## 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 Parish Center. Rosary recitation begins at 8:15am before morning Mass. Holy Days as announced.

#### Baptisms:

Celebrated on pre-determined Sunday afternoons. *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@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:

Every second Friday of the month @ 8:30am Mass or call the Rectory at 631-475-0418 any time. For those needing surgery or serious medical treatment.



Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. ~Luke 13

## August 25, 2019 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Pastoral Leadership Team

Rev. Dennis A. Suglia, Pastor Deacon Joseph Mystkowski Deacon Frank Rivera Deacon George Riegger, Retired Theresa Ellner, Business Manager 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**

Please note summer hours for the Parish Office!

**Parish Office**: (631) 475-4506 ext 101; Fax (631) 475-1057; email: parishoffice@stsylvesterli.org Mon. Tues. Thurs. 9am-12pm & 1-5pm; Wed. 9am-12 & 1-8:30pm; Fri. 9am-12pm & 1-3pm; 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 Mon. 10am - 3pm ; Wed 10am - 3pm & 4pm - 7pm ; Fri. 10am - 12pm

#### We Pray Saturday, August 24, 2019 In order to keep our Sick List up to date, we will Roy Hull 5:00pm remove all names at the end of each month. Rocco & Ernestine Mangino Simply call or email the Parish Office if you Anita Abbatte wish to place someone on the list. Please re-The Medilo Family member that for the sake of privacy, this request The D'Amato Family must be made by either the sick person him/ Thomas Angelo herself, or by an immediate family member. Rose Patellaro Sunday, August 25, 2019 We pray for all who are sick, especially ... 7:30am Charles Bellizzi 9:00am Ginny Handley (10th Anniversary) Bob Prentiss, Pam Hinton, Nina Caravana, Rosemarie 11:00am Peter Montemurro (3rd Anniversary) Orrico, Donald Orrico, Vivian DeMello, Andrew D'Souza, Beatrice D'Souza, Joan McGrattan, Barbara Monday, August 26, 2019 8:30am The People of St. Sylvester Bellassai, Jim Newkirk, Agnes Cantarelli, Frank Cayea, Tuesday, August 27, 2019 Elizabeth Pagano, Paul Mazza, Andy Magyar, Baby 8:30am Jim Kummer (8th Anniversary) Emma Connolly, Anthony O'Brien, Mary Perotti, Brian Mullins, and George Smith. Thursday, August 29, 2019 8:30am Johanna Diver We pray for all those who have died, especially: Friday, August 30, 2019 The People of St. Sylvester 8:30am Louis James Scavo, Lynne Degenfelder, Lorraine Lupo, Saturday, August 31, 2019 Christopher Silvestro and Mario Rodriguez. 5:00pm Neil Storan Sean McGreevy The Bread and Wine Susan Mantyla used at this weekend's liturgies Christine Carpentieri are the gifts of Pasquale Giaquinto Barbara J. Chin-Sang Kaitlyn & Colin Handley Sunday, September 1, 2019 in loving memory of their grandmother 7:30am Manuel Esteves Ginny Handley 9:00am Josephine Sferrazza 11:00am Doris Faithfull

#### 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.

#### Visit our website at: www.stsylvesterli.org



Father Suglia has said that since the Novena leading up to the Assumption of Our Lady was so well received, he has decided to continue saying the rosary beginning at 8:15am before the daily Mass for the foreseeable future.

Please continue to join fellow parishioners in saying the rosary at 8:15am in the Parish Center Worship Room before daily Mass.



## We are happy to announce that the 2020 Mass Book will Open on Wednesday, September 4, 2019!

Please feel free to come into the Parish Office during regular business hours to request a Mass Intention.
So that all will have the opportunity to have a Mass said for their loved ones, we ask you to limit the number of Mass requests to 6, at this time. Beginning October 2019 you are welcome to request additional Mass Intentions. Please know that we will do our best to accommodate your requests.
Please note: There are no Masses on Wednesdays and all the Intentions for Easter and Christmas Masses are for the People of St. Sylvester Parish.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience!



Are you being called to lead the community in sung prayer? Do you like to sing...play an instrument... or just like to praise God in song? Come join the 5:00 p.m. Mass Choir No commitment needed...just try it out! We regularly practice at 4:00 p.m. right before Mass on Saturdays. If you are not sure or have questions,

feel free to stop by after the 5 p.m. Mass and speak with Greg Wilson.



Sunday September 15, 2019 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass Fr. Suglia will be blessing backpacks! All children are welcome!



