

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.



November 24, 2019
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

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Rev. Dennis A. Suglia, Pastor

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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 23, 2019

5:00pm Rosemarie Pedro
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
11:00am Deceased & Living Matteo, Caravana
& Lentini Families

Monday November 25, 2019

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

8:30am Maureen Hoffmann

Thursday, November 28, 2019

10:00am The People of St. Sylvester

Saturday, November 30, 2019

5:00pm Russo, Cesarino & Toscano Families
Gloria Terry
James Donohue
Sr. Regina Assumpta
Catherine Hoefler
Jim Reilly
Joanne Massa

Sunday, December 1, 2019

7:30am Donald Gallagher
9:00am Virginia Larsen
11:00am Lillian C. Henderson

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, Chong Skladel, Matthew Towle, Marie Robbins, Edgard Ugar, Joseph Tangel, Nina Caravana, Larry Zuaro, Barbara Eustace and Melanie Schmadtke.

We pray for all those who have died, especially:

Donald & Rosemarie Orrico, Robert Prentiss, and Donna Becker.

The Bread and Wine
used at this weekend's liturgies are the gifts of
Maureen O'Grady Ednie
in loving memory of
The Flood, Ednie and O'Grady Families



HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

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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
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

This past weekend we had our Holiday Fair. What a wonderful celebration as a parish and for the wider community for the seasons to come: Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I was (again) awestruck how our parish community rallied together to put on such a spectacular event. It was really a remarkable event and there was something for everyone.

I want to thank all the volunteers who were here to help the fair run so smoothly. There are a few (I hope not to leave anyone out) who deserve special recognition:

Marie Broderick and Lori Zito (Co-Chairs) who made sure everything ran so well, tirelessly and with unshakeable energy.

Christmas Café- What great “fixins” there were at our café. Thanks to Kelly Mowat, Tracey Tagliamonte and their crew for keeping us well fed with such delicious bites (those egg sandwiches were “to die for”).

The “Crafters” were guided by Theresa Baker, thank you!

Granny's Attic remains one of the most popular parts of the fair. Thanks to Terri Vilardo, Nancy DiSanto and Sue Rothe for your work here.

Our fine baked goods at Mrs. Claus' Kitchen were supervised by Barbara Benevento.

The spectacular Raffle Baskets were such a sight! Thanks to Trish Capozzoli for overseeing this.

What would a Holiday Fair be without Santa? Thanks to Bob Moriarty for ensuring our friend from the North could be with us over the weekend.

Great thanks to the Medford Fire Department and the Knights of Columbus for helping Tracey Tagliamonte with the setup and breakdown.

Thanks to our parish staff who pitched in behind the scenes.

Finally, to you, all our parish family members who came out to support the Holiday Fair. Whether you filled your trunks with fine crafts or items from Granny's Attic or simply came down for a hot dog or a hot chocolate; thank you for making the event such a success!

Yours in Christ,

Father Suglia

Parish Social Ministry



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 a picture!

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.

Meet the Families of Clare House

- * Melissa is a single mom of three children. An unexpected medical emergency with one of her children forced Melissa to take an unpaid leave of absence from her job as a medical assistant. While she was able to use her savings to cover essential bills, it has been difficult to cover all of the household expenses.
- * David and his wife Marie have been members of the local community for over 25 years. As the result of recent car accident, David found himself unable to return to work for several months. Marie has taken on a second job, but it is still difficult to make ends meet, particularly during the colder months when household expenses increase tremendously.
- * Tricia and her husband Logan have two children, one of whom has severe disabilities that have resulted in very large medical bills. Tricia and Logan both work; however, due to their daughter's medical needs, they have both been forced to take unpaid time off from work.
- * Maria and her mother emigrated from Mexico two years ago. Maria works in a nearby hotel while attending ESL classes at the local library. She is saving money to move her and her mother out of the studio apartment they currently share. She hopes to return to school to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education.
- * After being released from an inpatient drug rehabilitation program, Kevin found himself with no place to live and no employment prospects. He has been working with our case manager to explore education, training, and employment programs. Kevin reports that he would like to help others suffering from addictions.
- * Gloria is currently raising her four grandchildren. She had been retired for several years when her grandchildren were placed in her custody. She has returned to work but has found it difficult to find full-time employment that provides enough for her to support her new, larger family.
- * Brian and Olivia are a newly married couple that recently moved from Ohio to Long Island to help care for Olivia's elderly grandmother. Olivia's grandmother has Alzheimer's disease and requires round the clock care. Brian was able to find a job at a local hardware store, while Olivia has been providing care for her grandmother. Olivia is also pursuing her GED and reports that she would like to become a nurse someday.

