



St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



**“Stay awake,
for you know neither the day
nor the hour.”**

Matthew 25:1-13

**November 12, 2017
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We Celebrate!

Eucharist:

Weekends: Sat: 5pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am & 11am Holy Days as announced

Weekdays: M, Tu, Th and Fr: Mass in the Parish Center @ 8:30am

Baptisms: Celebrated on pre-determined Sunday afternoons. ***Prior to making plans***, call the Parish Center for Baptism dates, for preparation class dates, and important information regarding Godparents.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 12 noon or by appointment.

Confirmation: In the Fall for the youth of the parish. Adults and young adults can also be confirmed at Pentecost. Please call the Faith Formation Office.

Marriage: Friday @ 3, 4:30, 6pm, Saturday @ 10:30am & 2:30pm. Arrangements must be made one year prior to the requested date. Please be aware that all the Sacraments of Initiation should have been celebrated prior to the requested wedding date and Pre-Cana preparation is required. No plans should be made prior to meeting with a priest or deacon.

Anointing of the Sick: Every second Friday of the month @ 8:30am Mass for those needing surgery, or serious medical treatment, or seeking spiritual healing.

We are here for you!

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

Saturday, November 11, 2017

5:00pm Henry Isaac Prentiss
Mary Wycisk
Sidney McKenzie
Dobbins Family Living & Deceased
Mary Hamman
Dennis Cullen
Jeanne K. Themann

Sunday, November 12, 2017

7:30am Rita E. Bennett
9:00am Joseph Garvey
11:00am Dec. Members of the Legion of Mary

Monday, November 13, 2017

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

9:00am Sean Patrick Dixon

Thursday, November 16, 2017

8:30am Special Intention

Friday, November 17, 2017

8:30am Patricia Grasso

Saturday, November 18, 2017

5:00pm Brian Higgins
Claire Phillips
Salvatore Mazzeo
Vittorio Giaquinto
Addie Campanella (1st Anniversary)
The McAllister Family (Living & Dec)

Sunday, November 19, 2017

7:30am Anna Alogna
9:00am Betty & Harry Kearns
11:00am Edward & Gloria Vannucci

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

11/13: Wis 1:1-7	Ps 139:1-10
Lk 17:1-6	
11/14: Wis 2:23—3:9	Ps 34:2-3, 16-19
Lk 17:7-10	
11/15: Wis 6:1-11	Ps 82:3-4, 6-7
Lk 17:11-19	
11/16: Wis 7:22—8:1	Ps 119:89-91, 1300, 135, 175
Lk 17:20-25	
11/17: Wis 13:1-9	Ps 19:2-5
Lk 17:26-37	
11/18: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9	Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43
Lk 18:1-8	
11/19: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	Ps 128:1-5
1 Thes 5:1-6	Mt 25:14-30

The Bread & Wine

used at this weekend's liturgies

are the gifts of

The Bennett Family

in loving memory of

Rita E. Bennett



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

Eva D'Amato, Marguerite Orlowski, Robert Orlowski, Tom Stephens, Melina Grosso Bischoff, Nina Caravana, Martha Lee, Winnie Mulderig, Catherine Hines, Bob Prentiss, Jose Nunez, Jessica Deck, Laurie Saper, Rose Masucci, Baby Bryanna Spencer, Ramona Nunez, Pam Hinton, Pam Filasky, Ken Terry, Brian Podlesny, Joseph Wagner, Diane Rockowitz, Patricia Nochese, Danny Miller, Barbara Vattiato, Roger Chin-Sang, Jenna Knoblauch, Sasha Medile, Theresa O'Connor, Baby Charlotte Steele, Robert Uricola, Virginia Guaiana, Olivia Bazirgan, Michael Goode, William F. Swope, Nef Nieves, Genevieve Cannarili, Vito Scaglione, Louis Donisi, Joanne Clarke, Michael Dolan, Richard Gross, Ann Pifko, Christopher Gehrig, Angelina Pagano, Ricky Langhorn, Edward Rafferty, Michelle Clark, Joe Caracciolo, Andy Clyde, Nicholas & Barbara Bruzgo



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.

