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A community praying, growing, serving & welcoming in Jesus Christ.

Eucharist:

Sat: 5pm; Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am & 11am
Parish Center: M, Tu, Th and Fr: @ 8:30am.
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 :

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm in the Sacristy or by appointment 631-475-4506, Ext. 101.

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.

Marriage:

Friday @ 3, 4:30, 6pm; Saturday @ 10:30am & 2:30pm. 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: Every second Friday of the month @ 8:30am Mass for those needing surgery, serious medical treatment,



*You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart... being...
strength ... mind ...
and your neighbor as yourself.*

Luke 10:26

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July 14, 2019 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column
SS Medford
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A GOOD SAMARITAN- Moses, Prayer, and Caritas!

July 14, 2019



"Love the Lord with 'all you got' and your neighbor..."

This weekend we hear of one of the most famous parables (stories) that Jesus uses to teach us charity. No, not giving some of our hard-earned money away. Rather, *Caritas*, the highest form of love. Caritas is charity (love) from the depths of our hearts and built primarily on trust in God.

The Good Samaritan helps the wounded man, despite the hardship that it cost him — delay, loss of wealth, and public disdain. We must be bold to live the Gospel, and model ourselves after Christ: Selflessness, inter-dependence and possessing an outward view for the common good. We teach these values exceptionally well at our Catholic Schools.

A friend of mine is a priest out in Wichita, Kansas. Catholic education is free. FREE! It came about because a priest in the early 1970s constructed a way in his parish to guarantee free Catholic education to all parishioners through *tithing*. *Amazing!!!* To this day, all Catholic education is free, for thousands of students from pre-K through High School in the entire Diocese! A miracle? Perhaps. Better yet, reasonable prudence half a century ago and the commitment and trust of the people. Permit me to discuss these relevant truths or good habits over the next few weeks. Primarily we must understand prudence, for this is the first of the virtues.



Prudence is one of the four *Cardinal Virtues*, or habits of the good life, that were developed about two and a half millennia ago through the Academy in Athens. Imagine, 2500 years ago and 500 years before Jesus Christ. They were given to us primarily through the work of Plato the great Greek Philosopher in his book *Republic*:

Prudence

Temperance

Justice

Fortitude

Cardinal means "hinge," literally everything hinges upon our application of these ethical truths. Prudence simply says, "think before you act," or watch where you are walking (Proverbs 20:7).

Simple, right? Yet it can be so complicated if we allow it. We must be prudent to build upon the virtues. When we grow upon the virtues or good habits for good life, then we become good and have a natural defense against sin. Once we are good, then we can become holy. Holiness leads to sainthood. Together let us become Saints on earth and in Heaven!!!

Yours in Christ,



Father Suglia

N.B. We have our own Catholic Regional School in Patchogue, Holy Angels. My initial goal is twofold: to spend at least 2.5 full days there every month and to find a way to send any interested students (families) in enrolling despite any financial hardship.



Office Information

Parish Office: (631) 475-4506 ext 101; Fax (631) 475-1057; email: parishoffice@stsylvesterli.org
M, Tu, W ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 8:30pm; Th, Fri ~ 9am - 12 & 1 - 5pm; Su ~ 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
M ~ 10am - 3pm ; Wed ~ 10am - 3pm & 4pm - 7pm ; Fr ~ 10am - 12pm

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

We Pray

Saturday, July 13, 2019

5:00pm Robert Edwards
Ann C. McKeown
Robert Pasfield
Mary Lepre
Dorothy Lopez
Carlos Marulanda

Sunday, July 14, 2019

7:30am William Kempel, Jr.
9:00am Nancy & Lenny Rich
11:00am John Perotti (8th Anniversary)

Monday, July 15, 2019

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

8:30am Daniel Peterban

Thursday, July 18, 2019

8:30am Jeffrey White

Friday, July 19, 2019

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Saturday, July 20, 2019

5:00pm Claire Cunningham
Ann C. McKeown
Mary Lepre
Dorothy A. Gang
Emma Cravino

Sunday, July 21, 2019

7:30am Rocco & Ernestine Mangino
9:00am Larry E. Dillingham, Sr.
11:00am Edwina Boyle

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.*

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

Bob Prentiss, Pam Hinton, Andy Magyar, Baby Emma Connolly, Elizabeth Pagano, Joan McGrattan, Barbara Eustace, Alice Fareello, Chong Skladel, Officer George Day.

The Bread and Wine

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“And who is my neighbor?” ~ Luke 10:29


Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable of the Good Samaritan is used by Jesus to answer the question posed by a scholar, “who is my neighbor?” The scholar previously stated that we are to love God with all of our being and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Living Stewardship ... Service

The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us that *everyone* we come across is our neighbor to serve. This week, help those in need of your help. We may not find a man beaten on the side of the road like the Samaritan did, but we can help a family by donating your time, food or a gift card in support of our parish's outreach efforts at Clare House.

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Saturday, September 14, 2019

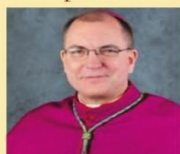
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Faith Formation and then Registration.

*If you are interested in becoming a member of
the Faith Formation Ministry as a Teacher/
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faithformation@stsylvesterli.org*

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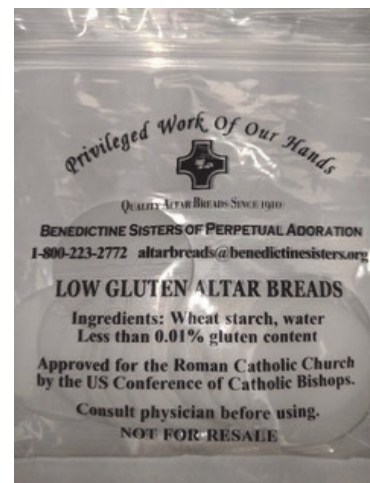
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99.9% Gluten Free Hosts are used at
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When you ask for “Gluten Free” hosts
please be aware that our hosts are
low gluten, not gluten free.

The good news is that these hosts, pictured
below, are 99.9% gluten free. That means
that these hosts have 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.



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!

Please remember that the Parish Center is only open in the Evening on Wednesdays and that we close at 3pm on Fridays while we are on our summer schedule.



Parish Life

**EMERGENCY
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- Age 16 – 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission)



For questions concerning medical eligibility.
1-800-688-0900 or visit www.nybc.org

For More info: Tony Speelman @ 631-236-6327

New York Blood Center

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$40,015.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	60.8%
Number of Donors to Date:	137

Your donation can make a difference!

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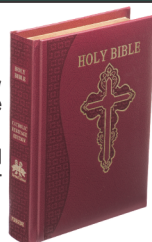
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