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*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 Parish Center. Rosary recitation begins at  
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announced.

## ***Baptisms:***

Celebrated on pre-determined dates. ***Prior to making plans***, call 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@drv.c.org](mailto:dsuglia@drv.c.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.

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world  
but for the ones you have given me,  
because they are yours, and everything of  
mine is yours and everything of yours is  
mine, and I have been glorified in them.  
And now I will no longer be in the world,  
but they are in the world, while I am  
coming to you."

**May 24, 2020**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

## **Pastoral Leadership Team**

**Rev. Dennis A. Suglia**, Pastor

**Deacon Joseph Mystkowski**

**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. Tues. & Wed. 9am-12 & 1-8:30pm; Thurs. & Fri.. 9am-12pm & 1-5pm; Sun. 9:30am-12:30pm.

**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

## We Pray

### ***Saturday, May 23, 2020***

5:00pm The Cesarino & Russo Families  
Elizabeth Pagano  
The Living & Deceased Members of the  
Caravano, Matteo & Confessore Families.  
John Slovak  
Henry & Jane Olafsen  
Phil Toscano

### ***Sunday, May 24, 2020***

7:30am Richard F. Bennett  
9:00am Ada Galioto  
11:00am Greg Summers

### ***Monday, May 25, 2020***

8:30am No Mass ~ Memorial Day

### ***Tuesday, May 26, 2020***

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

### ***Thursday, May 28, 2020***

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

### ***Friday, May 29, 2020***

8:30am Daniel Cawley ~ 8th Anniversary

### ***Saturday, May 30, 2020***

5:00pm Alice Farello  
Dorothy Lorey  
Edward C. Essig  
Danielle Del Vecchio  
Luigi & Maria Russo

### ***Sunday, May 31, 2020***

7:30am Louise M. Contursi  
9:00am Barbara Salpietro  
11:00am Eleanor J. Gathmann



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

*Bobby C. Wilson, James Patrick O'Brien,  
Rita Rammelkamp-McKenna,  
Anna Barbara Smith and Elizabeth Mulderig.*



***The Bread and Wine  
used at this weekend's liturgy***

***are the gifts of  
The Bennett Family***

***in loving memory of  
Richard F. Bennett***

### **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.

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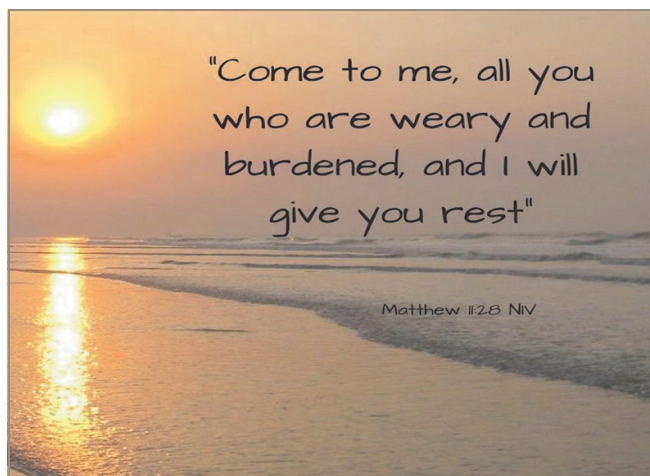
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# We Pray



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

Theresa Mazza, Melanie Schmadtke,  
John McGarvey, Ellen Wisnoski, Rita  
Ruberto, Joan McGrattan, Nello &  
Cesira Liberatore, Robert Schwarz, Bill  
Berger, Marge Golden, Chong Skladel,  
Frank Cayea, Christopher Ewart, Barbara  
Perrone, William Valentin, Grace  
Stephens, Nicholas Grizopoulos and  
Josephine Chebat.



*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  
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](mailto: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.***





# Faith Formation Going Forward

We realize that life right now is very different and many of our regular or routine activities have either changed significantly or have come to a grinding halt. It is often during challenging times that we ask more questions about life and death, and that we are more open to hearing God's message. We are also drawn to the Church and to a desire for the Sacraments. Faith Formation for children, youth and adults is moving forward! This is how...

