

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.



Luke 16:13

September 22, 2019
25th 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 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, September 21, 2019

5:00pm Robert Edwards
David Kirk
John Summers
Leroy "Scotty" Girard
Carmela "Milly" Russo

Sunday, September 22, 2019

7:30am John Enterlin
9:00am Thomas Clark
11:00am Robert Edwards (*1st Anniversary*)

Monday, September 23, 2019

8:30am The People of St. Sylvester

Tuesday, September 24 2019

8:30am Matilde Comas

Thursday, September 26, 2019

8:30am Linda Gardiner

Friday, September 27, 2019

8:30am Rosalba Sullivan

Saturday, September 28, 2019

5:00pm Timmothy Higgins
Alice J. farello
Matthew R. Wynn
Joseph Wunsch
Barbara J. Chin-Sang

Sunday, September 29, 2019

7:30am Michael DeVito, Sr.
9:00am Virginia Anne Dolfinger
11:00am Filomena DiMeglio (*10th Anniversary*)

In order to keep our Sick List up to date, we will remove all names at the end of each month. Simply call or email the Parish Office if you wish to place someone on the list. Please remember that for the sake of privacy, this request must be made by either the sick person him/herself, or by an immediate family member.

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

Agnes Cantarelli, Andy Magyar, Baby Emma Connolly, Lucy Jimenez Garzon, Frank Cayea, Joan McGrattan, Elizabeth Pagano, Anne Ripi, Bill Berger, Bill Valentin, Evelyn Valentin, Brian Mullins, Chong Skladel, Marie Robbins, Edgar Ugaz, Barbara Eustace, Josephine Chebat, and Caleigh Clarke.

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.

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
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 22, 2019

Fellow Parishioners,

Deacon Frank Rivera, his wife Gladys and their family have been parishioners of Saint Sylvester's in Medford for 38 years. Deacon Frank was ordained for ministry in our Diocese and our parish 18 years ago.

In just a few weeks, Deacon Frank and his wife will be moving permanently to Florida. It is with great joy and a tinge of sadness that we say goodbye to them. We wish them well, and our loss is the gain of another Catholic community.

I have only been here a short time but knew immediately what a privilege it would be to minister alongside Deacon Frank. He is trustworthy, prayerful, and dedicated to his work of service to the people.

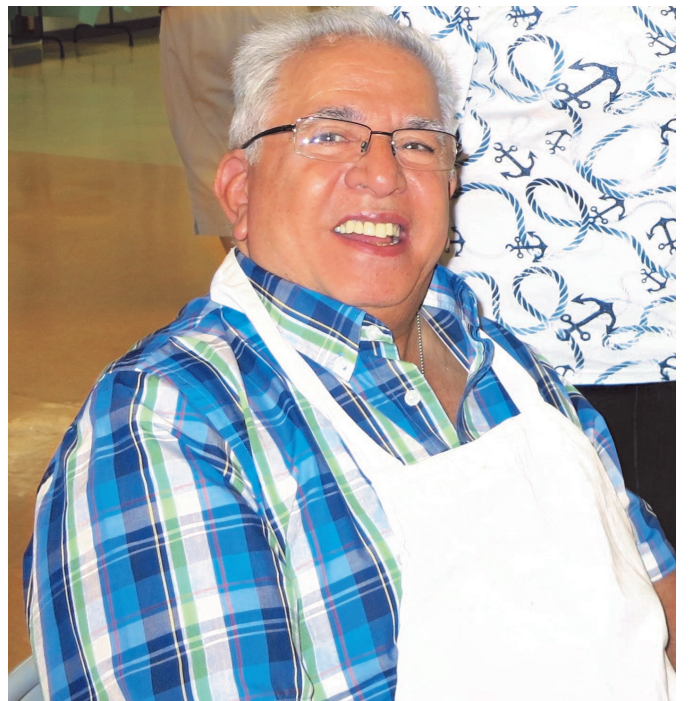
Deacon Frank has a great love of the Eucharist that we all could learn from. Whether presiding at Holy Hour regularly or bringing communion to the sick, his devotion shines through.

We wish them well as they begin this new chapter in their lives in a warmer climate. We will miss them much and assure them of our prayers. Frank and Gladys, please hold us firmly in prayer as well.

Yours in Christ,

Father Suglia

**Congratulations
Deacon Frank
on your retirement!!**



**Best wishes and thank
you for your service.**

New Pastor Installation



It is a tradition that when the bishop appoints a new pastor to a parish,
he be installed publicly by a liturgical rite.

The installation of a pastor reaffirms the priest's and the parish's
connection to the bishop and diocese.

**The Installation of Fr. Suglia as the new pastor of St. Sylvester Parish,
will be Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.**

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of Mass and the Installation
and to join Fr. Suglia for refreshments
in the Patricia Desmond Hall (Lower Level of the Parish Center)
immediately following Mass.

Most importantly, pray for Fr. Suglia and the parish, as we continue to grow in
serving, welcoming and witnessing to the gospel of Jesus Christ!

So that we may be prepared, please RSVP no later than Sunday, October 13, 2019
by filling out the form below and dropping it off at the Parish Center, or
mailing it to the St. Sylvester Parish at 68 Ohio Ave., Medford, NY 11763 or
dropping it into the collection basket at Mass.

Tear off here

Yes, I will be attending!

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

The number of people in your party: _____

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dropping it into the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!
We look forward to being with you for this blessed occasion!



