

St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763

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



“For whoever is not against us is for us.
Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink
because you belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you,
will surely not lose his reward.”

September 30, 2018

26th 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, September 29, 2018

5:00pm Elisa Vilar Lucas
 Gasper DiBenedetto
 Christine Fischer
 John Vigiano
 Steven Napolitano
 Antonia Calamarco

Sunday, September 30, 2018

7:30am Thomas Clark
 9:00am William J. Buckley
 11:00am May Mularoni

Monday, October 1, 2018

8:30am For the People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

8:30am Special Intention

Friday, October 5, 2018

8:30am Richard Louis Poelker

Saturday, October 6, 2018

5:00pm Joseph Caracciolo
 Anthony J. Germano
 Thomas Connolly, Jr.
 Loyda, Jesus, Ella and Pol Clemente
 Carmine Ortello

Sunday, October 7, 2018

7:30am John Payne
 9:00am Freda Phelan
 11:00am Joseph Burke

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

10/1:	Jb 1:6-22 Lk 9:46-50	Ps 17:1-3, 6-7
10/2:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Mt 18:1-5, 10	Ps 88:2-8
10/3:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Lk 9:57-62	Ps 88:10-15
10/4:	Jb 19:21-27 Lk 10:1-12	Ps 27:7-9, 13-14
10/5:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Lk 10:13-16	Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14
10/6:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Lk 10:17-24	Ps 119:66, 17, 75, 91, 125, 130
10/7:	Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11	Ps 128:1-6 Mk 10:2-16

Communion for the Homebound



Do you know someone who is no longer able to attend Mass but would like to receive the Eucharist? Please have them or their family member call Parish Outreach at 475-4506 ext 122 to arrange for a visit from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

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, Jack Frey, William Arens, Betty DeFrancis, John Katsiafas, Vivian Bollmann, Lois Eckert, Eileen Cavalcante, Paul Mazza, Danielle Gilkes, Dr. Brian Hawkins

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

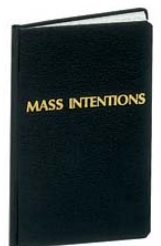
*Marcell Frey, Kenneth F. Keppler,
 Lillian Bigus, Catherine Hines*

PLEASE READ

There will be no 8:30 am Mass on Thursday, October 4th, 2018

There will be no First Saturday Devotion Saturday, October 6th, 2018.

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



We Pray

Blessing of the Animals

The family is defined as the “Domestic Church”, (Cf *Lumen Gentium* 11) that is, in every Christian family the different aspects and functions of the life of the entire Church may be reflected: mission; catechesis; witness; prayer, blessings, etc. And so the Church encourages the faithful to exercise their God given right to bless those things we love the most....like our pets.

We encourage you to use the blessing below to bless your pets right at home.



At the beginning of the celebration, the Leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All reply:

Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the Leader reads sacred Scripture:

Genesis 2:20a

The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals.

Psalm 8:7-9a

**You have given him rule over the works of your hands,
putting all things under his feet;
All sheep and oxen,
yes, and the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea.**

The Leader then says the prayer of blessing.

**O God,
you have done all things wisely;
in your goodness you have made us in your image
and given us care over other living things.**



**Reach out with your right hand
and grant that these animals may serve our needs
and that your bounty in the resources of this life
may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life.**

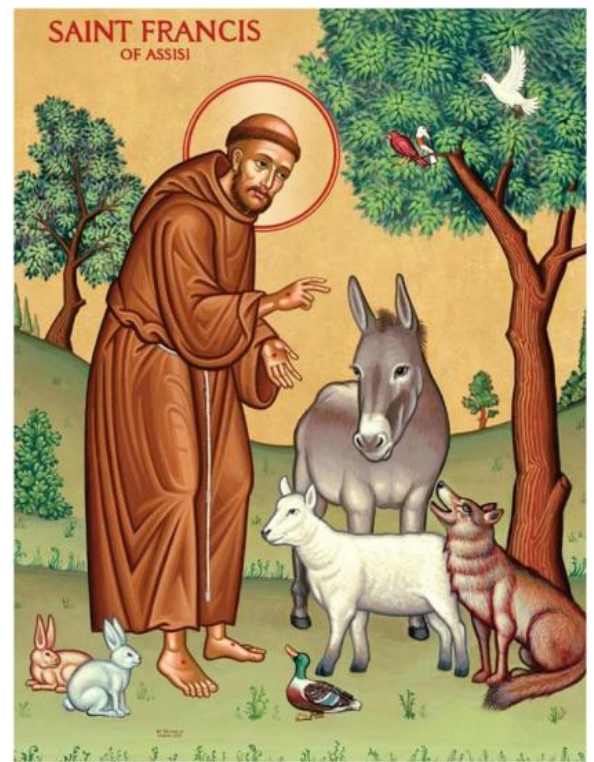
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

We Pray

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



Feast Day is October 4th

Faith Formation

Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Blessed Spirit of *Wisdom*, help us to seek You as the center of our lives so that we may live in love and harmony with You and with all people.