**Parents!** The Faith Formation Calendar may have ended but you will soon receive information on how to register your child on-line for the coming 2020-2021 Faith Formation year.

**If you have a child who will be going into 1<sup>st</sup> Grade in the fall,** please watch for an invitation to register your child and get started.

**Level 2 and Level 7 Parents!** As soon as we know how and when we can reopen without gravely endangering the common good and health of our people, we will begin to plan for the celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We will keep you updated!

**Middle School Ministry!** We will be having a Zoom meeting soon! Stay tuned!

**Adults!** We know that formation in faith is ongoing and life-long and therefore St. Sylvester ministers of RCIA and Adult Confirmation are prepared to walk with you as you deepen your relationship with God, yourself and others. For information please email [fmcMahon@stsylvesterli.org](mailto:fmcMahon@stsylvesterli.org)

## Did you know?

***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 Please email [faithformation@stsylvesterli.org](mailto:faithformation@stsylvesterli.org)***

# Stewardship

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*Thank you to all those who, in the spirit of stewardship, continue to financially support the parish during this challenging time!!!*

### Will & Estate Planning

Consider leaving a legacy of faith by remembering 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!*



*"Father, I pray that  
they may be one  
as we also are one,  
alleluia."*

*~ John 17:22*



### Prayer — The Universal Gift

Today in John's Gospel we hear Jesus praying, "*I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me...*" Who is He praying for? Jesus is praying for His disciples — for us!

What a powerful message that is for all of us as Long Island remains on "pause" through this Memorial Day weekend! Many have started to lose hope and suffer from anxiety and depression. Some wonder how they and their families will ever recover financially and students (and parents!) long for the stress of taking online classes to end. Jesus is with us through it all, praying for us. We all know how powerful prayer can be — how much more powerful coming from Christ Himself on our behalf!

As faith-filled stewards, we look at our hurting world and respond by helping however we can by using our God-given gifts and talents. Some make meals for our health care workers or shop for elderly neighbors; others make masks and call family and friends to keep their spirits up. Still others make monetary or food donations to help those who now suddenly find themselves with so little. *There is, however, one gift we can all give to one another and that is the gift of prayer — one of the foundations of Christian Stewardship.*

This week, pray for one another. Pray for health; pray for a cure and for peace. Pray for our families, friends, co-workers, priests and religious; pray that we come out the other side of this pandemic a more grateful and less materialistic nation. Pray for unity — in our homes, in our communities, in our church, in our political system and throughout the world. Pray that by working together, the world can solve its many problems. Always remember, prayer is the original, and greatest, wireless connection!

*~ Lori Zito*

## **Clare House Closed Until Further Notice**

In order to comply with social distancing requirements and in an effort to limit all unnecessary contact our team is working remotely. We are still here to help! We will continue to support individual clients on a case by case basis. If you have an emergency situation that requires assistance please call our intake line ONLY:

**631-475-4506 x122**

Please leave only one complete message stating your name, number, and primary need.

Please keep in mind that in the current state of emergency:

- \* National Grid will not shut off service due to non-payment.
- \* PSEGLI will not shut off service due to non-payment.
- \* Evictions will not be enforced.
- \* Those with mortgages who are unable to pay, should contact their lenders, as many will work with clients during this time.
- \* Those who need emergency shelter should call DSS for instruction.  
631-854-9100
- \* DSS offices are open, but staff is limited and there are no face-to-face interviews

**Please check the website and follow us on twitter for information about available resources or ways to help.**

## ***Let us join together in prayer with our Holy Mother Mary!***

*The following prayer is from the Pope's Letter to the Faithful for May 2020 :*

**"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".**

**In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.**

**Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.**

**Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.**

**Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.**

**Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.**

**Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.**

**Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.**

**Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.**

**Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.**

**Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.**

**To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.**

***"Our Lady is always close to us. Especially when we feel the weight of life with all its problems."***

***~ Pope Francis***



# MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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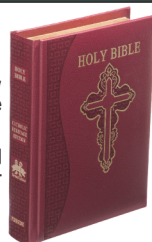
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