St. Sylvester R. C. Church

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford, NY 11763 www.stsylvesterli.org (631) 475-4506

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

Eucharist:

Saturday 5pm; Sunday 9am & 11am. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 8:30am in the Church. Rosary recitation begins at 8:15am before morning Mass. Holy Days as announced.

Baptisms:

Celebrated on pre-determined dates. *Prior to making plans*, please call the Parish Center for Baptism dates, for preparation class dates, and important information regarding Godparents.

Reconciliation/Confession:

For those seeking spiritual healing. Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm in the Sacristy or by appointment 631-475-4506, Ext. 101 or email dsuglia@drvc.org.

Confirmation:

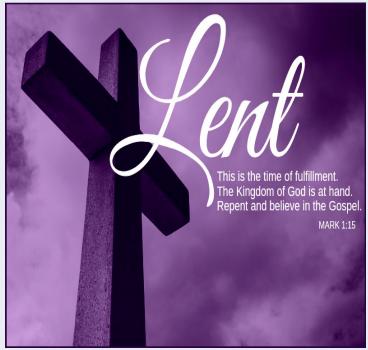
In the Fall for the youth of the parish. Adults and young adults can also be confirmed at Pentecost. Please call the Faith Formation Office 631-475-4506, Ext. 118.

Marriage:

Friday @ 3, 4:30, 6pm; Saturday @ 11:00am, 12:30pm, & 2:00pm. 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 & Dying:

For those needing surgery or serious medical treatment and for those in danger of death. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1515, the Sacrament should be received once, unless during an illness the sick person's health worsens, or for subsequent surgeries, or after recovery they begin a new illness. They may then receive it again. Every second Friday of the month @ 8:30am Mass, or call the Rectory at 631-475-0418 any time.



The First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

Pastoral Leadership Team

Rev. Dennis A. Suglia, Pastor

Rev. Dan Picciano, Weekend Assistant

Deacon Joseph Mystkowski, Retired

Deacon George Riegger, Retired

Michael Lofaro, Administrator, Faith Formation

Frances McMahon, Director,
Faith Formation & Music Ministers

Justin McMahon, Director,

Parish Social Ministry

Lori Zito, Director, Parish Ministries & Events

Office Information

Parish Office: (631) 475-4506, ext. 101; Fax (631) 475-1057; email: parishoffice@stsylvesterli.org

Mon., Wed. & Fri. ~ 9am-12pm

Faith Formation Office: (631) 475-4506, ext. 118; email: faithformation@stsylvesterli.org Please call (631) 475-4506, ext. 118 to make an appointment and we will be happy to serve you!

Parish Social Ministry at Clare House: (631) 475-4506, ext. 122; Fax (631) 475-6058

Please call the number above or press the number "5" on the parish phone message for assistance.

Thrift Shop: (631) 475-4506, ext. 124. Closed until further notice.



Pastoral Council: The members of our Pastoral Council listed below meet with Fr. Suglia monthly to discern the needs and hopes for the future of our parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they carry out this important responsibility:

Patricia Coppola Nancy Di Santo Amanda Gentile Tom Mowat Ashley Perrone Bill Sisco

We Pray

Saturday, February 20, 2021

5:00pm Annette Bourdon

Walter Touhey Marie Touhey Larisa McCue

Sunday, February 21, 2021

9:00am Dennis Sossich

11:00am Raymond & Lisette Coughlin

Monday, February 22, 2021

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:30am Marie LoSchiavo

Thursday, February 25, 2021

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Friday, February 26, 2021

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Saturday, February 27, 2021 5:00pm Carol Wilson

Sunday, February 28, 2021

9:00am Manuel & Maria Fernandes

11:00am Sal, Carmela, Phil & Robert Toscano



There are still a number of 2021 announced Mass intentions available for both weekday and weekend Masses. Our Parish Office is open

on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am-12pm for you to arrange for an announced Mass and/or pick up a Mass card.



We remember and pray for those who have died, especially:

Loretta Romaine & Fay Maria Hummer.

