

St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



**"For human beings it is impossible,
but not for God.
All things are possible for God."**

Mark 10:27

October 14, 2018

28th 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 ~ 10am - 3pm

Wed ~ 10am - 3pm & 4pm - 7pm

Fr ~ 10am - 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 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, October 13, 2018

5:00pm Luigi Russo & Family
Cesarino Family
Francesca Frega
Thomas Kelly
Jean E. Gebert
Larry Einus
Ed Leitgeb
Joseph Iemma

Sunday, October 14, 2018

7:30am William Gilbert
9:00am Catherine Holzmann
11:00am Edward Zatwarnicki (14th Anniversary)

Monday, October 15, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

8:30am Frank Silvestri

Thursday, October 18, 2018

8:30am Charles Bellizzi

Friday, October 19, 2018

8:30am Robert Wines

Saturday, October 20, 2018

5:00pm Richard Daly
Tom Stephens
Dennis Reddington
Emmerich Beslanovics
Laura Mockler
Joseph Poppiti
Deacon Frank Rivera (Living)

Sunday, October 21, 2018

7:30am Colleen Nicols
9:00am Sean Dixon
11:00am Carmelo Salvatore Arena

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

10/15:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1	Ps 113:1-7
	Lk 11:29-32	
10/16:	Gal 5:1-6	Ps 119:41:, 43-45, 47-48
	Lk 11:37-41	
10/17:	Gal 5:18-25	Ps 1:1-4, 6
	Lk 11:42-46	
10/18:	2 Tm 4:10-17	Ps 145:10-13, 17-18
	Lk 10:1-9	
10/19:	Eph 1:11-14	Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13
	Lk 12:1-7	
10/20:	Eph 1:15-23	Ps 8:2-7
	Lk 12:8-12	
10/21:	Is 53:10-11	Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
	Heb 4:14-16	Mk 10:35-45

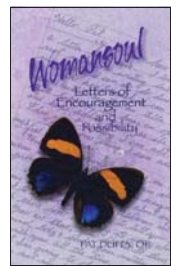
Women's Prayer Group

The next gathering of our *Spiritual Book Club* will be **Tuesday, October 16** at 7pm in the Worship Room. Please join us as we delve into Sr. Pat Duffy's Book: *Womansoul*.

Sr. Pat says, "In these letters I offer you something of my soul as a gift. I pray that through my sharing you will be encouraged to enter more deeply into your own soul. There, through the truth of your life, may you grow in grace, peace, and the love of your God."

So many of us have been encouraged and enlightened by Sr. Pat's spoken words at retreats and parish missions. Come and find the same in her written words.

**Spread the word and bring a friend!
Books are available at the gathering.**



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

Eva D'Amato, Nina Caravana, Martha Lee, Winnie Mulderig, Catherine Hines, Bob Prentiss, Jose Nunez, Rose Masucci, Baby Bryanna Spencer, Pam Hinton, Ken Terry, Brian Podlesny, Roger Chin-Sang, Sasha Medile, Nef Nieves, Joanne Clarke, Michelle Clark, Martha Benvenuto, Frank Cayea, Dorothy Birdsall, Michael Dolan, Hilda Gonzalez, John Bennett, Baby Madison Angamarca, JoAnn Brandi, Joan Zerafa, Deidre Edwards, Ed Rafferty, Vinnie Callanan, Olivia Bazirgan, Alice Micali, Baby Isabella Steo, Diane Garvey, Jerry Noschese, William Lyon, Nello Liberatore, John Phelan, James Dunn, Elizabeth Brechter, Anne Ripi, Brian Mullins, Baby Emma Connolly, Desmond McDay, William Arens, Betty DeFrancis, John Katsiafas, Vivian Bollmann, Lois Eckert, Eileen Cavalcante, Paul Mazza, Donyell Gilkes, Dr. Brian Hawkins, Anna McCance

Mass Intentions & Weekend Memorials are available for 2018 and 2019. Please make arrangements through the Parish Office.

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

Mary Ann Pressimone, Robert Edwards, Philip Sodano, Anthony Sanniola, Jack Frey

Faith Formation

Welcome to the 2018-2019 Faith Formation Year

Please note, there will be no online or in person registration October 5—October 21 so that classes begin smoothly.

The following Levels will begin the week of October 15th, 2018:

Level 2 through 7

Older Sacraments 1 & 2

Older Sacraments 6 & 7



Attention All Parents!

All Parents should have received an email with the details for their child's class. If you did not receive an email, please call 631-475-4506 ext 118.

A Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists.

May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.



