



## St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



*"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God."*

*Mt 22:21*

**October 22, 2017**  
**29th 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](http://www.stsyvesterli.org)

# We Pray

## Saturday, October 21, 2017

5:00pm Emmerich Beslanovics  
Robert Mulcahy  
Gerald Shuler  
Joan Lang  
Robin Thorbjornsen  
Louise Vigliatore

## Sunday, October 22, 2017

7:30am Emma Lou Dobbins  
Barbara Helen Hessing  
Louis Najdek

## Monday, October 23, 2017

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

## Tuesday, October 24, 2017

8:30am Doris Faithfull

## Thursday, October 26, 2017

8:30am Jacqueline London

## Friday, October 27, 2017

8:30am Debra Romano (9th Anniversary)

## Saturday, October 28, 2017

5:00pm Patricia Grasso (1st Anniversary)  
Richard Palladino  
Lucille Mango  
Betty Einuis  
Robin Thorbjornsen

## Sunday, October 29, 2017

7:30am Evelyn Sanders  
9:00am Vincent Sauer (17th Anniversary)  
11:00am Bruce Haynes

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

10/23:	Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21	Lk 1:69-75
10/24:	Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21 Lk 12:35-38	Ps 40:7-10, 17
10/25:	Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48	Ps 124:1-8
10/26:	Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53	Ps 1:1-4, 6
10/27:	Rom 7:18-25 Lk 12:54-59	Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94
10/28:	Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16	Ps 19:2-5
10/29:	Ex 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5-10	Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Mt 22:34-40

## Anointing of the Sick

*The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament.*

*A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.*



*When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.*

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

**The Sacrament of the Anointing is celebrated at St. Sylvester on the second Friday of the month immediately following the 8:30am Mass in the Worship Room of the Parish Center. The next Anointing is this Friday, November 10th.**

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

*Eva D'Amato, Marguerite Orlowski, Robert Orlowski, Tom Stephens, Melina Grosso Bischoff, Sean Patrick Dixon, 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, Theresa Golembroski, 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, Kevin Elder, Ed Rafferty, Julie Pabon, Genevieve Cannarili, Vito Scaglione, Louis Donisi, Joanne Clarke, Michael Dolan, Richard Gross, Ann Pijko, Christopher Gebbrig, Angelina Pagano, Ricky Langhorn, Edward Rafferty*

*We pray for all who have died.*



# Stewardship

## *Gifts of Treasure*

**October 15, 2017**

Regular ~ \$8,114  
Renovation ~ \$90      Solar ~ \$35

## *Faith Direct October Contributions*

Regular ~ \$10,578  
Renovation ~ \$1,026      Solar ~ \$212

To learn about or enroll in this automated giving program, just log onto [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our Church code **NY285**.

*Sign-up forms are available in the Parish Office.*

## *Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017*

Designated Goal:	\$65,100.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$47,685.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	73.2%
Number of Donors to Date:	156

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

PLEDGE:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Place in collection basket or return to the Parish Center. Thank you.

## *Reflection*

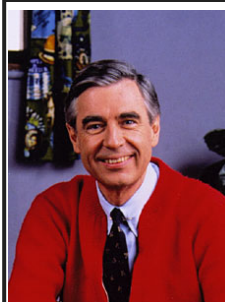
The Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship remind us, "Jesus not only calls people to Him but also forms them and sends them out in His service. Being sent on a mission is a consequence of being disciples."

## *Living Stewardship*

We are grateful for all stewards who reprioritize their giving in these challenging times to keep the mission of Christ first.

## **"Stewardship as Our Way of Life"**

When we trust that God loves us as individuals, as we are, we can't help but embrace **everyday stewardship**. You will soon be receiving a letter inviting you to reflect on the importance of being a good everyday steward! Next weekend, our *Annual Report of Parish Life* will be included in the bulletin. It will highlight some of the ways in which our parish family has responded to the Lord's invitation to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given us. As people who embrace **everyday stewardship**, we continue to share the Good News with all whose lives we touch.



"If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person."

~ Mr. Rogers



# Stewardship News

## ~ Awareness Weekend ~



# Questions about Stewardship

### ***I hear about stewardship, but what does it really mean?***

Stewardship is often times misunderstood to mean solely our financial giving. Our monetary support is indeed a component of our Stewardship, but certainly not the complete picture.

Stewardship is a very “old” spiritual principle rooted in Scripture and Church Tradition. Through our Baptism, we accepted the call to follow Jesus and participate in fulfilling His mission to bring about love, peace and justice - the Kingdom of God - here on earth.

