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).



Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ~ John 21:15

May 1, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter 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,	April 30, 2022
5:00pm	Cecilia Lik
-	Jane Tinti
	Irene Bradley
	Edward Leitgeb ~ 6th Anniversary
	Robert Lucido

Sunday, 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am *May 1, 2022* The People of St. Sylvester Giulia Capone Patricia Blunnie

Monday, May 2, 2022 8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday,May 3, 20228:30amThe People of St. Sylvester

Thursday, *May 5, 2022* 8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Friday, May 6, 2022 8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Saturday, 5:00pm

May 7, 2022

Joan Johnsen Louella Wachter Mary Scully Cookie Roy Linda Romaine Linda Gordon

Sunday,May 8, 20227:30amFor All Mothers, Living & Deceased9:00amFor All Mothers, Living & Deceased11:00amFor All Mothers, Living & Deceased



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

Victoria Seidel & Blanche Mulcahy.

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 connecting 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 responsibilities: 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, Cathy McKnight, Carolyn Clarke, Gary Pendleton & Neftali Nieves.

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

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.



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 1st Lieutenant Michael 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.*



The Bread & Wine used at this weekend's liturgies are the gifts of The Ciullo & Cremmins Families in loving memory of Louis Ciullo

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.

- <u>If you have not been fully vaccinated</u>, 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

RE ROUVAILLE

Because no marriage is beyond hope...

Do you feel alone? • Are you angry and frustrated with one another? • Does talking only makes it worse? • Are you separated or divorced - or thinking about separating/divorce?

Retrouvaille* can help!

A marriage-saving program is coming to Huntington, Long Island May 13, 2022

> To register or for more information: 1-800-470-2230 https://www.helpourmarriage.org info@HelpOurMarriage.org

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, nor counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousand of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide. *Pronounced: Retro Vi (French for "Rediscovery")

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU! JOIN US FOR SYNOD LISTENING SESSION

Pope Francis has called for a Synod on Synodality to be held in Rome in 2023 in an effort to foster better *communion*, increased *participation* and clarity of our *mission* as Christians living in the present day. As part of this Synod, Pope Francis is asking the entire Church throughout the world to reflect prayerfully on how the Holy Spirit is calling us to *journey together* as Church to God's heavenly kingdom. It is the Pope's desire that *all people from all walks of life* within the Universal Catholic Church participate!

Each diocese throughout the world will be holding Listening Sessions which will provide opportunities for us to listen to God in our own hearts, share our experiences, and then listen to one another. Here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, all parishes are being asked to hold these sessions which will open with prayer and Scripture and hopefully conclude with new pathways forward guided by the Holy Spirit.



communion | participation | mission

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH'S SYNOD LISTENING SESSION ON SATURDAY, MAY 14TH FROM 9:30AM-11:00AM IN THE PARISH CENTER LOWER LEVEL. WE ASK YOU TO REGISTER BY FRIDAY, MAY 6TH BY CLICKING ON THE SYNOD LOGO FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE'S HOME PAGE.

WE WILL FOCUS ON TWO QUESTIONS POSED BY POPE FRANCIS:

How is this *journeying together* happening today in your local Church?

What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our *journeying together?*

Consider your joys, difficulties or obstacles on the journey and what insights you have gained. Responses are recorded anonymously. This is your chance to have your voice heard and help shape the future of the Church!!

A summary report of the Listening Session will be sent to the Diocese which will compile a final report to be submitted to the USCCB. Their findings, in turn, will be brought to the Synod with Pope Francis next year.

Refreshments will be served.



Baptism is the door to life and to the Kingdom of God.