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

Richard Daly, Joe Burke, Felice Lamentina

We Pray

Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

*We thank you
for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,
for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,
for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.*

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit.

Amen

- Doug Leonhardt, S.J.



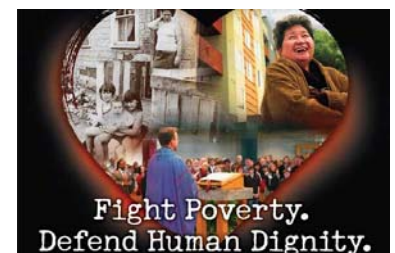
Stewardship

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds programs in communities across the United States. By giving a hand up, rather than a handout, CCHD helps people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Your support helps to end poverty through building solidarity in our communities. Working together, we can reach out to our brothers and sisters living on the periphery of society, and spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in our community and across the country.

Next weekend, November 18/19, please place the specially marked envelope in the regular collection basket.



Stewardship

LOVE — THE GIFT THAT ENDURES

Over the past few months our local communities have experienced the tragic loss of two very special teenage boys, Sean Dixon and Joshua Mileto. Sean was a Patchogue-Medford High School student, a lacrosse player with an infectious optimism and parishioner here at St. Sylvester. Josh was a Sachem East High School Student, a football and baseball player and Homecoming King. Sean courageously fought a rare form of bone cancer for two years, having a leg amputated in the process, but always kept his faith and kept smiling. Josh went to football camp one day and never returned, suffering a fatal accident in front of his teammates right on the field.



The manner in which Sean handled his illness was an inspiration to all throughout the Pat-Med area, especially to those whose lives he personally touched. “Team Sean” held fundraisers like the Octoberfest in Medford Memorial Park and basket auctions at the school. Local pizzerias, bars and restaurants all pitched in, holding fundraisers or supplying food when needed. There were Easter egg hunts, hat and t-shirt sales, comedy nights and sports team and gym fundraisers — to name just a few. Community members organized vigils and offered support in a myriad of public and private ways. A “Go Fund Me” page raised over \$74,000 and many more quietly made donations of all kinds. There was something special, perhaps intangibly so, about Sean. Reflecting back, I believe it was his calming and peaceful presence and his strong will to live. Sean publicly journeyed with Christ, suffered with Christ and now shares in His resurrection. Jesus proclaimed, *“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die...”* John 11:25-26.

Sean’s presence changed his family and friends, his faith community and staff here at St. Sylvester, his school and sports communities and the Suffolk County Police Department (where he was sworn in as Detective for a Day) for the better. His healing Mass in August packed the church as if it was Easter Sunday; likewise his recent funeral Mass which included both the police and fire departments. All prayed for a miracle — that Sean’s cancer would disappear. What we found in the end was that Sean was instead *our* miracle; bringing the community together in a profound and gentle way. At his funeral Mass, Fr. Tom asked those in attendance what Sean taught them as he journeyed with them. One of the responses was, *“How to love and be loved.”* One cannot ask for a more beautiful, poignant legacy. He taught by example, forever changing hearts and minds.

Josh was a friend and classmate of my younger daughter. He was respectful and kind; the one with the great laugh; a student-athlete genuinely liked by his peers — no small accomplishment. The news of his sudden, tragic death on the football field sent waves of grief through the Sachem community. What I witnessed in the days and weeks that followed was also a miracle of the human spirit. The local fire department opened its doors without question to my daughter and her friends and schoolmates, offering them a place to gather together. Neighborhood delis, pizzerias and countless others brought food and desserts for them all. The Sachem East Cheerleaders held a car wash, memorial t-shirts and sweatshirts were sold by others and a “Go Fund Me” page set up online to raise \$15, 000 for his family to help with expenses brought in nearly \$85,000 in just a few days!

Stewardship

Josh's friends surrounded his family and his girlfriend with love and support and worked out a plan among themselves where no teen would be left alone to grieve. No parent told them to do it, they just did it — it came from within. These 16-year-old young people were truly "Sachem Strong" for all! Large memorial bows in Sachem colors were hung (and still hang) all over the community, and the day of Josh's funeral hundreds lined the streets of his hometown, Farmingville, from the high school all the way to the church doors in Lake Ronkonkoma. In death, Josh too brought his community together to love and care for one another and that love and support continues.

