

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 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.

*Persist, be faithful
like the Cord is faithful,
and trust
that justice will come in
God's time not ours!*



November 10, 2019
32nd Sunday in Ordinary

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 McMahan, Director,

Faith Formation & Music Ministers

Justin McMahan, 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 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

Monday November 11, 2019

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

8:30am David Tarling

Thursday, November 14, 2019

8:30am Robert "Bob" MacDevitt

Friday, November 15, 2019

8:30am Paul Johnson

Saturday, November 16, 2019

5:00pm Henry Isaac Prentiss
Richard daly
Domenick G. Scaglione
Gerry & James Donaghy
Salvatore Mazzeo

Sunday, November 17, 2019

7:30am Barbara Cullen
9:00am Kirschbaum & Rich Families
11:00am Gloria & Edward Vannucci

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 Ugarz, Joseph Tangel, Nina Caravana, Larry Zuaro and Barbara Eustace.

We pray for all those who have died, especially:

Rose Latorre.

*The Bread and Wine
used at this weekend's liturgies
are the gifts of
The Bennett Family
in loving memory of
Rita E. Bennett*



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



Pastor's Column
SS Medford
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost” (Luke 19:10).

Zacchaeus seeing Christ from the tree.

Jesus calling him down to be at the same level.

The movement towards Christ.

Jesus announcing that He is coming to save.

Last weekend we heard about Zacchaeus a man small in stature but a faith that is, in a word, largesse. He will not miss seeing Jesus pass down the road. Jesus rewards him with His greatest gift: His presence at a meal in Zacchaeus' house.

When do we see Jesus in our lives? Perhaps a clue is when we hear in the Holy gospel Jesus say, “Whatever you do for the least of them you do for me” (Mt 25:40). Jesus is reminding us that He is everywhere, and we are at our best when we are treating everyone with respect at a minimum, and profound charity at our best.

Jesus' presence at Zacchaeus' home for supper must also beg us to recall the great feast of the Eucharist at every Mass. Here we are truly fed by Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity truly present in the Eucharist, the celestial meal of Heaven. This is known as the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

How then does it happen that simple elements of bread and wine are transformed into the Eucharist, the Real Presence, also known as the Blessed Sacrament? By the miracle of Transubstantiation. Transubstantiation occurs at consecration; the Holy Spirit works through the validly ordained priest to change the bread and wine into Jesus' body and blood. That the elements appear and taste like bread and wine is to preserve the event: now bloodless sacrifice of Cavalry. God's mercy to us is evident amid this supernatural miracle.

The Eucharistic meal, or The Mass was celebrated in the earliest days of the church. We have historical evidence of this as well as scriptural accounts in the Acts of the Apostles and Saint Paul's Letters in the New Testament. In effect we always have believed in the Real Presence of Christ.

So we do not have to wait for Jesus to come passing through and climb a tree to see Him. We see Him in the Eucharist, where He nourishes us from all eternity.

Yours in Christ,

Father Suglia

St. Agnes Medal of Service

Each year an individual or couple from the parish, whose love of the Church is demonstrated and witnessed in their extraordinary service in ministry, is nominated and awarded the St. Agnes Medal of Service.

The recipient this year is someone who has been an invaluable resource in assisting children with special needs and their families. Her extraordinary service in developing an Individualized Faith Formation Program is making it possible for children with special needs to learn more about God, prayer and faith and be prepared to receive Sacraments. She is knowledgeable, experienced, enthusiastic, absolutely committed, supportive, compassionate, and reliable and has made this her vocation. Let us congratulate....Jamie Scalise.





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 1 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!

CIVILIZE IT



DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

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.

Take the pledge below as an individual, family, or community. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation.

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

Parish Social Ministry



Thanksgiving Food Drive...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



The Parish Social Ministry Team invites you to join us for a seasonal event to support families in our community with whom we have developed a special relationship...

LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS!

Saturday December 7, 4-7pm
Sunday, December 8, 8am-1pm

1. Come before or after mass on the first weekend of December ONLY. (Parish Center, East Wing)
2. Make a donation of any amount (cash, check, credit) to light up the holiday season for one of our Clare House families and receive a tag to help decorate our Christmas trees!
3. Write a note to that family expressing holiday wishes, season's greetings, or another sentiment.
4. If you choose, bring a small unwrapped gift (toy, book, or winter clothing) for our Free Market.

Enjoy music, hot chocolate, candy canes, and a festive atmosphere! Special appearance by Santa Claus on Sunday, 930-1045am – come take your picture with this jolly fellow!

Where Does My Money Go?

All donations will be converted into gift cards by the PSM team before distribution to clients. 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 food, gifts, decorations, 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

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 Year's Collection ~ October 28, 2018

Regular ~ \$8,540

Renovation ~ \$260 Solar ~ \$150

We Are the Light of Christ

Thank you to all those who have journeyed with us during this season's stewardship renewal. We are the Light of Christ to others when we use and share our God-given gifts in gratitude. Thank you for making or renewing your commitment to being the Light of Christ to others in your home, at work in the community, in our parish and in our world!



