

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.

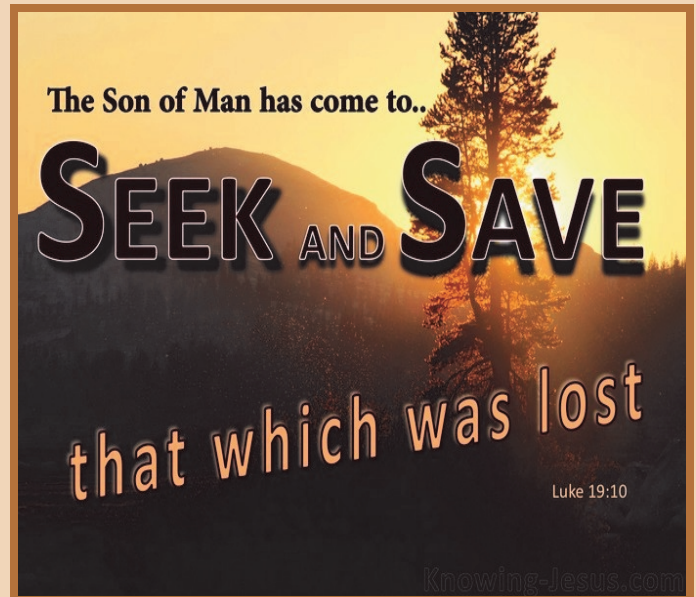
Marriage:

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:

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.



November 3, 2019
31th 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

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, November 2, 2019

10:00am Mass of Remembrance
5:00pm For All Souls
Luigi Russo
Cesarino & Toscano Families
Deceased Members of Legion of Mary
Mildred & Gerald Prentiss
Ronald, William & Joseph Buckley

Sunday, November 3, 2019

7:30am For All Souls
9:00am For All Souls
11:00am For All Souls

Monday November 4, 2019

8:30am Edwin Schlessinger, Jr. (*1st Anniversary*)

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

8:30am Robert Anschlowar

Thursday, November 7, 2019

8:30am Ed Turowski

Friday, November 8, 2019

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Saturday, November 9, 2019

5:00pm Thomas Mirabelli
Joseph Grosso
Maria & Luigi Russo
Mason Maier
Anthony Torino
Billy Joe Maynard

Sunday, November 10, 2019

7:30am Rita E. Bennett
9:00am Barbara Weir
11:00am Catherine Sanicola

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.

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

Agnes Cantarelli, Andy Magyar, Frank Cayea, Joan McGrattan, Bob Prentiss, Chong Skladel, Bill Berger, Matthew Tonle, Marie Robbins, Edgard Ugaz, Joseph Tangel, Nina Caravana and Larry Zuaro.

We pray for all those who have died, especially:

Rose Latorre.

Eucharistic Retreat.....

Join the Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist for a Eucharistic Retreat Day on Sunday, November 10th, from 8am—5pm at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

The day includes hot breakfast and lunch, rosary, spiritual meditations, Holy Mass, confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Fee is \$35, please register in advance to assist the S3eminary staff in planning for this beautiful event.

For more information or to register please call or email, 631-896-0870 or MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com

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

Parish Social Ministry



Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the month of October we are collecting food in the church lobby every weekend, before and after masses. These food items will be brought to the church basement every Monday morning following daily Mass. Our level 7 children will help to sort and date the donated items and they will be assembled into a "Free Market." Clare House clients will be invited to shop at our Free Market. We hope to facilitate Thanksgiving celebrations and share the bounty of the harvest season with those in need!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thanksgiving Items Needed:

Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Gravy
Canned Vegetables (Corn/Green Beans/Peas/Carrots/etc.)
Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Canned Fruit (Apples/Peaches/Cherries/Pumpkin/etc.)
Nuts
Cake Mix/Pie Crust/Desserts
Other Seasonal Non-Perishable Foods

Special Request From Clare House Pantry:

Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
Feminine Hygiene Items



Coping with the Holidays 2019

An opportunity to meet as community for a group discussion around grief and hope after the loss of a loved one. We will share practical suggestions about navigating the holiday season.

