St. Sylvester R. C. Church

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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 8:15am before morning Mass. Holy Days as 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@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.



February 2, 2020 The Presentation Of The Lord

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Parish Social Ministry

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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

Mon. 10am - 3pm; Wed 10am - 3pm & 4pm - 7pm; Fri. 10am - 12pm

Thrift Shop: (631) 475-4506, ext. 124; Tu, Wed & Th ~ 10am - 3pm; Sat ~ 10am - 1pm

We Pray

Saturday, February 1, 2020

5:00pm Luigi & Maria Russo

Mario J. Tagliamonte III 17th Anniv.

Catherine Muhlenforth Francisco Ramirez

Sunday, February 2, 2020

7:30am Virginia I. Yaeger

9:00am Linda Coughlin 1st Anniversary

11:00am Linda Milano

Monday, February 3, 2020

8:30am Luigi & Maria Russo

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

8:30am Marie LoSchiavo 6th Anniversary

Thursday, February 6, 2020

8:30am Luigi & Maria Russo

Friday, February 7, 2020

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Saturday, February 8, 2020

5:00pm Luigi & Maria Russo

Chris Frey Living Intention Ricardo Bustamante

John Dellarocca

Sunday, February 9, 2020

7:30am Edith Canatella 9:00am Susan Keesser 11:00am Linda Milano



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

Jerome Koehler, Thomas Gluick, Dolores Forgione, and Mario Gambino.



The Bread and Wine used at this weekend's liturgies are the gifts of:

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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.

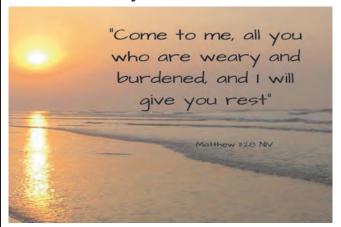
Visit our website at: www.stsylvesterli.org

We Pray



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

Joan McGrattan, Grace Stephens, Mary Worthington, Paul Mazza, Chris Frey, Brody Kuenzler, Melanie Schmadtke, Christopher Ewart, and John McGarvey.



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.

Do you know someone who is not longer able to attend Mass but would like to receive the Eucharist? Please have them or a family member call our Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-475-4506, ext 122 to arrange for a visit from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.



Please pray for world peace and all public servants including the following who are serving on active duty:

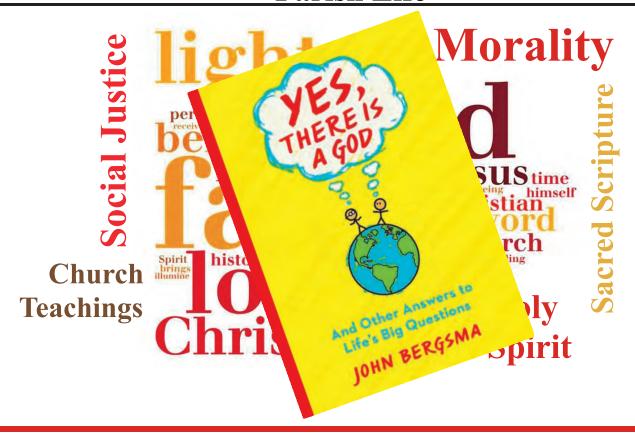
Captain Meghan Munisteri, M.D., Army

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.



Parish Life



Fr. Suglia will be offering Adult Faith Formation Classes during Lent:

Monday, March 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th At 7:00 p.m. in the East Wing of the Parish Center

We will be using the book
"Yes, There Is a God"
by John Bergsma
as a guide for enlightenment and discussion!
There will be a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the materials.

In order to be sure we have enough materials, please register before February 10, 2020, by going to www.stsylvesterli.org.

If you need assistance please call 631-475-4506 Ext. 113 or 107.

Parish Life

Pastoral Council Being Formed

Father Suglia has decided to form a Pastoral Council here at St. Sylvester and is seeking your assistance in doing so.

