



St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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

**For I was hungry and you gave me food.
*Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?***



**Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least
brothers of mine, you did for me.**

November 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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@stsylvesterli.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@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 ~ 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.stsylvesterli.org

We Pray

Saturday, November 25, 2017

5:00pm James Donohue
Gloria Terry
Brian Zach
Timothy Ryan (1st Anniversary)
Felice Lamentina

Sunday, November 26, 2017

7:30am Emma Lou Dobbins
9:00am Rich & Kirk Families in Thanksgiving
11:00am Matteo, Caravana & Castriata Families
(Living & Deceased)

Monday, November 27, 2017

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

8:30am Carmelo Arena

Thursday, November 30, 2017

8:30am Jerry Valenti

Friday, December 1, 2017

8:30am Virginia Palladino

Saturday, December 2, 2017

5:00pm Richard Mitchael
William Soulopulos
Sean Patrick Dixon
Bob & Betty Raccine
Bob & Lorraine Kimmel
Carol Mercurio

Sunday, December 3, 2017

7:30am Sr. Theresa Fowler
9:00am Sabrina Tumilowicz
11:00am Peter Montemurro

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

11/27:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20	Dn 3:52-56
	Lk 21:1-4	
11/28:	Dn 2:31-45	Dn 3:57-61
	Lk 21:5-11	
11/29:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28	Dn 3:62-67
	Lk 21:12-19	
11/30:	Rom 10:9-18	Ps 19:8-11
	Mt 4:18-22	
12/1:	Dn 7:2-14	Dn 3:75-81
	Lk 21:29-33	
12/2:	Dn 7:15-27	Dn 3:82-87
	Lk 21:34-36	
12/3:	Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
	1 Cor 1:3-9	Mk 13:33-37

First Saturday Devotion



Come join us for
song and prayer
as we pray the
Rosary

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

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, Diane Rockowitz, Patricia Nochese, 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, Barbara Bruzzo, Ann Vidal

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

Grace C. Diehl, Virginia M. Palladino, Jesus Clemente, Nicholas Bruzzo, Mildred Barthelson, Dante Taylor, Christopher John Long, John Ripi, Andy Clyde



Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure

November 19, 2017

Due to publication deadlines, the contributions for the weekend of November 18th/19th will be listed in the December 3rd bulletin.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017

Designated Goal:	\$65,100.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$56,964.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	87.5%
Number of Donors to Date:	185

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

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

Reflection

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who give evidence that Christ is Lord in their lives by attending Mass and Holy Hour regularly.



*“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed **just one.**”*

-Mother Teresa, 1910

IS PHYSICAL STRENGTH ONE OF YOUR GIFTS?

Are you the strong family member or friend that is always helping someone move, carrying something heavy down from the attic or setting up tents and tables for a party? If so, would you like to share your gift with us on a regular basis?

Several times a year we have bulk mailings that must be brought to the Medford Post Office, which consist of 14 or so heavy and awkward trays. (Our newsletter gets sent quarterly, our Stewardship Mailings go out twice a year and there are other miscellaneous mailings throughout the year.) These mailings have become a challenge for us and we would appreciate your assistance.

We are also looking for someone to assist the Thrift Shop weekly in lifting large bags of clothes, bringing them in to be sorted and out to the bins or dumpsters as necessary.

If you are able to lend your arms to either one of these ministries, please contact Lori Zito at (631) 475-4506, ext. 115 or email to Lzito@stsylvesterli.org.

Stewardship
Our Way of Life

Faith Formation

Reminder

There is a Level 2 Parent Meeting in the East Wing, during your child's class time, Tuesday, November 28th at 5:45pm and Wednesday, November 29th at 4:30pm.

Please sign your child into their classroom and proceed to the East Wing. Important information regarding your child's celebration of First Reconciliation and First Communion will be distributed.

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 McMahon at 631-475-4506 ext 107.

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.

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 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

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 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!

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

Chicken – fresh or frozen
Eggs
Butter

NON-PERISHABLE—BRING TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY:

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

#GIVING TUESDAY

The holiday season is upon us and three uniquely American events are quickly approaching: Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday. If family differences or rampant consumerism threaten to dampen your festive mood, one reason for hope is the emergence of #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving, on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

#GivingTuesday is a movement to lift up the generosity of people worldwide on a coordinated day of giving. By using the power of social media and personal relationships, #GivingTuesday encourages ordinary people to come together and make a huge impact for nonprofit organizations. Last year, over 700,000 people in 71 countries donated online and sent #GivingTuesday messages on social media.

While we may spend time on Thanksgiving reflecting on the people and experiences that have impacted our lives, #GivingTuesday invites us to think about how we can give of ourselves to support others. Where and how you choose to give is up to you. The most important part, is that you share your reason for giving with your social networks and encourage them to join you.

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.

Our community thanks you for your generosity!

Music Ministry



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, December 10th at 9:45am. **In addition, the children will sing at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass.**

Questions? Please call Teresa Balducci at [\(516\) 662-2831](tel:5166622831).

For the Month of December

Rehearsal @ 9:45am followed by 11am Mass	4pm Mass
December 10th and December 24th	December 24th

Parish Life

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 26, 2017

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

Children's Liturgy ~ 11am Mass

Monday ~ November 27, 2017

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ East Wing

Tuesday ~ November 28, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ East Wing

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Level 2 Parent Meeting ~ 5:45pm ~ East Wing

Wednesday ~ November 29, 2017

Level 2 Parent Meeting ~ 4:30pm ~ East Wing

Thursday ~ November 30, 2017

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Friday ~ December 1, 2017

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Art Class ~ 9am ~ Room 2

First Saturday Devotion ~ 9am ~ WR

Light Up the Holidays Christmas Event ~

4pm—7pm ~ East Wing

Heading towards warmer weather for the next few

months? Please notify the Parish Office so we can stop your envelopes during your time away.



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.

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.**

Holiday Gift Cards

Fill your Christmas Stocking - we offer over 300 retailer gift cards! The next *order will be placed on **Monday morning, November 27th** 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	
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Best Buy \$25 & \$100	
Christmas Tree Shops \$25	
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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!

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