HOLIDAY FAIR ON ITS WAY!

Believe it or not, this year's Holiday Fair will be here **next week** ~ on November 16th & 17th! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and a great community event, so be sure to stop by!

Gently used items for **Granny's Attic** will be accepted **through November 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. **If you are a parishioner with a truck or SUV and would like to help with the breakdown of Granny's Attic at the end of the Holiday Fair, please contact Marie Broderick at mteachb@optonline.net or leave a message with the parish secretary.**

Santa will once again be visiting our Holiday Fair! He will be with us on Saturday from 1pm-2pm and Sunday from 12:15pm-1:30pm. Children of all ages welcome!!

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Designated Goal: \$65,800.00
 Amount Pledged to Date: \$42,015
 % of Goal Pledged to Date: 63.9%
 Number of Donors to Date: 156

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.

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Reflection:

In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we pray for our fellow Catholics to be strengthened and empowered to use our gifts for the good of others.

Living Stewardship—Prayer

St. Paul asks the Thessalonians to pray for him as he spreads God's Word. Since prayers are powerful, pray this week for all priests that they may have the courage and strength to spread the Word.

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@stsyvesterli.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.

What's Happening!

**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.

Hospitality Sunday

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

November 10th.

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:

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

How to Thank a Veteran

Volunteer opportunities with the Long Island State Veterans Home:

Long Island State Veterans Home



AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

Our volunteers offer an extra dimension of care and service to the resident veterans, empathy for families and visitors, and supportive services for staff. Having the opportunity to give back to those who fought to preserve our freedom and democracy in America is a rewarding and honorable experience. No previous experience is necessary to make a difference. Our volunteers are provided orientation and training to be successful in their positions. When possible, we offer flexibility with schedules and no weekly commitment.

See our *Current Volunteer Opportunities* to get a better idea of where we need help and the hours at: <https://veteranshome.stonybrookmedicine.edu/volunteer>

Other Suggestions from the National Veterans Foundation:

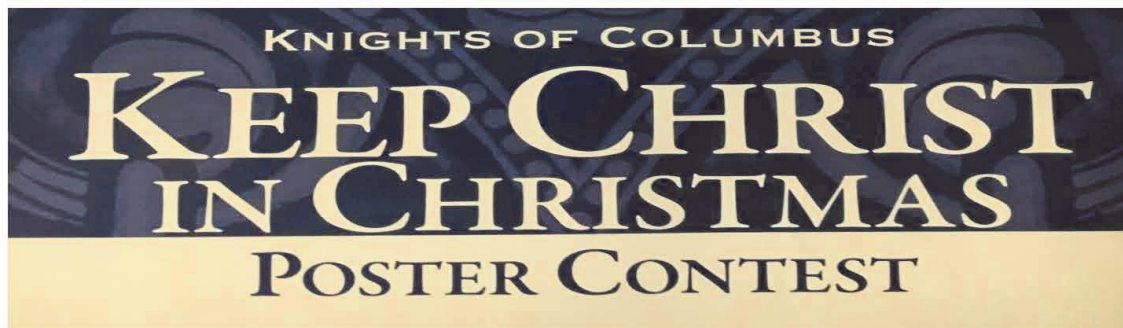
- Provide Transportation
- Visit a Nearby VA Facility
- Say Thank You and Mean It
- Perform Home Repairs or Household Chores
- Donate Your Time to a Veteran Organization
- Volunteer Your Services to Help Vets In Need
- Spend Time With a Vet and Take the Time to Listen
- Fight Homelessness, Eviction & Foreclosure Among Veterans
- Provide Food for Veterans
- Visit a Vet With Your Pet



More Information: <https://nvf.org/support-veterans-make-difference/>

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried . . . Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!", "With war everything is lost". . . Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. . . Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

The banner features the text "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS" at the top in a small, white, serif font. Below it, "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" is written in a large, bold, gold-colored serif font. At the bottom, "POSTER CONTEST" is written in a smaller, bold, white serif font. The background is dark blue with a subtle, repeating pattern of the Knights of Columbus emblem.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
**KEEP CHRIST
IN CHRISTMAS**
POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus, are once again, sponsoring a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. There are three age groups: 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. There will be one winner per age group. Each age group winner will be awarded a prize and may advance to the next level by representing the council.

If your child is interested in participating, please stop by the Faith Formation Office or Parish Office to pick up an entry form that has the rules and judging guidelines. We’ll also give you some paper!

All posters **MUST** (no posters will be accepted after December 8th) be submitted and placed in the marked boxes by Saturday December 7th from 4-7PM or Sunday December 8th from 8AM-1PM in the East Wing of the Parish Center at the “Light up the Holidays” event. **Please attach the entry form to the poster.** The “Light up the Holidays” event, which is sponsored by the Parish Social Ministry Team, is designed to help support families in our community. You can help by making a donation to support this event and to Light up the Holidays of families in need.

So come down and drop off your poster, enjoy music, hot chocolate, candy canes and a festive atmosphere! There will be a special appearance by Santa Claus on Sunday from 9:30AM – 10:45AM.

Good Luck!