Blessed Spirit of *Understanding*, enlighten our minds so that we may know and love others, especially those of different cultures, beliefs, and economic situations.

Blessed Spirit of *Counsel*, guide us in all our ways so that we may be open to Your holy will and follow You in our decisions.

Blessed Spirit of *Fortitude*, strengthen our souls in every time of trouble or adversity. Make us confident and courageous in promoting justice and peace.

Blessed Spirit of *Knowledge*, help us to know good from evil. Give us clear vision and a global perspective. Teach us to do what is right in Your sight

Blessed Spirit of *Piety*, possess our hearts. Incline them to a closer relationship with You so that, with our whole person, we may see You, our deepest joy.

Blessed Spirit of *Holy Fear*, give us a sense of awe and reverence so that we may be mindful of Your presence and of your divine image in every person.

Come to us, Holy Spirit of Jesus. Give us your holy gifts.



God Bless our Confirmation Candidates who will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit this Thursday, October 4th. Please remember them and Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski in your prayers.

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. We encourage you to register before October 5.

Level 1 begins Saturday, October 13th at 9am in the Church.

Home Taught Levels 3, 4, and 5 will begin on Saturday, October 13th, 2018 at 10:30am in the Parish Center.

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

Level 2 through 7

Older Sacraments 1 & 2

Older Sacraments 6 & 7



If have not yet registered your child, please do so **before October 5th** by going to the website at 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, **before October 5th**, to make an appointment.

Children's Liturgy Of the Word

We are happy to announce that we will be having Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11am Mass on October 14th and October 28th.



What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

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

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

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

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

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@stsyvesterli.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@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 14th. We hope to facilitate Thanksgiving celebrations and share the bounty of the harvest season with those in need!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

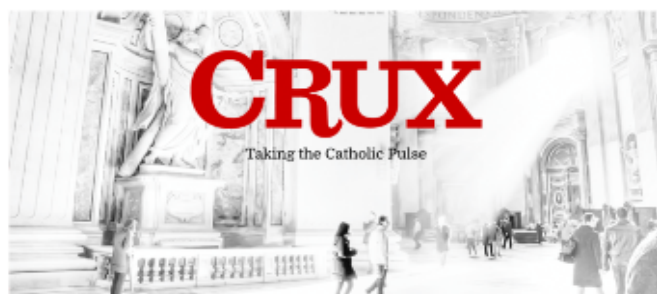
Thanksgiving Items Needed:

- 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



Romero, El Salvador's First Saint

Inés San Martín May 19, 2018 ROME BUREAU CHIEF

Oscar Romero, who will become the first Salvadoran saint, was born on August 15, 1917. He was gunned down during Mass in a hospital chapel March 24, 1980, a day after telling an army made up largely of peasants that they were killing their own people.

"No soldier is obliged to obey an order that is contrary to the will of God," he said.

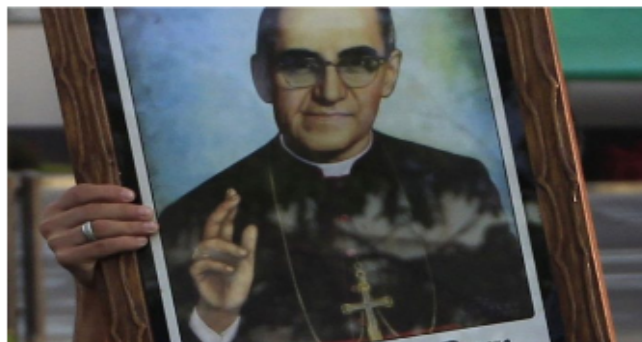
He was shot through the heart by gunmen linked to a right-wing death squad while celebrating Mass, after saying, "one must not love oneself so much as to avoid getting involved in the risks of life that history demands of us, and those who fend off danger will lose their lives."

Romero was outspoken against military oppression during his country's bloody civil war in the 1980s, and also of the role the United States played in it.

