

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:

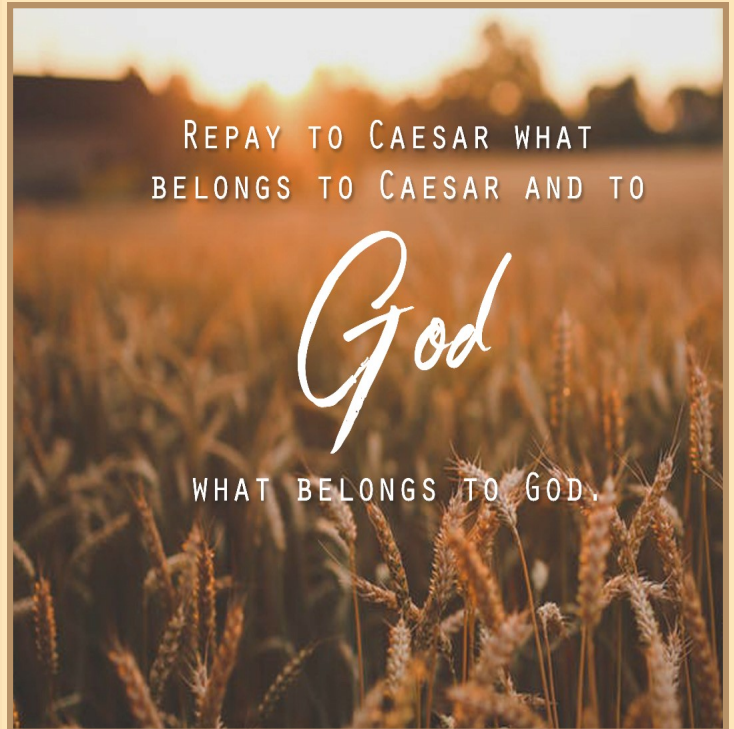
In the Fall for the youth of the parish. Adults and young adults can also be confirmed at Pentecost. Please call the Faith Formation Office 631-475-4506, Ext. 118.

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.



October 18, 2020
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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., 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 ; Tues. & Thurs. ~ 10am-3pm .



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, October 17, 2020

5:00pm Augustus Suglia
Luigi & Maria Russo
Mary Moran
John B. Riccobono
Kathleen Owens

Sunday, October 18, 2020

9:00am Dominick Garofalo
11:00am Edward Zatwarnicki ~ *16th Anniversary*

Monday, October 19, 2020

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

8:30am Joseph Schenkel

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:30am Brigida E. Guerrero

Friday, October 23, 2020

8:30am Joyce Bush

Saturday, October 24, 2020

5:00pm John & Theresa Rizzo
Augustus Suglia
Luigi & Maria Russo
Dolores Scanzillo
Lan Zhang Daly

Sunday, October 25, 2020

9:00am Felice Toscano
11:00am Jacqueline London



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

*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 infor-
mation, to: ecareccia@stsylvesterli.org or call
631-475-4506, ext. 101.*

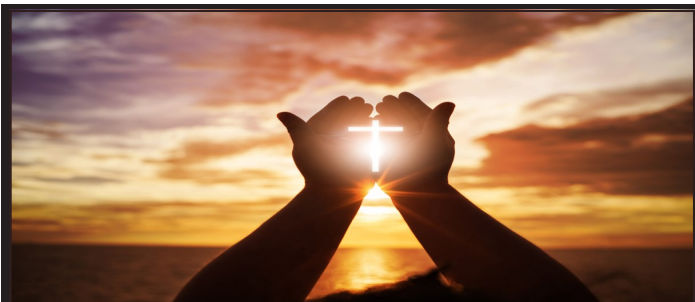
Thank you and God bless.