We do this together by sharing all that we have been given with others. God has given us everything - our families, friends, time, intellect, natural resources, talents, others, possessions, energy, *our very lives!* Truly we own nothing. Our response to God’s unceasing generosity - our “thank you” - is a life of gratitude, generosity and service in return.

That is what stewardship is all about, responding gratefully by sharing generously God’s blessings in our lives. For a gift that is freely and cheerfully given will provide a return that is immeasurable.



### ***Does being a steward mean I must spend most of my time at the parish or I must give most of my money and possessions away?***

No. Being a responsible steward means that you **prioritize** the use of your gifts - in light of what you profess to believe. Through prayer and planning, **decide** how you will care for the people in your life and responsibly use and share the 24 hours in your day, your many talents, our natural resources and your material possessions - all which have been entrusted to you by God. Try to determine the difference between your “needs” and “wants” when you plan.

Once your plan is set - **do it**. Do it as best you can, gratefully. If you have planned responsibly and through prayer, you should feel a sense of peace with your decisions.

For example, if you have small children or someone else to care for, you will need to make them one of your top priorities. If this is a new situation, you may even need to step back from other activities for the time being - and that is okay.

When we plan and use our gifts responsibly, we are good stewards and we share in the ministry of Jesus.

### ***What does being a good Christian steward of God’s gifts look like?***

When we accept our lives and everything around us as sheer gift from God, we cannot help but be grateful. This gratitude shapes the way we live every moment of every day as people of...

- Prayer in thanksgiving;
- Generosity of heart and resources;
- Awareness of our neighbors in need;
- Forgiveness, mercy and non-judgment;
- Courage to be voice for the voiceless;
- Awareness of our connection and solidarity to the global community;
- Action.

As a Christian steward and disciple of Jesus you are challenged to use your gifts, not for your own glory, but for the glory of God. You are invited to pray, make a plan, and then put your plan into action. The idea is to make a conscious decision out of gratitude to our most generous God, then act.



# Faith Formation

## *Welcome to the 2017-2018 Faith Formation Year*

If you have not yet registered your child, please do so **beginning October 23rd** by going to the website at [www.stsylvesterli.org](http://www.stsylvesterli.org) and go to Faith Formation and then Registration. If you would like to come in to the Faith Formation Office to register your child, please call 631-475-4506, Ext. 118 this week to make an appointment.

### *Reminders*

- There is a Level 7 Parent Meeting October 23rd **OR** 25th (during your child's class) at 7pm in the East Wing.
- There is a Level 6 Parent Meeting October 24th at 4:30pm **OR** October 25th at 5:45pm in the East Wing (during your child's class).
- O/S 1 Parents will meet October 24th at 5:45pm in the East Wing (during your child's class).

### **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.

### *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.

# Music Ministry

## October Choir Schedule



Choir	Rehearsal @ 7pm	Sing at 11am Mass
Children's	October 4th & 18th	October 8th & 22nd
Adult	October 11th & 25th	October 15th & 29th



# Parish Life

## THE WEEK AHEAD

*Sunday, October 22, 2017*

Children's Separate Liturgy at 11am Mass  
Coping with the Holidays ~ 1pm ~ East Wing

*Monday ~ October 23, 2017*

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ East Wing  
Level 7 Parent Meeting ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

*Tuesday ~ October 24, 2017*

Art Class ~ 9am ~ EW  
Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8  
Level 6 Parent Meeting ~ 4:30pm ~ East Wing

OS 1 Parent Meeting ~ 5:45pm ~ East Wing  
*Wednesday ~ October 25, 2017*

Adult Choir Rehearsal ~7pm~ Choir Room  
Level 6 Parent Meeting ~ 5:45pm ~ East Wing  
Level 7 Parent Meeting ~ 7pm ~ East Wing  
RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room

*Thursday ~ October 26, 2017*

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2  
Wedding Rehearsal ~ 6pm ~ Church

*Friday ~ October 27, 2017*

Senior Circle of Friends ~ 12:30pm ~ East Wing  
Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

*Saturday, October 28, 2017*

Art Class ~ 9am ~ East Wing  
Wedding ~ Amanda Politi & Fernando Beltran  
~ 2:30pm ~ Church

## Senior Circle of Friends

The Senior Circle of Friends meet

on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

Their next meeting is

October 27 at 12:30pm in **East Wing**. Come join us for fun and games. Bring a friend and meet some new ones!



Fun for Seniors



*May God Bless*

*Carlos Fernando Beltran*

&

*Amanda Politi*

*as they marry at St. Sylvester*

*Saturday, October 28, 2017 ~ 2:30pm*

*Sweet!*

Holy Angels Regional School will have their annual candy sale after all Masses, next weekend, October 28th & 29th. Yum!!