*God Bless Our Catechists,
Faith Formation Children,
and Their Families*

Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure *October 7th, 2018*

Regular ~ \$7,253.40
Renovation ~ \$280 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**.

Sign-up forms are available in the Parish Office.

Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what *I* own keep *me* from following Jesus?

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who keep attachments—of any sort—from distracting them from their spiritual work.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$56,486.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	85.8%
Number of Donors to Date:	165

Your donation can make a difference!

PLEDGE: \$ _____

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

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday challenges us to take up our baptismal mandate to proclaim the Good News of our faith not only in our homes and our parishes, but also in our world. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and place the envelope marked "World Mission Sunday" in the regular collection basket.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL IS ON ITS WAY!

Next week, we begin our time of renewal for financial stewardship. Let us pray for all people in our parish as we reflect together on God's generosity in our lives, and our response to that generosity.



"Jesus not only calls people to Him, but also forms them and sends them out in His service. He knows our personal histories, our strengths and weaknesses, our destinies; He has a purpose in mind for each one of us.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. These linked realities, discipleship and stewardship, then make up the fabric of a Christian life in which each day is lived in an intimate relationship with the Lord."

~ Excerpts from: *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response* — U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

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!

Justin McMahon
Director of Parish Social Ministry
631-475-4506 x121
jcmahon@stsylvesterli.org

Need Assistance/ Want to Volunteer?

We rely on contributions of time, money, skills, and prayer to keep our ministry going!

Parish Social Ministry Intake Line

Monday 10am - 3pm
Wednesday 10am - 3pm, 4pm - 7pm
631-475-4506 x122
clarehouse@stsylvesterli.org



Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the month of October we are collecting food in the church lobby every weekend, before and after masses.

These food items will be brought to the church basement every Monday morning following daily Mass. Our level 7 children will help to sort and date the donated items and they will be assembled into a "Free Market." Clare House clients will be invited to shop at our Free Market on Wednesday, November 14th. We hope to facilitate Thanksgiving celebrations and share the bounty of the harvest season with those in need!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thanksgiving Items Needed:

- Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Canned Vegetables (Corn/Green Beans/Peas/Carrots/etc.)
- Yams/Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Fruit (Apples/Peaches/Cherries/Pumpkin/etc.)
- Nuts
- Cake Mix/Pie Crust/Desserts
- Other Seasonal Non-Perishable Foods

Special Request From Clare House Pantry:

- Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner
- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
- Feminine Hygiene Items

Parish Social Ministry



Grieving Through The Holidays 2018

Coping with the Holidays After the Loss of a Loved One

A short program designed to give practical suggestions on how to approach the holiday season while grieving the death of a loved one - includes video outlining key reflections from other holiday grievers, practical ways to maneuver the holidays, opportunity for group sharing.

Saturday, November 3rd, 2018
11:30am - 1:00pm

St. Sylvester, Parish Center, East Wing
68 Ohio Ave, Medford, NY 11763
(Parking lot on Robinson Ave)

FREE to attend - No registration required
Come and join us for fellowship and refreshments!

For more information, please call:
Clare House - Parish Social Ministry
631-475-4506 x122

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. *Register to vote.*

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. **"In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation"** (no. 13). **"We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world"** (no. 14). Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org today to read the statement, watch videos, and access other great resources.

In New York, the voter registration deadline is October 12th. You can pick up a mail-in voter registration form at the Suffolk County Board of Elections in Yaphank, or at a NYS Agency-based voter registration center (such as the Dept of Health, Dept of Labor, Dept of Social Services, Office for the Aging, SUNY offices, or Office of Mental health), or online: www.elections.ny.gov

Forming
Consciences



for
Faithful
Citizenship

Music Ministry

CHILDREN

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is open to all students in grades 2-8 in the parish. No audition is required, only enthusiasm for singing is needed. We will be singing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during the Children's Liturgy of the Word. **The Children's Choir and ALL children** who would like to learn the music for the Children's Liturgy of the Word will rehearse at **10:00 AM** in the Worship Room of the Parish Center on the following dates:

October 14 & 28, 2018

November 11 & 25, 2018

December 9 & 23, 2018

January 13 & 27, 2019

February 10 & 24, 2019

March 10 & 24, 2019

April 14 & 28, 2019

May 12 & 26, 2019

Please come Join Us and make a JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD! The Children's Choir is under the direction of Therese Blanton. For information email tmkblanton@gmail.com or call 631-928-0821

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings "most" weeks at the 11:00AM mass. The Adult Choir is open to all teens and young adults (high school and college age) and adults who enjoy all styles of music. The repertoire of music for this group calls for soprano, alto, tenor, and bass voicing for rich harmony. We are always welcoming of new members, especially altos and men for balance. You do not have to read music. There is no audition. The only requirement is a desire to sing in a friendly, non-threatening liturgical setting. We're all learning together! Very rewarding!