Let us welcome those who were newly baptized into our community of faith during the months of March and April 2022

> Alína Sage Atz-Koeslíng Thomas Ríchard Bígus Camden Bryce Birthwright Dylan Víctoría Covíno Domíníck Anthony Fabbricante Antonío Romeo Gerardí Olívíanna Nícole LaFaucí Johnathan Míchael Níeves Andríanna Lynn Spínale Camíla Skye Spínale Tessa Reíd Tavarez Rylee Anne Timm Jíonní Anthony Torres Luca Mark Zendler

You are invited to join Fr. Suglia in exploring.... "The Bible is a Catholic Book" by Jimmy Akin

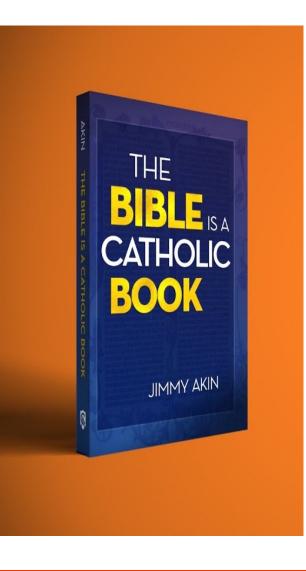
At 7:00 PM in the East Wing of the Parish Center.

1st Class: Monday May 23rd

- 2nd Class: Monday, June 6th
- 3rd Class: Monday, June 13th
- 4th Class: Monday, June 20th

The fee is \$20 for each person attending, whether you take a book or not. The \$20 fee includes the book, "*The Bible is a Catholic Book.*"

> To register, please go to our website, click on this icon, and follow the directions.



In *The Bible Is a Catholic Book*, Jimmy Akin shows how the Bible cannot exist apart from the Church. In its origins and its formulation, in the truths it contains, in its careful preservation over the centuries and in the prayerful study and elucidation of its mysteries, Scripture is inseparable from Catholicism. This is fitting, since both come from God for our salvation.

If you are a Catholic who sometimes gets intimidated by the Bible, *The Bible Is a Catholic Book* will help you better understand and take pride in this gift that God gave the world through the Church. We are the original Bible Christians !

And even non-Catholics will appreciate the clear and charitable way that Jimmy explains how the early Church gave us the Bible and how the Church to this day reveres and obeys it.

SPRING FLOWER SALE St. Sylvester Church, 68 Ohio Ave., Medford

FRIDAY, MAY 6th ~ 10AM TO 4PM SATURDAY, MAY 7th ~ 9AM TO 6PM SUNDAY, MAY 8th ~ 8:30AM TO 12PM (MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND)



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Faith Formation









Blessings and Congratulations to Brianna Fasulo and Corin Ingui who celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and Keira Reynolds who completed the Sacraments of Initiation by celebrating Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Corin Ingui, (left), Keira Reynolds (center), Brianna Fasulo (right).

Thank you to the RCIA Team for accompanying and leading!

Faith Formation

An Easter Greeting From St. Sylvester Faith Formation Office As we see new life bursting forth in nature all around us, may we be open to and recognize the Divine Presence in ourselves, each other and all of creation... a sure sign of God's promise of eternal life!

Easter Blessings, Fran, Mike and Terese





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

email fmcmahon@stsylvesterli.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



Called to Evangelize

Formation

Hospitality

Prayer

Service

Gifts of Treasure

<u>April 24, 2022</u> Regular ~ \$5,920.67 Renovation ~ \$229

> <u>April 25, 2021</u> Regular ~ \$4,930

**These figures do not include contributions made through our Faith Direct electronic giving which are reported monthly.

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!!!

• Catholic Ministries Appeal

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Designated Goal: Amount Pledged to Date: % of Goal Pledged to Date: \$71,300 \$33,441.89 46.90%

Pledges and donations to the Appeal 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.

Will & Estate Planning

Consider leaving a legacy of faith by remem-

bering our parish in your will or bequest. Saint Sylvester RC Church is a fully compliant charitable organization registered as a 501(3)C non-profit.



Please contact Father Suglia directly if you have already made provisions for St. Sylvester or if you would like to remember us when you conduct your estate planning.

Thank You and God Bless!

It's All about the Food

John's Gospel begins with the disciples going out to fish in the evening, but catching nothing. Jesus, unrecognized at first, appears at dawn on the shore and tells the disciples, *"Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something."* We learn that there were so many fish the disciples were not able to pull in the nets.

There are other instances of Jesus performing miracles involving food — the multiplication of the fish and the loaves and the wedding feast at Cana immediately come to mind. These are all preludes to the ultimate "food" miracle we experience each week — the changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist is the nourishment for our souls; it is the source and summit of Christian life. We receive Christ to be given the grace to become Christ to others.