"God always knocks at the door of hearts. He likes to do this. It comes from His heart."

Pope Francis



# Parish Life

We've Only Just Begun!



Excavation began on Thursday, October 12th on the northeast side of the Parish Center. Once the outside of the foundation is all repaired and sealed up, we will be able to begin the repairs on the inside of Patricia Desmond Hall (Parish Center Lower Level).

Stay *tunea* for future updates!





# A Letter from the Bishop



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 15, 2017

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Since my installation in January, I have had the joyful opportunity to visit many of the Diocese's parishes, schools and ministries. Thank you for your commitment to the pursuit of holiness and mission in every dimension of your lives. Thank you for your intimacy with Father, Son and Holy Spirit and your deep desire to share your Catholic faith on Long Island and to be instruments of *dramatic missionary growth*. Your commitment to the Catholic Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy to the World has inspired me at every turn.

As your Servant Successor of the Apostles and as your Shepherd, I am now asking all of us together to take a new and important step in the Church's Eucharistic Mission of Mercy by announcing that the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be making a major commitment to the ongoing healing of survivors of acts of child sexual abuse committed by clergy.

As you may have heard, I announced this past week the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. This program follows years of meaningful and ever vigilant steps taken in this Diocese to protect children and youth. It is a critical and tangible next step towards reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors of acts of abuse committed by diocesan clergy.

Our Program will be administered by Mr. Kenneth Feinberg, a preeminent mediator in the country who has administered numerous high-profile compensation programs, including the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund and the Compensation Fund for the victims of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Feinberg will be aided by his colleague, Ms. Camille Biros, in this effort.

The Diocese has also established an Independent Oversight Committee to oversee the implementation and administration of the Program. This committee consists of the Honorable A. Gail Prudenti, Dean of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and former Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State; Michael Cardello III, a partner with the law firm of Moritt Hock & Hamroff; and Dr. Thomas Demaria, a New York State Psychologist who is the Director of the Psychological Services Center of the Doctoral Psychology Program at Long Island University Post.



# A Letter from the Bishop

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

The Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program builds on the reforms and best practices for protecting our children in the Catholic Church. The outreach of Bishops and survivors' assistance coordinators to survivors and their families, a firm zero tolerance policy and immediate reporting and cooperation with civil authorities, diocesan and parish audits, the ongoing training of clergy, employees and volunteers to prevent child abuse, extensive background checks on employees and volunteers, thorough screening of our seminarians preparing to be priests – these are examples of the proactive procedures which have been integrated into every dimension of the Catholic Church's life and will always require our moment by moment vigilance and commitment.

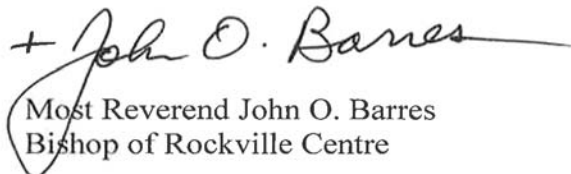
It is important to note that the funding for this program will come from investment returns over time and insurance programs. Of course, if we were not using these funds for this purpose they could have been used for other dimensions of the Church's mission. However, I am convinced that using these funds to help bring reconciliation, healing and compensation for survivors is a vitally important goal and commitment, and the critical next step in our Church's mission of mercy.

Pope Francis said that survivors of abuse and their families are "true heralds of hope and ministers of mercy". Each one of us in every parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the universal Church is called to pray, to sacrifice and to be instruments of healing for those who have experienced sexual abuse or any form of abuse. In this spirit, we are instruments of the Holy Spirit and the Divine Mercy.

To learn more about the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program, please visit the diocesan website [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) and click on "Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program" to access full Program information. ***You can visit the Program site directly by going to [www.RockvilleCentreDioceseIRCP.com](http://www.RockvilleCentreDioceseIRCP.com).***

We as a Church recognize that no amount of monetary compensation could ever erase or undo the grave harm suffered by survivors of child abuse. Still, we embrace Christ's healing power and the Mission of Mercy of the Catholic Church as we begin our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. We stand in solidarity with our survivors and their families and we continue our commitment and vigilance to the protection of children in our Church and in society. God bless you all and thank you for the inspirational way you live our Church's Mission of Mercy each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

# Holiday Gift Cards

Fill your Christmas Stocking - we offer over 300 retailer gift cards! The first *order will be placed on Monday 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	
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!**



# Diocesan News

## *Golden Wedding Celebration*

This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a liturgy on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. It will begin at 2:30pm. Please call the parish office at 475-4506 ext 101 to register by November 6th .