If you have had a close family member pass away and would like him or her placed on this list, please send the name of the deceased with the correct spelling, along with your name and contact information, to:

ecareccia@stsylvesterli.org
or call 631-475-4506, ext. 101.
Thank you and God bless.



The Bread and Wine used at this weekend's liturgies

are the gifts of

The St. Sylvester Staff

in loving memory of our co-worker

Anne Marie Callahan

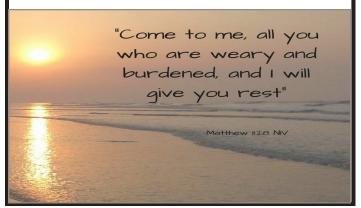
We Pray



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

John McGarvey, Grace Stephens, Thomas Wilson, Julio Munoz, Brian Greck, Anna Maria Gutierrez Barbara Eustace, Bill Berger and Krista Teigland.

In order to keep our Sick List up to date, we will remove all names at the end of each month. Simply call or email the Parish Office if you wish to place someone on the list. Please remember that for the sake of privacy, this request must be made by either the sick person him/herself, or by an immediate family member. Thank you.



Fast and Abstinence During Lent

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive should observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.



Please pray for world peace and all public servants including the following who are serving on active duty:

Captain Meghan Munisteri, D.O., Army
Captain Maurice "Joe" Grosso, Air Force
1st Lieutenant Hannah Grosso, Army
1st Lieutenant Michael Dustin, Army
1st Lieutenant Michael Hawkins, Army
Petty Officer 2nd Class Elena Greck, Navy
Lieutenant Nicoli Carlson, Navy
Captain Holly Grosso Carlson, Army
Captain Peter Duff, Army
Ensign Brett Reilly, Navy

If you have a family member who is currently serving on active duty in the military and would like his or her name added to this prayer list, please call 631-475-4506 Ext. 101 or email ecareccia@stsylvesterli.org Please notify the same of any change in status.

Thank you.

Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.





Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan...After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God." (Mark 1:12 – 14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus's experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert.

The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus's life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross.

Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day "desert experience," can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion. There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel.

It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Pope Francis has declared this year as a special Year of Saint Joseph. In Saint Joseph we find a man of profound hope and strength as well as prayerful silence. Scripture does not record one word spoken by Saint Joseph. But Scripture does tell us of his unwavering faith and trust, which go beyond words. Following Jesus, and like Saint Joseph, men and women in the first centuries of the Church began to leave the towns and villages and settle in the isolation of the desert. Like the Lord, they sought to rid themselves of the distractions of everyday life so they too could do battle with evil, and through their quiet example proclaim the Kingdom of God.

This continued throughout the history of the Church, even to our present moment. Saint Antony, Saint Benedict, Saint Bruno, and so many others show us the lived experience of the desert is not an escape from the reality of life but a privileged encounter with the Lord and a revelation of our true selves. While most of us are not called to the monastic or solitary life, the last twelve months have given each of us an experience of solitude. We are encouraged to remain "socially distant." In the midst of the real suffering and hardships this has caused, perhaps the hidden grace is that it has led us to be "temporary monastics."

Our typical Lenten "desert experience" of forty days has lasted a bit longer. But we will come out of it! And like the Lord, when we emerge our goal is to proclaim the Gospel of God according to our vocation and the graces given to us. In addition to our personal sins and the evils present in our own hearts, we live in a world that is right now suffering from real physical illness as well as real division and hurt of every kind. Jesus emerged from the desert bringing the healing presence of God to all he encountered. As the baptized, the Church, the continuing presence of Jesus in the world, we need to do the same. The same Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert is driving us on.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

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PARISH INFORMATION

As we continue to navigate through this challenging time, we are pleased to be able to say that things are beginning to open up here at the parish, although in a limited way. We are happy to communicate the following:

WEEKEND MASSES ARE CELEBRATED AT 5PM ON SATURDAYS

AND 9AM AND 11AM ON SUNDAYS. You must register to attend these Masses weekly through our parish website beginning each Wednesday morning at 9am. The program will stop accepting reservations on Friday at 3pm (or sooner if it reaches a maximum of 80 people for that particular Mass). Ushers will check your registrations at the door before entering the church and will seat you. The pews in the church are marked off to maintain social distancing.

