



# St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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

YOU  
SHALL

LOVE

THE LORD  
YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART



WITH ALL YOUR  
SOUL

AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.

THIS IS THE GREATEST  
AND THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT:

YOU  
SHALL

LOVE

YOUR  
NEIGHBOR  
AS YOURSELF.

October 29, 2017

30th 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 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

## **Monday, October 30, 2017**

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

## **Tuesday, October 31, 2017**

8:30am Florence Duggan  
5:00pm Virginia Ann Muscianisi

## **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester  
7:00pm Owen Pabon

## **Thursday, November 2, 2017**

8:30am For All Souls  
7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

## **Saturday, November 4, 2017**

5:00pm For All Souls  
Francesca Frega  
Edward Turowski (2nd Anniversary)  
Sal, Carmela & Robert Toscano  
Luigi Russo & Family  
Cesarino Family  
Mildred & Gerald Prentiss

## **Sunday, November 5, 2017**

7:30am For All Souls  
9:00am For All Souls  
11:00am For All Souls

## **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, Theresa Golembroski, Barbara Vattiato, Roger Chin-Sang, Jenna Knoblauch, Sasba 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 Gebrig, Angelina Pagano, Ricky Langhorn, Edward Rafferty*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

10/30:	Rom 8:12-17	Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21
	Lk 13:10-17	
10/31:	Rom 8:18-25	Ps 126:1-6
	Lk 13:18-21	
11/1:	Rev 7:2-4, 9-14	Ps 24:1-6
	1 Jn 3:1-3	Mt 5:1-12
11/2:	Wis 3:1-9	Ps 23:1-6
	Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9	Jn 6:37-40
11/3:	Rom 9:1-5	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
	Lk 14:1-6	
11/4:	Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29	Ps 94:12-15, 17-18
	Lk 14:1, 7-11	
11/5:	Mal 1:14—2:2, 8-10	Ps 131:1-3
	1 Thes 2:7-9, 13	Mt 23:1-12

## First Saturday Devotion



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

next Saturday, November 4  
at 9am in the Worship Room.

## All Saints Day

### Wednesday, November 1st

Mass will be celebrated:

Tuesday, October 31st at 5:00pm

Wednesday, November 1st at 8:30am

and 7:00pm



**All offices will be closed Wednesday,  
November 1st.**

**Please note: there will be no 8:30am  
Mass Friday, November 3rd.**

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

Arlene Elizabeth Graham, Mae Kocher,  
Jean Mouscardy, Sean Patrick Dixon

# Stewardship

## *Gifts of Treasure*

**October 22, 2017**

*Regular ~ \$7,949*

*Renovation ~ \$50    Solar ~ \$100*

## ***Catholic Ministries Appeal 2017***

Designated Goal:	\$65,100.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$48,705.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	74.8%
Number of Donors to Date:	164

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

PLEDGE:     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Next weekend, November 4 & 5, there is a second envelope marked "Catholic Ministries Appeal". Once again, we are very close to receiving a rebate from the Appeal. If you have not done so already, please consider making a donation to Catholic Ministries Appeal by placing the specially marked envelope in the regular collection basket.

Thank you in advance!

## *Reflection*

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship—joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities and resources—to meet our neighbor's need.

## *Living Stewardship*

We are grateful for all stewards whose outlook is challenged and changed as a result of embracing Stewardship leading to a new way of life.

## **WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE AS WE SHARE OUR GIFTS!**



Today you have received our *Annual Report of Parish Life*. We thank God and thank you for your generosity to the Church and for your willingness to participate in and support the work of our parish family in a responsible fashion. This week we celebrate All Saints Day. We will remember those who have come before us in faith. Their responsible stewardship, witness and love of God, provide inspiration and examples of holiness for us today. We'll reflect upon how sharing **our** God given gifts, time and our financial resources, will help give witness of our faith to those who come after us!