In both cases, these two neighboring communities showed Long Island what Stewardship really means. They shared selflessly of their time, their talents and their treasure spontaneously, giving back without question for the gifts that had been received in knowing these two fine young men. May kindness continue to define these communities as a testament to them both.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." John 15:12



Gifts of Treasure

November 5, 2017

Regular ~ \$8,891

Renovation ~ \$301 Solar ~ \$103

"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 Fall Stewardship 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!

Stewardship
Our Way of Life

Reflection

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, stand ready to serve when the Master calls.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who recognize that God's gifts are present in all facets of life and should be used in service to our neighbor and the wider community.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017

Designated Goal:	\$65,100.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$49,330.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	75.8%
Number of Donors to Date:	169

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

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

Faith Formation

Reminders

Mass Reflection Forms for Levels 2—7 are due this week. Please assist your child in going to our website at www.stsylvesterli.org, click on Faith Formation and then on Mass Reflection Forms. Click on your child's Level. Have your child complete the form and **SUBMIT ON-LINE**

Children's Liturgy Of the Word

We are happy to announce that we will be having Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11am Mass on **November 12th** and **November 26th**.



What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is when right after the opening prayer, but before the readings, children are called up by the priest and accompanied by Catechists to the Worship Room in the Parish Center. There, they hear and reflect on the readings at an age appropriate level, sing the Responsorial Psalm, the Gospel Acclamation and recite a simple Creed before returning to the church to join the rest of the community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This will take approximately 20 minutes. During this time the adults and anyone else in the church will be hearing the readings as they usually do.

How can my child participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

When you come to the 11:00 am Mass on the Sundays listed above, follow the directions of the priest when he calls the children forward to be sent to the Worship Room in the Parish Center. Any child in Level 1 or above is invited to participate.

For more information or if you have questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 631-475-4506 ext. 118 or email us at FaithFormation@stsylvesterli.org

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.

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! RSVP to contact below.**

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 jcmahon@stsyvesterli.org

Contact Outreach Ministry:

631-475-4506 x122
clarehouse@stsyvesterli.org

Contact Social Justice Ministry:

631-475-4506 press 5+2
jcmahon@stsyvesterli.org

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our level 7 children help sort the donations received and assemble the free market to provide food assistance to our community this Thanksgiving. Thank you for your donations!



Clare House Market

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 bring non-perishable items to church on Sundays. In addition, we are requesting perishable items be brought directly to Clare House on Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm – please call ahead to ensure our ability to receive your donation 631-475-4506 x122

Thank You for supporting our community!

NON-PERISHABLE—BRING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY:

Stuffing
Shampoo
Soap
Detergent
Juice (not apple)
Canned chicken
Instant potatoes
Mayo
Canned carrots
Pancake Mix
Jello
Coffee

PERISHABLE—BRING TO CLARE HOUSE ON WED 5:30-7:30pm

Chicken – fresh or frozen
Eggs
Butter

Parish Social Ministry

LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS!

The Parish Social Ministry Team invites you to join us for a seasonal event to support families in our community with whom we have developed a special relationship!

1. Come before or after mass on the first weekend of December ONLY.

**Saturday December 2, 4-7pm
Sunday, December 3, 8am-1pm**

Parish Center, East Wing

2. Make a donation of any amount to light up the holiday season for one of our Clare House families and receive a tag to help decorate our Christmas trees! Write a note to that family expressing holiday wishes, season's greetings, or another sentiment.

3. Enjoy music, hot chocolate, candy canes, and a festive atmosphere! Special appearance by Santa Claus on Sunday, 930-1045am – come take your picture with this jolly fellow!

Donations can be made by cash, check, or credit card. All donations will be converted into gift cards by the PSM team before distribution to clients.

Why, you may ask?