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

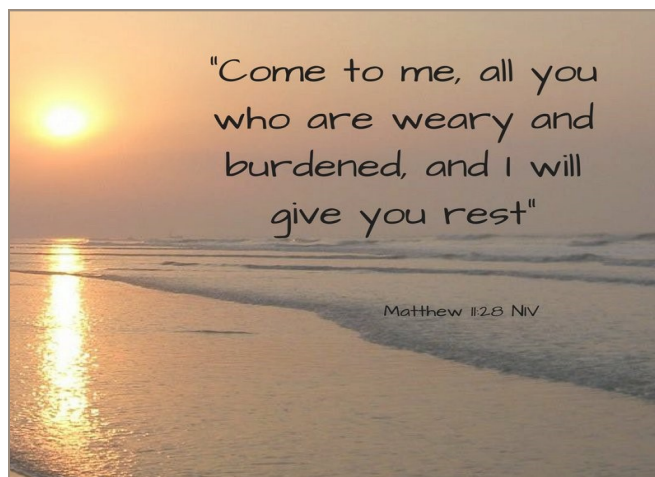
***are the gifts of
Victoria & John Daly
in loving memory of
Richard Daly***

We Pray



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

Melanie Schmadtke, John McGarvey, Grace Stephens, Nicholas Grizopoulos, Mark LaGatta, Terri Weinstein, Lisa Gallaudet, Marge Golden, and Michelle Clark.



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.

PRAYER, the world's greatest wireless connection



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.



May God continue to bless Andy & Lorraine Magyar as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday at the 11am Mass.



**Next Sunday, October 25th, at the 9am Mass
we will be joined by three men seeking full Sacramental Initiation
(Baptism, Confirmation and Communion) in the Church.**

**Dennis, Stefan and Justin will make their public intention to join us
as members of the Church in the Rite of Acceptance
into the Order of Catechumens.**

**They have been meeting remotely with the RCIA Team for several
months in preparation for this next step on their journey in faith.**

**We welcome you to join in supporting them with your prayers
throughout the next months as they grow closer on their journey to
becoming disciples of Christ.**

**We look forward to the day they join us and share fully in
Communion at the Lord's Table.**



Pastor's Column
SS Medford
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Diocesan Bankruptcy Proceedings



October 11, 2020

Dear Friends,

As some of you have already heard from me before Mass last week, on Thursday, October 1st, our Diocese, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. This is sad news, but necessary as over 200 lawsuits have been filed against the Diocese under the New York State Victims Act which rolled back the statute of limitations for claims.

Many of you may be wondering how this bankruptcy filing affects us here at St. Sylvester — in short, it doesn't. We are an independent entity in the State of New York, separate from the Diocese. ***We are not filing for bankruptcy!*** Our daily operations, as well as the celebration of the sacraments and the continuation of regular parish life, will be unaffected by the actions of the Diocese.

The Diocese will continue to administer health and welfare benefits to our staff, along with the various retiree programs, without interruption. The funds for these programs are held in trust and can only be used for their specified recipients.

Please be assured that any settlement will be solely determined based on the assets of the Diocese and *will not include* any parish offertory donations collected during Mass or mailed in, nor any contributions to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. **Parish collection income will be used only for activities here at St. Sylvester.** Again, monies from the offertory collection *will not* be used to settle claims. I have included a Q & A on the following pages which will hopefully answer any remaining questions or concerns that you may have.

This action by the Diocese has the goal of completing a settlement that includes a comprehensive and final resolution for suffering survivors. Let us pray first and foremost for the victims and secondly for the Diocese.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Suglia
Pastor

Questions and Answers Regarding the Diocese Filing

General Q&A

1. What is Chapter 11?

Chapter 11 is a legal mechanism for court-supervised reorganization or restructuring of a corporation's obligations. Chapter 11 provides a way for a corporation to address its financial condition in order to remain a viable entity, while continuing day-to-day operations.

2. Why did the Diocese of Rockville Centre (The Diocese) file for Chapter 11?

The Diocese took this action to ensure the viability of its ongoing mission and charitable services, while it works toward a fair and equitable way to compensate survivors of sexual abuse who brought lawsuits under the Child Victims Act. Ensuring fair and equitable settlements with all survivors requires the Diocese to manage the increasing costs of this litigation. Filing will allow the Diocese to work toward a settlement with survivors AND, at the same time, maintain its mission; serving the common good of all.

3. What entities are included in the Chapter 11 filing?

Only the Diocese itself is included in the filing. Parishes, Catholic schools and religious orders within the Diocese are not included in the filing. The Diocese of Rockville Centre is a distinct religious corporation from the Parishes, some of which include Catholic Schools as part of their missions. Some of the Parishes are named in Child Victims Act lawsuits along with the Diocese. The Diocese will ask the Bankruptcy Court to “stay,” or halt, any civil actions against the Parishes and bring these cases under the umbrella of the process to resolve abuse lawsuits that they expect to set up in the Chapter 11 case.