The role of the Pastoral Council is to work with the pastor in fostering the parish's mission and establishing long-term goals for our faith

community. Father is seeking active parishioners who



NOMINATIONS

joyfully participate in the life of the parish and have the ability to engage in a meaningful way about the needs, feelings and hopes of their fellow parishioners. Council members would be responsible for meeting with Father Suglia on a weekday evening once a month.

If you know a parishioner who you feel would be an asset to our new Pastoral Council, please nominate him/her <u>in writing</u> to Father Suglia directly, stating the reasons why you support this candidate and also including your name and phone number for reference. You may also send an email to Fr. Suglia at dsuglia@drvc.org.







Parish Life

Hospitality Sunday



Come by Patricia Desmond Hall (Lower Level of the Parish Center) after the 9am & 11:00am Masses on

February 9, 2020.



Treat yourself to some coffee and goodies, as well as fellowship with other parishioners!



We are happy to announce that we will be having Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00 AM Mass on the following Sundays:

February 9th & 23rd, March 8th & 22nd and April 26th.

What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is when right after the opening prayer, but before the readings, children are called up by the priest and accompanied by Catechists to the Worship Room in the Parish Center. There, they hear and reflect on the readings at an age appropriate level, sing the Responsorial Psalm, the Gospel Acclamation and recite a simple Creed before returning to the church to join the rest of the community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This will take approximately 20 minutes. During this time the adults and everyone else in the church will be hearing the readings as they usually do.

How can my child participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

When you come to the 11:00 AM Mass on the Sundays listed above, follow the directions of the priest when he calls the children forward to be sent to the Worship Room in the Parish Center. Any child in Level 1 or above is invited to participate. If your child has special needs or is shy, please feel free to accompany your child to the Worship Room.

Stewardship

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Formation Hospitality

Prayer

Service

Gifts of Treasure

January 26, 2020 Regular ~ \$8,958 Renovation ~ \$5,115 Solar ~ \$65

Last Year's Collection ~ January 27, 2019 Regular ~ \$8,303

Blood Drive Recap – January 27, 2020

Last Sunday, 57 donors came down for our Winter Blood Drive. As a result Saint Sylvester's Parish was able to provide Long Island Blood Services with 53 units of blood products.

The Saint Sylvester's Council of the Knights of Columbus, under the leadership of Rich Neubauer, provided their continental breakfast menu for the donors. Thanks to Co-Chair Rich Muller, John

Jennings, Bruce Boziwick, Greg Keeton, Manny Alarcon, Peter Novak, Henry Smith and the other Brother Knights who were there throughout the Drive to cheerfully serve our donors.



The breakfast was enhanced as always through the generous donation of rolls by Grippi's 7-11 and bagels courtesy of Bagels Your Way Café. These establishments most definitely deserve our gratitude and your patronage.

I especially want to once again thank our donors for taking the time and making the effort to help their fellow man. Our Summer Blood Drive is already scheduled for July 12, 2020 . I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Tony Speelman Blood Drive Chairperson **Reflection:** In the Second Reading, we read, "Because He Himself was tested through what He suffered, He is able to help those who are being tested." When we read this, we should be overjoyed to know that our God understands our struggles and cares for us deeply.

Living Stewardship—Formation:

Mary and Joseph raise the child Jesus in accordance with the law of Moses. For those of you who are parents (or grandparents, godparents, etc.), take some time this week to pray with your child and teach them something about our Faith. Remember, *you* are your child's first catechist!

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 nonprofit.

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!

"In a world that can seem so dark at times, God gives you a candle and a match and says, "You are light of the world.""

~ Matthew Kelly

Parish Social Ministry



A divided country. Fights at the dinner table. Political vitriol. What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a climate?

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to join the Civilize It campaign by taking the pledge below as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community.

Civilize It is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God and to respond in love to that reality. Civilize It is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.

I PLEDGE:

1. Civility

To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

2. Clarity

To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

3. Compassion

To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood

www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it

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Census 2020

Everyone counts/Census 2020

Why does the Census matter?