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

12:00noon - 1:00pm

St. Sylvester, Parish Center, East Wing

FREE to attend

No registration required

Fellowship and refreshments

For more information, please call:

Clare House - Parish Social Ministry

631-475-4506 x122



HOLIDAY FAIR



St. Sylvester Church Parish Center

68 Ohio Avenue, Medford

(Enter parking lot from Robinson Avenue)

Saturday, November 16 ~ 10am - 6:30pm

Sunday, November 17 ~ 8am - 1:30pm

Parish Center Lower Level



Vendors, Raffles, Jewelry,
Granny's Attic, Handmade Crafts
Baked Goods, Santa
and so much more!



Stop by for breakfast and lunch
at our "Coffee Café"



Come shop for the Holidays and enjoy the festivities!

Holiday Gift Cards

Fill your Christmas Stocking - we offer over 300 retailer gift cards! *The first order will be placed on Monday morning, October 28th with delivery within a week.* Please circle the denomination for each card ordered if it has more than one listed.

Apparel & Accessories	Qty
Aeropostale \$25	
American Eagle \$25	
Express \$25	
GAP/Old Navy/Banana \$25	
JC Penny \$25 & \$100	
Journey \$25	
TJ Maxx/Marshall \$25	
Department Stores	
Kmart \$25 & \$50	
Kohl's \$25 & \$100	
Macy's \$25 & \$100	
Target \$25 & \$50	
Walmart \$25 & \$50 & \$100	
Dining - Casual	
Applebee's \$25 & \$50	
Carrabas \$25	
Cheesecake Factory \$25	
Chili's \$25	
Chuck E. Cheese \$10	
Dave & Busters \$25	
Denny's \$10	
IHOP \$25	
Olive Garden \$25	
Outback \$25	
Red Lobster \$25	
Ruby Tuesday \$25	
TGI Friday's \$25	

Dining - On the Go	Qty
Dairy Queen \$10	
Dunkin Donuts \$10	
Panera Bread \$10 & \$25	
Starbucks \$10 & \$25	
Subway \$10	
Wendy's \$10	
Entertainment	
AMC Theatres \$25	
Barnes & Noble \$25	
GameStop \$25	
Regal Entertainment \$25	
Fandango \$25	
Home Décor	
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25	
Home Goods \$25 & \$100	
Michaels \$25	
Pier I Imports \$25	
Home Improvement	
Lowe's \$25 & \$100	
Home Depot \$25 & \$100	

Online & Mail Order	Qty
Amazon.com \$25 & \$100	
Groupon.com \$25	
Itunes \$15 & \$25	
Lands' End \$25	
L.L. Bean \$25	
Nook \$10 & \$25	
Specialty Retailer	
Bath & Body Works \$10 & \$25	
Best Buy \$25 & \$100	
CVS Pharmacy \$25	
Sally's Beauty Supply \$25	
PetSmart \$25	
Ulta \$25	
Sporting Goods	
Bass Pro Shop \$25	
Cabela's \$25 & \$100	
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25	
Field & Stream \$25 & \$100	

Name	
Address	
Phone #	Total amount enclosed:
Order Date	# of Gift Cards Ordered:

If you have other favorite restaurants or retailers, please call the parish office at 631-475-4506 ext 101 to see if they participate!

Stewardship

One Family in Mission

Called to Evangelize

Formation

Hospitality

Prayer

Service



Gifts of Treasure ~ October 27, 2019

Regular ~ \$7,544

Renovation ~ \$280 Solar ~ \$47

Last Years Collection ~ October 28, 2018

Regular ~ \$8,540

Renovation ~ \$260 Solar ~ \$150

Sharing the Light of Christ With Others

Stewardship is a way of life. When we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts, we are helping to build God's kingdom—we are bringing the light of Christ to our world. Thank you for responding to God's generosity in your life and sharing the mission of Jesus by sharing your gifts with our parish and with other charities and organizations this year.



Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Designated Goal: \$65,800.00
Amount Pledged to Date: \$41,780.00
% of Goal Pledged to Date: 63.5%
Number of Donors to Date: 151

Your donation can make a difference!

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal
Parish: St. Sylvester Church

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please place in collection basket or
Return to the Parish Center.
thank you.

HOLIDAY FAIR ON ITS WAY!

