavo Gonzalez, Joseph Iemma

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
5/28:	1 Pt 1:3-9	Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10
	Mk 10:17-27	
5/29:	1 Pt 1:10-16	Ps 98:1-4
	Mk 10:28-31	
5/30:	1 Pt 1:18-25	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
	Mk 10:32-45	
5/31:	Zep 3:14-18	Is 12:2-6
	Lk 1:39-56	
6/1:	1 Pt 4:7-13	Ps 96:10-13
	Mk 11:11-26	
6/2:	Jude 17, 20-25	Ps 63:2-6
	Mk 11:27-33	
6/3:	Ex 24:3-8	Ps 116:12-13, 15-18
	Heb 9:11-15	Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

# The Legion of Mary Door to Door Parish Evangelization

The Legion of Mary, a lay parish-based organization, has a plan of action to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to welcome those who have stopped



#### First Saturday Devotion

Come join us for song and prayer as we pray the Rosary next Saturday, June 2nd

meetings, Tuesdays at 1:30.

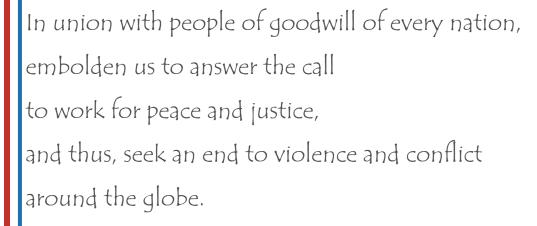
next Saturday, June 2nd at 9am in the Worship Room.

## We Pray

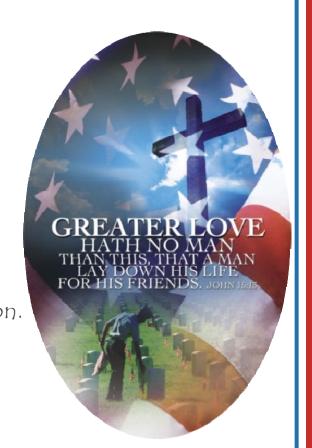
Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day,
we pray for those who courageously
laid down their lives
for the cause of freedom.
May the example of their sacrifice
inspire in us the selfless love of your Son.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.



We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen



# 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@stsylvesterli.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@stsylvesterli.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:

#### #5 – Getting in Touch with our Feelings (August 2017)

Feelings are our friends. This is a foundational principle of Nonviolent Communication. Feelings are indicators of whether our needs are being met or not. There is no morality to feelings. They are neither good nor bad, right or wrong, positive or negative. They just are.

For example, when very young children are used to eating at a certain time, and for some reason their dinner is not ready at that time, they start to cry. Parents may not be connecting that the child is hungry, and we all know children can really how. But put a cracker or cookie in their hand until they can be fed and see how fast they become quiet. The child is may not be connecting that he/she is hungry. When they get a little older, they may shout "I'm starving!" loud and clear. By then they can connect the feeling with the need and how to meet it.

Another good example relates to the environment of children. If they are living in a well-balanced home, they are happy. Their needs are being met. There is love, a warm place to live, fun, food, etc. - everything that can meet the needs of a child. In that situation, if a child is not happy, the need is easier to isolate and identify.

However if you look at a disadvantaged child, who is perhaps being raised by a distant uncle or cousin along with six other children, the child may not be happy and he/she doesn't know why. His/her needs are not being met. They may throw a container of applesauce across the room during a meal and not even know why. They have more trouble identifying the need.

As I explained in the article in the July issue of Justice Jottings, with my friend, we may not always know what need we are calling out for. That is why we need to look closely at our feelings. They will direct us to what need is not being met. If we want to become like Jesus and Mary it is important to listen to our feelings and understand the need that is crying out under the feeling.

# **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.



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 20, 2018

*Regular* ~ \$7,691

Renovation ~ \$232

*Solar* ~ \$3

#### Reflection

Today's second reading reminds us that we are the adopted sons and daughters—the heirs—of God. We are good stewards of our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfill Our Lord's command to "go. . . And make disciples of all nations."

#### Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who recognize that life is a gift from God and a sacred trust. "What are you going to do today with your gift of life?"

#### "WE THANK GOD FOR ALL GIFTS!"



We demonstrate everyday stewardship when we thank God for the gift of one another, especially here in our parish, and we continue to thank God for the gift of you! Thank you for so generously responding to our Spring Renewal. May the testimony

of our lips and the actions of our hands continue to make Christ known in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in the hearts of all whom we meet on our Christian journey!

"Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than



myself." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

# **Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018**

Designated Goal: \$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date: \$49,836.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date: 75.7%
Number of Donors to Date: 141

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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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# Stewardship Our Way of Life

#### What is Everyday Stewardship?

- Acknowledging God as the Creator and the Source of all we are and all we have.
- Embracing life as a gift to be lived in gratitude for what God has given us.
- Taking what we profess and receive at Mass and integrating it into daily life.
- Discovering our unique gifts and talents and exploring how to use them to thank God and serve others.
- Embracing and celebrating the diversity of all of our sisters and brothers with non-judgment and understanding.
- Recognizing that we are caretakers not owners - of the earth and its resources and acting appropriately.
- Making a conscious and responsible plan to use our gifts of time, talent, intellect, material possessions and energy to promote peace and justice.
- Living each day with a visible and action- based spirit of gratitude and joy to God that can be

"Our life is made of time and time is God's gift, and it is therefore important to make use of it by performing good and fruitful actions... Among



the many things to do in our daily routine, one of the priorities should be reminding ourselves of our Creator who allows us to live, who loves us, who accompanies us on our journey."