The Adult Choir rehearses on **Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM** in the Church, with additional rehearsal time **Sunday at 10:15AM** on the following dates:

October 21, 2018

November 4, 18, & 25, 2018

December 2 & 16, 2018

January 6 & 20, 2019

February 3 & 17, 2019

March 3 & 17, 2019

April 7, 2019

May 5 & 19, 2019

Come join the Adult Choir family. It's free! It's captivating and invigorating – you'll see!

The Adult Choir is under the direction of Therese Blanton. For information call 631-928-0821 or email: tmkblanton@gmail.com

Christmas Choir

If you have limited time and cannot make a full-time commitment to the Adult Choir, we welcome you to join us as part of the Christmas Choir in learning and rehearsing the music for the **10:00PM Christmas Eve Mass**. Although we have already begun working on Christmas music, if you would be open to working extra hard and putting in some effort *this could very well be the best Christmas gift you give yourself*.

Please join us for our Tuesday night rehearsals beginning Tuesday, November 6th at 7:30PM in the church. That will give you 7 rehearsals to learn the 4 Christmas pieces the Adult Choir will be sharing as gift to the St. Sylvester family! **Gloria in Excelsis Deo!** For information contact Therese Blanton email: tmkblanton@gmail.com or call 631-928-0821.

Parish Life

The Week Ahead

Monday ~ October 15, 2018

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Tuesday ~ October 16, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Overeaters Anonymous ~ 7pm ~ Room 9

Women's Prayer Group ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:30pm ~ Choir Room

Wednesday October 17, 2018

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ EW

Community Dance Rehearsal ~ 8:30pm ~ PDH

Thursday ~ October 18, 2018

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Moving On Peer Support ~ 2:30pm ~ EW

Friday ~ October 19, 2018

Carmelite Mass ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room

Carmelite Meeting ~ 8pm ~ East Wing

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Community Dance ~ 7pm ~ PDH

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Blood Drive ~ 8am—2pm ~ PDH

Baptisms ~ 12:30pm ~ Church

St. Sylvester's Community Dance

featuring

"The Savoy Swing Band"

Saturday, October 20 ~ 7pm to 10pm



Admission: \$15.00

includes beverages and snacks

For more information, go to,
www.goodolddanceband.com
or call Mike at 730-3333.

"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. We meet Thursday, October 16 at 2:30 pm in the East Wing. Please join us then.

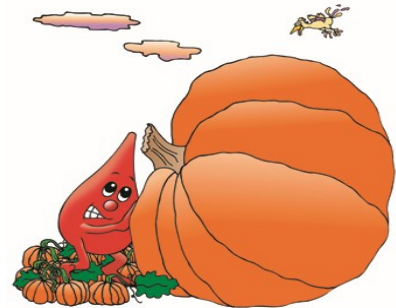
Eileen & Martha ~ Coordinators

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 21st ~ 8am—2pm ~ Parish Center Lower Level

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission.
- Age 76 and over need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months



For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900

For more information contact: Tony Speelman 631-236-6327

 **Long Island Blood Services**

Parish Life

OUR HOLIDAY FAIR IS BACK! And it's better than ever!!

Saturday, November 10th ~ 10am—6:30pm

Sunday, November 11th ~ 8am—1:30pm

We were all so disappointed last year when water damage to Patricia Desmond Hall prevented us from having our annual Holiday Fair. Thanks to some wonderful contractors, we are ready to go!

Raffle Tables

Our raffle tables are one of the most popular parts of the fair, but rely on the generosity of our parishioners and the larger community. We are seeking *new* items to create popular themed baskets (Thanksgiving, Christmas, wine, baby, spa, electronic, etc.). Restaurant, gas and retail gift cards, as well as tickets for movies, sporting events and plays make great raffle items and are very much appreciated. Please bring all donations to the parish office with your name on them so you may be included in our donor recognition list.

Granny's Attic

Clean, usable items for Granny's Attic can be dropped off downstairs in Patricia Desmond Hall beginning October 22nd.

Hand Crafted Items

If you would like to share your gifts and talents by donating your handmade items to the craft table, please bring the completed items to the parish office, with a note stating your name and the words "Holiday Fair Craft Table".

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT!

Parish Life

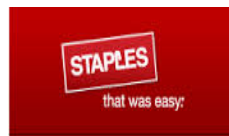
What is Scrip?