*Stewardship*  
**Our Way of Life**

***We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ before God our Father, knowing brothers and sisters, loved by God, how you were chosen.***

1 Thessalonians 1:1-4



# Stewardship News

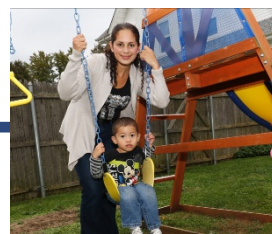
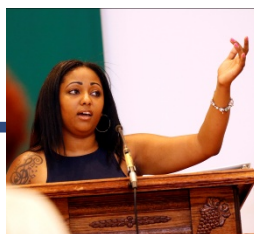
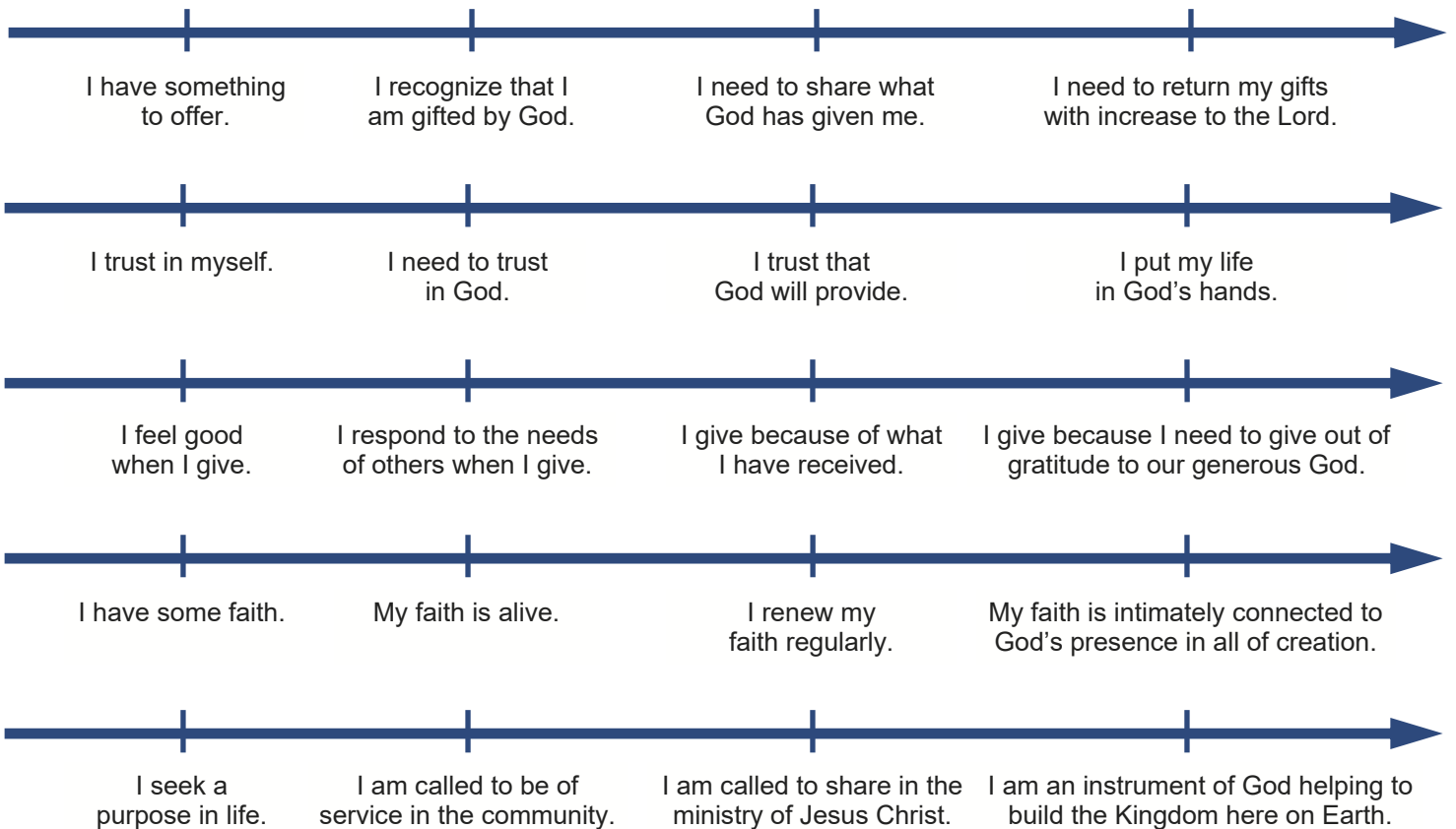
## ~ *Accountability*