How do we become Christ to others? One of the most obvious ways is by reaching out to those in need, alone or ill. However, as faithful stewards, we believe that God has blessed us all with different gifts and talents which are to be developed and shared for the good of others. We are meant to accompany one another on this faith journey in a million different ways! Pray and discern about how God wants us to be his hands in the world. Each one of us will have a different answer — that is the beauty of our faith! Then, once we have the answer, we just need to do it!

Don't forget to take the necessary nourishment, the Eucharist, with you for the journey. Life *is* really all about the food — food for your soul, food for your body and food for thought. ~ Lori Zito

Parish Social Ministry



Clare House - We are here to help!

<u>We are now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays</u> <u>from 10am until 3pm, and on Wednesday</u> <u>evenings from 5pm to 7pm. Friday mornings we</u> <u>have our *Bread Ministry* from 10am –12pm,</u> 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 <u>one</u> 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. <u>We are also looking for some helping</u> 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!



Thrift Shop is Open

The Thrift Shop hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am until 3pm. It will also be

open 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.



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!



GET INVOLVED

Ministries/Groups Schedule

- Mondays ~ 10am Drawing Class **East Wing**
 - ~1:30pm Women's Prayer Group (3rd Monday of the Month) East Wing/Worship Room
- Tuesdays ~ 9:30am ~ Watercolor Art Group Patricia Desmond Hall (Downstairs)
 - ~ 1:30pm ~ Legion of Mary Room 2
 - ~ 7pm Choir Rehearsal Church
- Wednesdays ~ 10:30am ~ Prayer Shawl Ministry (1st Wednesday of the Month) **East Wing**
- Thursdays ~ 9:30am ~ Al-Anon **East Wing**
- Fridays ~ 12:30pm ~ Senior Circle of Friends Patricia Desmond Hall (Downstairs) (2nd & 4th Fridays of the Month)
 - ~ 6:30pm ~ Lay Carmelites (3rd Friday of the Month) Worship Room/East Wing
 - ~ 7pm ~ Compassionate Friends (2nd Friday of the Month) (Group for those who have lost children) Patricia Desmond Hall (Downstairs)
- Saturdays ~ 9am ~ Devotion (Rosary/Prayers) (1st Saturday of the Month) Worship Room

Want to Learn How to Make a Rosary?

Our Legion of Mary makes rosary beads for our Faith Formation children and for others who come to the Parish Center seeking them.



May is the month of Mary. If you would like one of the Legion of Mary members to teach you how to make your own Rosary, please contact Lori Zito at 631-475-4506, ext. 115.

13th Annual Women's Retreat "Behold Thy Son"

Calling ALL women! Come ponder "Motherhood" in your heart after the example of Mary. The Legion of Mary invites you to come pray with Mary, especially for children and for priests.

This overnight retreat includes reflections, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and periods of silence, as well as an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.



Friday, May 6—Saturday, May 7, 2022 Check in Friday 1-6pm; Ends Saturday at 9pm

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

Cost: \$150 per person Includes inner Friday, 3 meals Saturday and private room with shower

Please send form below with check payable to St. Patrick Parish to: St. Patrick RC Church 280 East Main St., Smithtown, NY 11787

NAME_____

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PARISH

DIETARY NEEDS?_____

APPROX. ARRIVAL TIME

For additional information contact : Lana Maggio at 631-374-1116 or Corrinne Addis at 631-804-7222 or keepntuch@aol.com.



A Prayer for Peace

How do we pray for peace from half a world away? How can words salve and soothe real wounds, Assuage real fears, Wipe tears from real eyes? God of endless compassion, transform our prayers From words into bridges, that span the distances Between us, uniting our hearts in yours. Every time we turn our keys in a lock, May we remember all who are losing their homes. Every time we step into our cars, May we remember all who are having to flee. Every time we embrace our children, May we remember all who are trying to shield theirs from war May our besieged sisters and brothers Be drawn into the arms of the suffering Christ, And may our cry be heard as one voice, Ringing out from every corner of the earth: God of endless mercy, grant us peace. Amen.

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- Cameron Bellm



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