Simply stated, Scrip is a fundraising program in which our Church has the ability to purchase **gift cards** from participating retailers at a discount varying from 2% to 13%. For example, Stop & Shop offers a 5% discount, so a \$100 Stop & Shop gift card would cost the Church \$95. The parishioner then purchases the card for \$100, and uses it for themselves, or as a gift for family or friends. The \$5 difference between the sale price of \$100, and the purchase price of \$95 is kept by the Church to help defray our costs.

We have cards to purchase in *various denominations*, from \$10 to \$100, for Meat Farms, ShopRite, Stop & Shop, King Kullen, Target, Applebees, Cheesecake Factory, Red Lobster, and Panera Bread all year round. They can be purchased after most weekend Masses or at the Parish Center during normal business hours.

With the holidays rapidly approaching, our *Holiday Gift Card Program* is back! Look on the next page to find a form where you *can order gift cards* from other popular restaurants and retailers which we don't normally have on hand. If you don't see your favorites on the list, just call the parish office at 631-475-4506, ext. 101 to see if they participate.

If you enjoy the convenience of shopping with gift cards and buying them as gifts for family and friends, then please consider purchasing gift cards from St. Sylvester. It's a win- win for you and for our parish!



AND
MORE!



Holiday Gift Cards

Fill your Christmas Stocking - we offer over 300 retailer gift cards! The first *order will be placed on Tuesday morning, October 23rd 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	
DSW \$25	
Express \$25	
Famous Footwear \$25	
GAP/Old Navy/Banana \$25	
Journeys \$25	
Payless Shoes \$20	
TJ Maxx/Marshall \$25 & \$100	
Under Armour \$25	
Department Stores	
JCPenney \$25 & \$100	
Kmart \$25 & \$50	
Kohl's \$25 & \$100	
Macy's \$25 & \$100	
Target \$25 & \$50 & \$100	
Walmart \$25 & \$50 & \$100	
Dining - Casual	
Applebee's \$25 & \$50	
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 & \$25	
Cheesecake Factory \$25	
Chili's \$25 & \$50	
Chuck E. Cheese \$10	
Dave & Busters \$25	
Denny's \$10	
IHOP \$25	
Olive Garden \$25	
Outback /Carrabas \$25	
Panera Bread \$10 & \$25	
P.F. Chang's \$25	
Red Lobster \$25	
Ruby Tuesday \$25	
TGI Friday's \$25	

Dining - On the Go	Qty
Boston Market \$10	
Chipolte \$10 & \$25	
Dairy Queen \$10	
Dunkin Donuts \$10 & \$25	
Starbucks \$10 & \$25	
Subway \$10 & \$50	
Taco Bell \$10 & \$25	
Wendy's \$10	
Entertainment	
AMC Theatres \$25 & \$50	
Barnes & Noble \$10 & \$25	
GameStop \$25	
Regal Theatres \$25	
Home Décor	
A. C. Moore \$25	
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25 & \$100	
Home Goods \$25 & \$100	
Michaels \$25	
Pier I Imports \$25	
Home Improvement	
Lowe's \$20 & \$25 & \$100	
Home Depot \$25 & \$100	

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

In the Community

Morning for Seniors ~ "Autumn Seeds of Change" ~ at the Cenacle in Ronkonkoma. Finding beauty, strength and grace in ordinary days. Presented by Carmela Bergman on Thursday, October 18 from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Offering is \$30 and includes lunch. Call 631-588-8366 to register.

Women of Faith, Courage and Dignity ~ LI Women's Retreat Ministry invites you to their Annual Retreat at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, October 26—28. *"Nothing is more beautiful than a woman who is brave, strong and emboldened because of who Christ is in her."* There are many women in the bible who played pivotal roles in God's redemption plan: Sarah hung on to her faith! Esther had the bravery to protect her people. Mary of Bethany had a heart of worship. Our Blessed Mother had the faith, courage and dignity to surrender to the will of God without any reservation. Let us take a journey together as we discover the experiences of these women and others, who through their journey, overcame difficult circumstances through their faith, courage, strength and dignity. To register or for more information, call Yvonne at 631-732-3574.

Health and Wellness Fair ~ sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven, will take place Saturday, October 20th, from 11am—2pm at Brookhaven Town Hall in Farmingville. The fair will feature representatives from the healthcare industry who will provide valuable information about health insurance, healthcare law and health services available to Brookhaven Town residents. Supervisor Romaine said, "The Health and Wellness Fair is a great event for residents who want to learn more about the services that are available to them. I encourage everyone, especially our senior residents, to take advantage of this opportunity to meet face to face with healthcare professionals who can answer questions and guide them in the right direction." Go to:

<https://www.brookhavenny.gov/FormCenter/Housing-Human-Services-12/Health-and-Wellness-RSVP-Form-90> for online registration.

