

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 7:30am, 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 any time (option "0" on
the parish voice mail).



June 19, 2022

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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**

**Lori Zito, Director,
Parish Ministries & Events**

Office Information

Parish Office: (631) 475-4506, ext. 101; Fax (631) 475-1057; email: parishoffice@stsylvesterli.org
Hours are Monday through Friday, 9am ~ 12 noon and 1pm~5pm.

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.
Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am ~ 3pm.; Wednesdays 5pm ~ 7pm. Bread Ministry takes place on Fridays from 10am—12 noon. Please call the number above or press the number “5” on the parish phone message for assistance.

Thrift Shop: (631) 475-4506, ext. 124. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am ~ 3pm.; 1st Saturday of month 10am-1pm.

We Pray



Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00pm	June 18, 2022 Robert F. Birk Jean Murphy Frank Rowan Mario M. Busuttil Frances Grillo
Sunday, 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	June 19, 2022 For All Fathers, Living & Deceased For All Fathers, Living & Deceased For All Fathers, Living & Deceased
Monday,	June 20, 2022 The People of St. Sylvester
Tuesday, 8:30am	June 21, 2022 Reverend John F. Whelan
Thursday, 8:30am	June 23, 2022 Frank Micucci
Friday, 8:30am	June 24, 2022 Reverend John F. Whelan
Saturday, 5:00pm	June 25, 2022 The Perry Family Joseph Rotundo ~ 50th Anniversary Lucy Mazzeo ~ 22nd Anniversary Walter Touhey
Sunday, 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	June 26, 2022 George Ward Harold O'Connell Luigi & Maria Russo



**We remember and pray for all those
who have died, especially:
Cathy McKnight and Rich Broderick.**

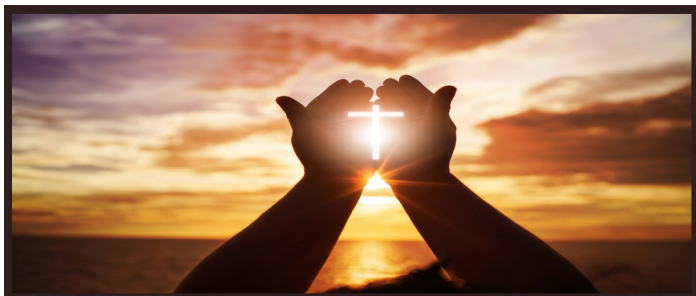
*If you have had a close family member pass away and
would like him or her placed on this list, please send
the name of the deceased with the correct spelling,
along with your name and contact information, to:
ecareccia@stsylvesterli.org
or call 631-475-4506, ext. 101.
Thank you and God bless.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

**To build and maintain a bridge connect-
ing parish leadership and parishioners
that facilitates transparent, honest and
respectful dialogue and communication.
To enable parishioners to ask questions,
raise concerns and make suggestions that
will impact the future directions of the
parish.**

**Please keep our Council members in your
prayers as they carry out their responsi-
bilities: Patricia Coppola, Ashley Perrone,
Tom Mowat & Bill Sisco.**

We Pray



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

John McGarvey, Rosa & Luciano Miranda,
Corey Govier (child), Robert Cook,
Rosemarie Biscardi, Joanne Clark,
Joseph Pergola, Carolyn Clarke,
Gary Pendleton, Neftali Nieves,
Roni & Ray Fiedler, John DiSanto,
William Crawford, Ronald Matonti, Sr.,
Susan Payne Einar, Joseph Roepcke,
Barbara Gosnell, Liam Clark (child),
Michael Virostko, Terry Heslin,
Karen Summers, Melissa Clarke
& Debbie Miley.

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.



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

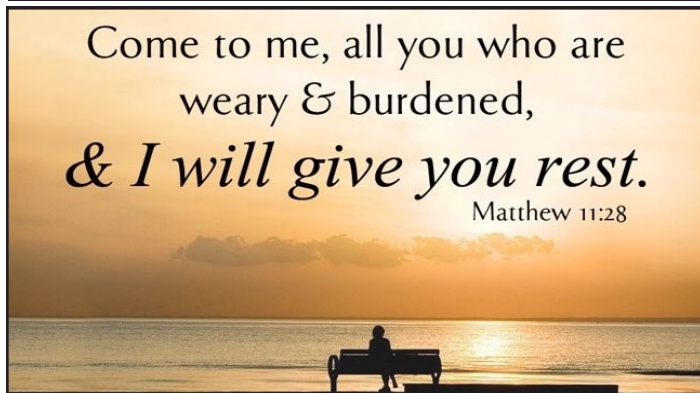
Captain Meghan Munisteri, D.O., Army
Major (Sel.) Maurice "Joe" Grosso, Air Force
Captain Hannah Grosso Dustin, Army
Captain Michael Dustin, Army
Captain Michael Hawkins, Army
2nd Lieutenant Matthew Hawkins, Army
Captain Peter Duff, Army
Lieutenant J.G. Brett Reilly, Navy
Chief David Patricio, Navy