In a letter he sent to U.S. president Jimmy Carter in February of 1980, he urged America not to send military aid to El Salvador: "You say that you are Christian. If you are really Christian, please stop sending military aid to the military here, because they use it only to kill my people."

His death is considered by the Catholic Church to have been in "odium fidei," meaning in hatred of the faith.

Romero was beatified in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, in a ceremony that drew an estimated 250,000 people, believed to have been the largest religious gathering ever held in Central America.



When the recognition of martyrdom for Romero was announced in Rome in 2015, Italian Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, the Vatican official who has championed Romero's cause for canonization, said that sainthood for the El Salvadoran prelate wouldn't have been possible without emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, who, he said, gave the green light to restart the process in December 2012.

Prior to that, Romero's cause had been blocked for the better part of three decades, in part because some observers felt he was killed less for religious reasons than for his politics.

Benedict XVI was an "extraordinary interlocutor" for the cause, even as a cardinal, Paglia said, insisting on the fact that "robust objections require a robust response."

The Salvadoran prelate is conventionally seen as a champion of Liberation Theology, which was partially condemned by the Vatican in the 1980s for its tendency to mix Marxist social analysis and concepts such as "class struggle" with religious commitments.

Yet Peruvian Theologian Father Gustavo Gutiérrez, widely considered the founding father of Liberation Theology, has repeatedly said that Romero didn't belong to the movement.

Speaking to Crux in San Salvador ahead of Romero's beatification back in 2015, he said the martyr didn't adhere to any particular theological path, to one school or the other.

Romero was not "cloistered or encapsulated in only one current," Gutiérrez said.

If anything, Gutiérrez said, Romero was a traditional person, "but in the good sense: Not exactly conservative, but a very pious person."

Among the lesser-known facts of Romero was his close relationship with the personal prelature Opus Dei, though for decades they remained quiet about the connection.

For almost 15 years Romero had a spiritual director/confessor from Opus Dei - first Father Juan Aznar and later Father Fernando Saenz, who would replace Romero as Archbishop of San Salvador after his death.

Romero went to the beach with a group of Opus Dei friends on the morning of the day he was killed; and in 1975, after the death of its founder, Josemaría Escrivá, Romero sent a letter to Paul VI asking the pope to jumpstart his canonization process.

His funeral took place at the cathedral six days after he was murdered. An estimated 200,000 people attended the service, which was interrupted by gunfire that left between 30 to 50 people dead. His murderers remain unpunished.

According to Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chavez, during the 2007 assembly of the conference of Latin American bishops in Aparecida, Brazil, a priest asked then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, today Pope Francis, what he thought about Romero.

Bergoglio reportedly said that "to me [Romero] is a saint and a martyr ... If I were pope, I would have already canonized him."

He will do so October 14.

Stewardship

Gifts of Treasure *September 23rd, 2018*

Regular ~ \$9,352
Renovation ~ \$85 Solar ~ \$30

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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.

Respect Life Sunday



On Respect Life Sunday, October 7th, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity comes in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work by placing the specially marked ***Respect Life*** envelope in the regular collection basket.

Reflection

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

Living Stewardship

We are grateful for all stewards who share their time and resources to support our parish Food Pantry and programs like Catholic Charities' Nutrition Outreach Education Project (NOEP).

IS PHYSICAL STRENGTH ONE OF YOUR GIFTS?

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

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

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

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



Parish Life

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Monday ~ October 1, 2018

Drawing Class ~ 10am ~ PDH

Carmelite Council Meeting~6:30pm~Clare House

Baptism Class ~ 7pm ~ East Wing

Tuesday ~ October 2, 2018

Art Class ~ 9am ~ PDH

Legion of Mary ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Overeaters Anonymous ~ 7pm ~ Room 9

Choir Rehearsal ~ 7:30pm ~ Choir Room

Wednesday October 3, 2018

Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ 10:30am ~ EW

RCIA Inquiry ~ 7pm ~ EW

Community Dance Rehearsal ~ 8:30pm ~ PDH

Thursday ~ October 4, 2018

NO MORNING MASS

Al-Anon ~ 9:45am ~ Room 2

Confirmation ~ 10am & 1pm ~ Church

Friday ~ October 5, 2018

Charismatic Prayer Group ~ 8pm ~ WR

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Fall Flower Sale ~ 10am—6:15pm

The Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets once a month to knit, crochet, pray and share patterns. The lap robes and shawls are lovingly brought to the sick and homebound, Good Shepherd Hospice, Brookhaven Hospice and dialysis patients. Just this past month, 12 lap robes were given to Medford Multicare Center, and 24 were given to Brookhaven Hospice.