It is fundamental that we strive in all our service activities to empower those on the margins. Gift cards allow clients to make their own decisions about what food, gifts, decorations, etc. they would like for their family. This enhances their agency in the process and respects their human dignity as individuals. With this in mind, please consider making a donation to support our families in need. **Thank you for your generosity!**

On Racial Justice and “Taking a Knee”: Reflections from a Former Cheerleader

BY TIFFANY LEE | October 17, 2017

ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2017/10/17/racial-justice-taking-a-knee-cheerleader/

In my eight years cheerleading and additional three years as a coach, I always enjoyed the sidelines. One of the traditions I learned quickly and remember fondly is that of taking a knee when a player is injured—any player, regardless of which team. Both sides of football players and cheerleaders would take a knee for however long that player was down, until he got back up and we would all rise, applaud, and resume the game.

Again, we made mistakes here, too. Being on the sidelines in between fans with an elevated view of the whole field and a line of (usually) very tall football players, we cheerleaders (on average, not as tall, and unless we happened to be a flyer in a stunt at the time) did not always see every play on the field. Therefore, we would have the unfortunate, awkward moment at times of being mid-cheer when a player got injured, still cheering until we realized what had happened and quickly followed suit to take a knee. The cheer would wind down like a ripple, prompted either by dirty looks and *shh*'s from the stands, or by reacting belatedly seeing other players and cheerleaders take a knee. We would follow, even if we couldn't see the injured player. Even if we didn't see the play. Even if we didn't know which team the player was from. Even if we didn't quite understand what had happened or how the injury occurred. Even if it wasn't convenient to kneel. Even in the rain, kneeling in the mud. **We took a knee because someone was in pain.** No matter what jersey they wore, what color they were sporting, which school they represented. We took a knee because, for a moment, humanity, empathy, compassion, were more important than the game. The game stopped and we were all one. And we all cheered when he got up.

Sadly, I'm not surprised but am deeply disturbed by the racism on display, and the recent disparaging remarks from leadership in our country about players' rights to express themselves and draw attention to grave racial injustices. However, I am a bit perplexed at how any football fan familiar with this tradition of taking a knee doesn't see the reverence and deep significance of what Colin Kaepernick and others are doing. To use football as a metaphor, with the field representing society, a player taking a knee recognizes that there is hurt and pain among us—that we ought to bow down to recognize that suffering.

The patriotic or team-player thing to do seems to be to take a page from our cheerleading mistake playbook and set the embarrassment, confusion, or temporary ignorance aside and just take a knee alongside your teammates, recognizing that someone is in pain and our humanity is more important at this moment in time. We may not have been on the front lines of the hurt and pain of the injustice, we may not have had a bird's eye view of it, we may be just catching up, not realizing the extent of the hurt yet, we may make mistakes and be embarrassed, but that doesn't mean we don't start by taking a knee and catching up on *why* after.

If you're still confused about the reason for the hurt and pain that Colin Kaepernick and others are acknowledging and calling attention to, let's listen to those who *are* on the front lines of racial injustice or who have a bird's eye view. Let's dialogue. Let's watch and read the news. Let's read and refresh our historical knowledge about racial injustice, and understand that there's a long, deep history of racial injustice in our country and in our world that is alive and well today. But let's not get defensive and pretend it doesn't exist just because we don't initially see it, or insist that it's disrespectful to take a knee or that the game, or the flag, or the song, are more important than the actual humans that all these symbols are really about and really meant to represent.

Because if we let the flag itself, or the anthem itself, become greater than our ability to relate to one another's humanity, pain, and suffering, are the flag and anthem really worth anything anymore? If there's anything I learned in cheerleading that's stayed with me, it's valuing that moment of solidarity, of reverence, and acknowledgment of the pain and suffering of another human being as being important enough to stop time, and to come together and cheer when they rise again.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir



The St. Sylvester Children's Choir has started again!

Teresa Balducci and Miles Massicotte of our Music Ministry Team will be working with the children and teaching them weekly hymns, the parts of the Mass, and special occasion pieces. Children in Levels/Grades 2-8 are invited to join!

They will be singing at the 11:00am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, when we also have the Children's Liturgy.

In order to make it easier for children to attend, rehearsals will now be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the morning, before the 11:00 am Mass, at 9:45am, in the Parish Center Worship Room. The next rehearsal and Mass will be on Sunday, November 12th at 9:45 am. Questions? Please call Teresa Balducci at [\(516\) 662-2831](tel:5166622831).