Pope Francis, Aug. 5, 2014









## **Everyday Stewards Examine**

Each evening take a few moments to ask yourself...

- Have I prayed today? Have I thanked God for my life?
   Everyone and all things in it?
- What blessings did I recognize in my day? What blessings did I fail to recognize? What opportunities to be a steward did I miss?
- - Did I practice forgiveness, mercy and compassion with others, especially with my family?
- - Did my business practices and interactions with others reflect my faith?
- Was I generous today or am I too attached to my possessions?

Today I look toward a renewed commitment to using my God-

#### **Everyday Stewards Pray**

Loving and Generous God,

You are the Creator and Source of all that is and all that I am. Help me to recommit myself each day to the call to follow Your Son, Jesus.

Strengthen me and give me courage to embrace my unique giftedness and discover who I am created to be. Help me to share the gifts you have entrusted to me with love and in service for the purpose of building up your Kingdom.

I say "YES" to living in - and living as - Christ's Light. Be with me always, as I move along on my faith journey.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **Catholic Ministries Appeal**



# 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Monday is Memorial Day and we would like to recognize and show our appreciation to all who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

We would like to ask you to take a moment tomorrow to pray for those that have served and are serving our nation. Many families have lost loved ones, and our military men and women that have survived will face countless struggles and challenges for the rest of their lives.

On Monday when we honor and celebrate their service and sacrifice, let us also remember the once homeless veterans, who because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, have been helped through our ministries and programs like Catholic Charities *Project Veterans' Independence*.

Thank you for your support! You make a difference in the lives of so many through your prayers and generosity!



# **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 3rd. 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

Guardian

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.

# Faith Formation

Congratulations and Blessings to the Adults Celebrating Sacraments on Sunday, May 27th.

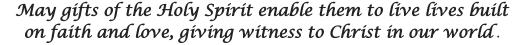
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Alessandra Bonaventura Douglas Hughes

Confirmation and Eucharist
Christina Ania

Confirmation

Denise Chavez, Christina Lanci, Dana Lanci, Li Ana Ramirez, Amanda Saporito



## **Parish Life**

## The Parish Center Summer Hours Begin Monday, June 4th:

Monday ~ 9am—12pm & 1pm—5pm

Tuesday ~ 9am—12pm & 1pm—5pm

Wednesday ~ 9am—12pm & 1pm—8:30pm

Thursday ~ 9am—12pm & 1pm—5pm

Friday ~ 9am—12pm & 1pm—3pm

Saturday ~ Closed

Sunday ~ 9:30am—12:30pm

## Attention Ministry Leaders

If you presently hold your meetings on Monday or Tuesday evening, you will need to change to Wednesday evening for the summer. Please call Denise at 631-475-4506 ext 101 to reschedule.

## **Parish Life**

#### 2019 MASS BOOK

The 2019 MASS BOOK will open on 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)

INTENTION		DATE	TIME
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## **Parish Life**

#### The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Children's Choir Rehearsal ~ 9:45am ~ WR

May Crowning ~ 12pm ~ East Wing

Baptisms ~ 12:30pm ~ Church

Monday ~ May 28, 2018

ALL OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday ~ May 29, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday ~ May 30, 2018

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

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

*Thursday ~ May 31, 2018* 

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

VIRTUS ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Friday ~ June 1, 2018

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

First Saturday Devotion ~ 9am ~ WR

# Attention Please!

All Parish Offices
will be closed Monday, May 28th
in observance of Memorial Day, and there
will not be an 8:30am Mass.

Also, the Parish Office will be closed Sunday, June 3rd.

### Communion for the Homebound



Do you know someone who is no longer able to attend Mass but would like to receive the Eucharist? Please have them or their family member call Parish

Outreach at 475-4506 ext 122 to arrange for a visit from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

# VIRTUS ~ Protecting God's Children

All who serve as volunteers/ministers are required to attend in order to begin serving in a parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

#### The goals of the session are to help adults understand:

- « The signs of sexual abuse.
- « The methods and means by which offenders commit abuse.
- « The five-empowerment steps one can use to prevent abuse.



Protecting Our Children

For your convenience, we will be holding a VIRTUS Session on

Thursday, May 31st at 7pm in the East Wing

## Please register at: www.virtusonline.org.

Hit 'Registration' tab on left and then 'Begin Registration Process' and for 'select your organization' choose **Rockville Centre**, **NY (Diocese)** 

If you do not have access to the internet, please call the Parish Office at 475-4506 so that we can register you online.

# **Community Events**

*Senior Self Defense and Scams* informational meeting at the Patchogue-Medford Library, Thursday, May 31 from 2pm-3pm. Join us for an informative discussion with local SCPD 5th Precinct COPE Officers about how to protect yourself from scams, practice personal safety and develop situational awareness.

*Gala Chinese Auction* at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Ronkonkoma, 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* ~ 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 and to register contact Project Rachel at 1-888-456-4673 or projectrachel@drvc.org. The last day to register is Monday, June 4.

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. 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 ot 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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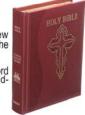
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