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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:***

Sat: 12 noon or by appointment.

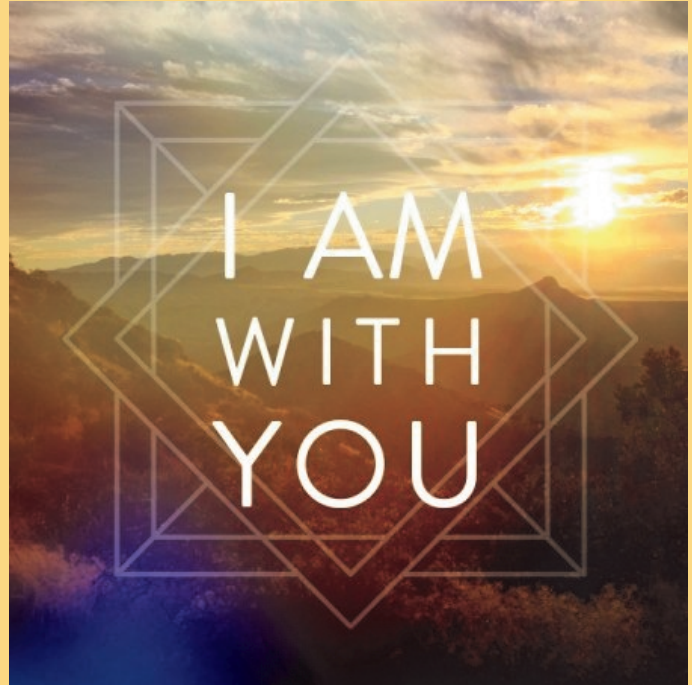
## ***Confirmation:***

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, or seeking spiritual healing.



## **Pastoral Leadership Team**

**Rev. Thomas W. Coby**, Pastor

**Michael Lofaro**, Administrator,  
Faith Formation

**Deacon Joseph Mystkowski**

**Frances McMahon**, Director,  
Faith Formation & Music Ministers

**Deacon George Riegger**, Retired

**Deacon Frank Rivera**

**Justin McMahon**, Director,  
Parish Social Ministry

**Theresa Ellner**, Business Manager

**Lori Zito**, Director,  
Parish Ministries & Events

**June 2, 2019 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter**

# 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, June 1, 2019***

5:00pm James & Estelle Perry  
George Smith  
Nickolas Curry  
Frank Tornincaso  
Sadie & Peter Palamara  
Matthew Allback

### ***Sunday, June 2, 2019***

7:30am Charles Bellizzi  
9:00am Doris Greene (12th Anniversary)  
11:00am Robert Edwards

### ***Monday, June 3, 2019***

8:30am Charles Bellizzi

### ***Tuesday, June 4, 2019***

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

### ***Thursday, June 6, 2019***

8:30am Thomas Barnes

### ***Friday, June 7, 2019***

8:30am James A. Perry

### ***Saturday, June 8 2019***

5:00pm Gerard Donaghy (5th Anniversary)  
Maria Petrovic  
Ivette Zolotas  
Alvin Lopez  
Sgt. Robert Hendricks  
Martin Milillo

### ***Sunday, June 9, 2019***

7:30am Luigi Russo & Family and The Cesarino Family  
9:00am John Patrick Jennings  
11:00am The Living & Deceased Members of the Mangino, Lippis & Santonastasio Families

**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 . . .***

*Jim Newkirk, Marie Grimaldi, Bob Prentiss, Pam Hinton, Andy Magyar, Agnes Cantarelli.*

***We pray for all who have died, especially . . .***

*Barbara Anne Isaacs, Margaret O'Brien, Ann Walsh, Christine Milazzo, Kenneth Terry*

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](http://www.USCCB.org) . Simply click a date on their Daily Readings Calendar to bring up the readings for that particular day.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will not open until 1pm on Wed., June 5th, but the Prayer Shawl Ministry will still meet in the East Wing.**

### 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](http://www.stsylvesterli.org)**

## We Pray

### BAPTISMS



*Baptism is the door to life and to the  
Kingdom of God.*

*Let us welcome those who were newly  
baptized into our Community of Faith  
during the month of  
May 2019*

*Matthew James Dillon  
Cooper Jack Dudley  
Alexandria Faith Lieberman  
Tori Marie Morales  
Dominic John Palazzo  
Cole Joseph Reischmann*

## Faith Formation

### On-Line Registration Has Been Extended Until June 9th!

**Please go to [www.stsylvesterli.org](http://www.stsylvesterli.org)  
and click on Faith Formation  
and then Registration.**

***If you are interested in becoming a  
member of the Faith Formation  
Ministry as a Teacher/Catechist,  
please call 631-475-4506 X 118  
or email  
[faithformation@stsylvesterli.org](mailto:faithformation@stsylvesterli.org)***

## Stewardship

### *Gifts of Treasure*

*May 26, 2019*

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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!