It's about fair representation. Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. It's also about redistricting. After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

For more info, visit 2020census.gov



The culture of ... encounter shatters the culture of conflict. It makes of every encounter a possibility and a gift of God's generous love. It leads us beyond the limits of our narrow horizons and constantly encourages us to a live in a spirit of universal fraternity, as children of the one heavenly Father.

- Pope Francis, 53rd World Day of Peace, January 1, 2020

Faith Formation

Adult Confirmation

Were you Baptized Catholic, received First Holy Communion but for whatever reason never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Coming to St. Sylvester Parish March 2020....

A program for adults who would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Classes will begin March and end late May with the celebration of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020.

For more information or to register please email fmcmahon@stsylvesterli.org or call 631-475-4506 X 107.

Adult Baptism The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is a process, which welcomes those who wish to inquire about joining the Catholic Church. Along with the guidance and support of members of the St. Sylvester RCIA Team and the community, those who are inquiring, explore the loving presence and action of God in their lives, have opportunities for deepening their prayer life, and prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you have never been baptized & are interested in becoming a Catholic or, if you are a baptized non-Catholic but would like to become a Catholic, please email fmcmahon@stsylvesterli.org or call 631-475-4506 X 107.

Would you like to get involved in the RCIA Team?

We always welcome new members to the RCIA Team. You can help by sharing your faith, being a sponsor, or making coffee and cake. There are always opportunities for ministers of Scripture Sharers, Catechists, Sponsors and Hospitality. Training and support is available. For more information please email fmcmahon@stsylvesterli.org or call 631-475-4506 X 107.

Faith Formation

If you are interested in registering your child for Faith Formation, please call 631-475-4506 X 118 for information on how to get started!

From time to time we have opportunities for Substitute Teachers/
Catechists or Hall Guardians on
Mon. & Wed. 4:30, 5:45 & 7:00 pm
& Tues. 4:30 & 5:45 pm
Each for 1 Hour

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

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.



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

January 2020

Benjamín Parker Rosarío

Attention!

Parents Guardians!!

Please accompany your child to the restroom if needed during Mass!

Thank you for your cooperation.

What's Happening?

Get Involved!



Drawing ClassMondays 10am to 12pm East Wing

Art Class

Tuesdays 9am to 12pm Patricia Desmond Hall

Art Class

Saturdays 9am to 12pm Patricia Desmond Hall



First Wednesday of the Month 10:30am to 12pm in the East Wing We knit, crochet, pray and share patterns. The shawls and lap robes are lovingly brought to the sick and homebound. Donations of yarn are appreciated and new members always welcome.

Senior Circle of Friends

Second and Fourth Fridays of the Month 12:30pm to 3:30pm



Support Groups

Al-Anon

Meets every Thursday 9:30am to 12:00pm

Compassionate Friends

(For those who have experienced the loss of a child) Second Friday of the Month at 7:30pm to 10:00pm

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 Monday of the month~ 4pm ~ WR

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays ~ 1:30pm ~ Room 8

Spanish Legion of Mary Wednesdays ~ 5:45pm ~ Room 9

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

Religious Orders

Lay Carmelites

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



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What's Happening?

Attention All Drivers

(of all ages)
Defensive Driving Course
Sponsored by
St. Sylvester Columbiettes

WHEN: Saturday, February 15, 2020

TIME: 9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

PLACE: St. Sylvester Parish Center, East Wing

68 Ohio Ave., Medford, NY 11763

COST: \$35.00

You <u>must</u> pre-register...

Please contact Nancy at 631-289-2095
Limited Seating, so please call early.

Refreshments will be served!



This is a great way to reduce your insurance costs while brushing up on many important points for safe driving.

Super Bowl Sunday Bake Sale

The Third Order of Carmelites will be having a Bake Sale this Sunday, February 2nd (Super Bowl Sunday) after all Masses in the Parish Center Atrium.

Pick up some delicious, homemade desserts for the big game and support our Carmelites!



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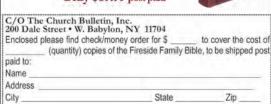
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