4. How does the Chapter 11 filing impact DRVC Schools?

Parishes, elementary schools and high schools are separate legal entities from the Diocese and are not filing Chapter 11. The Chapter 11 filing is not expected to have a direct impact on the day-to-day operations of our schools or parishes. The continued employment, salaries, and benefits of DRVC school employees also will not be impacted by this filing.

5. Why choose bankruptcy?

We hope this choice will establish a single process to compensate all survivors. We believe this offers the best opportunity for equitable settlements for all survivors.

6. Why now?

The Diocese has been named in more than 200 lawsuits since the Child Victims Act went into effect August 14, 2019. It has become clear to the Diocese that, to ensure that available financial resources are distributed fairly, it must mitigate the increasing litigation expenses and implement a comprehensive and equitable settlement with all survivors.

7. Is the bankruptcy a way to minimize your financial responsibilities to the victims?

No. The bankruptcy process will provide a transparent look at the Diocese's financial status. All documents filed in a Chapter 11 are available publicly, including information about financial resources, borrowing, insurance coverage, investments, pension obligations and expenses. It will be plain to see what the Diocese can afford to pay survivors. Our goal is to compensate the survivors of abuse as equitably as possible while continuing with our charitable missions. ~ continued on next page

8. What happens to the lawsuits that have been filed against the Diocese?

The Chapter 11 filing triggers a "stay" that essentially freezes all litigation against the Diocese. The Diocese will work with all survivors, within the Chapter 11 process, to finalize a settlement of the litigation claims. The claims and settlement will be part of the Diocese's Plan of Reorganization and must be approved by the Court before the Diocese can emerge from bankruptcy.

9. Does the Diocese have enough money to continue operating?

The Diocese believes its current and future liquidity will be sufficient to fund normal operations and services during the restructuring process and beyond. Vendors will be paid for all goods and services after the filing, and transactions that occur in the ordinary course of business will continue as before. Employees will be paid their normal wages, and health and benefits programs will continue uninterrupted.

10. How long will the Diocese be in Chapter 11?

The Diocese of Rockville Centre will work to emerge from Chapter 11 as soon as possible. Given the seriousness of this situation, and the importance of dealing fairly with the survivors of abuse, we cannot give a definitive end date at this time.

11. Have other Dioceses filed and come out of Chapter 11?

Yes. Since the Child Victims Act was enacted and the window opened on August 14, 2019, four of the eight dioceses in New York have filed Chapter 11. While the New York Dioceses are still in the reorganization process, many other dioceses across the country have, through the Chapter 11 process, reached settlements with survivors of abuse.

12. Will my gift/donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal or other specific funds to be used to pay legal settlements?

No. Gifts and donations that are made to the Catholic Ministries Appeal or to support specific ministries and programs will only be used for those purposes. Designated gifts can only be used for the purposes for which they were and are given.

13. Where did the Diocese file?

The petitions were filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

14. Where can I find Chapter 11 case information?

To ensure access to all restructuring information, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has created a link to its Reorganization Information page on the diocesan website, www.drvc.org, which contains a variety of information on our Chapter 11 restructuring. The Diocese has also set up a toll-free information line for inquiries at (888) 490-0633. For access to certain court documents and other information about our Chapter 11 case, please visit <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>.

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Parish Q&A

15. Is our Parish included in the DRVC Chapter 11 filing?

No. Our Parish is a separate legal entity and therefore not included in the Chapter 11 filing of the Diocese.

16. Will our Parish file bankruptcy too now that the Diocese has filed?

No. There are no plans for parishes to file for Chapter 11.

17. What if our Parish has been named in a sexual abuse lawsuit? Will we need to file for bankruptcy to resolve it?

The Diocese will ask the Bankruptcy Court to “stay” or halt any sexual abuse actions against parishes and bring these cases under the umbrella of the process in order to resolve them.

18. Will my donation to the Parish during Mass now be used to settle sexual abuse lawsuits?

No. Monies collected from donors and parishioners will not be redirected toward litigation settlements.

19. What effect will the filing have on the operations and stability of Elementary and High Schools?

Each school is a separate legal entity from the Diocese and is also not included in the bankruptcy filing.

Schools continue to pursue a variety of initiatives aimed at stabilizing and revitalizing. Today’s Chapter 11 filing, and the related legal proceedings, will not have direct impact on their day-to-day operations. The continued employment, salaries, and benefits of school employees will not be impacted by this filing.