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online — our parish  
code is NY285. Isn't  
it time to give your  
envelopes a perma-  
nent vacation?!**



## Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Designated Goal:	\$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$38,550.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date:	58.6%
Number of Donors to Date:	125

**Your donation can make a difference!**

**Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal**

**Parish: St. Sylvester Church**

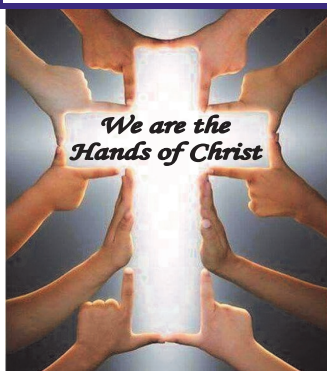
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**Place in collection basket  
or return to the Parish Center. Thank you.**

# Stewardship



## *We Are the Hands of Christ*

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."*

*~ Revelation 22*

**Bulletin Reflection** ~ In today's second reading from the Book of Revelation, John hears Jesus' voice saying, "Behold, I am coming soon." As we celebrate Stewardship Awareness Weekend, do we live our lives as if Jesus is indeed "coming soon" or do we put everything on the back burner, including our faith, intending to focus on it another day?

**Living Stewardship** ~ As Christians, we are called at Baptism to a life of action. As we take the time during this Stewardship Renewal to recognize and further develop the individual gifts and talents that we have each been given, consider selecting one concrete action — joining a parish ministry, committing yourself daily to prayer, giving your time to a non-profit, etc. — to live out your Catholic faith and truly serve as the Hands of Christ, making Stewardship Your Way of Life.

### OUR GOD IS A MOST GENEROUS GOD!

This week you will receive a special mailing designed to help you reflect on God's generosity in your life and what it means to *be* the Hands of Christ. Please look for it in the mail. Next week at the Masses we will celebrate Pentecost and how the gifts of the community are shared through parish ministry and activities. We will hear about the many ways we as stewards of God's gifts are the Hands of Christ and how together we go about building God's Kingdom!

#### *Save the Date!*

Our Parish Appreciation Breakfast for all volunteer ministers will be Saturday, July 20th at 10:30am at Villa Lombardi in Holbrook. Invitations to follow.

### THE AWARE STEWARD

As we begin our Stewardship Renewal and reflect on how we use our God-given gifts of time and talents, as well as our gifts of treasure and material possessions, we become aware of how we have stewarded those gifts. As we plan for the coming year, we may ask ourselves:

~ Have I shared my gift of time wisely among my family, friends, work, prayer, weekly Eucharist, etc.? Am I able to reprioritize and plan to share a little more time in those areas I consider important?

~ Do I acknowledge and give thanks that all around me is gift from our most generous God? Can I acknowledge that I, too, am a gift from God?

~ Have I begun the journey of discerning what special gifts and talents God has given me?





# Clare House - Parish Social Ministry



The mission of Clare House - Parish Social Ministry is to engage parishioners in social justice and outreach activities that allow us to live out the Gospel call to serve others and to build the Kingdom of God. Clare House is a community space where we offer direct service to our neighbors facing difficulties of all kinds, and expand our understanding and application of Catholic Social Teaching through the use of Praxis. We employ the "See, Judge, Act" Method to examine pressing social problems.

We strive to build authentic relationships with every individual who walks through the door and commit to journey in solidarity with them. We offer assistance to alleviate immediate needs. Clients receive access to: food pantry, thrift shop, case management, advocacy, information and referral, and other resources.

By utilizing education, advocacy, and community organizing we put our faith in action to address structural issues and eliminate systemic injustice. We feed the hungry and ask why they are hungry.

## **Need Assistance? Want to Volunteer?**

Monday 10am - 3pm  
Wednesday 10am - 3pm, 4pm - 7pm  
Friday 10am - 3pm

631-475-4506 x122  
[clarehouse@stsylvesterli.org](mailto:clarehouse@stsylvesterli.org)

## **Constructive Feedback?**

I welcome email and letters via post to express feedback on any aspect of our program. Dialogue is essential for clarification of thought. Thank you to those who have contacted me. I look forward to continuing our conversation!

Justin McMahon, Director  
[jmcmahon@stsylvesterli.org](mailto:jmcmahon@stsylvesterli.org)

## **Caring for God's Creation**



## **We Want To Stay In Touch...**

We are leading the way by embracing our call to be stewards of the environment! It is imperative that our actions are in line with the faith we profess. Catholic Social Teaching is explicit regarding our duty to care for creation. In the coming months the entire parish will shift our communication strategy to focus on electronic communication: website, social media, email, and text messaging. Parish Social Ministry, Faith Formation, Stewardship, and other ministries will gradually reduce their presence in the paper bulletin and instead produce content on our website. By minimizing printed content we hope to conserve paper, water, and energy. Decreasing the weekly bulletin by six pages will save 9,000 pages per week and over 468,000 pages per year!!

## **But we still want to stay in touch..**

Please make sure the parish has your current email address on file by emailing your name to [ParishOffice@stsylvesterli.org](mailto:ParishOffice@stsylvesterli.org)

## **Look for us on social media..**

Facebook @stsylvesterli  
Twitter @clarehouse99



## **Find the latest information on our website..**

[www.stsylvesterli.org](http://www.stsylvesterli.org)



## *Wishing Fr. Tom Blessings*

*Next Sunday, June 9, 2019  
immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass,  
we will gather in the  
Lower Level of the Parish Center  
to honor Fr. Tom Coby  
as he retires  
after 46 years of serving  
as a priest  
in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.*

*Light refreshments will be served.*

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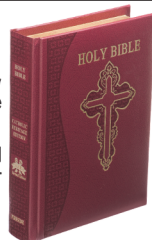
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