Their next meeting will be this Wednesday, October 3rd at 10:30am

Donations of yarn are appreciated and can be left in the Parish Office. New members are always welcome!

Gift Cards

An everyday fundraiser here at St. Sylvester is our Scrip program, where **gift cards** can be purchased for grocery and retail stores as well as restaurants. Every time you purchase a gift card, our parish receives a percentage of the sale, at no extra cost to you! Gift cards can be given as a present or can be used by you! Please consider purchasing gift cards after Mass or during the week in the Parish Office for:

Applebee's ~ \$25

Cheesecake Factory ~ \$25

King Kullen ~ \$25 & \$50

Meat Farms ~ \$20

Panera Bread~ \$25

Red Lobster ~ \$25

ShopRite ~ \$25 & \$100

Stop & Shop ~ \$25, \$50 & \$100

Target ~ \$25

BAPTISM

Let us welcome the newly baptized into our community of Faith during the Month of September 2018

Alana Rose Borgia

Emma Dawn Connolly

Ariella Marie Izzo

Camden Lawrence Liso

Aubrey Carol Rotermund



Parish Life

St. Sylvester's Fall Flower Sale

Saturday, October 6: 10am—6:15pm

Sunday, October 7: 8am—12:30pm



9" Pots: \$6

Montauk Daisies
Mums
Asters
Kale

4" Pots: \$2

Mums

6" Pots: \$6

Pansies

Hanging Plants

\$15

Mums

In the Community

Family Fun ~ Build a Scarecrow ~ at the Carnegie Library lawn, 160 West Main Street, Patchogue, Saturday, October 6th from 10:30am—11:30am. Build and decorate your own life sized scarecrow. YOU bring the pants, shirt and head to dress him/her. The Library will provide the wooden frame, stuffing and refreshments. Register online at www.pmlib.org

Stand Up For Life Rally ~ Next Sunday, October 7 ~ 2pm—3:30pm rain or shine at Long Island Expressway Exit 70S on County Route 111. All Pro-Life believers are welcome!

Fatima Day ~ Saturday, October 13th at Our Lady of the Island Shrine: 10am~ Pray the Rosary at the Rosary Walk, 11:30am ~ Mass, 1:30pm ~ Presentation. *Fatima Under the Stars*~ 7pm—9pm: Film, Rosary and Presentation. For more information, call 631-325-0661.

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.

Weekly Farmers Market ~ support your local growers and come to the Farmers Market at Brookhaven Town Hall South Parking Lot every Thursday from 2pm to 6pm, through October 25th. Buy the freshest Long Island fruits and vegetables and discover all the great produce grown right in our own backyard!

In the Community

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.

Anger Management Group ~ for ages 15—18. Examine triggers of anger, learn to change how you look at situations, and develop healthy ways to express anger and frustration. Fridays, October 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at Brookhaven Town Hall. Please call 631-451-8011 to register.

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.

Diocesan News

Golden Wedding Celebration



This Fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a liturgy on Sunday, October 21st at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Mass will begin at 2:30pm. Please call the Parish Office at 631-475-4506 ext 101 to register before Oct. 12th.



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, September 30	10am—1pm	St. Anthony's HS
Saturday, October 13	10am—1pm	Kellenberg Memorial HS
Saturday, October 13	2pm—4pm	Chaminade HS
Sunday, October 14	2pm—4:30pm	St. Mary's HS
Saturday, October 20	11pm—2pm	Holy Trinity Diocesan HS
Sunday, October 21	10am—1pm	St. John the Baptist Diocesan HS
Sunday, October 21	1pm—3:30pm	St. Dominic HS



Faith & Football

2018 Catholic Young Adult Speaker Series

Takes place Thursday, October 4th at Mulcahy's Pub & Concert Hall. Doors open at 7pm, game watch and social begin at 8:30pm. The topic will be "Is God Listening?" For ages 21—39. Beer & wings provided. For more information call 516-678-5800 x 277 or visit www.drvcya.org



Bishop Barres' Pastoral Letter

On the Occasion of the October 14th Canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero

To read Bishop Barres' Pastoral Letter, please go to:

<https://www.drvc.org/images/temp/PadrePioEnglishSpanish.pdf>

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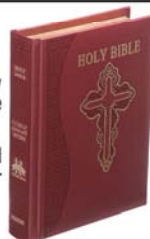
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