Whenever we allow ourselves to pause and take the time to pray and listen to God’s plan for us, there is the potential to “take-a-step” on our faith journey and experience spiritual conversion. As steward disciples, we are well aware that conversion is possible only by accepting God’s grace joined with our desire to follow more closely and deepen our relationship with Jesus.

This relationship requires us to be conscious of our choices and the actions of our lives. We are called to ask how we have been a good steward of the people, talents and resources that surround us. We are invited to pray and discover the difference between our needs versus our wants. We are continually encouraged to make space in our hearts and lives for Christ to dwell.

*Where are you on your spiritual journey? Can you Take-A-Step in faith?*





# Stewardship

It is our responsibility as a Stewardship Parish to make available to you the status of our finances, ministries and sacraments. The Annual Report of Parish Life that follows over the next few pages gives an overview of our current finances and also provides details on our ministries and the number of those receiving sacraments.

*Thank you for your continued spiritual, ministerial and financial support.*

## *Financial Stewardship ~ September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017*

### Revenues

Total Regular Collections	Includes Christmas, Easter, Flowers, Fuel & Air Conditioning	654,163
Total Fund Raising	Includes Holiday Fair, Plant Sales, Gift Card (Scrip) Sales, Pancake Breakfast, Dinner for Doors, Taste of Medford +, etc.	\$119,870
Total Parish Programs	Includes Faith Formation, Outreach, Thrift Shop, etc.	\$129,359
Total Other Revenue	Includes Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings, Votive Candles, Rent, Grants, Bulletin Income, Bequests, etc.	\$77,041
Total National/Diocesan Collections	Includes Diocesan, Mission, etc.	\$21,093
Total Non Operating Revenue	Includes Interest & Early Payment Discounts	\$5,710

**Total Income: \$1,007,236**

### Expenditures

Total Salaries		\$385,261
Total Fringe Benefits	Health Insurance, Disability, Pension, FICA, , etc.	\$109,202
Total Fund Raising Expense	Includes Initial Purchase of All Gift Cards (Scrip), Holiday Fair, Plant Sales, Pancake Breakfast, Dinner for Doors, Taste of Medford +, etc.	\$87,853
Total Parish Programs	Includes Faith Formation, Outreach, Thrift Shop, etc.	\$69,053
Total School Subsidies	Holy Angels Regional School	\$88,380
Total Printing & Office		\$56,731
Total Other Expenditures	Includes Diocesan Assessment, Liturgical, Hospitality, etc.	\$92,010
Total Rectory/Household	Includes Food, Laundry, Household	\$7,918
Total Diocesan Collections	Includes Diocesan, Mission, etc.	\$21,093
Total Building, Utilities, & Maintenance	Includes Utilities, Insurance, Maintenance, etc.	\$155,279

**Total Expenditures: \$1,072,780**

**Total Deficit: (\$65,544)**

# Stewardship

## Current Parish Support Contributions

Over the past fiscal year, an average of 664 families a month received envelopes in the mail. Throughout the year, approximately 319 families use their envelopes. We are happy to report that the majority of envelope users give more than \$10 per week!

The envelope giving pattern of our parish as a whole for an average weekend this year is shown in the following chart:

Number of Families	Amount Per Week
3	\$1 or less /week
37	\$1—5/week
74	\$6—10/week
92	\$11—20/week
53	\$21—30/week
22	\$31—40/week
18	\$41—60/week
20	\$61 or more/week

*We also have 80 parishioners who use Faith Direct Electronic Giving for their weekly donations which average approximately \$3,372 weekly .*

We ask that you consider how an increase in your shared gifts can help you further participate in the vision of Jesus for the world as you make this year's commitment to financial stewardship in our parish (by participating in the mission of the parish) and to other charities and organizations.