Believe it or not, this year's Holiday Fair will be here in a few weeks ~ on November 16th & 17th!

We always welcome those who are interested in helping out at this year's Holiday Fair with our Raffle Tables, Christmas Café and Granny's Attic areas. If you are looking for a fun way to get involved here in the parish, this is it!

If you would like to be one of our volunteer elves, please email Lori Zito at lzito@stsylvesterli.org or leave your contact information with the parish secretary at ext. 101.

P.S. ~ Gently used items for **Granny's Attic** will be accepted from **November 8th through 14th ONLY**. All Granny's Attic donations should be brought to the Parish Center Lower Level and left on the tables provided. No TV's please.

A Few Vendor Tables Are Still Available :

For information, please contact
mteachb@optonline.net

Reflection:

Lectio Divina is a style of praying that uses Sacred Scripture. When an individual prays this way, they insert themselves in the story. Do you identify with Zacchaeus? How about with the jealous onlookers, who cannot find forgiveness for a man like Zacchaeus?

Living Stewardship—Formation

Jesus sees Zacchaeus making an effort to become a disciple of His. Zacchaeus climbs the tree to see Jesus and then states that he will give to the poor and payback what he has stolen. We too need to always be making the effort to grow closer to our Lord. This week, try to spend a little more time in prayer (especially in front of Our Lord in the Eucharist).

Stewardship

Christ Be Our Light

The Call

At Baptism we receive the light of Christ. A candle is lit from the Easter candle and given to us as a symbol of this. We receive Christ's light so that we may be the light of Christ in the world. We are called to use and share our God-given gifts with others!

The Response

Jesus says, "*You are the light of the world.*" (Matthew 5:14) Once we accept what happens to us in Baptism, we have no choice but to BE light in our world for the sake of God's kingdom. We have no choice but to share what we have been given. We do this out of gratitude to our most generous God.



The Commitment

Our baptismal call invites us into a conversion process and challenges us to make a commitment. Stewardship renewal periods in our parish invite us to reflect upon the call and to make an appropriate response. We are invited to "take-a-step" in faith, to consider a renewed commitment to stewardship as a way of life. Our commitment includes the good stewardship of our time, talent, money, skills, and possessions and helps us spread the light of Christ to others.

When we make a commitment to financial stewardship at home, at work, in our parish, and elsewhere, we express one very significant way to share our God-given gifts so as to be the light of Christ to others. We as a people of faith can continue to do even more to help bring about God's kingdom.

Through our many parish ministries, the sharing of our resources, and through our participation in the world as committed Christians, our prayer that "*Christ Be Our Light*" is realized and made visible to others. When the light of Christ shines in each one of us, our God is glorified!



Stewardship

A Way of Life

DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Five Elements of Financial Stewardship

1) Planned:

The decision to give is just that – a decision. It requires prayer, reflection, thought and time, so that it is integrated with other financial decisions as part of a careful, intentional response to God's generosity.

2) Proportionate:

Our giving is proportionate to what God has given us. Our response to God's generosity in our lives should be proportionate to what we have received from God.

The "right" portion should be an expression of our gratitude to God for God's generosity in our lives. Some people have chosen to use the biblical tithe (10%) as a goal for their giving in a particular year. Others have chosen to give an hour's wages for each employed person in the family. Some people come up with other ways. Whatever method you choose to determine how much you will give as part of your financial stewardship plan, always do it as part of your prayer and reflection, and consider two things:

- a. Give half of what you decide to the parish and the other half to other charities and organizations.
- b. Take-a-Step to the next level of giving if it is possible this year.

3) From Our Substance:

The proportion of our gift becomes sacrificial when it comes from our substance rather than our abundance. When we give out of our substance, we are changed in the process.

4) A Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Our gifts are most appropriately presented at the Offertory of the Mass. The Eucharist is about thanksgiving, and it is a perfect way to demonstrate a grateful response to the unfathomable love God has shown us.

Too often, we want to separate the issue of giving money from what we may perceive are more "spiritual" aspects of our faith life. Yet, the commitment to share our financial resources is of the most important expressions of what our faith means to us.