Teen Drivers and Parents are Invited to Attend Free Distracted Driving Program ~ Tuesday, October 23, 6:30pm—8pm at Brookhaven Town Hall. Instructors will discuss the dangers of driving while impaired and distracted, while demonstrating the negative impacts with state-of-the-art equipment. Snacks will be available before the presentation begins and there will also be free raffles for gas gift cards. Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for people ages 16- to 24-years-old in the United States and it is imperative that we prevent bad driving habits before they start. Pre-registration is required for this event by Tuesday, October 16. Please call the Youth Bureau at (631) 451-8011 to register for this event or find out more information.

Love Never Dies - Maintaining the Connection ~ This grief and healing workshop will help us find strength and hope in the gifts our loved ones continue to give to us even after their deaths. It is also an opportunity to heal some of the hurting places that grief can bring. A supportive safe place to honor our journey and love that never dies, and honor our grief and loss even a few years after. Takes place Sunday, October 28th from 1pm—4pm at the Cenacle in Ronkonkoma. The presenter is Paul Alexander, LCSW. Offering is \$35. Please call 631-588-8366 for more information.

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Open House ~ Sunday, October 21, 10am to 1pm.

In the Community

Help Wanted ~ The Cenacle retreat House in Ronkonkoma is looking for part-time Maintenance Helper 3 days a week, 8:30am to 4:30pm. This position involves assisting our maintenance department with routine repairs and maintenance tasks. Great for a retiree! Send resume to jsgambati@cenaclesisters.org

A Mini-Course of MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS with Sr. Pat Duffy ~ Tired? Having trouble concentrating? Overwhelmed by all the rhetoric and negativity that surrounds us? It is a struggle to stay centered and experience inner peace. Too often fear and anxiety rule the day. Through meditation and mindfulness saints of both the Western & Eastern cultures found a practice, a tool for the journey, that offers a path of calm and peace. This mini-course will introduce you to a new way of seeing the events in your life and in our world. It is a gift you can give yourself! Join Sr. Pat: Tuesdays, October 16 & 23, 1pm—2:30pm at Mary Immaculate Church in Bellport or Thursdays, October 18 & 25, 7:15pm—8:45pm at St. Louis de Montfort Church in Sound Beach. Please RSVP to Sr. Pat by e-mailing: sisterpatduffy@gmail.com

Veterans Resource Fair ~The Town of Brookhaven's Division of Veterans Services will host its first Veterans Resource Fair on Thursday, November 15 from 6pm to 8pm in the 2nd floor Media Room at Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill in Farmingville. This event will inform and educate local veterans about organizations that provide related programs and services. The organizations that will be at the Veterans Resource Fair are: Town of Brookhaven Division of Veteran Services, Town of Brookhaven Tax Assessor, Island Harvest, Joseph P. Dwyer Project, Long Island Cares, Suffolk Community College Veterans Services, Supportive Services for Veterans and Families, Touro Law Veterans Clinic. For more information and to RSVP, call 631-451-6547.

Cruising the Magical Blue Danube River with Fr. Mickey Bancroft ~ August 18—26, 2019, from Budapest to Vienna. \$4,798 per person double occupancy. Includes Daily Mass, sightseeing, round trip airfare from JFK, most meals and drinks. Contact Fr. Mickey at 631-323-1323 or Angelica at 1-800-CATHOLIC ext. 250.

Life Center of Long Island is in urgent need of the following donations: new or gently used winter baby clothes size newborn through 3T, diapers especially sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6, car seats manufactured after 2012, pack and plays, and unopened toiletries.

Teaching Positions Available ~ The Department of Education for the Diocese of Rockville Centre is seeking qualified candidates for anticipated Elementary School Teacher position openings. In particular we are seeking qualified: Spanish Teachers, Middle School Math Teachers certified 7-12 and Middle School Science Teachers. You must have a Bachelor's Degree or higher, be a practicing Roman Catholic with a commitment to the mission of Catholic education, valid New York State Teacher Certification, student teaching experience or the equivalent. Qualified candidates should e-mail a Letter of Interest and Resume to jobs@drvcschools.org

Prayer Service for Divorced and Separated Catholics ~ October 16 & 30th, 7pm at Christ the King Church in Commack. We will discuss available assistance for those struggling in their marriages.

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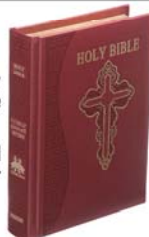
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