## **CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LONG ISLAND NIGHT**

COME OUT TO SUPPORT THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE – THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LONG ISLAND

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## THE FIRST 850 FANS TO PURCHASE THROUGH THIS ONLINE OFFER WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ON-FIELD WARNING TRACK SALUTE PRE-GAME

The Diocese of Rockville Centre (www.drvc.org) is the eighth largest diocese in the U.S. covering 1,198 square miles in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Under the leadership of Bishop John Barres, the diocese with nearly 400 priests, 801 religious women, 34 Brothers and 285 permanent deacons in active ministry serves approximately 1,428,296 baptized Catholics. There are 133 parishes in 115 towns. There are 45 Catholic elementary schools, 9 high schools and one Catholic college in the diocese. There are 75,727 children in parish Faith Formation programs taught by 10,000 volunteer catechists.

TO PURCHASE YOUR DISCOUNTED TICKETS ON BEHALF OF CHS, VISIT GROUPMATICS EVENTS/CHS2019 FOR VIP AND GROUP OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT, CHRIS SORTINO AT 718-559-3173 OR CSORTINO@NYMETS.COM

## **Parish Social Ministry**



#### Wash Kits for the Homeless

Every summer we create hundreds of wash kits to support the Stand Up for the Homeless event at the end of August where over 800 people receive access to multiple services in a single day! In preparation, we will once again be hosting a community service event making wash kits for the homeless. We are in need of travel size hygiene items – shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, washcloth. Please continue to donate these items by placing them in the donation bin in the church or bringing them directly to Clare House. Thank you for your generosity!



#### **Back to School Program**

During the summer months of July and August we will be collecting financial donations to support our Back to School program. Donations can be made electronically on our website, or via cash/check in an envelope marked "back to school" and placed in any collection basket, brought to the parish center or Clare House. All donations will be converted to gift cards.

#### Why gift cards, you may ask?

It is fundamental that we strive in all our service activities to empower those on the margins. Gift cards allow clients to make their own decisions about what supplies, bags, shoes, etc. they would like for their family. This enhances their agency in the process and respects their human dignity as individuals. With this in mind, please consider making a donation to support our families in need.

Thank you for your generosity!

## **Faith Formation**

On-Line Registration Has Been Extended Until August 31st, 2019!

Please go to www.stsylvesterli.org and click on Faith Formation and then Registration.

If you are interested in serving as a Teacher/Catechist, please call 631-475-4506 X 118 or email faithformation@stsylvesterli.org

In the fall, we will have the following opportunities for Teachers/Catechists:

Level 4 ~ Mondays 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

**Level 5** ~ Tuesday 5:45 to 6:45

**Level 6** ~ Tuesday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Home Taught Level 4 ~ 6 specific Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Dates to be determined.)

#### 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.

## Stewardship









**Called to Evangelize** 

Formation

tion Hospitality

Prayer

Service

*Gifts of Treasure August 18, 2019* Regular ~ \$ 7,900 Assumption of BVM ~ \$ 2,530 Renovation ~ \$ 63 Solar ~ \$ 30

### Reflection

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains to us that there is more to being a disciple than just bearing the name. There needs to be some effort on our part to show we are Christians.

## Living Stewardship...Hospitality

This week let the world see the Love of Christ in you. We are called by our Baptism to a life of Christian action — serving and doing good for others, speaking the truth and cultivating a daily prayer life. Offering the gift of your Christian hospitality to others can change lives and hearts.

## Sunday Hospitality Seeks Helping Hands

Do you feel called to use the gift of your hands to welcome others? This fall marks the return once again of our monthly Sunday Hospitality

after the 9am and 11am Masses, with refreshments, raffles and more. It will be here before you know it, so if you are interested, please contact Lori Zito by phone at 631 -475-4506, ext, 115 or email to zito@stsylvesterli.org.



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

Believe it our not, we are already planning for this year's Holiday Fair.!!



Our Holiday Fair Crafters will meet twice a month at 1pm beginning on Wednesday, September 4th to plan and create items for our November 16th & 17th Fair. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Lori Zito in the Parish Ministry & Events Office by calling 631-475-4506, ext. 115 or by emailing to Izito@stsylvesterli.org.

We will also begin accepting donations in September of new items, event & movie tickets, etc. for our popular Holiday Fair raffle baskets. Thank you for your generosity !!

## **Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019**

\$65,800.00
\$40,650.00
61.8%
140

Your donation can make a difference! Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish: St. Sylvester Church

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please place in collection basket or return to the Parish Center. Thank you.