Offering our gifts at Mass places them in an appropriate context of prayer, praise, sacrifice, and thanksgiving. We can express our joy in having received and in being able to give. We give a portion of the tremendous gifts that have been given to us—the most important of which we celebrate at the Eucharist. There is no better time, then, to fulfill our commitment to the stewardship of financial resources.

5) A Gift:

No gift is truly a gift unless it is given freely without reservation or condition. The gifts of God are given to us in just such an unconditional manner, and we are called to model our giving after God's.

Stewardship doesn't buy anything. It doesn't buy happiness or love or a tenfold return on our investment. It doesn't buy heaven. The motive for giving is not the expectation of getting something back.

We are able to give what we give because God has already given to us. Stewardship is really a response, then, to the generosity of God and to our call as baptized Christians.

Take-A-Step Commitment Card

After prayerful contemplation, I/we commit to respond to God's generosity in my/our lives by Taking-a-Step to:

- ☐ Increase my/our financial gift to \$_____ per week.
- ☐ Keep my/our weekly financial gift at its current level.
- ☐ Consider "Faith Direct" Electronic Automated Giving.
- ☐ Get involved in parish ministry.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please tear off this section and return it to the Parish. As part of our understanding of Stewardship as a way of life, all are asked to renew commitments regardless of the level of giving that is planned. THANK YOU !

Faith Formation

If you have not already registered your child for Faith Formation, please call 631-475-4506 X 118 to make an appointment to come in and register. Thank you!

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

**We currently have the following opportunity for a Teacher/Catechist:
Level 4 ~ Mondays 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.**

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.



With the arrival of autumn, I'd like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic giving program.

Our to-do lists can get lengthy during this season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week--no more envelopes to find before you go to Mass.

You can either go online to faith.direct/NY285 or text the word ENROLL to (631-201-5922)

Thank you for your prayerful support of St. Sylvester.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Suglia



**Parents
Guardians!!**

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

Thank you for your cooperation.





Children's Liturgy of the Word

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:

November 10th & 24th, December 8th & 22nd, January 12th & 26th,
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.



The Children's Choir is open to all students in grades 2-8 in the parish. No audition is required, only enthusiasm for singing is needed. We will be singing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during the Children's Liturgy of the Word. The Children's Choir (and the children involved in the Children's Liturgy of the Word) will also sing when we rejoin the full assembly for the remainder of Mass back in the church.

The Children's Choir and ALL children who would like to learn the music for the Children's Liturgy of the Word will rehearse at **10:00 AM** in the Worship Room of the Parish Center on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Please come join us and MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!

The Children's Choir is under the direction of Therese Blanton.
For information email tmkblanton@gmail.com
or call 631-928-0821

What's Happening?

Get Involved!



Drawing Class

Mondays 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 ~ 7pm ~ EW

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



Sponsored by
St. Sylvester's Knights of Columbus

507 Long Island Avenue
Medford
(VFW Building)

Tuesdays, Doors open at 6:30pm, start time 7:30pm

FRIENDLY, AFFORDABLE, LOCAL

Come enjoy the game!



Medford Fire Department Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

2:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Medford Fire House ~ Meeting Room

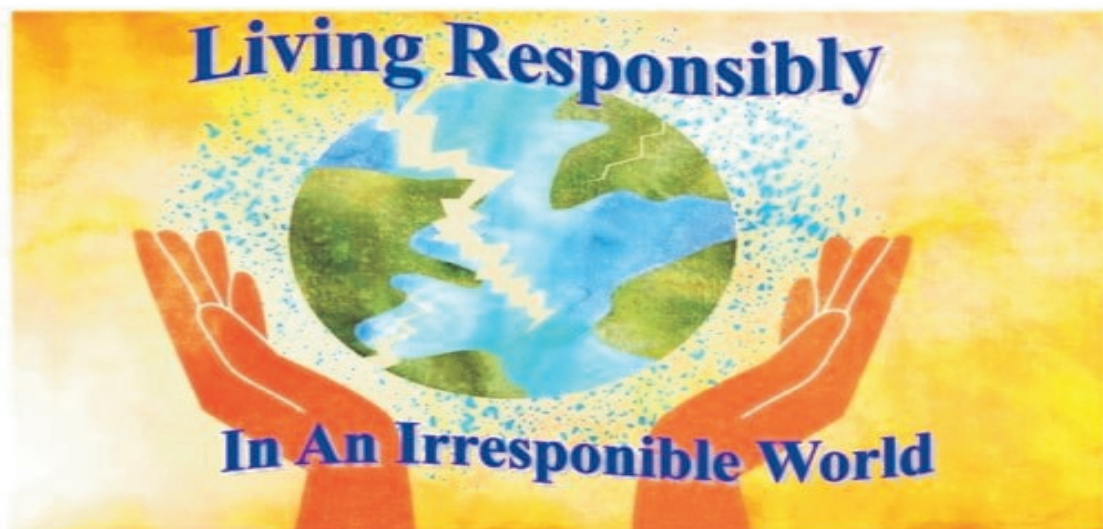
Food!