*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.*



Come to me, all you who are
weary & burdened,
& *I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

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 a family
member call our Parish Office
at 631-475-4506, ext. 101 to arrange for a visit
from one of our Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence
collection, which unites us and Catholics
around the world more closely with the Holy
Father in two ways: it supports the struc-
tures of the Holy See through which the Pope
governs the Church, as well as his charitable
efforts to assist victims of war, oppression,
natural disasters, and others most in need.

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in the regular collection basket.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.peterspence.va/en.html> .

Keeping Pace With NYS & Diocesan Guidelines

Effective now:

If you have been fully vaccinated, wearing a mask in the Church or Parish Center is now optional.

If you have not been fully vaccinated, you continue to be responsible for wearing a mask in the Church and Parish Center in accordance with the federal and state's implementation of the CDC guidance.

In either case, for the health, safety, and respect of others, we ask you to continue to use common sense in maintaining social distance from others when choosing your seat in the church.

At Communion time, for the safety of all, please receive the Host in your hands, step to the side, place the Host in your mouth, and return to your pew. Please consume the Eucharist before returning to your seat.

If you want to receive Communion on your tongue, please go to the very end of the priest's line for the safety of everyone.

The Bishop's dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation due to the ongoing pandemic has been lifted. As usual, this obligation does not apply to those who are ill, those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility, those with serious underlying health conditions or those who are caring for a vulnerable family member.

Our Sunday worship will continue to be livestreamed on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 11am, and will continue to be posted on the website for those who fall into any of the categories listed above.

Our priority continues to be for the safety and health of everyone. We appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation, and will continue to keep you updated on changes as we move forward.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Suglia

Join with the Diocese of Rockville Centre in Celebrating the

Ordination to Priesthood



Rev. Mr. Louis Cona



Rev. Mr. Christopher Heller



Rev. Mr. Stephen Rooney

Watch on  from St. Agnes Cathedral

June 18, 2022



The ordination will air live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN) at 11:00 a.m. The ordination will encore again at 8:00 p.m.

Catholic Faith Network can be viewed on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471. CFN is also available on selected cable and satellite systems and through live stream on CFNTV.org. You may also view CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".

Faith Formation in 2022—2023

We hope you and your families are doing well and enjoying the warmer weather. We are excited to share with you the plans for the coming Faith Formation year! We continue to develop the program to be more family-oriented, balancing Church and home life, empowering and encouraging parents to be witnesses of the faith and providing opportunities for families to experience God's loving presence in all they do and in all the places they are!

This is what the program will look like for the 2022-2023 year!

- ~ All classes will meet at the parish, except for some of the Individualized Faith Formation (IFF) classes, which are designed to assist children with special needs in preparing for and receiving Sacraments.
- ~ Class times will be one hour and fifteen minutes instead of one hour long with exceptions for IFF.
- ~ Classes will meet twice a month instead of every week.
- ~ There will be a Sunday/Saturday Mass component for every Level to be involved in.
- ~ There will be Mass Reflection Forms to be completed once a month.
- ~ Children's Liturgy will be offered twice a month which will be helpful for children in completing the Mass Reflection Forms.
- ~ Different Levels will be invited to bring cookies, donuts, etc. to Hospitality on specific Sundays that coincide with Children's Liturgy.

Level 1 will meet once a month on Saturday from 9:00 to 10:15 am in the Parish Center. Parents will sign child into classroom and then go downstairs to meet with the other adults for hospitality and a parent presentation. They will sign their child out of class at 10:15 am.

Levels 2-6 will meet at the same time so parents will be able to drop off their children of different levels all at the same time. Level 2-6 will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 4:45 to 6:00 pm and on Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:30 pm.

Level 7 will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 6:15 to 7:30 pm. Level 7 will attend the 5:00 pm Mass once a month on designated Saturdays.