Our contributions are received through envelopes, Faith Direct and loose cash put into the collection baskets during Mass. Those that use the envelopes or Faith Direct have the option to claim the charitable donation on their tax returns.

*"Tell the rich in the present age not to be proud and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth but rather on God, who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life."*

*~1Timothy 6:17-19*

# Stewardship

## DATA ON PARISH SACRAMENTS & MINISTRIES 2016

Infant Baptisms (Under One Year Old)	77
Child Baptisms (Ages 1-7)	13
First Holy Communions	120
R.C.I.A. First Communions (Adults)	3
R.C.I.A. Baptisms (Adults)	0
Adults in R.C. I. A.	13
Confirmations (Level 8)	104
Confirmations (Adult)	13
Marriages	15
Funeral Masses	63
Parish Children in Holy Angels School	14
Children in Faith Formation Program	802
People Served by Parish Social Ministry	5,134
Parish Ministries or Activities	70
Total Daily & Sunday Masses (Not including Holy Days)	413
Total Registered Families	4,254

### Gardening Club Ministry Beautifies Parish Grounds

Our 19 Gardening Ministers are the environmental caretakers of the church property, ensuring that all areas around the grounds reflect the beauty of nature. These ministers are responsible for the designing, planting, weeding and pruning of 20 different sections around the church, parish center, rectory and parking lot. During the spring planting season alone, our Gardening Ministers put down approximately 100 bags of mulch — a vast undertaking!



The Gardening Ministry also organizes our Fall and Spring Flower Sales, helping to bring beauty to our parishioners' homes as well!

### Lazarus Ministry of Consolation Offers Support, Comfort to Families of the Deceased

In 2016, our Lazarus Ministry of Consolation members assisted with 63 funerals here in the parish as well as our annual Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day.



When a funeral is called into the church, our Ministry of Consolation schedulers contact Lazarus companions who

meet with the family/next of kin of the deceased to explain the funeral liturgy and assist with details such as selecting the appropriate readings and music, as well as discuss who will read and bring up the gifts of bread and wine. The companion will also bring any special requests and needs to the parish's attention and will be present at the wake and/or funeral Mass as a physical support to the grieving.

Our Ministry of Consolation greeters are present at the funeral Mass to hand out the funeral booklets made by our Lazarus booklet makers, help seat those in attendance when needed and assist with any special situations which arise. Many of our Consolation Ministers are also EM's who will distribute the Eucharist for the Mass. All members of this ministry generously offer their God-given gifts for the benefit of our parish families.

*Stewardship*  
**Our Way of Life**



# Faith Formation

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

If you have not yet registered your child, please do so 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 are no Faith Formation classes Monday, October 30th, Tuesday, October 31st or Wednesday, November 1st.
- Level 1 Parents and Children will meet next Saturday, November 4 at 9am in the Parish Center. Parents, please sign your child in and out of their classroom (**not in the Parish Center Lower Level as the calendar states**) and then proceed to the East Wing for a presentation. Parents must remain in the building while their child is here! **Please have your child bring their folder, workbook, pencil and completed 1st Mass Reflection Form.**
- Home Taught children will meet Saturday, November 4 from 10:30am to 12pm in the Parish Center. Parents, please sign your child in & out of their classroom. **Have your child bring their folder, workbook and their completed 1st Mass Reflection Form.**

### **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.

# 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 meets first Thursdays at 7pm in Clare House. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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](mailto:jmcmahon@stsyvesterli.org)

### **Contact Outreach Ministry:**

631-475-4506 press 5+1  
[clarehouse@stsyvesterli.org](mailto:clarehouse@stsyvesterli.org)

### **Contact Social Justice Ministry:**

631-475-4506 press 5+2  
[jmcmahon@stsyvesterli.org](mailto:jmcmahon@stsyvesterli.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 15th. We hope to facilitate Thanksgiving celebrations and share the bounty of the harvest season with those in need!