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

September 2019 through March 2020
Register Online WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG

**Ministry of Consolation
Course Offering Level I**

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Hicksville

Thursday, September 26, October 3, 17, and 24, 2019
from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bereavement Facilitator Training Level II

Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park

Mondays, September 30, October 7, 21, and 28, 2019
from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish, East Islip

Saturdays, September 28 and October 5, 2019
from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. Rosalie Parish, Hampton Bays

Saturdays, October 19 and 26, 2019
from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

RCIA Level II / RICA NIVEL II

St. Boniface, Elmont

Saturday, October 5 and 12, 2019
Sábados 5 y 12 de octubre de 2019
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

RCIA Level I

Thursdays, October 17, 24, 31, and November 14, 2019

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

OR

St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

31st Annual Mass For Deceased Children

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

Saturday, November 16, 2019
12:30 p.m.

Catechist Training Level II

St. James, Setauket

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bereavement Conference

St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh

Saturday, March 21, 2020
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online,
please visit drvc-faith.org/event/



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

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.



This Fall, couples who have been married 50 years will be honored at a special Mass on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church in Seaford. Mass will begin at 2:00 pm, with Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski presiding. Please contact the Parish Office to register. Space is limited, and registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Registration forms can also be found on the diocesan website www.drvc-faith.org. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, ext. 223.

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Sunday Hospitality Seeks Helping Hands

Do you feel called to use the gift of your hands to welcome others? This fall marks the return once again of our monthly Sunday Hospitality after the 9am and 11am Masses, with refreshments, raffles and more. It will be here before you know it, so if you are interested, please contact Tracey Tagliamonte by phone at 631-475-4506, ext. 117



Dynamic Catholic

Be Bold. Be Catholic.

Many of you may be aware through bulletin pieces that you have read and emails you have received, that Dynamic Catholic offers a free email program during Advent and Lent that guides you on an incredible journey toward the Best Version of Yourself.

But did you know that they also offer a daily email program that delivers simple, powerful messages to your inbox daily?

To sign up for these daily inspirations, go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/daily-reflections>



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

We wish to extend a great big thank you for all those who participated in the TD Affinity Program this past year. Because of your participation, St. Sylvester just received a check from TD Bank for \$1,526.64.

For those of you not familiar with this fundraiser, the TD Bank Affinity Membership Program provides nonprofit organizations an easy way to raise money at **no cost to our parishioners**. If you have an account with TD Bank or wish to open one, just ask to join the Affinity Membership Program and specify St. Sylvester as your designated charity. That's all there is to do! TD Bank then makes an annual contribution based on all the TD Bank Affinity Program accounts linked to St. Sylvester Church.



Parents Guardians!!

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

***Thank you for your
cooperation.***

FALL FLOWER SALE

Hosted by the Garden Club Ministry

Saturday, October 5th ~ 10am—6:00pm

Sunday, October 6th ~ 8am—12:00pm



Mums
Montauk Daisies
Asters
Kale

Don't miss our beautiful selection of pots and hanging baskets from Forge River Nursery in Mastic!
(Same growers, new location)!



Parish Social Ministry



Wash Kits for the Homeless

Every summer we create hundreds of wash kits to support the Stand Up for the Homeless event at the end of August where over 800 people receive access to multiple services in a single day!

Thanks to everyone who came out to our two service events and helped to sort supplies and assemble wash kits! We made almost 800!

We are ALWAYS in need of travel size hygiene items – shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, washcloth. Please continue to donate these items by placing them in the donation bin in the church or bringing them directly to Clare House.



On behalf of our neighbors, who we serve, thank you to everyone who supported our back to school program by making a donation!

We raised over \$4000 to support our neighbors in need!

Faith Formation

On-Line Registration Has Been Extended Until September 30, 2019!

Please go to www.stsylvesterli.org and click on Faith Formation and then Registration.

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

In the fall, we will have the following opportunities for Teachers/Catechists:

Level 4 ~ Mondays 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Level 5 ~ Tuesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Level 6 ~ Tuesday 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Level 7 ~ Mondays 7:00 to 8:00 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.

Stewardship

One Family in Mission



Called to Evangelize

Formation

Hospitality

Prayer

Service

Gifts of Treasure September 15, 2019

Regular ~ \$8,248

Renovation ~ \$95 Solar ~ \$40

Faith Direct August Collections

Regular ~ \$10,005 Renovation ~ \$990 Solar ~ \$214

Special Collection Hurricane Relief ~ \$3783

Reflection

In today's readings, we are told the importance of taking care of our brothers and sisters in need. Being a good steward is about caring for the vulnerable among us.

Living Stewardship...Service

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Give what you can to serve those in need.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Designated Goal: \$65,800.00

Amount Pledged to Date: \$41,280

% of Goal Pledged to Date: 62%

Number of Donors to Date: 143

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.

CHRISTMAS ALREADY?



Believe it or not, we are already planning for this year's Holiday Fair on November 16th & 17th!

Our Crafters are already meeting to create items to sell at our Fair and we welcome handcrafted donations from parishioners.

We are also looking for 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!

Interested in being one of our volunteer elves this November? Please contact Lori Zito in the Parish Ministry & Events Office by calling 631-475-4506, ext. 115 or by emailing to lzito@stsyvesterli.org.

P.S. ~ Gently used items for **Granny's Attic** will be accepted from **November 8th through 14th ONLY**. No TV's please.



We have also now begun accepting donations of new items, event & movie tickets, gift cards, etc. for our popular Holiday Fair raffle baskets.

Thank you for your generosity!

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



Hail Mary!

Father Suglia has said that since the Novena leading up to the Assumption of Our Lady was so well received, he has decided to continue saying the rosary beginning at 8:15am before the daily Mass for the foreseeable future.

Please continue to join fellow parishioners in saying the rosary at 8:15am in the Parish Center Worship Room before daily Mass.

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