Level 8 will have immediate preparation and celebrate Confirmation in the fall. After Confirmation they will be invited to participate in a leadership role at the Saturday 5pm Mass once a month.

Are You Called to be a Catechist?

We are inviting you to consider becoming a Catechist for Faith Formation. If you think you may be interested, please mail mlofaro@stsyvesterli.org for more information on what Levels/Grades, days and times are available. Thank you!

All Are Welcome!! Did you know that we have an Individualized Faith Formation Program for children with special needs?

If your child has special needs, and has been diagnosed with:

Autism, ADD or ADHD, Reading Disability, Cognitive Speech Delay, ODD or Other Behavioral Concerns, Sensory Processing Disorder, Other Health Impairment

...please know that there is a place for your child in the St. Sylvester Faith Formation and Sacramental Program. We have been blessed with volunteers who are educated and experienced in working with children with special needs and their families. Please call the Faith Formation Office at 631-475-4506 Ext. 118 so that we can help in placing your child in the class that will be most beneficial for them.

HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN and VULNERABLE ADULTS

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.**

Stewardship

One Family in Mission



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Hospitality

Prayer

Service

Gifts of Treasure

June 12, 2022

Regular ~ \$8,525 Renovation ~ \$375

Last Year (June 13, 2021)

Regular ~ \$8,069

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
*to all those who, in the spirit of stewardship,
continue to financially support the mission
and ministry of the parish!!!*

TAKING A STEP ON THE JOURNEY

Our faith is a journey: a journey that begins when we receive the Light of Christ at Baptism. **This weekend many of our parishioners will take a step on their faith journeys by completing and returning the *Get Involved! Response Forms* for our Stewardship Time and Talent Renewal.** Our



response to Jesus' invitation to be "the Light of the World" is lived when we use and share our God-given gifts in service to others!

If you didn't get a chance to bring or complete the *Get Involved! Response Form* this weekend, you can drop it off at the parish office during the week or place it in next week's collection basket. Extra response forms can be found in the back of the church and in the parish center. Thank you to all who have participated in this year's reflection on our talents and blessings and how we can use them to serve others.

**Get Involved
Make a Difference**



Feeding Friends and Strangers

Today in Luke's Gospel we hear the familiar recounting of the fish and the loaves where Jesus turns five loaves and two fish into enough to feed five thousand men.

It is appropriate that we hear this reading today on the Feast of Corpus Christi as this miracle is a foreshadowing of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. *"Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied."*

This was one of the first bible stories I remember hearing as a child — probably because it was a very dramatic miracle. My mother could stretch a dinner when necessary, but not from five to five thousand!! Which leads me to the very real issue of hunger on Long Island. Yes, there is certainly a spiritual hunger as many seem lost in today's world, but there is much physical hunger too — hidden behind McMansions and down quiet, suburban dead end streets. Archbishop Desmond Tutu perhaps said it best, *"When people were hungry, Jesus didn't say 'Now is that political, or social?' He said, 'I feed you.' Because the good news to a hungry person is bread."*

The current inflation and underemployment in our country has left many desperately wondering how they will provide for their "daily bread." Let us remember today, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, that Christ gave the disciples — and all of us by extension — a lesson on our responsibility to feed others, not only spiritually but also physically, to the best of our abilities. Not five thousand certainly, but maybe five? ~ Lori Zito

MINISTRY FAIR THANK YOU!

Even though our Ministry Fair had to be moved inside last Sunday due to a rainy forecast, it did not dampen our spirits! It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of those currently involved in life here in the parish and to speak with those who are considering getting involved in a ministry here! It is this sense of welcoming and service that sets apart St. Sylvester — something many parishioners mentioned to me at the Fair.

As you can imagine, putting together a Ministry Fair like the one we had last Sunday is no small task and requires many helping hands to make it a reality. Thanks to our Stewardship Committee members for their encouragement, support and assistance in the planning of this event. Special thanks to all of those already involved in various ministries who created display boards and made yourselves available to answer questions about the ways you serve here in the parish, and to Paul Padovano and our parish artists for displaying their talents at our Art Show & Sale, raising \$145 for our parish!



I am also so grateful for the work of our Hospitality Committee in organizing and serving all the goodies and blowing up *all those balloons* to create a festive atmosphere, as well as for our Knights of Columbus who, along with Walter Maresco, generously took over the task of setting up (and breaking down) all the tables and chairs for this event. And last, but certainly not least, the parishioners in our Baking Ministry who were responsible for the delicious desserts offered and to Mike Barry for supplying us with coolers of ice.