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### **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



## **Upcoming Events**

NO SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING NOV 2!

Mass of Remembrance - Thursday, November 2nd, 7pm in the Church

Thanksgiving Free Market - Wednesday, November 15th  
930am-12pm, 1-330pm, 530-730pm \*Clients Only\*

Christmas Holiday Event - Before and after Masses, Saturday,  
December 2nd, and Sunday, December 3rd in the East Wing

Christmas Free Market - Wednesday, December 13th  
930am-12pm, 1-330pm, 530-730pm \*Clients Only\*



# Parish Social Ministry

## Pope Francis launches Caritas campaign to assist victims of forced migration

AMERICA MAGAZINE - Gerard O'Connell  
September 27, 2017

Pope Francis today launched a two-year global campaign by Caritas Internationalis, called Share the Journey, to assist families forced to migrate and promote Catholic social teaching on refugees and migrants. There are 65.6 million forcibly displaced people in the world today, according to a United Nations agency, the most since just after World War II. Overall, there are 244 million migrants in the world, according to Caritas.

The pope announced the campaign at the end of his public audience in St. Peter's Square, telling thousands of pilgrims, "I encourage you to support this praiseworthy initiative as an expression of our solidarity with our many brothers and sisters in need." The campaign is calling, among other things, for a week of prayer and action for migrants and refugees Oct. 7 through 13, suggesting special prayers at Masses, prayer vigils and speaking events as ways to teach about people on the move. The campaign will also take advantage of designated days throughout the year to raise awareness, including the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12.

Presenting the campaign at a Vatican press conference, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, president of Caritas Internationalis, appealed to governments worldwide, "don't close the doors" to migrants "because you could be closing the doors to those who might enrich you." He recalled that his own grandfather came from China to the Philippines as a poor migrant. Cardinal Tagle explained that the Caritas campaign seeks to contribute to the building of stronger communities and more inclusive societies, to promote "the culture of encounter" across the globe, and to increase the opportunities for migrants and host communities to learn more about each other.

Caritas Internationalis is a global confederation of 165 national development agencies. It is the charitable arm of the Catholic church that works at diocesan, regional and international levels on issues such as poverty, migration, climate change, hunger, health and natural disaster. In many countries it is known under the name of Caritas, but in the United States it's called Catholic Relief Services.

At the press conference, the cardinal and other participants including Sister Norma Pimentel, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, made clear that all Caritas member organizations are invited to promote the campaign at local and national levels; bishops' conferences and local faith-based organizations are also invited to participate. The new initiative effort will give Catholics the opportunity to learn and explore Catholic social teaching on refugees and migrants, said Joan Rosenhauer, executive vice president of U.S. operations for C.R.S. "Catholic social teaching has clear messages of caring for strangers, the importance of hearing their stories and understanding their needs," she told Catholic News Service.

The campaign will be bolstered by support from ACT Alliance, a network of 145 Christian agencies worldwide, and a variety of other religious congregations and civil society organizations. The Jesuit Refugee Service is also fully engaged in this campaign. "The campaign is of the utmost importance "to open minds and hearts," Sister Pimentel told America.

As Pope Francis has said, the world is experiencing a humanitarian crisis the likes of which has not been seen for several decades. According to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, the 65.6 million forcibly displaced people in the world today include 22.2 million refugees, and 10 million stateless persons. Moreover, 28,300 people are forced to leave their homes each day because of armed conflict or persecution. The U.N. agency reports that 55 percent of the refugees come from three countries: Afghanistan, South Sudan and Syria. It reports that 30 percent of displaced people are being hosted in Africa, 26 percent in the Middle East and North Africa, 17 percent in Europe, 16 percent in the Americas and 11 percent in Asia and the Pacific. According to Caritas, the total number of migrants in the world increased from 173 million in 2000 to 244 million in 2015. The agency noted the most rapid increase in migration between 2000 and 2015 came from middle-income countries; there are now 157 million migrants from this group of nations.