20. Is there a chance that money for the DRVC schools could be used to pay abuse settlements?

Tuition, philanthropic support, and parish support of schools will, as always, be fully dedicated to funding the operations of the schools and are not impacted by the Diocese’s Chapter 11 filing.

21. If a parishioner has made a designated gift or donation to this parish, will that money remain here, or can it be moved to the Diocese for settlement purposes?

Designated gifts and donations are protected under New York state law and cannot be used to settle claims.

22. Will the Diocese lay off any employees as a result of the restructuring?

The Diocese has already made extensive budget cuts that resulted in the reduction of approximately ten percent of its workforce. At this time, no additional layoffs are expected.

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23. The Diocese administers the lay and clergy pension and 403B funds, along with health and welfare benefits for parishes. Will there be changes in these programs? Will these funds be available to use for settlements?

The Diocese serves only as the administrator of these funds. The actual funds are held in trusts that are not available to any party for reasons other than the payments to beneficiaries as laid out in the various programs. We expect no changes in these programs as a result of the Diocese's filing.

24. Is there a chance that the Diocese will sell this Parish or other real estate to help settle claims?

No. This parish and any real estate surrounding it are property of this parish, which is a separate legal entity from the Diocese. The Diocese does not have a legal right to sell property that belongs to a parish corporation.

25. If our parish has been the subject of a sexual abuse allegation or lawsuit, what impact does the Diocese's filing have?

The bankruptcy process should bring closure to the lawsuits facing the Diocese and a release for all parishes from any and all abuse claims. As we move through the settlement process, additional information will be available.

Additional Information is also available by clicking on the restructuring icon on the DRVC website: www.drvc.org.



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 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.**
- **No bulletins will be distributed. Please read the bulletin online.**
- **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**

BAPTISM

**Baptism is the door to life and to the
Kingdom of God
Let us welcome the newly baptized
into our community of Faith
during the month of
September 2020**

**Sophia Rose Benzing
Greylan Robert-Francis Burgess
Lena Rose DeCicco
Andrew Thomas Eckert
Erick Robert Lehmann
Gavin Robert May
Graciella James Mayo
Juliana Meghan Nieves
Maya Alexandra Oltean**

THANK YOU!

Dear Volunteers for the Fall Plant Sale,

Thank you for your efforts this past weekend during our Fall Plant Sale! By every estimate the fundraising event was a success. I am always humbled by the efforts our volunteers put into stewardship of our great parish. Your efforts were noteworthy and your love for our parish home is obvious. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

**Rev. Dennis A. Suglia
Pastor**



Revised & Simplified Faith Formation Program 2020-2021 !

Dear Parents/Guardians and Catechists,

We have revised and simplified the St. Sylvester Faith Formation Program so that it will be **more manageable and yet still meaningful** for all involved, Catechists, students, and their families.

As school districts are moving forward with plans for the school year, it has become clear to us that parents and students may be challenged by the newness of what lies ahead. This combined with parents changing work situations has caused us to take another look at the Faith Formation Program we are offering and how we can be more accommodating to all.

If you have already registered your child, we hope this will make life a little easier. If you have not yet registered your child, the hope here is that with this more accommodating schedule, you will now reconsider registering them.

Here is the revised and simplified Faith Formation Program for 2020-2021 Year for Levels 1 through 7!

- ♦ Arrangements will be made for a curbside pickup of the materials (books, calendar, etc.) needed for each of your children so they can work from home.
- ♦ There will be 4 virtual meetings on the Zoom platform, for the year, that we ask students to try their best to attend (with the help of a parent). So, for example, if you registered your child for a Level 5 class on Mondays at 4:30 p.m., your child's class will be held four (4) times virtually on 4 specific Mondays at 4:30 p.m. according to the Level 5 Calendar. If you registered your child for Level 3, 4 or 5 Home Taught the virtual; meetings will be held on Saturdays according to the Home Taught Level 3, 4 or 5 calendars. Level 1 will be Home Taught and have four (4) virtual meetings on specific Saturdays according to the Level 1 calendar.
- ♦ The calendar will not begin until Monday, November 30, 2020 to give everyone time to adjust to the school schedules, etc. and will end in May.
- ♦ Parents with children who have 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. Please go ahead and register your child for the next Level in the Individualized Faith Formation Program. If you have questions, please email faithformation@stsylvesterli.org
For more information or if you have questions, please email faithformation@stsylvesterli.org

Blessings,

Fran, Mike and Terese

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration 2020-2021 Year Has begun and will continue on-line!

