

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:

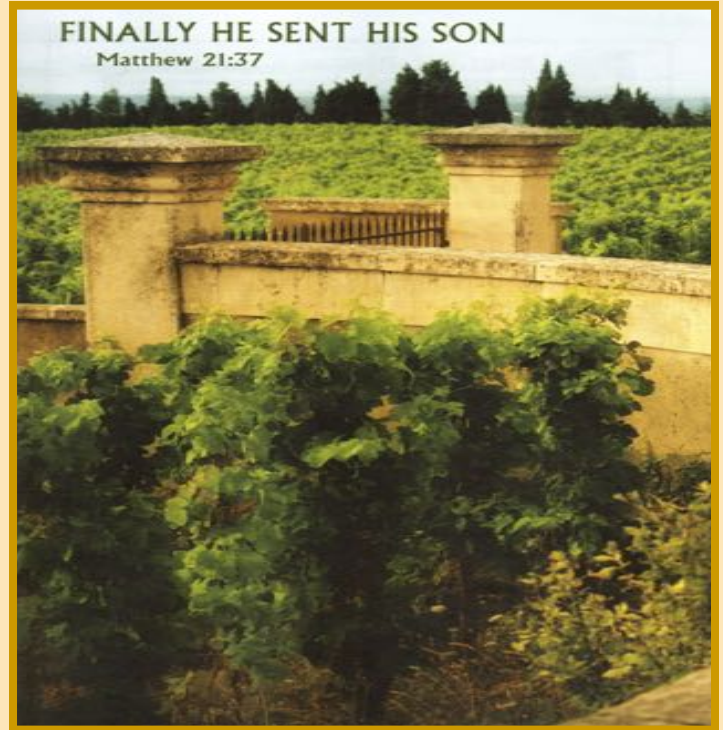
In the Fall for the youth of the parish. Adults and young adults can also be confirmed at Pentecost. Please call the Faith Formation Office 631-475-4506, Ext. 118.

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 4, 2020
27th 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 3, 2020

5:00pm Fred Liberatore
Augustus Suglia
John Yacobellis
Rosemarie Terlizzi
Fiorentina Caiazzo
Donald Plante

Sunday, October 4, 2020

7:30am The People of St. Sylvester
9:00am Frank Cayea
11:00am Dante Taylor

Monday, October 5, 2020

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

8:30am Rene' Gago ~ *Living Intention*

Thursday, October 8, 2020

8:30am Augustus Suglia

Friday, October 9, 2020

8:30am Joe Caracciolo

Saturday, October 10, 2020

5:00pm Joseph Crupi III ~ *5th Anniversary*
Augustus Suglia
Luigi & Maria Russo
Matthew Coquelin
John Yacobellis
Donald Plante

Sunday, October 11, 2020

7:30am The People of St. Sylvester
9:00am Jim Kummer
11:00am Kenneth Botensten



We remember and pray for those who have died.

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.

2021 Mass Book Opens

Please be advised that the Parish Office will open the 2021 Mass Book this week for announced Masses.

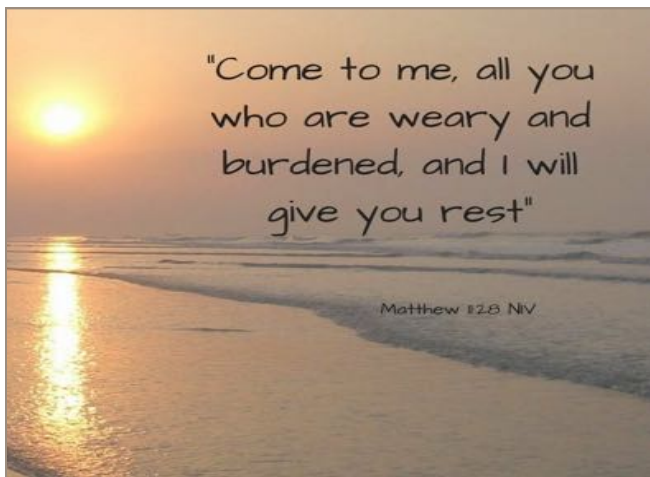
We ask you to limit your Masses to no more than six (6) at a time so that all may have an opportunity to arrange Masses for their loved ones.

We Pray



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

**Melanie Schmadtke, John McGarvey,
Grace Stephens, Nicholas Grizopoulos,
Mark LaGatta, Terri Weinstein,
Christina Chebuske, Lisa Gallaudet,
and Marge Golden.**



***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 some-
one 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.***





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Today, I have some important but difficult news to share with you. Earlier this morning, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. This decision was not made lightly. However, in the year since the passage of the Child Victims Act, more than 200 lawsuits alleging sexual abuse have been filed against the Diocese of Rockville Centre. What became clear is that the Diocese could not continue to carry out its spiritual, charitable and educational missions while also having to shoulder the increasingly heavy burden of litigation expenses associated with these cases.