Stewardship

One Family in Mission

Called to Evangelize



Formation



Hospitality



Prayer



Service

Gifts of Treasure ~ November 17, 2019

Regular ~ \$7,846

Renovation ~ \$125 Solar ~ \$30

Last Year's Collection ~ November 19, 2018

Regular ~ \$8,685

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Designated Goal: \$65,800.00

Amount Pledged to Date: \$42,115

% of Goal Pledged to Date: 64.0%

Number of Donors to Date: 157

Your donation can make a difference!

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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

Reflection:

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does y stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

Living Stewardship—Service:

Let us put ourselves at the service of others. Jesus is our Lord and our God, let us show that fact to the world as we pray, give and care for others.



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

Hospitality Sunday

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

December 8th.

Treat yourself to some
coffee and goodies, as well as
fellowship with other
parishioners!



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.**

BAPTISM

*Baptism is the door to life and to the Kingdom of God
Let us welcome the newly baptized into our community of Faith during the month of October 2019*

*Abigail Rose Arnold
Cameron Joseph Arnold
Thomas Jacob Bates
Cassidy DeSean Boggs
Brian David Botti
Matthew Robert Catrini, Jr.
Jacey Emilia Corso
Emily Rose Covar
John Jude Fragale III
Jaden John Gonzalez
Connor James Klein
Olivia Grace Lopusnak
Quinn Mallory Major
Annabel Rose Quoma
Anastasia Kay Tricarick
Giana Shayne Tucker*

What's Happening!

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

Dr. Scott Hahn,
will be speaking
at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Patchogue
Saturday, December 14th

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.

CELEBRATION OF MARY

Join the Friends of the
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, December 7th at 9:30am
Journey to the heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts.
The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Barres at 4pm.
Advanced registration required \$40 per guest.
For reservations and information please
Call 631-423-0483 ext. 102.



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 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

**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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Holiday Gift Cards

Fill your Christmas Stocking - we offer over 300 retailer gift cards! **Orders will be placed on December 2nd, 9th and 16th 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	
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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!

Saint Anthony's High School
Franciscan Brothers

Christmas Concert
Of Instrumental
And Choral Music

Friday, December 13th & 14th
7pm in the Auditorium
Donation \$10



PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO SERVE

If you have a family member who is currently serving on active duty in the military, or in the police or fire departments, call or email the Parish Office to have their name added to our prayer list and update us if their status changes.

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Friday, December 13th—14th
Mass celebrated at 4pm on Saturday.
Donation \$175, \$125 Commuter

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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.

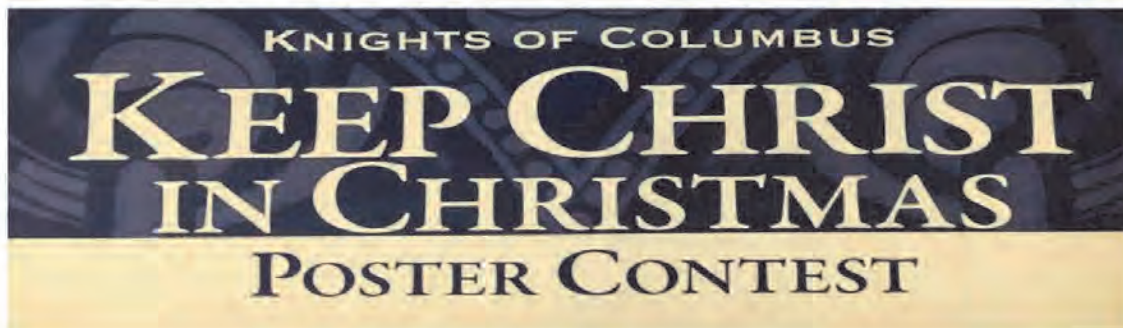


The Children's Choir is open to all students in grades 2-8 in the parish. No audition is required, only enthusiasm for singing is needed. We will be singing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during the Children's Liturgy of the Word. The Children's Choir (and the children involved in the Children's 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

The banner features the text "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS" in a small, white, serif font at the top. 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, gold-colored 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!

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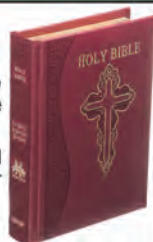
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