## *Catholic High Schools Open Houses*

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education. Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

Sunday, October 22	10:30am—2pm	St. John the Baptist Diocesan HS
Sunday, October 22	1pm—3:30pm	St. Dominic HS

## *Eucharistic Adoration & Intercessory Prayer for Priests*

Tuesday, October 24

6pm—10pm

### **Locations**

**St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre**  
**St. Rosalie's, Hampton Bays**  
**St. Anthony of Padua ~ East Northport**  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mattituck**  
**Our Lady of the Island Shrine, Manorville**  
**Infant Jesus Chapel, St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson**



## *Healing after Abortion*

This 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 faithful priests who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. Saturday, December 9, 2017. To register contact Project Rachel at 888-456-4673 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org)

## *Religion and Rock*

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Rev. Msgr. Jim Vlaun, CEO and PRESIDENT of the Telecare Television Network on Sunday from 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End.

Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

# Community News

*Medford Taxpayers and Civic Association* is hosting "Candidate Debate Night" on Wednesday, October 25 starting at 6:30pm at our main Medford Firehouse on Oregon Avenue.

Suffolk County 7th Legislature: Christina Rignola vs. Robert Calarco

Brookhaven Town Supervisor: Jack Harrington vs. Edward Romaine

Medford's 4th Council District: Michael Loguercio vs. Dan Polner

Medford's 5th Council District: Lisa DiSanto vs. Neil Foley

*Medford Fire Department Blood Drive* ~ Tuesday, November 7th from 3:30pm—9:30pm at the Oregon Avenue Fire House. Hero sandwich and salads will be served and every donor will have the chance to win a free Christmas tree, all compliments of the Medford Fire Department. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Mike at 631-776-1632. Walk-ins are welcome!

*Free Mortgage Counseling Seminar ~ Stop Foreclosure* ~ hosted by Brookhaven Supervisor Edward Romaine and the Town Board, and presented by Long Island Housing Partnership. You have options. Know your rights. Understand your options. The **seminar is 7pm—8:30pm at Middle Country Public Library, Tuesday, October 24th**. For more information, please call 631-451-6600

*Widowed, Divorced, Separated ~ Beginning Experience Weekend* ~ The loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation is one of life's most traumatic experiences, often resulting in feelings of loneliness and grief. When those feelings remain, it can be overwhelming and hard to move forward. The Beginning Experience weekend is a grace filled time to focus on you . . .to feel understood by peers and experience a sense of peace and a renewed hope for the future. The next weekend is November 3-5, 2017 at the Montfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore. For information and reservations, call Mary at 516-413-6209 or Jeanne at 631-903-0973 or e-mail [BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com](mailto:BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com)

*World Wide Marriage Encounter* ~ help make your good marriage a great one! The next WWME weekends are at the Seminary in Huntington Nov 3-5. For more information, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit [www.wwmeli.org](http://www.wwmeli.org).

*Annual Chinese Auction at Church of the Resurrection in Farmingville* ~ Sunday, October 22. Doors open at 1:30pm. Admission is \$10 and includes 25 tickets, coffee and cake. Additional food items available for purchase. For more information or for advance ticket purchases, call 631-696-0270.

*Fall Open House* at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, Sunday, November 12 at 1pm. Call 516-323-4000 for more information.

*Women's Curcillo Weekend* ~ November 2-5 in Glen Cove. The Curcillo is a structured weekend, consisting of a series 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.

# Community News

**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 McCormick or Fr. Jerry Cestare at 631-941-4141 for more information.

**The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 8/9** will be hosting their 5th Annual Irish Tea. It will take place next Sunday, October 29 from 1pm to 4pm at the AOH Hall at 80 Magnolia Drive in Selden. Please come and enjoy friendship, tea, sandwiches, scones and an auction with wonderful gifts. Wear your pretty hat and bring your favorite tea cup. For tickets, call Dottie Dunn at 631-698-4940 or Phyllis Gossin at 631-732-9084.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes** will hold their annual Chinese Auction for the benefit of Good Shepherd Hospice & Sts. Cyril & Methodius Outreach and Children of Hope on Sunday, November 5. The auction will be held in the auditorium of the church, located at Half Hollow Road & Deer Park Avenue in Deer Park. Doors open at 12:30pm. Admission is \$10. In the past, this event has been sold out so buy your tickets early. Call Donna at 631-667-0503.

**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.

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**St. Margaret of Scotland in Selden** is having an Elvis Presley Show with impersonator Steve Mitchell, Saturday, November 4th from 7pm—11pm in their auditorium. The show is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 7262. Finger foods, beer, wine, soda, coffee & cake included. Tickets are \$25. Call Joe Callari for info and tickets at 631-320-3363 or 631-445-4024.

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