Filing for Chapter 11, we believe, is the only way for the Diocese to ensure a fair and equitable outcome for everyone involved. That is because the bankruptcy court will centralize all litigation and oversee a settlement that ensures that no survivor is left out or gets unfair compensation at the expense of another survivor.

During this period of restructuring, most Diocesan operations and ministries will continue without interruption. We anticipate that current and future financial liquidity will be sufficient to fund normal operations and services during this restructuring process. Our employees will be paid their normal wages. Benefit programs will continue, uninterrupted. Our vendors will be paid for all goods and services after filing, and ordinary operations will continue as before.

We know that most people experience the life of the Church through their parish, so it is important to note that the good work of our parishes and Catholic schools is expected to continue as normal. Since the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are separate legal entities, they are not included in this Chapter 11 filing. But it is also the case that after Chapter 11, the Diocese will have fewer financial resources to help struggling schools and parishes.

I also would like to stress that the practice of our Catholic Faith and administration of the sacraments continues just as it has and will not be affected by this legal filing. It is my hope and prayer that operations will be unaffected during the restructuring process as we work to maintain the stability of our many ministries. We will certainly need to prioritize the charitable missions that are essential to Long Island, but the work of the Church must continue. Catholic evangelization must and will continue.

We know that this is hard for people across the Diocese to digest and especially difficult for the many people of Long Island, both Catholic and non-Catholic, who depend on the Church in so many ways. Parishioners will certainly have many questions, so it is important for everyone to understand what this decision means, to avoid any misconceptions.

A settlement will be determined based on the assets of the Diocese and will not include any parish offertory donations collected during Mass or any contributions to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our financial and legal advisors are maximizing the availability of insurance coverage and investment proceeds. It is important to note that in bankruptcy, all assets of the Diocese are part of the court record and therefore publicly available and that the process is completely transparent. All public information relating to the filing can be found on a dedicated Chapter 11 website, which can be found by clicking on the Chapter 11 icon found on the diocesan website at www.drvc.org.

For the Diocese, fair and equitable treatment for survivors of sexual abuse has always been a top priority. That is why we created the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program in 2017. Since then, the program has assisted approximately 350 survivors of sexual abuse. But that program also has greatly depleted our financial resources, leaving us with fewer resources to be able to litigate the CVA cases.

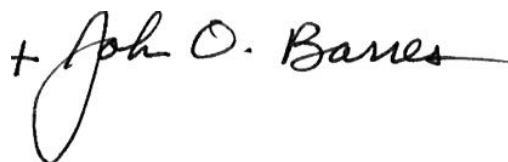
Over the last year, our advisors have studied our financial and legal situation extensively and concluded that a Chapter 11 filing was the only way to ensure an equitable settlement for abuse survivors, help us manage litigation expenses and carry out our essential mission and ministries.

We will work diligently with all survivors, creditors and ministries to maintain open communication while we work toward our goal of completing a settlement and a restructuring plan that includes a comprehensive resolution for those suffering survivors. Our Diocese underwent extensive reforms in 2003 with the creation of our Office for the Protection of Children and Young People. We will continue to be vigilant in our commitment to child protection.

I ask each and every Catholic on Long Island during these painful times to embrace the power of the Cross of Jesus Christ and His Divine Mercy, and to help others carry their crosses, especially survivors of clergy sexual abuse. Together, we ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Mother of the Church, that she continue to intercede for a spirit of holiness and mission in this Diocese and the raising up of a new generation of saints on Long Island to serve the Church and the world. All of us, as members of the faithful, are called to find strength in the Word of God and the Sacraments and to live Christ's spirit of humility, charity, compassion, sensitivity and courage. We ask for the intercession of our patroness, the courageous martyr Saint Agnes, for the fortitude to joyfully and charitably proclaim the Gospel and the Splendor of Truth in every public square.

Please know that I am praying for each and every one of you and your families and in a special way for the survivors of clergy sexual abuse. I also pray that through this restructuring process, the Diocese can emerge stronger, having resolved these issues with dignity and fairness and put everyone in a better position to move forward and heal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J' and a cross at the end.

**Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre**

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE
NOW ADDED A SUNDAY MASS !**

**SUNDAY MASS IS NOW CELEBRATED AT 9AM AND 11AM.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO LONGER A 10AM
MASS !**

THE SATURDAY EVENING MASS WILL REMAIN AT 5PM .

**YOU MUST STILL REGISTER FOR THE MASS OF YOUR
CHOICE (5PM, 9AM OR 11AM) EACH WEEK FROM
WEDNESDAY AT 9AM UNTIL FRIDAY AT 3PM.
TO REGISTER, GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE AND CLICK
ON THE RED BOX TITLED
“Weekend Mass Sign Up”
LOCATED ON THE HOME PAGE.**

**EACH MASS IS STILL LIMITED TO 80 SEATS.
PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ALL SOCIAL
DISTANCING PROTOCOLS AND BRING YOUR SEAT
CONFIRMATION WITH YOU FOR THE USHERS.**

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE !

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**

Blessing of the Animals

The family is defined as the “Domestic Church”, (*Cf Lumen Gentium 11*) that is, in every Christian family the different aspects and functions of the life of the entire Church may be reflected: mission; catechesis; witness; prayer, blessings, etc. And so the Church encourages the faithful to exercise their God given right to bless those things we love the most....like our pets.

This year we are not having a blessing for our pets at the parish, which normally occurs near the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. However, we encourage you to use the blessing below to bless your pets right at home. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

“Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.”



FALL FLOWER SALE

Hosted Outside the Church by the Garden Club Ministry

**Saturday, October 10th ~ 10am—6pm
Sunday, October 11th ~ 8:30am—12:30pm**



**Mums
Montauk Daisies
Pansies
Ornamental Kale
& Cabbage**

Don't miss our beautiful autumn selection of pots and hanging baskets from Forge River Nursery in Mastic!

Masks are required to keep you and your fellow parishioners safe.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A "HEAVENLY HELPER"?

Wanted: Parishioners willing to clean God's house.

Qualifications: A desire to give the gift of your time and energy to God, a love of our beautiful church and friendly parishioners, and a belief that cleanliness is truly next to godliness.



As we begin to return to the "new normal" of more Masses, sacraments and events being held in the church, it is our goal to put together a team of volunteer ministers who would come in and quickly sanitize the designated pews and other high traffic areas of the church between celebrations to maintain a clean and safe environment for all.



All "Heavenly Helpers" will be trained and supplied with masks, gloves and cleaning supplies. (Angel wings are not included, but our prayers and thanks are!) If you are able to assist by serving in this way, please contact Lori Zito by emailing to lzito@stsylvesterli.org or calling 631-475-4506, ext.115. **Thank you !!**

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

September 27, 2020

Regular ~ \$6,264

Renovation ~ \$105 Solar ~ \$35

Last Year's Collection ~ September 29, 2019

Regular ~ \$8,829

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(c)(3) 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!

"Prayer leads us forward in hope."

POPE FRANCIS

I Say a Little Prayer for You...

Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians that we hear today begins, "*Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.*"

I don't know about you, but I think 2020 has cornered the market on anxiety! There is so much to worry about — our health, job losses, children attending school online, devastating fires, violence in our streets, an upcoming presidential election — you name it, 2020 has it! It all becomes too much sometimes, doesn't it? And yet St. Paul tells us not to have anxiety, that prayer and petition, coupled with gratitude, will give us peace. And not just a little peace, the peace that "*surpasses all understanding*" - a peace that will "*guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*"

One of the main foundations or pillars of stewardship is prayer. When we are still small children we are taught how to pray, perhaps initially with bedtime prayers and then with the rosary. As we grow in age and faith, we also pray in community with one another during Mass, and in solitude — personal conversation with the Trinity. It is through these heartfelt conversations that we, as faithful stewards, will hear God speak to us, relieve our collective anxieties and find the peace that St. Paul promises.

This week, as a grateful steward, take a little time to offer a prayer of thanks to God for all that He has generously given, along with a prayer of intention for someone else's needs. Chances are, focusing on your blessings and asking the same for others will lower your anxiety a little and give you peace — wonderful gifts that we could all use right now!

~ 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

 The Office of FAITH FORMATION
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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,
please visit drvc-faith.org/event

RELIGION AND ROCK

Tune into “*Religion and Rock*,” a nationally syndicated, 60 minute, classic rock radio program with Msgr. Jim Vlaun, which airs on Sundays from 7:00am - 8:00am on **BAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM** on Long Island’s East End.

Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on **Sirius Radio, Channel 159, The Catholic Channel** and at 11:00 PM on **XM Satellite, Channel 117**.

This Sunday’s theme is
Possessions ~ don’t miss it!

To listen online, or receive more information regarding “*Religion and Rock*,” go to www.ReligionandRock.com or to “*Religion & Rock*” on **ITUNES**.



PLEASE JOIN US IN PROCLAIMING THE RESPECT LIFE MESSAGE

OCTOBER 4TH AT 2PM TO 3:30PM,
AT LIE EXIT 70 SOUTH AND COUNTY RD. 111
(For whatever time you can spare)

STAND UP FOR LIFE (SUFL) is sponsoring the 23rd Annual Life Chain, Witnessing for Life.
We provide life-affirming signs (no graphic signs); you provide the witness.

This Chain (Witness), sends the message that Life is Sacred and Must be Protected.
The message is seen by all, giving courage and direction to future parents, grandparents, to all!
Help us send that message and give hope to all concerned!

This National Event is happening in 1,500 locations across America.

(Social Distancing Observed)

Any questions, please call Pete B. at 631-289-2095, The L.I. Coalition for Life.



October 2020 • RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Live the Gospel of *Life*

"to imitate Christ
and follow in
his footsteps"

The Gospel of Life



THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics



*Living the Gospel of Life, our office is dedicated to
all areas of healing and evangelization.*

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10 A.M.—1 P.M.

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10 A.M.— 1 P.M.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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