WEEKEND MASSES WILL NOW BE LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE AT 5PM AND 11AM —LINK AVAILABLE FROM OUR

WEBSITE. If you click on the Mass and it has already begun, you will have the ability on *YouTube* to rewind the Mass to the beginning while it is in progress. Don't worry if you are unable to rewind — the Mass in its entirety will also be available immediately after its conclusion. Live streaming will allow you to attend Mass at home simultaneously with your fellow parishioners in the church, and with much clearer video and sound than we have been able to offer in the past.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED ON SATURDAYS AT 4PM IN THE CHURCH. Unfortunately due to limited seating, you cannot remain for the 5pm Mass after Reconciliation if you have not reserved a seat ahead of time.

WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES ARE CELEBRATED ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 8:30AM IN THE CHURCH. You do not need to register for these Masses.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 9AM TO 12PM TO ASSIST YOU WITH MASS CARDS, ANNOUNCED MASSES, MEMORIALS, SACRAMENT CERTIFICATES, ETC.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A MASK AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE CHURCH AS WELL AS IN ALL PARISH BUILDINGS AND AREAS.

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 McMahon, 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.

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue to navigate the public celebration of Mass within State Guidelines, St. Sylvester Parish will offer Mass on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 9AM & 11AM. Please note the following important information:

- At this time, the bishop still dispenses all the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Our Sunday worship will be livestreamed on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 11am and will continue to be posted on the website for those who are vulnerable, for those who have a health impairment that would make them more susceptible to serious illness, for those who might not be feeling well, or have a fever, and for those who are caretakers for other people who are vulnerable. If you are in any of these situations, you are encouraged to continue to remain at home and worship online.
- Restrooms will be open for emergency use only! Please use bathroom at home!
- There is a mandatory online reservation system for all who wish to attend Mass. Please register beginning Wednesdays at 9am by going to www.stsylvesterli.org
- Please print out your registration information or have available on your phone as you will be asked to show your registration before entering the church.
- Masks or other face coverings must be worn by all participants.
- Please arrive 15 minutes before Mass so your reservation may be confirmed and you may be shown to your seat. Capacity at this time is limited to 25%.
- Seating will be done according to social distancing guidelines. You will most likely not be sitting in your "usual" seat. Families may sit together at Mass. There is no "saving seats" or asking to be seated in a particular seat.
- The Offertory Procession and passing of the donation basket will be omitted.
- If you wish to make a contribution, there will be baskets at the entrance and exit. Contributions may also dropped at the parish center or made online.
- The Sign of Peace or other greetings will not be exchanged.
- Directions will be given for Communion, which will be distributed after Mass as you are leaving the church. Please follow the directions of the ushers.
- Please go directly to your car, as no congregating is permitted.
- We will continue to keep you updated on changes as we move forward.

This is a work in progress, so as we move forward there may be changes. We appreciate your patience and want you to know that our first priority is that those attending Mass will be safe.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Suglia



February 17 - March 28 40 DAYS FORLIFE®

HELP SAVE LIVES ON LONG ISLAND!

Join our 2021 Lenten Campaign of Prayer and Fasting!

Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. **40 Days for Life** is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Diocese across Long Island starting on **February 17** and concluding **March 28**. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 18,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, in your area visit: www.40daysforlife.com. **Sign up for hours for each campaign.**

CONTACT LEADERS FOR CAMPAIGNS ON LONG ISLAND:

<u>Hempstead</u>: Thomas Upshur (PBFL) (516) 410-5983; Hempstead40DaysforLife@aol.com; 40daysforlife.com/Hempstead

<u>Smithtown:</u> Marie Baron (631) 209-7548; 40dflsmithtown@gmail.com 40daysforlife.com/Smithtown

<u>West Islip:</u> Paul Arena (516) 848-1562; paul.arena29@yahoo.com 40daysforlife.com/westislip

<u>Riverhead:</u> Pastor Joni Lupis: (631) 681-7275; <u>march4lifeny@gmail.com</u> 40daysforlife.com/riverhead



Embrace a deeper, more spiritually rewarding life, and lose yourself in God this Lent.