For the Month of November

Rehearsal @ 9:45am followed by 11am Mass

November 12th and November 26th



Parish Life



May God Bless

Robert Gerald Burke

&

Alexandra Marie Merckling

*as they marry at St. Sylvester
Saturday, November 18, 2017 ~ 10:30am*

"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. Their next meeting is this Thursday, November 16th at 2:30pm.

Parish Life

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 12, 2017

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

Children's Liturgy ~ 11am Mass

Monday ~ November 13, 2017

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ East Wing

Tuesday ~ November 14, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ East Wing

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Wednesday ~ November 15, 2017

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Thursday ~ November 16, 2017

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Moving On Peer Support ~ 2:30pm ~ EW

Wedding Rehearsal ~ 6pm ~ Church

Friday ~ November 17, 2017

Carmelite Mass ~ 7pm ~ WR

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ East Wing

Wedding ~ Alexandra Merckling & Robert

Burke ~ 10:30am ~ Church

But Wait, There's More!!!

As you can see from the picture below, the exterior work necessary on the parish center's two original cracks in the foundation has been completed. The crew excavated 10 feet down, sealed the cracks from the outside and refilled and graded the dirt. As the dirt settles, it may be necessary to add a little more. The final cost was \$17,000 which is not covered by insurance.

Unfortunately, we recently discovered another large puddle of water on the floor downstairs coming from the other side of the parish center near the men's room. The bad news is that there is a hole in the foundation which must be sealed. In order to do this we must excavate the area in front of the East Wing. Unfortunately this is not covered by insurance, and the final cost will be determined after further investigation. As a result of this latest find, we have decided to remove a strip of sheetrock along the entire bottom of the parish center lower level

to ensure there aren't any other issues lurking unseen. This additional work will also not be covered by insurance, but at this point it needs to be done as a proactive measure to prevent more excavation bills in the future.

Stay tuned...



Holiday Gift Cards

Fill your Christmas Stocking - we offer over 300 retailer gift cards! The next *order will be placed on **Monday morning, November 13th** with delivery within a week.* Please circle the denomination for each card ordered if it has more than one listed.

Apparel & Accessories	Qty
American Eagle \$25	
Dress Barn \$25	
Express \$25	
Famous Footwear \$25	
Finish Line \$25	
Foot Locker \$25	
GAP/Old Navy/Banana \$25	
Journey \$25	
TJ Maxx/Marshall \$25 & \$50	
Under Armour \$25	
Department Stores	
JCPenney \$25 & \$100	
Kmart/Sears \$25 & \$50	
Kohl's \$25 & \$50	
Macy's \$25 & \$100	
Target \$25 & \$100	
Walmart \$25 & \$100 & \$250	
Dining - Casual	
Applebee's \$25 & \$50	
Bonfish Grill \$25 & \$50	
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 & \$25	
Cheesecake Factory \$25	
Chili's \$25	
Chuck E. Cheese \$10	
Dave & Busters \$25	
Denny's \$10	
IHOP \$25	
Olive Garden/Red Lobster \$25	
On the Border \$25 & \$50	
Outback /Carrabas \$25	
P.F. Chang's \$25	
Ruby Tuesday \$25	
TGI Friday's \$25	

Dining - On the Go	Qty
Boston Market \$10	
Chipolte \$10	
Dunkin Donuts \$10 & \$25	
Panera Bread \$10 & \$25	
Starbucks \$10 & \$25	
Subway \$10	
Taco Bell \$10	
Wendy's \$10	
Entertainment	
AMC Theatres \$25	
Barnes & Noble \$25	
GameStop \$25	
Regal Entertainment \$25	
Home Décor	
A. C. Moore \$25	
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25	
Home Goods \$25 & \$100	
Michaels \$25	
Pier I Imports \$25	
Home Improvement	
Lowe's \$25 & \$100	
Home Depot \$25 & \$100	

Online & Mail Order	Qty
Amazon.com \$25 & \$100	
Groupon.com \$25	
Itunes \$15 & \$25	
Lands' End \$25	
L.L. Bean \$25	
Nook \$10 & \$25	
Specialty Retailer	
Auto Zone \$25	
Bath & Body Works \$10 & \$25	
Best Buy \$25 & \$100	
Christmas Tree Shops \$25	
CVS Pharmacy \$25	
PetSmart \$25	
Sally's Beauty Supply \$25	
Sephora \$25	
Tanger Outlets \$25	
Toys-R-Us \$20	
Ulta \$25	
Walgreens \$25	
Sporting Goods	
Bass Pro Shop \$25	
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25	

Name	
Address	
Phone #	Total amount enclosed:
Order Date	# of Gift Cards Ordered:

If you have other favorite restaurants or retailers, please call the parish office at 631-475-4506 ext 101 to see if they participate!