Working together as one in the Body of Christ, we live out our mission statement:
A community praying, growing, serving & welcoming in Jesus Christ!

With appreciation,

Lori Zito

A Stewardship Prayer

My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be. Amen.

~ St. Anne Catholic Church, Pleasant Prairie, WI

20 Catholic Ministries Appeal

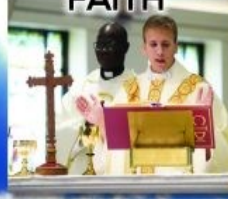
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"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."

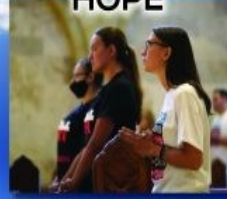
— Pope Francis

One Family in Mission – Building a Community of

FAITH



HOPE



& LOVE



"...The Church, our mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith in goodness, of faith in justice and in God's protection, like St Joseph." ~ Pope Francis

Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Today, consider a dad like James. James saw information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal at his local parish, and he knew he had to turn to the Church for help since he had nowhere else to go. James had been gainfully employed for more than 10 years when he began to fall ill. Soon his medical issues made it impossible for him to keep working and he was forced to go out on disability.

After paying the co-pays on his medications, his family's rent and utilities bills, James had very little left to purchase food and other necessities for his family.

It was hard for him to ask for help, but with nowhere else to turn, he did. Catholic Charities found him a specialist who assessed the family's needs and directed them to appropriate resources in their community. He went to his Parish Outreach, where his family received food that allowed them to make it through the month. James and his family received the help they so desperately needed.

Today, James is back to work and the family is doing well. *"I am so thankful that I know there is somewhere I can turn, where there are people that care, people I can talk to, if I am ever in such a situation again,"* shared James.

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge or one-time donation to the CMA when you received the initial CMA letter from Fr. Suglia at the beginning of the month. **We are at currently at 53.74% of our \$71,300 goal for this year.**

More than 600,000 people are served each year through your faithfulness and generosity. Monies raised from the Appeal support our seminarians in their education, provide assistance to veterans, housing options for the disabled, treatment for those suffering from addiction — and much more.

If we reach 80% of our parish goal, all funds raised and received between 80-100% of our goal are returned to us for our own programs, services and needs. Once we reach our goal, we receive 80% back of all the funds raised over this amount.

There are many ways to give: you can pledge over a period of months, quarterly or make a one-time gift. Pledges and donations can be made by check payable to the Catholic Ministries Appeal or by credit card through the CMA icon on our website's homepage. Mail in brochures are available in the church and in the Parish Center.

Parish Social Ministry



Clare House - We Are Here to Help!

We are now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am until 3pm, and on Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 7pm. Friday mornings we have our *Bread Ministry* from 10am –12pm, where local stores and bakeries donate bread, rolls, etc. for those in need throughout our community. If you have an emergency situation that requires assistance, please call our intake line and leave only one complete message stating your name, number, and primary need: 631-475-4506 x122.

Clare House is open for Emergency Food Distribution and other requests at the days and times listed above. Please come to the front door for assistance.

We are currently in need of the following donations to assist others: ramen noodles, pancake mix, pancake syrup, whole grain snacks, laundry detergent, dish detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream, razors, feminine products and gas station gift cards. We are also looking for some helping hands on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12pm-3pm! If you would like to help us to help others, please call the Parish Office.

Please place donations in the church bin when you come to Mass or drop them off at the Parish Center or Clare House, and kindly check the expiration dates on your items. Thank you!



Come & Check Out Our Thrift Shop!

The Thrift Shop hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am until 3pm, and on the first Saturday of each month from 10am until 1pm.

New and **gently-used** items may be donated when the thrift shop is open or placed in the bins. We are in particular need of boys' and girls' clothes sizes 4-6x at this time.



Please do not leave items outside the Thrift Shop at night or in inclement weather. This creates extra work for our staff and does nothing to further our mission. Items left in this manner are often ruined and must sadly be tossed into the dumpster. *Also, due to space limitations, we cannot accept large items such as furniture, TV's, appliances, mattresses, etc.*

Thank you in advance for your support.
We look forward to serving you!



Praise Those Fathers

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their stepchildren's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

- *Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD*
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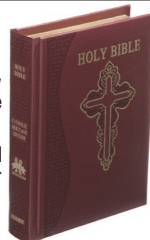
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