Visit **BestLentEver.com** to take the first step toward unlocking your God-given potential.



This Lent, join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for BEST LENT EVER - a free series of emails and video reflections that will help you to discover or rediscover God through prayer.

Faith Formation

Adult Confirmation

Were you Baptized Catholic, received First Holy Communion, but for whatever reason never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Coming to St. Sylvester Parish February 2021....

A program for adults who would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Classes will begin Tuesday, February 23, 2021 and will be held on the Zoom platform at 7:00 P.M. The last class will be May 18, 2021.

It is traditional to celebrate Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday (May 23, 2021). Our hopes are that we will be able to do just that. However, our final plans will be determined by the status of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the directives of the Bishop and local health officials. For more information or to register, please email fmcmahon@stsylvesterli.org

Adult Baptism

If you have never been baptized & are interested in becoming a Catholic or, if you are a baptized non-Catholic and would like to become a Catholic, please email fmcmahon@stsylvesterli.org

The Faith Formation Program 2020-2021 Has Begun!

We are doing the best we can and trusting that God will do the rest!

Thank you to all the Parents & Catechists for helping to make this happen!

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Individualized Faith Formation for Children With Special Needs

Parents, for students who are in the Individualized Faith Formation Program or whose needs would make it difficult to stay focused virtually, we will work directly and individually with you to accommodate your child's needs. For more information or to register your child in the Individualized Faith Formation Program, please email faithformation@stsylvesterli.org

Did you know that our homes are called the School of Christian Life and the Domestic Church?

"Childhood religious awakening which takes place in the family is irreplaceable.

Indeed, family catechesis precedes...accompanies and enriches all forms of catechesis." General Directory for Catechesis, John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation, Catechesi Tradendae (October 1979): AAS 71 (1979), pp. 1277-1340

For more information or if you have questions, please email faithformation@stsylvesterli.org

Stewardship

One Family in Mission









Called to Evangelize

Formation

Hospitality

Prayer

Service

Gifts of Treasure

February 14, 2021

Regular ~ \$6,887 Renovation ~ \$190 Snow Removal ~ \$3,714

Last Year 's Collection ~ February 16, 2020 Regular ~ \$8,304

** Please note that the contributions above do not include our Faith Direct online giving totals which are listed here monthly.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all those who, in the spirit of steward-ship, continue to financially support the mission and ministry of the parish!!!

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

The 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) has officially begun! Our parish's goal for this year has been set at \$67,900.

All funds raised between 80% - 100% (\$54,320-\$67,900) of our parish's goal, which amounts to \$13,580 if we reach our goal, will be returned to us for our own programs, services and special needs. It is also important to note that all monies raised are restricted to the ministries of the Appeal.

A letter from Fr. Suglia with more information regarding this year's CMA should be arriving at your home by the end of the month. Donations for the CMA may be made by using the pledge card inserted with the letter or by clicking on the CMA logo on our parish website. Thank you for your generosity.

Repent, and Believe!

We have now officially ended "Ordinary Time" and have entered the season of Lent. As a child in Catholic school, Lent was all about sacrifice to me — no chocolate, no meat on Fridays — and attendance at daily Mass before classes as well as mandatory Stations of the Cross each Friday afternoon. It was about giving up your snack money for the poor children throughout the world and writing down your sacrifices on pieces of paper and placing the papers in a basket at the foot of the school's crucifix. You learned from early on that Lent was serious business. Pray, Fast, Give. Repeat.

On Ash Wednesday we all filed over to the church in our uniforms where we received ashes and were told, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." Very heavy stuff for an elementary school aged child to grasp. For most of my impressionable years, I had a limited understanding of Lent and what it meant. I knew Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead, but didn't really internalize it. Oh, how I could not wait for that basket full of chocolate on Easter morning — the sign that it was all over!