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

\$11,000 in prize money! *

Get Your Tickets Today!



This is a special raffle which will help:

- ★ offset the financial loss of not having our annual Holiday Fair
- ★ pay for the repairs to Patricia Desmond Hall (Parish Center Lower Level)

Tickets are \$50 each and only 700 tickets will be sold.

Tickets can be purchased in the **Parish Office**, after Masses,
or online through our **website**, www.stsylvesterli.org

For website purchases, an official numbered ticket will be mailed to you once your ticket purchase order is received.

Drawing is Sunday, December 10th after the 11am Mass.

Join us for Hospitality in the Parish Center's East Wing as we pick the lucky winners!
Winner need not be present!

***If total prize money is not received, prize money will be reduced.**

Community News

Join Fr. Mickey Bancroft Sunday, June 3rd—Sunday, June 10th, 2018 sailing along Alaska's Glaciers. Stunning inside passage, southward on Holland America's Westerdam. Depart from Anchorage & sail to Vancouver, Canada. Cabin with picture window ~ \$2,639 and cabin with balcony ~ \$3,059. All food, port taxes, transfers & roundtrip airfare included. For more information or a brochure call Lucille at 1-800-228-4654, ext 208.

Grief Share ~ Surviving the Holidays ~ Holiday Help for the Bereaved. Sponsored by the Consolation Ministry of St. Mary's Church in East Islip, Tuesday, November 14 from 7:30pm to 9pm in Sacred Heart Hall on Main Street next to St. Mary's Church. Guest Speaker is Kathleen Maurer Smith, Ph.D. All are welcome and please bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by November 10 by calling 631-581-4266 ext 0. Free will offering is appreciated.

Healing Mass at St. John Nepomucene in Bohemia, Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7:30pm. The preside is Fr. Larry Chadwick. Sponsored by Living Bread Community of Prayer. Any questions, please call Pat at 631-589-4715.

Night at the Races sponsored by St. Sylvester's Knights of Columbus at the Medford VFW Post on Long Island Avenue, December 2, 2017. Post time is 8pm. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are \$10. Hot dogs, beverages, dessert, coffee, tea, raffles and 50/50. Call Pete at 516-816-5884 or Rich at 631-220-5302 for more information. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our Veterans.

Puerto Rico Disaster Relief ~ Brookhaven Town unites to help Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Residents are encouraged to donate items at the following locations: Brookhaven Town Hall in Farmingville, Brookhaven Town Highway Department in Coram, Rose Caracappa Senior Center in Mt. Sinai or Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center in Blue Point. The following items are accepted: batteries, flashlights, portable lanterns, diapers, baby wipes, cases of water and feminine hygiene products. All items must be unopened and in their original packaging. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please visit <http://www.ny.gov/empire-state-relief-and-recovery-effort-puerto-rico/empire-state-relief-and-recovery-effort-puerto#donate>

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Lake Ronkonkoma is hosting their annual **Christmas Craft Fair** on Sunday, December 3rd from 9am to 5pm. Unique Christmas shopping opportunity, crafts, baked goods, raffles and refreshments. Vendors and information call 631-846-9823.

Vendors needed for the St. James Church **Christmas Fair** in Setauket, on Saturday, December 2nd. The fee is \$50 per table. Call Bridget or Fr. Jerry Cestare at 631-941-4141 for more information.

Open House ~ Please join the **Ursuline Sisters** for a Celebration of Their Life in Blue Point, Sunday, December 3 from 1pm—4pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ help make a good marriage a great marriage! The next weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in Huntington. Call John & Toni at 718-344-3700 or visit: www.wwmeli.org

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