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 (a) 3, 4:30, 6pm; Saturday (a) 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.



Psalm 98

November 17, 2019 33rd 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 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 16, 2019 In order to keep our Sick List up to date, we will remove Henry Isaac Prentiss 5:00pm all names at the end of each month. Simply call or email **Richard Daly** the Parish Office if you wish to place someone on the list. Domenick G. Scaglione Please remember that for the sake of privacy, this request Gerry & James Donaghy must be made by either the sick person him/herself, or by Salvatore Mazzeo an immediate family member. Thank you. Jeannie Soto We pray for all who are sick, especially ... Sunday, November 17, 2019 Agnes Cantarelli, Andy Magyar, Frank Cayea, Joan McGrattan, Barbara Cullen 7:30am Chong Skladel, Matthew Towle, Marie Robbins, Edgard Ugaz, 9:00am Kirschbaum & Rich Families Joseph Tangel, Nina Caravana, Larry Zuaro, Barbara Eustace and 11:00am Gloria & Edward Vannucci Donna Becker. Monday November 18, 2019 We pray for all those who have died, especially: 8:30am The People of St. Sylvester Donald & Rosemarie Orrico. Tuesday, November 19, 2019 Marie Alarcon (Healing) 8:30am The Bread and Wine, and Candles Friday, November 22. 2019 Anna Abbatiello 8:30am used at this weekend's liturgies are the gifts of Marío and Angela Conte Saturday, November 23, 2019 in loving memory of Rosemarie Pedro 5:00pm Domeníck G. Scaglione Billy Joe Maynard Shirley Campo Ronald Weldon Julia Hellem Evelyn Valentin Sunday, November 24, 2019 7:30am Antonio & Maria Fernandes 9:00am Dorothy & Vincent Sauer Deceased & Living Members of Matteo, 11:00am This *Thursday*, *November 21st*, there will *NOT* be 8:30am Caravana & Lentini Families Mass and ALL Parish Offices will be closed due to our Staff Retreat. So sorry for any inconvenience. 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



Holiday Gift Cards

Fill your Christmas Stocking - we offer over 300 retailer gift cards! *The orders will be placed every Monday morning until December 2nd, 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 Penney \$25 & \$100	
Journey \$25	
TJ Maxx/Marshall \$25	
Department Stores	
Kmart \$25 & \$50	1
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!



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

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Merry Christmas



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...

Parish Social Ministry

Thanksgiving Food Drive...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

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 consider making a donation to support our families in need.

www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it

Stewardship



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Formation

Hospitality

Prayer

Service

Gifts of Treasure ~ November 10, 2019 Regular ~ \$9,391 Renovation ~ \$200 Solar ~ \$100

Last Year's Collection ~ November 11, 2018 Regular ~ \$7566

Faith Direct October 2019 Collections

Regular ~ \$10,659 Renovation ~ \$1,135 Solar ~ \$214

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Designated Goal: Amount Pledged to Date: % of Goal Pledged to Date: Number of Donors to Date:

\$65,800.00 \$42,115 64.0%

Number of Donors to Date: 157 Your donation can make a difference! Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal Parish: <u>St. Sylvester Church</u>

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Please place in collection basket or return to the Parish Center. Thank you.

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We are looking for people with trucks to transport the left over items from "Granny's Attic" to Island Thrift. Please call the parish office to volunteer. Thank you!





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

Reflection:

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us of persecution because of our Faith. We should remember our brothers and sisters murdered in Sri Lanka this pas Easter.

Lívíng Stewardshíp—Hospítalíty:

As Christians, we will be persecuted for the Faith. Whether at home, at school, in Hollywood or online, we face the possibility of being mocked. However, we should always pray for those who persecute and mock us, as Jesus prayed for those who crucified Him.



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.

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.

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.



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 robs 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 Friday, November 22nd is our last meeting of the year. There are no meetings in December. We will start again on Friday, January 10, 2020.

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



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507 Long Island Avenue Medford (VFW Building)

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

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Come enjoy the game!





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 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus, are once again, sponsoring a "<u>Keep Christ in</u> <u>Christmas</u>" 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 <u>MUST</u> (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!



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