It wasn't until I was almost done with Catholic high school that I really began to understand the words of today's Gospel, "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Believe in the Good News! I was no longer told I was dust, but to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Now this was Christian action, something I could work on and understand!

As committed stewards we do not simply sacrifice during Lent for its own sake as I thought when I was a child—sacrifice is a means to ground us; to get us to pay attention, to focus, reflect upon and understand our shortcomings and then try to change them. This is the "Repent" part, but it is not the only part. Next, we must listen to and believe in the gospel message, the Good News, and as missionary disciples, share it with others! Jesus is the way and the truth and the life — pass it on! ~ Lori Zito

Parish Social Ministry



Clare House - We are here to help!

We no longer have drop in hours open to the public. If you have an emergency situation that requires assistance please call our intake line. Please leave only <u>one</u> complete message stating your name, number, and primary need: 631-475-4506 x122

Emergency Food Distribution is held weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only. A full new client intake is required, including documentation of all income and expenses, to access resources at Clare House. A member of our staff will contact you to complete this intake interview over the phone. Documentation should be provided electronically whenever possible.

We regularly post resources to our Twitter feed @clarehouse99

https://twitter.com/clarehouse99

We are NOT soliciting physical donations at this time. If you wish to support our mission please consider making a donation through Faith Direct. Click "Make a One-Time Gift Now" and then write "Clare House - PSM" in the Note. Thank you for your support!

https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY285



Thrift Shop is CLOSED!

The Thrift Shop is closed until further notice.

We are <u>not</u> currently accepting donations.

Please do not dump items outside the thrift shop. This creates extra work for our staff and does nothing to further our mission. Items left in this manner are summarily tossed into the dumpster. It is illegal to dump items of any kind.

Thank you in advance for understanding and abiding by this directive.



Parish Social Ministry



A divided country. Fights at the dinner table. Political vitriol. What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a climate?

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to join the Civilize It campaign by taking the pledge below as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community.

Civilize It is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God and to respond in love to that reality. Civilize It is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.

Take the pledge below as an individual, family, or community. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation.

I PLEDGE:

1. Civility

To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

2. Clarity

To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

3. Compassion

To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it

CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK ANNOUNCES ANNUAL TELETHON

Join Catholic Faith Network for the 2021 Telethon on Saturday, February 27th from 2-10pm and Sunday, February 28th from 12-10pm. This exciting weekend will feature guests from around the world, thrilling performances and inspirational interviews.

CFN is available on your local cable providers as well as on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android and the free CFN app.



The Catholic Faith Network continues to be to here for you during these challenging times and we ask that you help us continue in our mission this year if you have the capacity to do so. Please consider making a donation by phone or by visiting www.CFNtv.org.



You Can Help Heal Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, May 7th, 2021, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location: Marriott Melville Long Island 1350 Walt Whitman Road Melville, NY 11747

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Irish Night



Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through our ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community.

This year's festivities will take place virtually on Saturday, March 6, 2021 and offer us an opportunity to gather together for liturgy, followed by a joyful program of song, dance, and Irish spirit!

Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing one or more of the following:

- A ticket for our Irish Sweepstakes Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each, or 6 for \$50. Extra tickets are available on our website.
- A special edition Irish Night cookbook which includes tasty recipes and culinary traditions from all across the Emerald Isle. Cookbooks are \$10 each.
- An event ticket for \$40, which includes one entry into our door prize raffle, an entry into the Irish Sweepstakes and a copy of the cookbook.

For more information, please contact our Advancement Office at 631-842-6000 ext.246 or visit the event website:

www.sistersofstdominic.org/irishnight2021

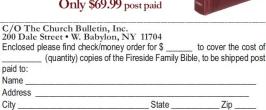
As always, thank you for your continued support of the Congregation. We hope you will join us on March 6th and raise a glass to good health this coming year - Sláinte!



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