# Pizza with a purpose.

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server, and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine in, take out, catering and all beverages.

FUNdraiser in support of:

## St. Sylvester RC Church

 Wednesday, August 7th
 11:00am – 10:00pm

 Wednesday, August 14th
 11:00am – 10:00pm

 Wednesday, August 21st
 11:00am – 10:00pm

 Wednesday, August 21st
 11:00am – 10:00pm

 Wednesday, August 28th
 11:00am – 10:00pm

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## What's Happening?

## Get Involved!

**Drawing Class** Mondays 10am to 12pm East Wing

*Art Class* Tuesdays 9am to 12pm Patricia Desmond Hall

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** First Wednesday of the Month 10:30am to 12pm in the East Wing

*Art Class* Saturdays 9am to 12pm Patricia Desmond Hall

Senior Circle of Friends Second and Fourth Fridays of the Month 12pm to 2:30pm (*summer hours*)

## Attention Volunteers and Any Interested Adult

There will be an awareness training session... "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" (Also known as Virtus) On Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Wing of the Parish Center

This training, required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre for all volunteers, instructs adults in the importance of continuous awareness and vigilance in order to maintain a safe and healthy environment in our parish and community.

## The goals of the session are to help adults understand:

\* The signs of sexual abuse.
\*The methods and means by which offenders commit abuse.
\*The five-empowerment steps one can use

to prevent abuse.

You may register at www.virtus.org and click on the VIRTUS online link. Questions please call the Parish Office at 631-475-4506, Ext. 101

## Support Groups

Al-Anon Meets every Thursday 9:30am to 12:00pm

**Compassionate Friends** Second Friday of the Month at 7:30pm to 10:00pm

> **Over-Eaters Anonymous** Will return in the fall.

## **Divorced & Separated Support**

If you are going through the pain of marital separation or divorce, we have a parishioner with a degree in psychology and a background in social work who will be happy to meet with you here in the Parish Center to support you at this difficult time. Please contact our Parish Social Ministry Office at Ext. 122 if you would like to set up an appointment.

## Prayer Groups

Please see the Website for more details for Prayer Group Meetings

*Holy Hour & Adoration* 2nd Friday of the month ~ 8pm ~ WR

*Charismatic Prayer Group* 1st, 3rd & 4th Fridays of the month ~ 8pm Worship Room

Women's Prayer Group 3rd Tuesday of the month~ 7pm ~ EW (In August meets on the 3rd Wednesday; no July meeting scheduled)

> *Legion of Mary* Tuesdays ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Spanish Legion of Mary Wednesdays ~ 5:45pm ~ Room 9 (summer hours)

*Third Order of Carmelites* 3rd Friday of the month Mass ~ 7pm ~ Worship Room Meeting ~ 8pm ~ East Wing

*First Saturday Devotion* First Saturday of the Month 9am to 10 am Worship Room

## **GIVE YOUR ENVELOPES A VACATION!**

Tired of searching for envelopes as you are running out the door for Mass only to find you have no cash on hand and just used your last check?

Faith Direct offers a simple solution where you can give your weekly offering electronically, either through a bank account or credit card, with no fuss. Just think of the great vacations you can take with all those accumulated credit card miles!

It's so easy to enroll online — our parish code is NY285. Isn't it time to give your envelopes a permanent vacation?!



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Many of you may be aware through bulletin pieces that you have read and emails you have received, that Dynamic Catholic offers a free email program during Advent and Lent that guides you on an incredible journey toward the Best Version of Yourself.

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To sign up for these daily inspirations, go to <u>https://dynamiccatholic.com/daily-</u> reflections The **Readings for the Week** can be found on our parish website home page by clicking on the "Daily Readings" button. You may also access the readings for the month directly from the USCCB website, www.USCCB.org . Simply click a date on their Daily Readings Calendar to bring up the readings for that particular day.

We regularly find items such as jewelry, glasses, etc. that have been lost or left behind in the church. Please call the parish office if you are missing any important or valuable items.

## Attention Gluten Free Communicants!

99.9% Gluten Free Hosts are used at Saint Sylvester Parish. When you ask for "Gluten Free" hosts please be aware that our hosts are low gluten, not gluten free. The good news is that these hosts, pictured below, are 99.9% gluten free. That means that these hosts have has less gluten than most gluten free foods. Did you know, most gluten free pastas for instance, do not meet the 99.9% gluten free standard, that the Catholic Church has for low gluten hosts? We hope this information will be helpful to you in your practice of receiving Holy Communion.





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