Parents, if you have not yet received an email with important registration information and directions on how to register your child for 2020/2021 Faith Formation year, please email us at faithformation@stsylvesterli.org

Due to COVID 19, this year, registration will take place online.

Our goal is to be sure all who attend Faith Formation are safe and stay healthy. Thank you for your patience!

Adults: We know that formation in faith is ongoing and life-long and therefore St. Sylvester's 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 to: 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 or questions
please email
faithformation@stsylvesterli.org***

Stewardship

One Family in Mission



Called to Evangelize

Formation

Hospitality

Prayer

Service

Gifts of Treasure

October 11, 2020

Regular ~ \$7,280

Renovation ~ \$175 Solar ~ \$40

Last Year's Collection ~ October 13, 2019

Regular ~ \$9,767

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!!!

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!

Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.

Luther Burbank

Vibrancy of our Faith Community on Display at Fall Flower Sale

This past weekend our Gardening Club Ministry hosted our annual Fall Flower Sale and to simply say it was a terrific success would shortchange its importance during these unsettling times.

Make no mistake, this was a wonderful fundraiser for the parish, netting us a profit of **\$1,912.75!** But this sale, right now, at this time in 2020, was so much more than that. This was the first time many of our parishioners returned to church property since March, comfortable with the fact that the sale was outdoors and that everyone wore masks. Parishioners came to see and be with one another again and support our parish, just as much as they did to buy the beautiful flowers. Many gave donations on top of their purchases (or even without purchases) and the weather even smiled on us (other than a little wind) — for a change!

As a vibrant community of faith, we have missed one another and this Flower Sale was just the thing to bring us together and make us all smile a little bit again! I echo Fr. Suglia's thank you to all the Gardening Club Ministry who worked so hard to make this a great experience in the middle of a pandemic and to all those who stopped by to chat, offer encouragement and purchase some flowers.. It was good to see you all!

Thanks also to Karen at Forge River Nursery in Mastic, who is always such a pleasure to work with, and who generously donated some plants for our parish grounds. Stewardship at its best all around!

~ 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 one 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 Open!

St. Sylvester operates a community thrift shop filled with a variety of goods at extremely affordable prices - often much lower than traditional thrift shops! Hardworking staff and volunteers stock the shelves with a high level of detail. Often the items available are very high quality. Excess clothing which cannot be sold or used is donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and furthers their mission to serve the poor. Clare House clients can receive a voucher, based on financial need, to obtain items at no cost.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

All items must be placed inside the bin. To donate items which do not fit in the bin, please call during hours and speak to a member of our team.

Please DO NOT leave items outside the thrift shop, they are destroyed by exposure to the elements.

Thank you for your support!

CONTACT

631-475-4506 x124

HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday
10:00AM - 3:00PM

October 2020 • RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Conscience
formation

Election Day is
important this
year for the
issues of life.

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Live the
Gospel of *Life*

"to imitate Christ
and follow in
his footsteps"

The Gospel of Life

<https://respectlife.drvc.org/>



THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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~Ministry Feature for Week of October 18, 2020 ~

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Gianna Center Website: <https://www.chsli.org/gianna-center>





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Upcoming Workshop

Basic Virtual Religious Studies Course (2020)

Via Zoom

New Testament

August 17 – August 20, 2020
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Church

August 24 – August 27, 2020
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Christology

August 31 – September 3, 2020
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers

Via Zoom

Evening

Oct 12, 19, 26; Nov 2, and 9
7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mornings

Oct 13, 20, 27; Nov 3, and 10
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online,
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SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

10 A.M.—1 P.M.

ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL

2 P.M.—4:30 P.M.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2020

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

10 A.M.— 1 P.M.

KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.

2 P.M.— 4 P.M.

CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

10 A.M.— 1 P.M.

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

1 P.M.— 3:30 P.M.

ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

11 A.M.— 1:30 P.M.

HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN H.S.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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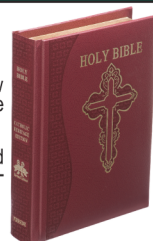
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