Chance to win a Christmas Tree!

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

For more information or to schedule appointment, please contact Mike
@ 631-776-1632. Walk-ins are welcome!





Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM - Sr Pat Duffy, OP

November 9 1:00 - 4:00pm

We live amidst so much confusion and division in our Country and our Church. This afternoon is an opportunity to step back, take a breath and remember who we are as Christians. This afternoon we will look at how to find peace for ourselves, our families, our Church and our Country. We will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist.

**St Louis de Montfort Church
75 New York Ave, Sound Beach**

To register: please email SisterPatDuffy@gmail.com with the number and names of those attending.

There will be a free will offering

**Go deeper into the riches of our Catholic Faith...
register now!**

Famed Catholic Theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn,
will be speaking at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Patchogue on
Saturday, December 14th from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Cost is \$20.00.

Tickets can be purchased on line at
www.stpaulcenter.com/longisland
or by calling the parish at 631-475-4739.

Communion for the Homebound

Do you know someone who is no 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.

Greeters Sought for Funeral Masses

Do you have the gifts of welcoming and compassion? Are you usually available on weekday mornings? If so, our parish would like you to consider using your gifts in serving as a Lazarus Greeter at our Funeral Masses.

As a Greeter, you would welcome the family and friends of the deceased to the parish at the time of the funeral, hand out funeral booklets, light the incense used during the Mass and assist with any other special needs that may arise.

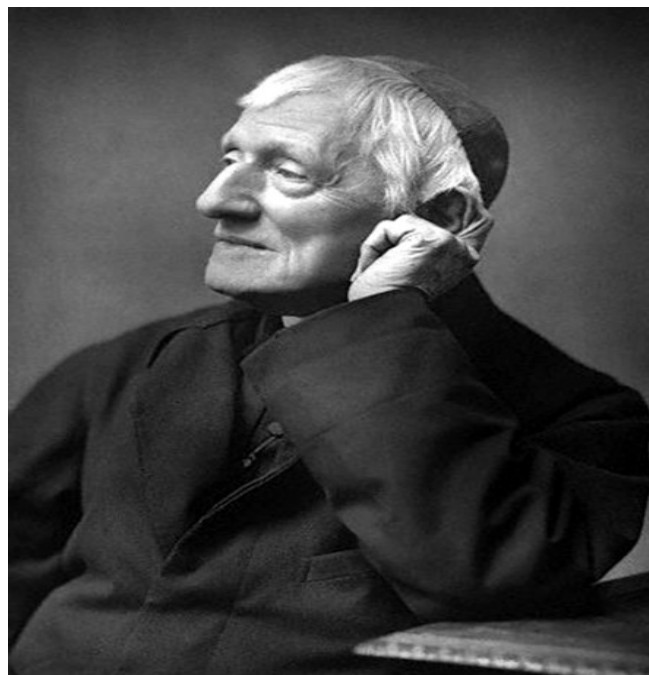
If you feel called to serve others in this way, please contact Lori Zito in the Parish Ministry & Events Office, 631-475-4506, ext. 115 or email to lzito@stsylvesterli.org.

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.

Just a reminder:

Reconciliation/Confession is now being heard on Saturday from 4:00PM - 4:30PM before the 5:00PM Mass.

The Pope canonized Saint John Henry Newman Sunday, October 13th



A Prayer to My Life

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.