Much of the campaign's effort will be focused on sharing stories about migrants and refugees, the struggles they face and why they chose to seek a better life elsewhere, said Kristin Witte, coordinator of domestic Catholic educational engagement at C.R.S., which is the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency. **"The hope is that through the stories that are presented, the images presented, that people will be moved from their place of comfort to a place of encounter. That's what the church is calling us to. That's what the pope is calling us to,"** she said. The Caritas coalition of Catholic organizations has developed a toolkit in English and Spanish that includes prayers, suggestions for activities for families, prayer groups, classrooms and clergy, and utilizing social media with references to #sharejourney. In Rome, Pope Francis extended a greeting to the representatives of Caritas Internationalis from many countries, gathered in Rome for the opening of the global effort, led by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, archbishop of Manila, the president of the organization.

At the audience today, the pope also greeted "the migrants, asylum seekers and refugees who, together with the workers of Italian Caritas and other Catholic organizations," were present in St. Peter's square. "You are the sign of a church that wishes to be open, inclusive and welcoming," he told them. He thanked them for their "tireless service" and said, "by your daily commitment, you remind us that Christ himself asks us to welcome with open arms our brothers and sisters [who are] migrants and refugees." He said the church "embraces everyone in the sharing of the common journey" with arms wide open, ready for a sincere, affectionate and enveloping embrace, somewhat like this colonnade of St. Peter's Square, that represents the mother church." He also greeted the representatives of the organizations of civil society that are engaged in assisting migrants and refugees, together with Caritas in Italy, who have gathered signatures to get the Italian parliament to approve a new law to grant citizenship to the hundreds of thousands of children of migrants who were born in Italy.

Caritas Internationalis, on its website, explains that the Share the Journey campaign has at its heart "the vision of a united, global human family." Its focus is on "our joint journey as people on the move in departure, transit and host communities." This public awareness campaign aims to promote opportunities and spaces for migrants and host communities to come together, to share stories and experiences with the aim of strengthening the bonds between them.



# Parish Life

## *THE WEEK AHEAD*

*Sunday, October 29, 2017*

Baptisms ~ 12:30pm ~ Church

*Monday ~ October 30, 2017*

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ East Wing

Parish Center will close from 12pm—2:30pm

Finance Committee Meeting ~ 7pm ~ EW

*Tuesday ~ October 31, 2017*

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

All Saints Day Vigil Mass ~ 5pm ~ Church

*Wednesday ~ November 1, 2017*

ALL OFFICES CLOSED

All Saints Day Masses ~ 8:30am & 7pm ~ Ch

*Thursday ~ November 2, 2017*

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Mass of Remembrance ~ 7pm ~ Church

*Friday ~ November 3, 2017*

NO 8:30am MASS

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

*Saturday, November 4, 2017*

First Saturday Devotion ~ 9am ~ Worship Rm

Level 1 Children & Parents~9am~ Parish Center

Home Taught Classes~ 10:30am ~ Parish Center



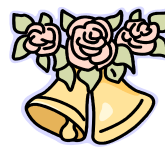
Daylight Savings  
Time ends **next**  
**weekend . . .**don't  
forget to turn your  
clocks back 1 hour!

## *PLEASE READ!*

The Parish Center will be closed Monday,  
October 30th from 12noon to 2:30pm.



All offices will closed be Wednesday, Novem-  
ber 1 for All Saints Day.



*Congratulations to  
Joan & Alfred Zerafa*

for providing a wonderful  
witness to the vocation of married life. They  
marked their Golden Wedding Anniversary  
with a Mass celebrated at St. Rose Of Lima  
Church in Massapequa on October 22.



## Mass of Remembrance

Thursday

November 2, 2017 ~ 7:00pm

*Come and pray with us for all who have died,  
particularly those who have been buried from  
this parish in the past year.*

# Holiday Gift Cards

Fill your Christmas Stocking - we offer over 300 retailer gift cards! The next *order will be placed on **Monday morning, November 6th** 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	
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**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!

**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).

**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.

**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.

**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.

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